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## Police Issue Scam Alert

COURTESY OF GORHAM POLICE DEPT.

The Gorham Police have taken a large amount of scam reports recently. Many have resulted in community members who have been scammed out of large amounts of hard earned money, or part of their life savings.

Common scams include people claiming to be with law enforcement agencies, the IRS, CMP, and others. These subjects sound credible and may even have some personal information (names and phone numbers) which might make the story believable. Often times they may have very broken English and will pressure you to make a snap decision.

Gorham Police are urging residents to check everything out before they act. Look up that friend or family's phone number yourself. Call them first, or another family member to see what's happening. More importantly, call the police department and speak to an officer. Do this even if the person who contacted you told you not to.

DO NOT pay! DO NOT wire money, send a check, overnight a money order, or pay with any type of gift card or cash reload card. Anyone who demands payment in these forms is always, always, always a scammer. These payment methods are like giving cash — and they are nearly untraceable, unless you act almost immediately.

If you sent money to a family emergency scammer, contact the company you used to send the money (wire transfer service, bank, gift card company, or cash reload card company) and tell them it was a fraudulent transaction. Ask to have the transaction reversed, if possible.

## Gorham Sightings



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## METRO Service Begins in Gorham

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

Gorham residents will soon be able to hop a bus on Main Street, ride to Westbrook, or go on to Portland. The new Husky Line, a cooperative venture between the University of Southern Maine (USM) and Greater Portland Transit District (METRO), will begin service on Monday, August 27, and be free to all riders for the first two days. After that, the regular one-way fare will be \$1.50. Seniors (65+) and person with disabilities will pay 75 cents. Riders will need exact fares, but ten-ride tickets and monthly passes will be available.

The Husky Line will run daily year-round, excluding major holidays, and connect USM campuses in Gorham and Portland. Before



Photo courtesy of METRO

Distinctive graphics will identify a Husky Line bus which will be unveiled during its inaugural run between Portland and Gorham on Monday, August 27. For the first two days, rides will be free for everyone.

the first run on August 27, inaugural ceremonies will take place on the Portland campus. There will be

a welcoming event at the Gorham campus when the bus arrives approximately 30 minutes later.

"As a community-engaged university we are proud to partner with the towns of Gorham and Westbrook," Glenn Cummings, USM president said, "and to expand and strengthen our regional transportation network." Under an Unlimited Access Program between METRO and the university, USM students, faculty, and staff will be able to ride all METRO routes using their USM ID.

In 2016, the Gorham Town Council voted to make a three-year commitment to the service at an annual cost to the town of \$35,000. A decision whether or not to authorize additional funds in order to continue participation will be made after the trial period.

## Dog Owners Asked to Follow New Rules at Town Fields

LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

After a public attempt by the Gorham Recreation Department to encourage dog owners to pick up and remove all dog waste from the athletic fields at Gorham Middle School, the School Department and the Town have jointly taken the step to remove all single pedestrian gates at the Gorham Middle School multipurpose fields and softball fields as a deterrent for dogs off leash. Signs were posted informing residents of the change which went into effect on August 1. Owners are being asked to not let their dogs roam free on the fields.

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools, confirmed that many community members use the fenced-in town fields to let their dogs off leash when not being used by students or athletes. The result is that dogs go to the bathroom on the fields. Some owners have not been diligent in picking up after their dogs, and fecal matter has been left on the fields where children later play.

Perry said this has been an ongoing concern for several years and despite the Gorham Rec. Dept posting signs this spring reminding residents to pick up after their pets, dog waste was still being left behind. This joint decision



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Signs posted at the GMS multipurpose fields remind visitors to pick up after their pets. A new sign (inset) details the changes that went into effect last week.

was made in an effort to make it less likely that community members allow their dogs to roam free and thereby reduce the impact of dog feces being left on the fields.

Pet owners will still be allowed to use the fields, Perry confirmed, but the hope is that dogs will be kept on leashes and owners will be more apt to pick up after them. The situation will be reviewed at the end of August to determine if additional changes need to be made.

"Overall, I am very sure that the

Gorham School Department and the Gorham Recreational Department wish to continue our positive relationships with pet owners in the community surrounding GMS. We simply can no longer have canine fecal matter being left on the fields where students play. It is not healthy or safe for our students. Hopefully this small change will encourage pet owners who are not already following the rules to do so and make it more likely that additional changes are not necessary to resolve the problem," said Perry.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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# Let's Give Child Protective Workers The Tools They Need

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

As your representative, I can't think of a responsibility that weighs heavier than the wellbeing and safety of the kids in our community and throughout the state. It's our shared responsibility, not just among public officials and parents, but all of us. Maine people care deeply about our children and, because of that, we need to take a hard look at how we handle child welfare and how we can make the system better.

The last time Maine overhauled our child welfare system was after the 2001 death of five-year-old Logan Marr while she was in foster care. It was something that never should have happened. The state took Logan out of her mother's home only to place her in a fatally dangerous situation. After the tragedy of Logan's death, reforms were put into place, including more supervisory and casework staff, quality targets for safely reducing the number of children in care, increased family and community involvement and a commitment to placing children with relatives. After these reforms were implemented, Maine's Office of Child and Family Services was praised as among the best in the country.

Tragically, as we all found out last year, that's not where the story ends. Sixteen years after Logan's death, two Maine girls, Marissa Kennedy and Kendall Chick, died at the hands of their caregivers, even after involvement from OCFS at multiple points. We all want to know what went so wrong that cost Marissa and Kendall their lives.

The Department of Health and Human Services is conducting an internal investigation, and the Legislature has asked the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to investigate as well.

What seems clear is that a system that was working well a decade ago has buckled under short-staffing and increased caseloads for child protective workers. In the first year of Governor LePage's first term, the number of child protective workers in Maine dropped while the ones who remained saw their caseloads double.

These workers must have the support and compensation they need to do what is a challenging job under the best of circumstances. DHHS's proposal to hire 75 more caseworkers is a good start, but it can't wait for new training to be implemented. We need them yesterday, and we need to raise wages for all child protective caseworkers.

I've had the opportunity to speak with two state workers on the front lines of our child welfare system. They both confirmed that there is a significant lack of temporary homes to place children when they are removed. One worker sat for hours with a child in a car while they waited for a temporary placement.

The governor recently suggested that the state should abandon the practice of working with families to keep kids at home whenever possible. Of course, staying in an unsafe situation is never in the best interest of a child, but when caseworkers have manageable caseloads, they are able to get families

the help they need to stay together. Keeping children at home whenever possible and placing them with relatives when it's not was a key reform that came from Logan's death. Instead of simply repealing this evidence-based reform, we should give department staff the resources they need to make this policy work as it was intended.

We also need to look at factors that may be contributing to the increase of cases of child abuse and neglect around the state. The rise in the number of parents struggling with opiate use is a problem we have to address. They need access to proven treatment. Expanding MaineCare as approved by Maine voters will help.

Under the governor's watch, the number of Maine kids living in deep poverty has grown at eight times the national rate. Cutting support for these kids has done nothing to keep them safe. As part of last year's biennial budget, I supported a package that will help families living in poverty build a better life for their kids.

If you believe a child is in danger, please call 1-800-452-1999 to report it. Let's work together to keep Maine kids safe from harm.



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](mailto:maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov)

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Editor,

Where is the "Community" I knew when I was growing up? The days when we had a volunteer fire department on our street and the auxiliary to go with it that got together to learn to use a hose from the truck, or pump water from a spray tank for a grass fire, without having to have three towns involved to extinguish a fire in a backyard fire pit?

The family community "Potluck" dinners that were real; we ate what people brought even if it was all pies, where it included the family rather than having the kids off to some town organized sports program in order to keep them from being bored. This ends up separating families even more, because there are so many places to go at once they can't possibly attend all fairly or evenly.

Who are my new neighbors? I don't know, either I or they have been too busy to stop and find out. Or perhaps

they have moved away, after all, they were here for a year, and I hardly saw them at home at all other than when the kids were waiting for the bus, and even that didn't last very long since they had to get a car to participate in programs to keep them occupied and not bored at home roaming the fields and forests.

I don't recall too many AK47s around the neighborhood, perhaps an occasional 22 pistol for shooting rats at the local dump, but even then, not too many were used on schools. Maybe I'm just too old to appreciate the idea that the town knows better how to raise our children than a good old fashioned family where at least one of the parents was home at least part of the time and not out working so the "family" could have more boats, snowmobiles, and four-wheelers to "enjoy" this short life span we humans have.

John Labrecque

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## Around Town

Paving of South Street/Route 114 is scheduled to begin this week. Motorists should expect delays and are encouraged to seek alternate routes. More information will be posted <http://www.gorham-me.org> once a timeline of the scheduled work is available.

Nomination papers are available for the following Committees: two, three-year terms on the Town Council and two, three-year terms on the School Committee. Nomination papers are due Friday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Melanie Grace Mauro has opened Mastermind Counseling in the Offices at 510 Main St.

## Correction

In our recent article on the Town Council addressing growth in Gorham dated July 26, the Planning Director from the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) was Stephanie Carver, not Stephanie Hayes. Additionally, the GPCOG purchased the CommunityViz software mentioned in the article, the Town Council did not develop it. We apologize for the error.

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# Taste Walk Winner



Photo courtesy of Suzie Phillips

The Golden Spoon Award for the 2018 Taste Walk, sponsored by YoungLife Sebago, was awarded to School Street Pub and Grill on July 19. The second place winner was The Blue Pig Diner and third place went to MK Kitchen. A new Kids' Choice category was added this year and the honors went to The Blue Pig Diner. Over 400 maps were sold and canned goods were collected for the Gorham Food Pantry. Pictured (left to right) School Street Pub Chef Shaun Stoothoff, Drew King of YoungLife Sebago, School Street owner Al Asali owner and Taste Walk Coordinator Suzie Phillips.

## BUSINESS PROFILE

# Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

## Letter to the Editor CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Dear Editor,

Around the world, 746 million people live in extreme poverty, on less than \$1.90 a day, and nearly 1 billion people suffer from hunger. 17,000 children under the age of five die from preventable diseases every single day.

Increasing foreign aid can drastically reduce global poverty and save millions of lives. It is a humanitarian imperative. It is also in the United States' strategic and economic interests.

Former presidents, Secretaries of Defense, and Joint Chiefs of Staff have all asserted how vital foreign aid is to national security. Foreign aid can prevent conflict, weaken the appeal of terrorist groups, and foster international peace and security. Helping people and countries out of poverty also strengthens the U.S. economy. By promoting the development of foreign economies, foreign aid creates new markets and consumers and increases the demand for American goods, creating needed jobs here at home.

Many Americans believe that the United States spends 20% of its budget on foreign aid, and believe this should be reduced to 10%. In reality, less than 1% of the U.S. budget is spent on foreign aid.

Increasing foreign aid would drastically reduce global poverty and greatly benefit the United States and the world as a whole. However, the Trump administration has proposed drastic cuts to the foreign aid budget.

Organizations like the Borgen Project, a nonprofit organization working nationwide to combat global poverty, are fighting to prevent this from happening. But they need your help.

I urge you to contact our leaders, Senators Collins and King and Representative Pingree, to support the International Affairs Budget and increase funding to the poor. Every call, email, and letter our members of Congress receive can make a difference. Each of us has the ability to make the world a better place.

Laura Turner

LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

Gorham now has another choice when searching for the perfect gift. Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings opened in May at 102 Main St, in the space between Burger King and Goodwill. Visitors to the store will find anything from paintings, jewelry, soaps, and specialty wine glasses to more unique craft pieces that have been reclaimed, repurposed and redesigned.

Owner Stephanie Sands has been refinishing furniture and crafting repurposed items into home decor for about four years. She was originally selling in a couple of local shops and attending craft fairs, but in the summer of 2017, she decided that she'd like to open a space of her own.

With limited business experience, Sands first viewed the retail space in November of 2017. She loved it but thinking of the phrase her mom had ingrained in her, "If it was meant to be it will all work out," she decided to hold off for the winter and take time to research and make connections with people who could help her start a small business.

At that time, she was attending Southern Maine Community College finishing up her degree in Criminal Justice. She found that SMCC offered many helpful resources in learning the first steps of opening a business. In addition she reached out to SCORE Portland, a nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses. There, she found mentors who were able to answer questions and guide her in the direction of starting a successful business.

Sands chose Gorham because of the reasonableness of the overhead and the growth that the town is currently experiencing. "When I met

the owners of the building I'm located in, I knew that this was the right spot for me. They were friendly and willing to give my starter business a chance and support me to grow it. For that I'm very grateful."

Currently, Sands provides a space for about 30 artists and crafters to showcase their work. As a result, there are many different unique home decor and gift items. She also offers custom sign making, custom orders and a furniture refinishing service. Her vendors are located

**"MY HOPES ARE TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE SHOP TO THE RESIDENTS OF GORHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS AND BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE 30 VENDORS THAT ARE SELLING THEIR WORK FOR YEARS TO COME!"**

from New Gloucester to Kennebunk and she takes pride in keeping the shop filled with locally crafted items that support Maine's small business growth.

Sands believes the items curated for sale in

the shop set Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings apart from other shops. In addition, she said the relationships she has developed with other local small businesses such as The Vintage Heart in Gorham and Pumpkin Seed Designs in Westbrook, has further supported the growth of small businesses in the area. These relationships are shown both through referring customers to one another's shops and also through cross promoting one another via social media platforms.

"My hopes are to get the word out about the shop to the residents of Gorham and surrounding areas and be able to continue to support the 30 vendors that are selling their work for years to come!"

Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings is open Sunday 10-4, Monday 10-4, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-6. It is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. To learn more, visit Sands on Facebook & Instagram @UpcycleMaineHomeFurnishings, email [upcyclemaine@gmail.com](mailto:upcyclemaine@gmail.com) or call (207) 233-4968.

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# Saving for Education? Consider a 529 Plan

ED DOYLE

Do you know about 529 savings plans? If not, you are not alone. While these plans have been around since 1996, many people are still unaware of them. And that is unfortunate, because a 529 plan can be a valuable tool for anyone who wants to help a child, grandchild, friend or other family member save for education expenses.

Here are some of the key benefits of a 529 plan: Potential tax advantages – A 529 plan's earnings are not subject to federal income taxes, as long as withdrawals are used

for qualified elementary, secondary and higher education expenses of the designated beneficiary, such as your child or grandchild. You will be subject to ordinary income taxes, plus a 10 percent federal penalty, on the earnings portion of withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses.

High contribution limits – Contribution limits are generally quite high for most states' 529 plans. However, you could possibly incur gift tax consequences if your contributions, plus any other gifts, to a particular beneficiary exceed \$15,000 during a single year.

Ability to switch beneficiaries – As the old song goes, "The future is not ours to see." You might name a particular child or grandchild as a beneficiary of a 529 savings plan, only to see him or her decide not to go to college after all. But as the owner of the plan, you generally may be able to switch beneficiaries whenever you like, right up to the point when they start taking withdrawals. To make this switch non-taxable and penalty-free, you must designate a new beneficiary who is a member of the same family as the original beneficiary.

Freedom to invest in any state's plan – You can invest in the 529 plan offered by any state, regardless of where you live. But if you invest in your own state's plan, you

might receive some type of state tax benefit, such as a deduction or credit. Additional benefits also may be available.

Flexibility in changing investments – You can switch investment options in your 529 plan up to twice a year. Or, if you would rather take a more hands-off approach, you could select an automatic age-based or target date option that starts out with a heavier emphasis on growth-oriented investments

and shifts toward less risky, fixed-income vehicles as the beneficiary approaches school or college age.

While a 529 plan clearly offers some benefits, it

also raises some issues about which you should be aware. For example, when colleges compute financial aid packages, they may count assets in a 529 plan as parental assets, assuming the parents are the plan owners. To clarify the impact of 529 plans on potential financial aid awards, you might want to consult with a college's financial aid officer.

One final note: In previous years, 529 plans were limited to eligible colleges, universities and trade schools, but starting in 2018, you can also use up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary, from a 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at public, private or religious elementary and secondary schools. Not all states recognize elementary and secondary school expenses as qualifying for 529 plan benefits, so consult your local tax advisor before investing.

Education is a great investment in a child's future. To make that education more affordable, you might want to make your own investment in a 529 plan.

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Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans.

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# Garden Tours

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

Late summer into fall is a great time to view other gardens. There are many garden tours to whet your appetite. Most have a donation fee that supports a worthy cause. On an overcast Saturday in July, five friends and I shared a beautiful, inspiring day on a planned garden tour. The one public garden on the tour that would be a treat for anyone to enjoy is the Children's Garden at Fort Williams where walking paths wind their way through a great display of well-established blooming perennials.

Touring home gardens gives avid gardeners a chance to see an endless number of creative ways to incorporate vegetables, shrubs, perennials, annuals and hardscape. Homeowners found ways to include reflective areas, water features and hillside plantings. Conservation was a reoccurring theme. Lots of interesting foliage plants complemented the blooms of annuals and perennials. Shady areas planted with unique trees added a coolness to sitting areas. Most gardens held treasures of the past. Collections of special interest were tucked in nooks and spots of interest. Natural areas for birds and insects were left untouched. Whether the yard was newly developed or a family's second or third generation garden it was tended with love and affection.

Container plantings of annuals added spots of color that could be seen from areas inside the homes as well as drawing the eye to special outside areas. Hummingbirds hovered over the tubular flowers of hosta and lobelia blossoms. Even lawns that were manicured and irri-

gated were mowed at a higher than normal height for their general summer health. Healthy lawns encourage ground-feeding birds and give a viewer a place for the eye to rest. Specimen trees, dwarf conifers and dwarf flowering shrubs added visual balance to the landscape.

As gardeners what we think and what we know is often challenged when visiting other gardens where "rules" are often bent with success. We found hostas happily growing in the sun with roses and a healthy tri-colored beech tree growing in deep shade.

It will certainly be on the calendar to visit more gardens each summer. The visitors to my garden the last two weeks in July have enjoyed one of the most colorful times for summer bloom. Keep an open mind and a curiosity for new ideas or planting combinations when visiting other gardens. Pause to reflect on the gardener's vision and their unique design.

In appreciation of our waning summer days, enjoy the smell of rain, the bees busy in the garden, and all the beauty that nature has given us. My grandchildren are calling from my garden. They have just "picked their weight" in wild black raspberries growing in the wildwood. With faces smeared with purple and buckets full, they assure me there are still more left for jelly making.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.



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# 320ink Purchases NESAs



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320ink recently purchased NESAs Inc., 21 Elm Street, in order to add an embroidery business to its existing screen printing business and expand its market. Drue Nickerson (right), the owner of 320ink, is shown with Peter Wentworth, the former owner of NESAs. Nickerson intends to move all NESAs production into his current production facility in the Gorham Industrial Park, where the company moved five years ago, and will continue operations under the 320ink name.

# A Memorable Week at Camp 911



Photos courtesy of Gorham Police Dept.

Participants of Camp 911 learned about the equipment used during rescues, basic first aid, and how to splint. The kids also had a visit from the MRAP vehicle (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) and were able to check out the inside with Gorham's very own Sgt Young.

**KATHY CORBETT**  
Staff Writer

"What I liked best about Camp 911," Olivia Nault told her father, "was getting on the Portland Fire Boat and going to the Animal Rescue League," but she had a hard time choosing because all five days were chocked full of adventure and new experiences.

A joint project of the Gorham Police Department and the Gorham Fire Department, the first 2018 session of Camp 911 gave kids in grades 3-5 an

opportunity to learn what police officers, firefighters, Maine wardens, and even Gorham Police Department's K-9 dog, Sitka, do to keep them safe. They learned basic fire aid and how to keep themselves safe on bikes, in the water, or in case of fire. They went swimming and ate pizza.

Thanks to the enthusiastic hard work of School Resource Officer Mike Coffin and Firefighter Dale Leighton, the 28 children enrolled in Camp 911 had a memorable week learning valuable skills while having fun.

This was the second year for Camp 911. This summer, there will be an additional session for middle school age campers from August 13 to 17. Registration is through Gorham Recreation Department, although the program is nearly full. The older children will participate in many of the same activities, but will have more hand-on experiences. They will help cut up a car with Jaws of Life and learn some techniques of evidence collection.

# Arrests ~ April 2018

Portland woman, 36, was arrested for failure to appear

Wescott Road man, 32, was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child, aggravated assault and domestic violence assault.

Portland man, 36, was arrested for robbery. He was arrested on a second robbery charge three hours later.

Biddeford man, 25, was arrested OUI (1 prior)

Standish man, 21, was arrested for OUI.

Plummer Road man, 52, was arrested for failure to appear, oper-

ating while license was suspended/revoked.

Baldwin man, 34, was arrested for trafficking in prison contraband and OUI.

Standish woman, 35, was arrested for OUI.

So. Portland man, 34, was arrested for failure to appear.

Standish man, 29, was arrested for OUI.

Westbrook woman, 48, was arrested for OUI.

Buxton woman, 49, was arrested for OUI.

Massachusetts man, 34, was arrested for failure to appear.

Westbrook man, 30, was arrested for OUI.

Dingley Springs Road man, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief, criminal threatening and assault.

Longfellow Road man, 58, was arrested for harassment.

Hiram woman, 32, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking, operating while license suspended.

Brackett Road man, 27, was arrested for domestic violence assault, obstructing report of a crime.

Sanford man, 25, was arrested for failure to pay fine.

Gray Road man, 60, was arrested for obstructing report of a crime, criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, domestic violence assault (priors).

Sebago Lake Road man, 29, was arrested for OUI.

Mosher Road man, 37, was arrested for domestic violence assault, operating with a suspended/revoked license.

Buxton woman, 36, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Standish man, 36, was arrested for violating conditions of release, failure to report an accident, refusing to submit to arrest, criminal mischief and burglary.

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8 JONATHAN ROAD	SEAVEY, DESIREE	TRUE, LORI	\$135,000
5 SAMUEL'S WAY	CUMMINS, PAUL	FANNIE MAE	\$275,000
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15 JONATHAN STREET	PHACH, POLLY & SARUN	ESTATE OF SABOURIN, C.M.	\$203,990
45 GORDON FARM ROAD	BALDINO, CRAIG & MIREMADI-BALDINO, DELVINA	MILLS, TODD & ALVES, FRANCINE	\$480,000
103 MITCHELL HILL ROAD	MUTH, CHUON & IM, SOPHY	KOZLOFF, ANNE & WILLIAM	\$94,000
587 MAIN STREET	LONGFELLOW PROPERTY DEV.	ALPINE REALTY CORP.	\$380,000
42 BURNHAM ROAD	BANVILLE, JOSEPH	LETARTE BROS. CONSTRUCTION	\$353,708
16 DOGWOOD LANE	NORMAND, DARCY & KEVIN	BRAMBLEWOOD, LLC	\$329,200
BURNHAM DRIVE LOT 15	ALBRIGHT, KATHRYN	MORRILL, DAVID	\$134,000
23 LAURA LANE	GRASSI, VINCENT	EC BUILDERS, LLC	\$324,900
37 RIDGEFIELD DRIVE	BRENNAN, BEVERLY	ESTATE OF NANCY KNIGHT	\$313,000
20 BURTON DRIVE	GRAIVER HOMES, INC.	STJ, INC.	\$274,500
14 SAMANTHA DRIVE	JOHNSTON, THOMAS & PATRICIA	MITCHELL, WARREN & JOANNE	\$295,000
184 SOUTH STREET	MCCORMACK, GREGORY & SUE	PURINTON, MATTHEW & KELLY	\$10,000
24 NORWAY ROAD	SMITH, WILLIAM & KATE	STRUMPH, THOMAS	\$355,000
73 ANNIE'S WAY	OUELLET, AARON & DOYLE, MEREDITH	SIERRA CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$422,688
33 OLD DYNAMITE WAY	ESTABROOK, STEPHANIE	GRAIVER HOMES, INC.	\$325,000
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**6 Murray Dr \$289,900** - Ranch style home in Gorham w/ 1664sqft of living space built in 2007 located in desirable Sanborn Meadows. Offers 3BR, 2ba, gas FP, cathedral ceilings, master suite, 2 car garage & 1.38 acre lot.

**NEW LISTING**

**GRAY \$79,900** - Located in the heart of Gray. Per town lot can be split into two building lots or you could build a duplex on it. Gravel road/driveway has already been built.

**SOLD**

**00 Weymouth Rd \$108,500** - Excellent opportunity to own 35 ac, conveniently located in Gray. The driveway is installed back to a nice building site. Per town option to subdivide into two lots.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**WINDHAM \$235,900** - This well maintained 3BR ranch is situated on 1.84 private acres. Spacious eat-in kitchen boasts SS appliances & a beautiful knotty pine cathedral ceiling open to living area.

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**GORHAM \$374,500** - Desirable Wilson Field Subdivision! 2588qft 3BR, .5ba home with 2 car garage on 2.04 acres conveniently located on the Westbrook side of Gorham.

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# It Takes a Village



Photo credit Rebecca West

Ms. West's second grade class enjoyed a good book on a warm day in the new Village Outdoor Reading Nook.

**REBECCA WEST**  
*Second Grade Teacher*  
**DARALYN MCCOLL**  
*Alternative Education*

At Village Elementary School, staff believes in creating a warm engaging learning environment. Teachers are always looking for ways to include the Gorham community by offering opportunities to enrich students' lives.

As the Gorham community continues to grow, staff needs to be creative in accessing space. Sometimes looking right outside the window is all you need. And that's just what Village did. They began with a vision of a cozy outdoor reading space for all Village students to embrace and love reading.

The project started with the creation of a page on [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org). In less than a week, it was fully funded. When the word got out about the project the collaboration began with the slogan, "From little things, big things grow."

Some of the community supporters included: thirteen donors from Donor's Choose; Dan Dupuis; Erin Webber; Gorham Educational Foundation; Gorham Sand and Gravel; Hammond Lumber; Heather Whitaker (GMS); Linda Faatz and Gorham Gardening Club; and Megan Dermody.

Village staff felt so fortunate to have so many dedicated families and little helpers work on this project. Village students will look forward to using this outdoor reading area for years to come.

# GMS Student Council Gives Back to Community



Photo credit Donna Pastore

Gorham Middle School Student Council representatives wrapped up the year by making blankets for the Linus group to give to children in local hospitals. In addition, the representatives also walked over to Village School to read to the K-2 students for Read Across America Day. They left behind a collection of books for classrooms to enjoy and ended the day by walking to Cumberland Farms to enjoy a slushy treat.





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# Recycling through Color



Photo credit Martha Farnham

The Village Elementary School PIE group collected 394 markers to send to Crayola for recycling through their ColorCycle program. The program was initiated to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices through standards-based lesson plans that are available to teachers to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions. Pictured is first-grader Tessa Farnham with the markers before they were sent off to Crayola.

# Maine School Immunization Requirements Reminder

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

A reminder that starting in the 2018-2019 school year, all students entering, advancing, or transferring into seventh grade and twelfth grade in Maine public and private schools must have proof that they have the age appropriate meningococcal vaccines (MCV4) serogroups A, C, W, and Y.

One dose of MCV4 is required for all students entering seventh grade. Two doses of MCV4 are required for students entering twelfth grade, with a minimum of eight weeks between dose one and dose two.

If the first dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the sixteenth birthday, a second dose is not required. If

a student entering twelfth grade is 15 years of age or younger, only one dose is required.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment for their incoming seventh and twelfth grade children to get a meningococcal vaccination as soon as possible. Children will need proof of this vaccination in order to attend a Maine public or private school this fall.

Parents may opt-out for medical, religious or philosophical reasons by filling out an exemption form. Contact the Gorham School Department for more information.

For further questions, contact the Maine Immunization Program at (207) 287-3746, (800) 867-4775 or by email at [ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov).

## SPORTS

# Sports Etc.

Gorham Rec is holding a Glow in the Park family fun run on Friday, August 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaw Park. On site registration is from 6-7 p.m. A pre-race and post-race dance party will be held and special prizes will be awarded to runners who are the brightest, most flashy, and most reflective. For more information, visit [www.gorhamrec.com](http://www.gorhamrec.com).

If you have a sports event you would like to share, email [gtimeessports@gmail.com](mailto:gtimeessports@gmail.com)

# Lady Rams are Northern New England Challenge Cup Champions



Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

The Lady Rams Soccer team participated in the summer Northern New England Challenge Cup Tournament. After some hard fought and exciting games, the girls made it to the finals against Scarborough. It came down to penalty kicks and Lily Courtney, Gorham's goalie, held her own while sophomore Katie Kutzer put it in the goal for the exciting Gorham win.

**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](mailto:ckck5@maine.rr.com), Kathy Corbett at [ktcorbett@aol.com](mailto:ktcorbett@aol.com) or Cindy O'Shea at [coshea2@maine.rr.com](mailto:coshea2@maine.rr.com).



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# Gorham Races Support Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship



Runners lined up at the Gorham 4-Miler on June 21.

Photo credit Maine Running

DESTINY COOK  
*Sports Editor*

Stephen Gordon Ward, a graduate of Gorham High School and the University of Maine, died in the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 while working as a CPA for Canter Fitzgerald. Held annually, the Gorham 4-Miler raises money for a college scholarship in honor of Stephen which provides money toward a post-secondary education for a Gorham High School student.

Gorham House of Pizza, Subway of Gorham, Aroma Joe's of Gorham and Family Sport and Spine LLC in Westbrook were all sponsors. The following Gorham residents took part in the event.

3 RYAN DYER	25:00
4 LUKE WALSH	29:28
7 SCOTT OWENS	31:23
10 REBECCA SITHER	32:53
13 STEPHANIE PIACITELLI	34:51
16 JULIA TITEN	35:08
17 DAN PFENDT	35:14
23 ALEXIS JONES	38:08
24 TONI CHABOT	38:32
26 CORTNEY WILKINS	38:39
27 NORA ANTONIO	39:21
28 LAURA MCDONALD	39:56
29 KIM ROY	39:59
31 ERIC ANDERSON	40:41
32 LINDSAY ROJECKI	40:58
42 JACK MESIRES	53:28
43 NICK MESIRES	53:32
44 JULIE EICHNER	54:33
45 SHANE EICHNER	54:35
46 MERRILL HENDERSON	54:49

The 9/11 Memorial 5K Run Walk and Kids Fun Run, also benefiting the Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship, will take place at the Gorham Recreation Department, Ball Park Road, on Sunday, September 9. To register, visit the Stephen Ward 9/11 Memorial 5k Facebook Page or [www.running4free.com](http://www.running4free.com).

# GHS Varsity Coach Gets 3rd Hole-in-One



Photo courtesy of Scott Nevers

Gorham High School Varsity Golf coach Scott Nevers got his third hole-in-one at Dunegrass Golf Club recently. The hole was 151 yards and he shot it with a 9 iron on the 8th hole. According to Golf Digest, an amateur golfer's chance of a hole in one is 12,500 to 1.

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# Chase Wins Mens 15-19 Age Group at Beach to Beacon

Close to 150 runners from Gorham participated in the 21st TD Beach to Beacon 10K road race on August 4. Anthony Chase, the top runner from Gorham, placed first in the Men's 15-19 age group. Robert Mountain, age 90, received the Johnny Kelley Award for being the oldest male finisher. Following are results for Gorham runners. Full results can be found at [www.beach-2beacon.org/results](http://www.beach-2beacon.org/results).



Bob Mountain, the oldest male finisher



First time runner, James Shimansky

Anthony Chase	34:43:00
Ryan Dyer	42:05:00
Peter Downing	42:57:00
Anna Slager	43:15:00
Jeff Willis	43:27:00
Elisabeth Allis	43:48:00
Dick Graves	43:52:00
Dave Howard	44:05:00
Calvin Cummings	44:18:00
James Beardsley	44:29:00
Dawson Smith	44:30:00
Megan Woodbrey	45:03:00
John Burke	45:06:00
Jennifer Rush	46:16:00
Chris Perrealt	46:34:00
Laurie Nicholas	46:37:00
Philip Bartlett	46:55:00
Justin Reardon	46:59:00
Maria McInnis	47:28:00
Anne Lapierre	47:48:00
Garrett Higgins	47:51:00
Cameron Tracy	48:10:00
Theresa Connolly	48:21:00
Mitchell Hobart	48:47:00

Greg Hughes	49:41:00
Patti Chase	50:16:00
Lindsay Francois	50:27:00
Joseph Allen	50:29:00
Douglas Eaton	50:57:00
Andrea Nash	51:00:00
Katherine Hepner	51:01:00
Jessica Day	51:20:00
Keith Rocheleau	51:33:00
James Shimansky	52:03:00
Natalie Egbert	52:27:00
Molly Vanluling	52:28:00
Samantha Peters	52:30:00
Alex Tracy	52:52:00
Matthew Vail	53:13:00
Hallie Shiers	53:17:00
Derek Bisson	53:22:00
Angela Leclerc	53:22:00
Nadine Bravo	53:57:00
Amber Mann	54:36:00
Darren Shiers	54:43:00
Kate Ryan	55:00:00

Bryant Mann	55:03:00
Dawn Stevens	55:42:00
Bridget Rossignol	55:44:00
Julie Martin	55:45:00
Jane Hodgkins	56:08:00
Rebecca Badeau	56:49:00
Stephanie Piacitelli	57:01:00
Kevin Brayley	57:19:00
Alicia Cummings	57:28:00
Lydia Thayer	57:35:00
Curt Peffer	57:37:00
Ashley Martin	57:49:00
Paul Ottoson	58:00:00
Suzy Brewer	58:07:00
Abigail Biegel	58:19:00
Megan McDevitt	58:20:00
Tom Biegel	58:20:00
Jim Nash	58:23:00
Brendhan McDevitt	58:25:00
Kenneth O'Brien	58:29:00
Brett Brayley	58:31:00
Joey Smith	58:32:00

Tyler Gowen	58:57:00
Tim Higgins	59:09:00
Megan Santiago	59:26:00
Pete Woods	59:38:00
Samantha Commeau	59:38:00
Robert Mayo	59:39:00
Susan Prince	1:00:16
Katee Laustsen	1:00:22
Linda Whitten	1:00:48
Liza Lestage	1:00:59
Briana Wrigley	1:01:12
Pamela Baldwin	1:01:55
Kathy Tracy	1:02:13
Kyren Bettencourt	1:02:28
Mary Margaret	1:02:29
Parker Lachance	1:02:31
Christina Truong	1:02:36
Bill Nason	1:03:13
Deborah Callahan	1:03:27
Kristin Foster	1:03:53
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Emma Callahan	1:04:06
Doug Green	1:04:07
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Laura McDonald	1:06:06	Marlene Buda	1:17:11
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Emily Bennett	1:06:38	Linda Waterman	1:17:23
Dawn Parenteau	1:06:52	Amy Rowe	1:17:43
Jessica Gushee	1:06:56	Jessica Pao	1:18:35
Chris Zahn	1:07:07	Penny Howard	1:20:40
Mark Hodsdon	1:07:12	Roger Smith	1:20:59
Michael Chabot	1:07:20	Alexa Corey	1:21:15
Chris Rumery	1:07:24	Cole Stinson	1:21:17
Donna Norton	1:07:51	Nick Stinson	1:21:18
Annie Frey	1:07:53	Nicole Nadeau	1:24:03
Brian Penley	1:07:57	Melissa Rudowski	1:24:32
Betty Rines	1:08:04	Katie Miller	1:25:55
Julia Eiten	1:08:05	Elizabeth Bois	1:26:05
Jerry Johnson	1:08:16	Aaron Erickson	1:26:11
Lori Rumery	1:09:33	Connie Poulin	1:26:15
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Jen Porto	1:10:17	Abby Kimball	1:30:15
Lisa Grayson	1:10:49	Julie Marsh	1:31:54
Jennifer Barrows	1:11:33	Emma Christakis	1:33:16
Lovely Loveless	1:11:40	Jill Flaherty	1:34:47
Kristin Woods	1:12:43	Christina Nason	1:38:42
Karen Hamblen	1:13:19	Sue Britting	1:38:55
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Sara Hanken	1:13:53	Charlie Whitehead	1:44:57
Jonathan Smith	1:13:58	Robert Mountain	1:48:44
Corinne Sampson	1:15:30	Julie Mulkern	1:52:38
Andrew Christakis	1:16:33	Sean Fitzgerald	1:56:05
		Shannon Busque	1:57:25

# More Support for Gorham's Backpack Program



Photo courtesy of Chris Fletcher

A group of generous and philanthropic young people organized and performed a benefit concert at the Gorham School of Music on July 13. The "Not a Rock Concert" rock concert featured four young bands from area towns: Toxic Playground, The Chives, The Coughlin Brothers and FbB (Fletcher Brothers Band). The collective group selected the Gorham Schools' Backpack Program as the recipient of the \$300 raised from the event. Pictured (left to right) Lauren Pratt, Roshni Rajkumar, Gabe Chanis, Nate Hanscom, Hayden Bachman, Nate Fletcher, James Fletcher, Owen Luedders, Jacob Coughlin and Casey Coughlin.

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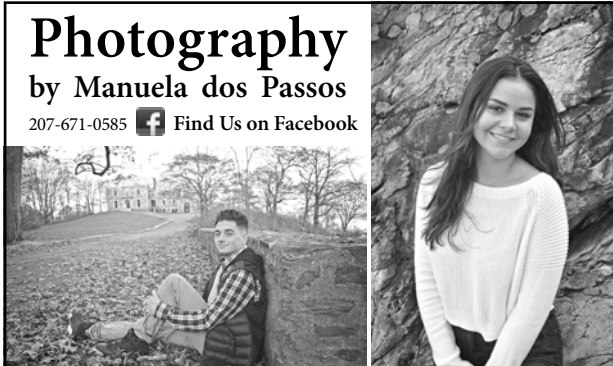
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## GRADUATIONS

**Brian Darling**, AS in Business Administration, Southern Maine Community College, South Portland, ME

## OF INTEREST

**In July, Atlantic Dance Arts' Performance Team competed at a National dance competition through Dancer's Inc.** They received numerous scholarships and high score placements, and were even selected as one of fifteen routines to perform in an additional Showcase. Pictured (left to right) 1st Row: Hailey Fardon, Maeve Higgins, Lily Rowe, and Nadia McElroy, 2nd Row: Hannah Batman, Marissa Wilson, Mariel Roy (Instructor), Haley Crosby, and Janessa Wilson. 3rd Row: Amber Arsenault, Abby Morrill, Sarah Tuttle, and Mikaela Pellerin. Missing: Lauren Arsenault, Karlye Drouin, and Bre Neal (Instructor).



**Recent GHS grad Marie Walton is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship** awarded by the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

**Baker Newman Noyes, one of the top 100 accounting and consulting firms in the U.S., announced several senior-level staff promotions** in Maine including Nicole Shaffer, CF APMP, of Gorham, who was promoted to manager in the marketing department.

**Columbo, shown in a photo that went viral nationwide, was safely rescued by Gorham residents, Andrea and Joel Shaw.** After a chance encounter with a bicyclist who had been carrying an injured dog on his back for seven miles, Andrea Shaw coordinated his medical care and transport from Georgia to Gorham in July. She and her husband demonstrated exceptional care in rescuing the Great Dane mix puppy, an example of the generosity many Gorham residents have shown for rescuing dogs from the South through organizations like Helping Paws and The Pixel Fund among others. To learn more about Columbo's journey, follow "Adventures of Columbo" on Facebook.



**The North Gorham Chess Club** will meet on Saturday, August 11, from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. FMI, contact John Morgan at jclmorgan26@gmail.com or (207) 766-8554.

**The Gorham Lions** will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at the Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114) at 6:30 p.m. Regular dinner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

**PRLT will offer "Intro to Paddling the Presumpscot for Families" on Saturday, August 18, from 1-2 p.m.** Join us at Shaw Park on the Sebago to the Sea Trail, where boats will be available for rent. We will provide a one hour lesson on how to paddle flat water. This event is part of our new family friendly programs initiative and is designed for kids aged 6-15 years old. Following this will be the Paddling the Presumpscot program below. This event is free, but registration is required due to limited space. To RSVP go to <https://www.prlt.org/event-signup-intro-to-paddling>.

**PRLT will offer "Paddling the Presumpscot" on Saturday, August 18, from 2-4 p.m.** Hop in a canoe or kayak to spend a warm summer afternoon exploring the nature and history of the Presumpscot River from the water. We will be meeting at Shaw Park on the Sebago to the Sea Trail, where boats will be available for rent. This event is free, but registration is required due to limited space. To RSVP go to <https://www.prlt.org/event-signup-intro-to-paddling>.

**The UCC at North Gorham will host a Bean-Hole Bean Supper** on Saturday, August 18, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. with beans baked overnight in the ground, homemade pies and brown bread, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad. 4 Standish Neck Rd. FMI [barry@smithatwood.com](mailto:barry@smithatwood.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.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

**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.

**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.

## ON-GOING EVENTS

**Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd. from 6-7:30 p.m. This monthly non-denominational event is a prayer and support group for anyone dealing with cancer including patients and caregivers.

**The Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit [www.gorham-foodpantry.org](http://www.gorham-foodpantry.org).

## CLOSE TO HOME

**H.I.S. Women's Ministry will be having a fundraiser to benefit the H.I.S Women's Ministry scholarship fund** on August 18 from 4-7 p.m. at Living Waters Christian Church, 197 Parker Farm Rd. Buxton Me. Come enjoy a baked bean supper including hot dogs, coleslaw, homemade biscuits and brown bread. Chocolate lovers auction will follow. FMI [ichase@woodardcurran.com](mailto:ichase@woodardcurran.com).

**The Lakeside Quilters Annual Quilt Show** will be held on Saturday, August 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Standish Congregational Church 25 Oak Hill Road Standish. FMI [donnapjohnson@maine.rr.com](mailto:donnapjohnson@maine.rr.com).

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### ALEXA, STOP TALKING!

**Sebago Lake Road woman reported her ex was listening to conversations that were recorded on their Alexa and she was "freaked out." She was advised to change the password and delete his phone from the account.**

Main St. caller was upset with downstairs tenant who had moved a coat rack in the common entry area. She planned to speak to the landlord.

Officer found man slumped over the wheel of his vehicle on County Road. Officer spoke with him and he seemed impaired. He refused medical attention and said he was just tired. Officer suggested he close his eyes and then drive to catch his flight.

Officer responded to a disturbance on Main St. After a brief investigation, it was determined that they had been arguing loudly outside. They separated for the evening.

Animal Control Officer spoke to woman about unlicensed dogs. She said she forgot and would take care of it. Dogs had not been licensed since 2015.

Suspicious person on County Road was sitting in her vehicle using the internet.

Officer advised Paige Drive woman with an animal problem to call an exterminator.

Officer followed driver to Gorham House. She was driving 10 mph under the speed limit and told officer she was driving slowly and swerving around potholes to protect her vehicle.

Caller reported getting prank and rude calls from the same number. Officer called and spoke with a male who refused to provide his information. He was told to stop prank calling the business.

White Birch Lane caller reported a theft. When officer arrived, her son had returned her cards and she did not want to press charges.

Officer responded to a domestic violence assault call. There was no physical contact except incidental contact with a flip flop and a splash of liquid.

Male on Ossipee Trail was given a warning for urinating in public.

Caller wanted an officer to put down a skunk that was walking lethargically on her gazebo. Skunk did not appear to be

rabid. Caller was given information on pest control services.

Suspicious person on Weeks Road was blowing off a little girlfriend steam. He may have been showing off to his buddies as well.

Dragonfly Lane caller was told that eviction process was a civil matter and the Police Department was not going to get involved, the same response the officer had given the caller the previous day.

Officer located a dog on Water and Church. Neighbor told officer where dog lived but no one was home. Owner called in and advised front door was open and dog could be put back in the house. Officer returned the dog to his home.

Man reported he was upset as work he had paid to have done to his vehicle was not done properly. He was advised it was a civil matter.

New Portland Road man had questions in regard to his soon to be ex-girlfriend. He was told to start the eviction process or to get an order of protection.

Officer responded to Finn Parker Road for report of a dog at large. Child in house had opened window and dog had jumped out but dog returned home when owner called for it.

Suspicious vehicle on Huston Road belonged to two males scouting the area for possible turkey hunting.

Woman suspected her boyfriend had taken her car keys and cell phone when he packed his things and left. He denied having any of her belongings. She used officer's phone to call her father to bring a spare set of keys.

Caller reported a rabid squirrel in a parking lot on Main St. Animal was running on fence and trees but not showing any aggression. Officer advised squirrel probably had babies nearby and just wanted people to stay away.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY AUG 9

- 4-H Summer of Science, 1-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878

### FRIDAY AUG 10

- STEAM Trunk, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### SATURDAY AUG 11

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- North Gorham Chess Club, 10:15-11:30 a.m. North Gorham Public Library.

### TUESDAY AUG 14

- Fairy Tale Story Time, 6-6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878
- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY AUG 15

- Royalty (Royal Tea) Party, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### THURSDAY AUG 16

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

### SATURDAY AUG 18

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

### TUESDAY AUG 21

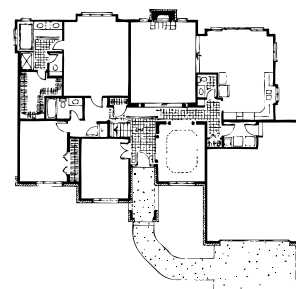
- Let's Talk Food & Family, 6-7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878

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# Remember When: Gorham Playhouse Theater

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The roar of the MGM lion brings back memories of watching movies at the Gorham Playhouse Theater. The Gorham Playhouse opened in 1940 and was located on State Street, just beyond what was once Barden's Drug Store and Dot's Restaurant, and is now Gorham House of Pizza. First known as the Gorham Theatre, it was renamed Gorham Playhouse in 1943, the same year the town voted to allow Sunday movies.

The building was small in size, seating approximately 400, with a larger middle section and two smaller side rows. As you entered the lobby, the ticket booth was on the left and concession area on the right. Popcorn, ice cream cones and candy were sold for a nickel in the 50's.

Saturday afternoons featured very well-attended shows for children. The cost of admission, which was 50 cents in the 50's and 60's, would now be considered pocket change. If you had a quarter, you could attend the movie and have enough candy to go home with a stomachache. Some of the young boys in town worked in the projection booth and others were hired to clean up the popcorn and candy wrapper mess.

During the evening movies, at

9:50 p.m., an announcement was made to remind the college girls that it was time to leave so that they could return to their residence hall before closing time. As the mid 1970's approached, the theater was closed and a request to reopen it a year later was denied. The theater was also used for Mass for the Catholic Church on Sunday mornings until the present church was built. In the late 1970's, the building was renovated into office space.

Prior to the opening of the Gorham Playhouse, silent movies were shown in Allen Hall, in the upstairs of Burnell's stationery store on the corner of School and Main Street (recently vacated by The Gorham Growl). Marian Sylvain lived in Gorham and was a very well known pianist who knew how to adapt the music for silent films. Talkies followed the silent movies and began somewhere around the late 1920's or the early 1930's.

Today, most people enjoy watching Netflix in the comfort of their own home but may still have good memories of attending their local movie theaters and watching such movies as "Gone With the Wind," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The African Queen" or "An American in Paris."

Any one with a question or more information may contact Wilma Gould Johnson at iamwilma@com-cast.net



Gorham Theater circa 1947

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Another view down Main St.

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