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Welcome Back to School

HEATHER PERRY
Gorham Schools Superintendent

Hard to believe the summer has already flown by. We are all excited to see students back in the buildings once again. Students in grades K, 6, and 9 will return to school on Wednesday, August 29, and all students will return on Thursday, August 30.

This school year will mark the initial implementation of Gorham's new transportation policy. The full policy can be found on the district website, but the short and the long of it is that in order to provide for the safety of all students, parents will be limited to two pick-up points in the morning and two drop-off points in the afternoon and these locations must be consistently scheduled for the year.

The Transportation Department has been working with parents over the summer to collect information on pick-up and drop-off points via an online survey. For those parents who have completed the survey - thank you. For those that have not, any information that is left blank after August 24 will be considered incomplete.

Schools and bus drivers with incomplete information will utilize the primary physical address of

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Newly Formed Group Addresses Growth Concerns in Gorham

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Responding to Gorham's rapid residential growth and specifically to several developments proposed on property off South Street, homeowners in the area have formed a citizen's group, Gorham Residents for Responsible Growth (GRRG).

According to spokesperson Ingrid Semle, the group's "main goal is trying to bring awareness to issues within our town and build collaborative relationships with other interested groups and stakeholders." GRRG "is hoping to achieve some form of limitation on building permits and suspension of high density growth until the pressure on our constrained resources eases," she said.

The group is on Facebook and has attracted more than 200 followers. They are contacting representatives of local government and speaking out at public meetings. Allyson Lowell, representing the GRRG, spoke before the August Planning Board meeting in opposition to a 121-lot subdivision proposed by Chase Custom Homes that is still in the pre-application phase. Appearing before the Town Council on August 7, she argued for a six-month moratorium on residential growth.



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Due to increased enrollment at the schools, work is underway to make space for the addition of another portable at Gorham High School (GHS). Although GHS had Planning Board approval for parking expansion, it was not funded during the final School budget negotiations as priority was given to accommodating extra students.

The group's concerns focus on quality education in the face of elementary schools now nearing or exceeding capacity, increased taxes for schools and municipal services, and traffic, particularly on South Street.

Several proposals being discussed for residential development, including the Chase project, are in a part of South Gorham that was designated a growth area when the town's Comprehensive Plan was first written over 25 years ago, according to Ben Hartwell, Town Council chairman. While affirming the Council's commitment to find-

ing ways of addressing problems created by growth, he said, "Any zoning changes must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Making substantial changes is a lengthy process and needs to go before the voters for approval." When the plan was updated in 2016, "the process included a committee of citizens and provided multiple opportunities for public input."

The Town Council is looking at a number of measures to manage growth, including ways to keep

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Wanted! Back to School Photos



Please send us your back to school photos with: first and last name of children in the photo (left to right), age, grade, and photo credit. Submissions requested via facebook.com/GorhamTimes or schoolnewsgt@gmail.com by Thursday, August 30.

DISCLAIMER: *We attempt to include all photos that we receive but if space doesn't allow us to print all the submissions then we will publish them in the order they are received.

METRO Kicks Off Next Week

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Bus service between Gorham and Portland will begin on Monday, August 27, when the Husky Line makes its inaugural run from the USM Portland campus to Gorham. The first bus will stop on Main Street at about 12:45 p.m. before being greeted with a trumpet flare at the last stop on the Gorham USM campus.

The kickoff celebration, scheduled for 11 a.m. at the USM Sullivan Gym



Photo/map courtesy of METRO

in Portland, will include remarks by USM President Glenn Cummings and representatives from Westbrook and Gorham.

The new METRO route will provide frequent service for USM students, staff, and faculty as well as the general public between Portland, Westbrook, Gorham and the two USM campuses. Everyone will ride free on the first three days of service, August 27 through August 29.

For more information, including schedule details, visit gpmetro.org.



METRO is putting identifying graphics on the buses that will serve the The Husky Line between Portland and Gorham.

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Free Day Use at State Parks and New Metro Service Offered Locally

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

You may have seen in the news last week about the "fee holiday" at Maine State Parks. Because Maine has seen significant attendance levels at our parks over the last few years, Gov. LePage has waived day use fees for Maine residents at our parks and historic sites from Aug. 11 through Sept. 3. I think this is a great way for the state to give back to the people who support our parks.

There are several wonderful state parks close to Gorham that you can now access for free during the day. These parks include Sebago Lake State Park in Casco, Range Pond State Park in Poland, Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal, Vaughan Woods State Park in South Berwick and Ferry Beach State Park in Saco. I hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to explore parts of our great state this summer.

As you head off to enjoy our great outdoors, please be aware that the free admission is for day use and does not include camping fees. There are several locations where the free admission is not in effect, including Scarborough Beach State Park, Acadia National Park,

the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park, Peacock Beach, the Maine Wildlife Park, Swan Island, Fort Knox Historic Site, the Penobscot River Corridor or the Penobscot Narrows Observatory in Prospect and Songo Lock.

As a word of caution, I urge folks to take steps to prevent the spread of Lyme disease. According to the Maine CDC, we had 1,769 cases of Lyme disease reported in 2017. There are several steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones. The CDC recommends wearing long sleeves and light colored clothing, which makes it easier to spot ticks on you, and performing daily tick checks after being outdoors. They also suggest using EPA approved repellants such as deet on your clothing and shoes. Additional tick-related information can be found at www.maine.gov/lyme.

I am also excited to highlight the new METRO transit service between Gorham, Westbrook and Portland. Over the last six years, I have heard time and again the interest in public transportation to get to and from Portland, and locations in between. That day has finally arrived. The service begins at the

end of this month, and you can view the route map and schedule by going to <http://www.gorham-me.org/> and clicking on the information about the Metro service. This is really exciting and I hope you have the chance to take advantage of the new service. The Husky Line will be open to all riders and is ADA compliant. Should you have questions, you can call METRO at 207-774-0351 for the hours of operation, fare rates and other inquiries.

It is hard to believe it is already the middle of August. I hope that you are able to enjoy the rest of your summer. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns. I also send out periodic e-mail updates throughout the year. If you would like to receive these updates, please let me know by e-mailing me.



Rep. Andrew McLean, D-Gorham, is serving his third term in the Maine House. He is House chair of the Transportation Committee and represents parts of both Gorham and Scarborough. (207) 939-8482, (800) 423-2900, andrew.mclean@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,

A couple weeks ago we were working in our yard when our State Senator Amy Volk stopped by our house while she was out campaigning for reelection. With all the out of state special interest money being spent these days on campaigns, what a refreshing change to hear directly from Amy.

As the parents of four kids between the ages of 4-13, what goes on in Augusta matters to us. Not only do we want a strong education system to ensure our kids have a bright future, but also a state where our kids can live and work when they are older. As a mom of four kids herself, Amy feels the same way about a strong system as we do, but also her work as chair of the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development committee made us aware of the work she is doing to ensure our kids will be able to live and work in Maine.

After talking to Amy we came away with two things, first she is working hard on our behalf in Augusta and second we need to send her back to Augusta to keep fighting for us. Please join us in voting for Amy Volk this November!

Ben and Jess Gilman

Dear Editor,

Like the seven dwarves in a Disney movie, I sang when I headed off to work. I loved to work! A combination of Lyme disease and toxic chemicals excreted by mold living at my work site

stopped my song. And my career. I had to quit working. The work of getting healthy became my full time job. I lost my paycheck, my health insurance, and a huge part of my identity, but, unemployed, did I also lose my worth as a human being? Was I suddenly just a drain on society? Someone without a job who, therefore, didn't deserve help like MaineCare? Amy Volk (GT 7-26) says folks who aren't working shouldn't get MaineCare. I don't think she is right.

Volk wants the 1115 Waivers to MaineCare (Medicaid) to have stringent work requirements and she presents a rosy view of the virtues of work. However, her position fails to recognize multiple barriers many workers confront while searching for employment. The fact is, the majority of Medicaid recipients, 74%, do work, but others don't because of personal, societal, or systemic barriers to employment.

Just like other Mainers, they can experience personal barriers that include: injuries, undiagnosed disabilities, mental health issues, limited education, caregiving demands, substance use and recovery, unreliable transportation, no computer experience. Systemic and societal barriers include: language barriers, work opportunities that are low-wage, low-skilled, or offer no benefits, insecure work schedules- seasonal, or sporadic, negative views of inconsistent work histories, homelessness, criminal records, and discrimination; all make finding employment in Maine

difficult. Meanwhile, these Mainers, working or not, need health insurance and access to care, the core purposes of MaineCare. Denying MaineCare coverage neither recognizes the realities workers face in Maine nor fosters their employment. Good public policy doesn't punish or stigmatize; it helps!

Peggy Marchand

Around Town

Maine Optometry will be constructing a new Medical Office Building located on the corner of RT 237 and RT 25, (across the street from Martin's Point Health Care) with a target open date of August 2019.

Old Hickory Sheds has opened next door to Beal's Ice Cream.

Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7. There are two openings on the Town Council and two openings on the School Board. All positions would be for three-year terms.

Correction

In the 7/26 issue of the Gorham Times, the grand jury section incorrectly stated that Brianna Steinback, 29, of Gorham, was indicted for charges not related to her. That was an error, as a different person was charged with those offenses. The Gorham Times apologizes for the mistake.

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If Wishes Grew on Trees



Photo credit Roger Marchand

On August 14, Great Falls teacher Darren Choate received a \$250 grant for books for his classroom through the Bookworm because of a wish from his student Jack Adams. Adams applied for and received his wish through Gorham Savings Bank's 150th Anniversary Wish Tree program. Gorham Savings Bank is celebrating 150 years in business by asking members of the community to help them grant \$150,000 worth of wishes by hanging a wish on their Wish Trees. The program, which began in July and continues through November, grants a monthly wish up to a total of \$10,000, and up to \$100,000 more in December for a total of \$150,000 worth of wishes. There still is time to add a wish before the November 15 deadline. Pictured (left to right) are Jack Adams, Darren Choate, and Gorham Savings Bank branch manager, Patti Gorham.

Newly Formed Group Addresses Growth Concerns

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land from being developed through the use of conservation easements, and transfer overlays that require developers to pay for greater density with funds that would be used to retain open spaces. Changes in lot size requirements in rural areas are also under discussion.

Although other towns have enacted building moratoriums, Hartwell cautioned that a moratorium on residential growth would need to be town-wide, not just for a specific area and, he added, "could raise house prices that would put the town out of affordable housing."

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the August 9 issue is the house number sign at 162 South Street.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

A Little Something Sweet

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Taylor Whitcomb (GHS '11) agrees wholeheartedly with Julia Childs who said, "A party without cake is just a meeting." Whitcomb, a trained pastry chef and local entrepreneur, is devoted to creating cakes and a wide assortment of other delicious items for all types of special occasions from her business, Gorham Village Baking Company.

After attending Mount Ida college for a year, studying Interior Design, Whitcomb realized that she was more interested in the area of Pastry Arts, so she transferred to Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) where she earned an Associates degree in Baking and Pastry Arts in 2014 and a Bachelors in Culinary Management in 2015.

Her last semester was spent abroad at Florence University of the Arts in Italy. She learned the art of Italian bread making, studied wine and food pairing, farm to table cuisine, and Italian culture and history. She also traveled to Greece, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, England, and Ireland, immersing herself in their culinary and pastry traditions.

During this time, Whitcomb was honored to be selected by a professor and a committee of food and wine professionals to participate in creating and preparing four Italian-themed dinners at the historic James Beard House in New York City's Greenwich Village. "I was Head Pastry Chef, with about 10 other pastry cooks to help me prepare for the events," she said, "Cooking at the Beard House is a huge honor in the culinary world."

It is not always easy for young Mainers who have gone off to earn their degree and who have travelled the world, to come back to Maine and find a job. Whitcomb said, "I've always known that I wanted to live and work in Maine forever." She saw her career in baking as a way to come back home. Her Maine roots also show in her baking. "A lot of my recipes are adapted from my grandmother, Joan Larson's recipes. They are true Maine desserts, like my best selling whoopie pies," she said.

When Whitcomb returned to Maine, she worked in Portland, first as a baker at Aurora Provisions, then she helped to open the Pastry Department at the new Scales restaurant. She said, "After a few years, I missed the bakery atmosphere and decorating cakes. I knew I didn't want to work under someone else." She made a leap of faith and quit her job to work for herself by creating Gorham Village Baking Company.

When asked about the challenges of being an entrepreneur, Whitcomb is quite honest: it's exhausting. She works at Gorham House of Pizza to earn a living as she endeavors to build her business. She said, "Trying to find



Photo courtesy of Taylor Whitcomb

Whitcomb made a wedding cake resembling a birch tree for GHS teacher Stacey Anderson, now Stacey Taylor. It was a lemon flavored cake with lemon curd filling and vanilla buttercream frosting that looked just like peeling birch bark.

the time to balance work, my business, and my personal life is a challenge every single day...but good things do not come to those who wait. It's all about HUSTLE!"

She honestly would not have it any other way. She loves being creative, experimenting with recipes and new techniques, and doing things her way, something she never got to do while working under someone else.

Whitcomb said that many people have supported and encouraged her, including her parents, who taught her to always work hard for what she wanted, and her brother Andrew (GHS '04), a chef currently working in California, who taught her about the culinary world. Her boyfriend, Walter Brown, helps her by running to the store if she is missing an ingredient. "He also helps me make unique cake stands and helps with transporting delicate cakes to the wedding venue," she added.

While at GHS, Whitcomb found teachers such as Mrs. Dolly and Mr. Paradis who encouraged her creativity. She said, "Mrs. Dolly gave me the courage to take art classes at MECA which opened my mind about college after high school and Mr. Paradis' knowledge of the world is the reason why I pushed to study abroad."

Whitcomb currently lives in Gorham, with her parents, Jane and Randy Whitcomb, and her dog, Harley, while she saves to buy a first home, hopefully in Gorham. She loves her huge vegetable garden and being outdoors.

You can find her baked goods on sale at Gorham House of Pizza, Carter's Green Market, and The Fisherman's Catch in Raymond. She can be contacted for special order baking for all occasions at email: gorhamvillagebakingco@gmail.com, her website: gorhamvillagebakingco.com, or at facebook.com/gorhamvillagebakingco.

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

Benefits of Physical Therapy

ANDY BROOMHALL

Physical Therapy isn't what it used to be. Once primarily focused on stretching and strengthening, it has grown to be a profession where many physical therapists hold either a Master's Degree or a Doctorate Degree. Physical therapy clinics can be made up of Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, and physical therapy aides.

Physical therapists see a wide variety of conditions across multiple demographics. Physical therapy can help people of all ages, from children to the elderly by treating conditions ranging from acute to chronic pain, amputation to stroke recovery, joint replacement to traumatic brain injuries. Clinics work with orthopedic conditions such as low back, neck pain, muscle strains and sprains, joint replacements, and over-use injuries and some offer vestibular rehabilitation, balance training, dry needling and other specialized treatments.

Physical therapy can benefit a person's overall health and wellness. It is commonly thought of as a place you go after having surgery or after being injured. Here are some benefits of physical therapy:

- **Pain reduction:** A combination of techniques are used to control and reduce pain.
- **Improve strength and mobility:** Skilled physical therapists can evaluate and identify weaknesses and faulty mechanics to help restore strength and mobility where it is needed.
- **Balance and fall prevention:** If you avoid doing things you enjoy because you feel unsteady on your feet or have a fear of falling, a PT can evaluate your risk for a fall.
- **Avoid surgery:** Sometimes, with the completion of a full treatment plan, you can avoid the need for surgery.

• **Sports injury recovery and prevention:** Individualized programs can be designed to help with recovery.

• **Age-related conditions:** Treatment for the aches and pains associated with degenerative changes can help improve range of motion and quality of life.

• **Avoid opioids:** Some patients report a 100% decrease in pain medication after the completion of their PT treatment plan.

• **Education:** The better informed you are about your condition, the better choices you can make to reduce and help prevent pain and injury from happening.

You go to the doctor for your yearly check-up, you see the dentist twice a year to get your teeth cleaned, and you see the eye doctor every two years to check your eye health. Physical therapy should be no different. Getting screened for musculoskeletal deficiencies or imbalances should be a regular part of your healthcare maintenance regimen. If you or anyone you know has been dealing with pain, please do not hesitate to contact your physician or physical therapist to address any issues you may be experiencing. Maine is a direct access state, meaning that you do not need a doctor's referral to see a physical therapist.

Some clinics offer free pain consultations. If you are living in pain and want to talk to someone to see what your options are, highly trained physical therapists can recommend a plan of action to help you to become pain free.



Andy Broomhall is a Physical Therapist Assistant at Back In Motion in Gorham.

Gorham House Salutes Veterans



Photo courtesy of Kathy Corbett

Donna Davis, Gorham House programming director, welcomed residents who served in the armed services, as well as other residents and guests, to "A Salute to our Veterans" on August 15. Led by Bob Gillis playing military music on the bag pipes, veterans participated in an "Honor Stroll" parade before the ceremony that featured a roll call of the veterans and remarks by State Representative Andrew McLean.

Catching a Cool Ride



Photo courtesy of Chris Crawford

The dog days of August were enjoyed by Opie who loved having a ride on a boogie board pulled by Cassidy and Annabelle Files at Shaw Park on a recent summer day. Opie and his owners, Suzie and Dale, live in Portland but enjoy swimming and canoeing at Shaw Park.

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DEERING ROAD	TRAIL, PETER & MARSHA	HATCH, ROBERT & AMBER	\$16,406
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DEERING ROAD	TRAIL, PETER & MARSHA	CASSIDY, JOSEPH & VANESSA	\$16,406
117 SPILLER ROAD	O'NEIL, MEGHAN & BURNS, RACHELE	ESTATE OF CAROL WARMING	\$248,000
13 LANDING DRIVE UNIT #2	HUDSON, KABRINA	LINDA NEWELL REVOCABLE TRUST	\$299,000
9 CUMMINGS ROAD	HAGERTY, SILAS & JOVA, CAROLINE	GUMAER, ERIK & ANGELA	\$256,666
9 CUMMINGS ROAD	HAGERTY, SILAS & JOVA, CAROLINE	ESTATE OF EUGENE GUMAER	\$128,334
72 OLDE CANAL WAY LOT 5	CHADBOURNE REALTY, LLC	GRONDIN PROPERTIES, LLC	\$200,000
34 TOW PATH ROAD	MILAN, MARTINA	LUSSIER, LINDSEY	\$175,000
SOUTH STREET	CROWLEY, MAEGAN	WHITTEN, CHARLES & ERMELINDA	\$120,000
15 WINTERGREEN DRIVE	MEANS, SARAH & ROBERT	SCHILLER & DALE-SCHILLER	\$280,000
5 GROVE STREET	GAUDREAU, LESLEY & GRUFFITH, KEVIN	BRAMBLEWOOD, LLC	\$300,125
18 CONNOR DRIVE UNIT #6	WEBBER, JEFFREY & JILL	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$326,900
17 CONNOR DRIVE UNIT #7	BALFANTZ, JULIA & CARROLL	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$318,000
60 NORTH STREET	MUCULLOUGH, SEAN	MCCULLOUGH, DAVID	\$185,000
6 HOLLEY LANE	MARTELL, ANDREW III & REBECCA	JOHNSON, TIMOTHY & SANDRA	\$295,000
17 SHIERS MEADOW DRIVE	L'HEUREUX, JENNIFER & LUKE	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS, INC.	\$415,000
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20 SCROGGIE WAY	MIRAMONTE, FIDENCIO & NECHOLE	RJ WEST & SON	\$470,680

Town Council Meeting

AUGUST 7, 2018

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Susan Duchaine, of Design Dwellings, voiced her concerns with impact fees and encouraged the Council to look at where they are going.

Hans Hansen thanked the Lions Club for displaying the Flags around Gorham and mentioned that he would also like to see more holiday decorations in South Gorham.

Phil Gagnon expressed his concerns about the Council's handling of Item #9352 at last month's Council meeting.

Alice Lowell, of Gorham Residents for Responsible Growth, voiced her concerns about the rate of growth in Gorham and would like the Council to consider a moratorium on building. There were several other residents who spoke on behalf of this group as well.

Town Manager, Ephrem Paraschak, announced that the Metro Bus Husky Line would begin on August 27.

Paraschak congratulated Carol White, of the Planning Department, on her retirement. Carol worked for the Town for 11 years.

The Town Council approved a renewal liquor license for Gorham Sports Center, located at 215 Narragansett Street.

Massage Licenses were approved for the following masseuses:

Audrey Nelson, 510 Main Street Group; Elizabeth Berks, Liz Berks Massage Therapy; Christina Downs, 510 Main Street Group; Chelsea Jackson, Theriault Chiropractic & Massage; Natalie Povlin, Skin & Body of Gorham; Heather Theriault, Theriault Chiropractic & Massage

A Moratorium Ordinance on Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores was approved.

The complete Moratorium Ordinance on Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores can be viewed on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

A deed for a parcel of land located in the Madison Way Subdivision was accepted for open space and trail use.

The Town Council authorized permission to STJ Incorporated to access their property located on

Hannah Drive between Lots 7 & 8 as depicted on the Hannah Drive Subdivision Plan.

The Town Council referred a review of new and existing Impact Fees to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendations.

The Town Council also sent the municipal road acceptance of private ways to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

Amendments to the Land Use & Development Code to incorporate the requirements of the South Gorham Crossroads were forwarded to the Ordinance Committee, for their review and recommendation.

The Town Council forwarded potential amendments to the Land Use & Development Code which incorporate the requirements of the South Gorham Commercial Center to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

The Ordinance Committee will review and make recommendations on creating an Invasive Plants Species Ordinance.

The Town Council approved the transfer of \$767 and a 2002 Chevy Silverado Pickup, both seized in a criminal case, to the Town of Gorham.

The Town Council also approved the transfer of \$1,000, seized in a criminal case, to the Town of Gorham.

The Sprinkler System Ordinance was amended in order to establish an

ordinance governing the installation of sprinkler systems in certain buildings within the Town of Gorham. The complete Sprinkler System Ordinance can be viewed on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

The Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into a three-year agreement with the Maine Association of Police, Gorham Unit.

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

Grand Jury ~ August 2018

Katherine Bergson, 35, of Gorham was indicted for two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and trafficking in prison contraband on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Rochelle Caiazzo, 26, of Windham was indicted on charges of stealing drugs, two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, criminal OUI, operating after suspension, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Joshua Flannery, 38, of West Hampton, NY, was indicted on a charge of theft by unauthorized taking of more than \$10,000 on charges brought by Gorham PD.

AUGUST 6, 2018 Planning Board Meeting

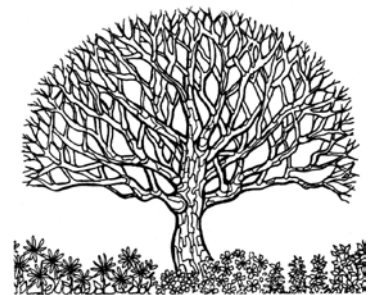
Bramblewood, LLC's request for a site plan amendment approval to Glenwater Subdivision to increase the number of dwelling units from 10 to 18 in Cottage Court on property located off Grove Street, was discussed and tabled until the next Planning Board meeting.

Robert Hamblen's request for preliminary approval of Harrison Lane, a 6-lot residential subdivision on 10.10 acres on property located off Libby Avenue was given preliminary approval with findings of fact.

Plowman Development Group, LLC's request for a sketch plan discussion of a 16-unit condominium development (Grady Farm Subdivision) on property located at 136 South Street was discussed.

Chase Custom Homes's request for a sketch plan discussion of Sawyer Estates sidewalk extension cost estimate for a 121-lot residential subdivision on 103.59 acres on property located off South Street was discussed.

Dana Lampron LLC's request for a sketch plan discussion of Douglas Woods II, a 14-lot subdivision on property located at 346 South Street was discussed and tabled.



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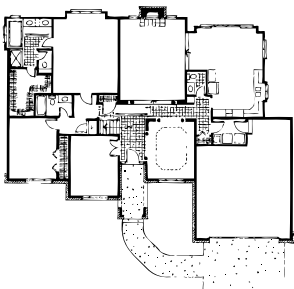
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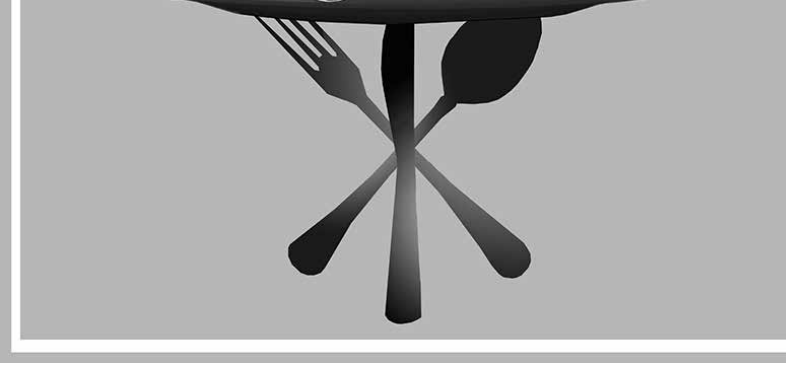
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South Street Gets a Fresh Look with Paving Overlay



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South Street paving began last week. The project consists of a 1 1/4" paving overlay from the Gorham Bypass, the roundabout connecting Route 114 and Route 112, to Main Street, a distance of approximately two miles. On June 13, 2017, Gorham voters approved a referendum item that authorized the borrowing and spending of up to \$500,000 as the Town's share of the road project. Night work continues this week.

Welcome Back to School

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each student as the location for pick-up and drop-off points until parents can complete the required information and have it approved by the Transportation Office.

It is encouraged for any parent with questions to call either your child's school office, or the Transportation office (839-8885).

Some parents may be wondering about what the Gorham Schools will be doing with its Proficiency-Based Learning (PBL) work since the legislature made a change to allow this work to be optional for diplomas just a month or so ago.

To be honest, it is believed that the legislature's actions will not have any impact on the work of the Gorham Schools. The Gorham Schools have been working on creating a standards-based learning system well before the law that created PBL was passed and it is assumed that work will continue.

Gorham Schools have always made changes, collected feedback, and then been willing to "tweak" its practices based on that feedback using a slow and methodical approach to change.

The changes to the law made by the legislature this past session will allow us to maintain this slow and methodical approach. Individuals interested in learning more about Gorham's system and planned work for the 2018-19 school year should check out the district website.

Under "About Us" there is a page dedicated to Proficiency-Based Learning information for parents and community members that most would find very helpful. In particular, folks may want to review Gorham's 2018-19 PBL Handbook and reach out directly to teachers, principals or myself with questions they may have.

As a new school year begins, I would like to make one big "pitch" to parents and students regarding the importance of regular school attendance. This year, Gorham will

be focusing on the issue of chronic absenteeism in all schools across grades K-12.

Chronic absenteeism is defined by a student missing 10 percent of the total number of school days regardless of whether those absences were excused or unexcused. For Gorham, that means students who miss 17 or more days of school over the course of the year.

Students who are chronically absent score lower on achievement scores in reading and in math. Students who are chronically absent are more likely to become high school drop-outs.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. In Gorham, chronic absenteeism rate for 2017-18 was 6.8 percent across all schools. That means that 6.8 percent of the total school population missed 17 plus days of school.

That may not sound like much, but when the math is done, that means that almost 200 students are chronically absent. Granted, those scores are lower than most schools, but it is still too high.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways a parent can prepare their child for success – both in school and in life. We need parents' help.

When parents help the district make school attendance a priority, they help their child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school ready to successfully meet all the challenges life may have in store for them.

We are all so very proud to be Gorham Rams. I look forward to another great year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns. My email is heather.perry@gorhamschools.org and phone number is 222-2012. See you all soon. Go Rams!

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HEATHER WHITAKER
Alternative Ed Teacher and Program Coordinator

The Backpack Program is heading into its second year in the Gorham Schools. Last year, the program was able to serve 40-50 students per week and the number is expected to grow this year. The program is kicking off the 2018-2019 fundraising campaign with a goal to raise \$20,000-\$25,000.

The way the program works is that students in grades K-8 receive a packed bag every Friday that is put in their backpack to be taken home for the weekend. A weekly bag for younger students may include items such as pasta, applesauce, chicken noodle soup, granola bars, and more. Each bag weighs about 10 pounds. High school students are encouraged to advocate for themselves; there is a closet in the school that can be accessed by any student at any time.

Donations of any size can help sponsor a child for the year (\$225 per child, per year). Checks are written out to the Gorham School Department (with Backpack Program in the memo line) and can be mailed to Hollis Cobb, Finance Officer, 75 South Street Gorham, ME 04038.

Considering a few factors when purchasing and packing bags, items that are ideal to be donated, given weight and space limitations, is food that is easy for students K-12 to prepare and also meet nutritional guidelines.

The program would greatly appreciate any of the following donations to be dropped off at GMS:

applesauce cups; mixed fruit cups; elbow macaroni or spaghetti (1 lb.); Chef Boyardee with the removable lid (.88 at Hannaford or in bulk at Sam's); granola bars; microwaveable macaroni and cheese (single-serve in cups); Fruitables juice boxes; chicken noodle soup with removable lid; tuna fish (packed in water); and oatmeal packets.

Last year, the program started a snack program but this year it will be fully implemented across all schools. Participating students will receive a snack every day they are at school, in addition to the food that is sent home in their backpack for over the weekend.

Also new this year is an area on the Free and Reduced Lunch form that is sent home for parents to sign-up for the Backpack Program. And Gorham families and "The Inn at Village Square" have donated school supplies for back-to-school. These will be given to participating Backpack Program students in need of school supplies.

A few upcoming events to benefit the program include: dine at Nosh in Portland on Friday, August 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.; a creation of a Clynk account (details will be coming soon); and dine at Uno's on Thursday, September 13.

If interested in volunteering, making a donation, or if you want to learn more information, please contact a program coordinator. Jen Baker is the coordinator for the elementary schools, and can be reached at jennifer.baker@gorhamschools.org, 222-1300. Heather Whitaker is the coordinator for the middle school and high school, and can be reached at heather.whitaker@gorhamschool.org, 222-1338.

Dig In!



Photo credit Rebecca West

Gorham gardening expert Linda Faatz taught Village Elementary School second graders about gardening at the end of the summer. Flowers were donated by the Gorham Garden Club. Pictured (left to right) Trent Whittaker, Shay Dermondy, Tucker Curtis, Linda Faatz, and Anna Faatz.

Dorothy Evelyn Durgin (Geiss), age 97, of El Paso, Texas, Gorham, Maine, and Duxbury, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2018 with family by her side.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Malcolm G. Durgin, devoted mother of David Durgin, and the late James Durgin; cherished grandmother to Brenda Thayer and Cheryl Pieri; great grandmother of seven, and great, great grandmother of three.

Dorothy was a kind, compassionate, and loving person, and will be greatly missed by all whom have come to know her.

Family and friends gathered at Dorothy's home in Gorham, on Sunday August 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm, for a Celebration of this amazing woman's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice, as Dorothy donated to many charities throughout her life.



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GMS Welcomes New Assistant Principal

ROBERT RILEY
GMS Principal

The Gorham Middle School (GMS) welcomes a new assistant principal for the 2018-2019 school year to replace Susie Hanley who retired at the end of the last school year.

Tom Smith is no stranger to the Gorham Schools, having spent the last seven years teaching both third grade and fifth grade at Village Elementary

School. He also has experience at the middle school level having taught both sixth and eighth grades at Bonny Eagle Middle School.

Additionally, Smith has been involved in coaching various youth sports throughout the Gorham sports scene.



Smith is a Gorham resident with two children in the Gorham schools. His wife, Amy, also teaches at Gorham High School.

A graduate of St Joseph's College in Standish, Smith received his post-graduate training in Educational Leadership there as well.

Smith distinguished himself throughout the interview process with his strong understanding of the adolescent learner. He impressed the interview

committee with his very calm demeanor and his genuine ability to make connections with students.

His new role was effective July 1, and he has been busy at GMS getting ready for the start of a great new school year.

For anyone who may not know Smith and would like to meet him in person, come to the GMS Open House on Tuesday, September 4, at 6 p.m. to meet the newest assistant principal in Gorham.

GMS 8th Graders Build and Race Solar Cars

TERRY BARTICK
6-12 STEM Coordinator

Near the end of the school year, Gorham Middle School (GMS) eighth grade students competed in the fourth annual Junior Solar Sprint Challenge, an event sponsored by Sacopec Energy & Climate Activities.

The solar car race is a national competition for fifth through eighth graders. Hundreds of students in the state of Maine designed and built solar cars in their classrooms. There were qualifying races all over the state in May and June, and the Gorham qualifying races were held on the GMS outdoor basketball court.

With almost the whole eighth grade participating, Gorham was the largest participating school in the state.

After being given guidelines and design criteria, students were free to imagine their own designs and construct their cars out of materials of their choosing. There was no shortage of creativity involved in the building of the solar cars.

In some cases, students used recycled materials, and in other cases, they used 3D printers to create custom parts to help overcome design and material challenges.

Preliminary races were held all throughout the day. While other grade levels spectated, eighth grade students raced within their preliminary groups, and the fastest cars from each group competed in a final heat at the end of the day.

At the conclusion of all of the races, eight different teams were offered



Photo credit Terry Bartick

Students prepared to race their cars at the starting line during the qualifying race for the Junior Solar Sprint Challenge on May 29. Race coordinator Peter Zack, far right, an employee of Sacopec Energy & Climate Activities, looked on.

invitations to compete in the state competition at Paris Elementary School on June 2. The Monhegan teams of Emma Mullen/Michelle Darling and

Lucas Castles/Evan Russo were the only teams that took their creations to compete, representing Gorham strongly with their impressive entries.

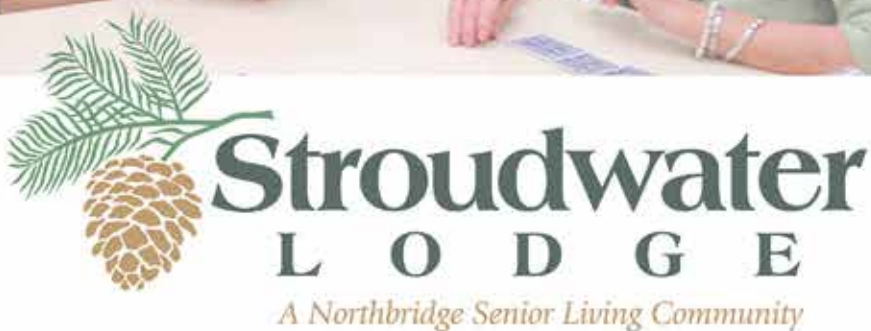


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New Bell Schedule at GHS

BRIAN JANDREAU
GHS Principal

Two years ago, Gorham High School (GHS) changed its bell schedule from a seven-period hybrid schedule to an eight-period alternating block schedule. The impetus for the change was a key recommendation by our accrediting organization, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which, after its decennial visit in 2014, recommended GHS create a schedule that provides common planning time for teachers to work on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

At the same time, GHS was looking for ways to revitalize the Advisory program and to provide time during the week for students to get extra help.

Over the past two years, GHS has been collecting student achievement and survey data to evaluate whether the change has been good for the school. Overall, there have been many positives including: the addition of the intervention and enrichment period known as Auxilium has provided opportunities for students to get extra help during the day; and the addition of the 8th period has provided teachers with a common planning time to work on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

There has been one significant negative, however, that needed to be addressed. The move to the new bell schedule two years ago resulted

in a significant loss of class time that resulted in most teachers reducing their curriculum by two full units (e.g. the 9th grade science teachers needed to cut Space out of the Earth Space Science course because they didn't have time for it in the new schedule).

Compared to area high schools, GHS went from having the second most amount of class time to having one of the least amount of class time (as can be seen in the data to the right). The previous schedule provided 464 minutes of class time every two weeks while the current schedule provides only 350 minutes.

The feedback from our teachers has been clear: increase class time and find a way to ensure that each class meets three times per week, and preserve but reduce intervention time. After analyzing many other bell schedules from around Maine and beyond, the GHS Leadership Team voted unanimously to adopt a new bell schedule this year, which has been adapted from the Falmouth High School schedule.

Pros associated with the new schedule include: a consistent weekly schedule for outside speakers, meetings, IEPs, college representatives, and class meetings that won't be disrupted by snow days, etc.; an increase in class time by nearly 30 minutes over two weeks, which equates to eight full classes a year; all classes meet three times per week; class lengths are

School	Time in Class (over 2 weeks)	% Time in School
Biddeford	350	9.09%
GHS - Current	350	9.46%
Cape Elizabeth	375	9.62%
Westbrook	375	9.66%
Scarborough	375	9.74%
Freeport	385	9.87%
Gray New Gloucester	380	10.00%
Falmouth	380	10.00%
Yarmouth	400	10.18%
Windham (RSU)	398	10.18%
Greely	410	10.54%
South Portland	400	10.67%
GHS - Previous	464	12.54%
Wells	522	14.22%

between 54 and 77 minutes (not too short, not too long); shortens Monday's scheduling day to 21 minutes, which was requested by teachers; adds a short Advisory period on Tuesday, which has been lost in the current schedule; preserves Auxilium but reduces it to the staff consensus of two days per week; preserves common planning time; leaves P4 and P8 open for outside opportunities like internships and co-op, and enhances access to USM courses by aligning P4 and P8 with their schedule; and reduces scheduling conflicts for CTE and adds more academic time for CTE.

While the new schedule looks confusing at first, and afternoon CTE loses some Auxilium on Wednesdays when there is an Early Release, there is wide consensus among the GHS staff, and even some excitement, that this schedule will be better for learning.

GMS Science Fair Findings

TERRY BARTICK
6-12 STEM Coordinator

Participating in a science fair is a rite of passage for many students. During the last quarter of the school year, seventh graders at Gorham Middle School (GMS) were challenged to participate in one.

They were given guidelines, but were primarily free to develop their own ideas, conduct their own research, and plan their own investigations. Work was done during free time at school and also outside of school hours.

Many students showed initial interest, but in the end there were only three groups of students who completed projects and showcased their findings to their peers the last week of school.

Josephine James, Rachel Cummings, and Allie Sutton performed research on the behavior of magnets, and designed an apparatus to study magnetic levitation. They 3D-printed multiple prototypes of their design.

Junbei Chen and Avery Andrews were interested in how plastics are made, and optimized a process to prepare their own polymer, which

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Gorham Teen Participates in National Fishing Championship

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Bode Meader (GHS '21) recently competed in the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Series National Championship and Junior Bass Master at Kentucky Lake in Paris, TN. His road to TN began long ago when he first dropped a line in the water. When asked about the first time he fished he said, "I literally can't remember, but it was super young. My mom wouldn't let me have a hook, so I spent many years fishing with a washer on the end of my line before I realized this wasn't working."

A family friend, Erik Dellinger, brought him trout fishing one day. Meader added, "the passion took off from there." Meader fished his first youth tournament in August of 2014, where he placed 6th place out of 15 anglers. He stated, "I was obsessed with tournament fishing from that day on. I was later offered a spot on the MainlyBass Junior BassMasters Team." That same year, he fished his first State Championship and placed 3rd.

Meader has been to many tournaments since then, including a 2015 trip to BassMaster Jr. National Championship in TN after placing 1st in

the Maine State Championship. Fishing is a significant part of his life. He was named Junior Angler of the year on his team where he currently holds the position of President. He said the team takes an active part in weed inspections to keep the lakes clean. Meader said, "In 2016 I began volunteering with the IFW (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) working with brook trout spawning, brown trout creel surveys and stocking."

His trip to TN this year came as a surprise. In the state tournament back in October of 2017, he placed 3rd (only 1st and 2nd place advanced to TN). However, in June, he was contacted and told that one of the teams would not be going to the tournament and he was chosen as an alternate. He said, "My mom communicated with my teammates' parents and they decided that we had to go! In the past when I've traveled to tournaments, I've flown. This time we decided to drive the 19 hours towing the boat we'd use in the tournament. So off to TN we went to compete in the BassMaster HighSchool National Championship!"

There were 337 people in the tournament, all high school students, with teams from Canada to Zimbabwe. After a few days of "pre-fishing" to get acquainted with the lake, he ended

the first day of competition with a few keepers putting him in 98th place (his goal was to break top 100). He said, "Friday was Day two and our day was not as successful as we'd hoped but we finished in an incredible 137th place beating out 200 teams in the tournament!"

With only the top 12 teams advancing, Meader took advantage of the free time. He said, "We hit the road and made it all the way up to Lake Erie." They launched the boat in Lake Erie and did some "awesome fishing" before beginning the road trip home.

Meader knows his fishing spots. Some of his favorite spots are Otter Pond – Bass and Trout (ice fishing too); Pine River Pond (NH where his grandparents live) – Bass; Little Sebago and China Lake – Bass; and Kennebec River – Salmon.

His favorite fishing memory was with his friend Landon Bickford in Eustis, Maine. He said they were there for a few days and on the final night they went out to fly fish for a bit. "It was nearing complete dark and we were getting ready to go back when we started to see some trout disturb the surface eating some green drakes. We started casting at the trout and



Photo credit Jennifer Meader

one came up and destroyed my fly. After about a five minute fight with the fish we got it into the net. It was a 2-3 pound brook trout."

Meader said his dream would be to attend Bethel University in Tennessee. He stated, "They are a well known fishing school continuing to crush the competition."

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Athletes Compete in State Track Meet

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor



Photo credit Amanda Sawyer

The girls' summer 4x100 relay team broke a state record from 1993. The previous record was 54:71 and they finished in 54.61. Pictured from left to right: Jim Karcanes (Coach), Alyvia Caruso, Emma Green, Sydney Connolly, Kyla Piacitelli, and Todd Bickford (Head Coach).

The Gorham summer track program sent 39 individual qualifiers to participate in the USA Track and Field Meet held at Cony High School on August 11. There were over 1,100 individual participants from across the State of Maine.

Some of the accomplishments of the Gorham team included: the 13-14 year old girls won their division, the 11-12 girls and 11-12 boys finished second in their respective divisions, and Andrew Farr set records in the 100, 200 and 400. Finally, the girls 4x100 relay team broke a state record that had been in place for 25 years. The team, made up of Alyvia Caruso, Emma Green, Sydney Connolly, and Kyla Piacitelli, ran their race in 54.61.

As a team, boys and girls, Gorham finished third overall in the combined scoring.

Throughout the summer, the track program boasted a roster of 82 athletes, 65 of those from Gorham with the remainder coming from surrounding communities.

Recent GHS Grads Selected For All-Star Team



Photo credit Janice Drew

Nolan Brown (GHS '18), sliding into home base, and David Drew (GHS '18), were recently selected for The All-Tourney Team after playing at the Senior Legion State Tournament. Both athletes were part of the GHS varsity baseball team that made it to the State final in June.

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GMS Science Fair Findings CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9



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During the last week of school, seventh grade science students presented their science fair projects to their peers at GMS and community members.

they demonstrated.

Finally, Mikaela Pellerin and Elizabeth Willette investigated the brightness of different light sources, using a procedure they developed and materials they identified.

All of these projects were well executed and are evidence of what is possible when students choose to work on things that they find inherently interesting.

On June 13, these students also shared the project results with

members of the community outside of GMS. The esteemed visitors included State Senator Amy Volk; Gorham resident and business owner Michael Wing; and several scientists and engineers from IDEXX.

These GMS students fielded many questions from the visitors and were prepared with thorough and insightful responses. All seven participating students said they would be interested in participating in another science fair in the future.

COMMUNITY

GRADUATIONS

Emily Kurz, Master of Science in Education Leadership & Policy Studies, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

OF INTEREST

Home Instead Senior Care will host its 7th annual "Alz Fair" on the lawn in front of their building at 502 Main Street in Gorham on Saturday, August 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items for sale, including typical yard sale items, baked goods, books, plants, and some crafts, plus a basket raffle. Food and drinks available for sale. All proceeds will go to support the Alzheimer's Association's mission to further research and provide care and support for everyone affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Gorham Savings Bank was honored with the "2018 Financial Capability Innovation Award" presented by the nation's leading technology innovator, EVERFI, Inc. The award recognizes Gorham Savings Bank's significant efforts to improve the financial capability of Maine's youth through unique digital learning initiatives.

Nicole Shaffer, CF APMP, of Gorham, Maine, was promoted to manager in the marketing department at Baker Newman Noyes. Shaffer holds dual bachelor's degrees from Penn State. She specializes in business development and proposal strategy.

O'Donal's Nursery has been recognized for entrepreneurial excellence by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. Walter Whitcomb, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, presented nursery owner, Jeff O'Donal, with the "Commissioner's Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence" on August 16 which recognizes the nursery for its exemplary selection of high quality, hardy, healthy plants and garden-related products.



The Gorham Lions will meet on August 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114). New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

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.

The White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, September 1 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$8/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com

The Gorham Garden Club will be hosting a plant and bake sale on Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The sale will be held at 71 South Street, next to Baxter Library. Come check out the beautiful perennials, gently used garden items and the delicious baked goods.

The UCC at North Gorham will hold a Bean-hole Bean Supper on Saturday, September 15, from 4:30-6 p.m. Serving authentic bean hole beans baked in the ground overnight, hotdogs, coleslaw, potato salads, homemade pies and brown bread. 4 Standish Neck Rd. FMI 207-415-1388

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.

The Town of Gorham Senior Mealsite at St. Anne's Church will reopen on September 19.

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.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Gorham Food Pantry will have extended hours through 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.

CLOSE TO HOME

The Lakeside Quilters Annual Quilt Show will be held Saturday, August 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Standish Congregational Church, 25 Oak Hill Road, Standish. FMI donnajohnson@maine.rr.com

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton is hosting a Haddock Supper on Saturday, August 25, at 5 p.m. Suggested Donation: Adult \$8, Child \$4, Family \$20. FMI, 207-329-0753

Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on September 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, brown bread and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 423-5851.



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Plummer Road caller received a call saying her husband had been taken into custody. Officer advised it was a scam.

Officer noticed a vehicle parked in Fort Hill Park with foggy windows. Officer made contact with the operator who told officer they were just kissing and socializing.

North Gorham Road caller reported a dog had jumped into her car. Dog and owner were later reunited.

Mahlon Ave. woman had lost her wallet. Caller told her he had found it and turned it in to the police. Wallet had not been turned in and she was advised to cancel her credit cards.

Officer observed a truck backed up in front of the Gorham Sports Center. It was a pest control worker checking the building.

Spiller Road caller reported threatening messages on Facebook. Caller was advised to block the person, get rid of Facebook or notify Facebook.

North Yarmouth officer wanted a woman, who had been harassing a New York resident, to stop the harassment or to get in touch with him. Woman said she had several different Facebook accounts and for the officer to get in touch with her as she was the one being harassed.

Suspicious person on County Road had pulled into a parking lot because he had dropped his phone. He was looking for it in the back seat when officer found him.

Shamrock Drive caller returned home and the rear sliding door had been spray painted and flower pots on the deck had been knocked over.

Officers responded to a fight in progress on School St. Over fifty people were on the sidewalk and in the street. Buxton Police were called to assist. There were no injuries or damage. All parties were told to exit the event and the doors were closed.

Officer talked to a woman who was reported to have been in a restroom for a

long time. Woman was fine and said it was because her belt was broken. She did not appear to be impaired.

Suspicious person on Main St. was waiting for a ride after break up with his girlfriend.

Buck St. caller stated husband had smashed her phone and was trying to steal her car. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

Suspicious person on Railroad and Elm was dropping off his car for maintenance.

At request of complainant, officer spoke with a woman on Gray Road and asked her again not to use the dumpster at that location.

Caller reported a vehicle in the back parking lot at the Middle School near the storage containers. Driver said he had pulled in so a female could use the portable toilet.

Caller reported another family member was going to her family's site at Hillside Cemetery to trim trees and shrubs. Caller did not want them there. Caller was advised this was not a police matter but caller wanted police to be aware in case the families got into an argument.

Officer responded to Main St. residence for a disturbance between a husband and wife. It was a civil matter regarding property division and boundaries within the house in relation to ongoing divorce proceedings.

Officer responded to O'Brien Drive for a verbal argument over medication. Female was arrested for possession of drugs.

Officer spoke with White Birch Lane driver who admitted she drives very slowly and people do not like being behind her.

Missing elderly man was located at his apartment in Westbrook. Multiple units and K-9 had been looking for him.

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THURSDAY AUGUST 23

- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-387

SATURDAY AUGUST 25

- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. South Street, Gorham
- Home Instead Senior Care "Alz Fair," 8:00 a.m.-2 p.m., 502 Main St.

TUESDAY AUGUST 28

- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-387
- Gorham Lions Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House

THURSDAY AUGUST 30

- Baxter Museum open for visitors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-387

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1

- Bean Supper, White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd, FMI whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com
- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. South Street, Gorham

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3

- Labor Day – Baxter Memorial Library will be closed

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

- Preschool Story Time 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos) 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library


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