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Source of Linger- ing Gas Odor Identified

DIANE ABRAMSON
Staff Writer

On December 19, 2018, the Gorham Fire Department received urgent phone calls from concerned citizens reporting a strong gas smell in the areas covering Route 25 and Route 112, down into the Village, South Street, Fort Hill Road and the Main Street area. Responding to at least twenty calls within a 24-hour period, the Fire Department investigated homes, businesses, pump stations and propane facilities in Gorham, but could not identify the cause of the smell.

According to Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre, "it was frustrating not being able to pinpoint the issue. Maine Natural Gas was monitoring the area, our department was responding to calls trying to identify potential gas leaks, but all of our testing came back normal."

After a thorough investigation, the smell was attributed to manure that had been previously spread on Route 25. The fluctuating weather patterns, freezing and then thawing, was thought to have aggravated the odor and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection was called.

However, the smell continued to persist. After tips were received from residents in the Cressey Road area, the gaseous odor was deemed to be emanating from the quarry at Brandy Brook.

"The smell was continuing to be a legitimate concern. After we ruled out a potential gas leak, we knew that it was nothing dangerous, but the strong smell was making residents feel sick in the immediate area," according to Chief Lefebvre.

Brandy Brook Quarry, operated by R.J. Grondin and Sons, is located at 7 Ossipee Trail in Gorham. Larry Grondin, Vice President, attributed the smell to an error and miscommunication amongst his staff.

"We use a fertilizer to add nutrients to our topsoil. When we receive the fertilizer, it needs to be used immediately or mixed with topsoil. Unfortunately, in this instance, there was a miscommunication and the fertilizer was not mixed as soon as we received it. The following two days it rained, which caused the fertilizer to 'cook,' omitting a pungent odor."

According to Grondin, as soon as the company realized the error, they immediately mixed the fertilizer and called the town to notify them of the mistake. "We realized what had occurred on a Friday evening. We

Gorham High School to Present "Rodgers' and Hammerstein's Cinderella"



Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

Roughly 50 Gorham High School students are cast in this year's musical, "Rodgers' and Hammerstein's Cinderella." The cast is busy rehearsing and getting ready for next weekend's debut performance. The show will run the first two weekends in February.

MICHAEL LORTIE
GHS Play Producer

This year's musical at Gorham High School (GHS) will be "Rodgers' and Hammerstein's Cinderella," the new Broadway version. This new version of the classic tale premiered on Broadway in 2013 and has been on national tour throughout the U.S. for the past two years.

The musical includes all of the beloved Rodgers' and Hammerstein's songs, including: "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago," alongside a hilarious and romantic libretto by Tony Award nominee Douglas Carter Beane, as well as some new characters and surprising twists. The show is appropriate for all ages.

There are almost 50 students involved in this production and the

music, dancing, sets, and costumes will be incredible.

Gorham High School has a long history of presenting amazing theater experiences, including "Footloose" and "Once On this Island" over the past two years.

"Cinderella" will be presented for two weekends, from February 1 through February 10, for six performances. Friday (February 1 and 8) and Saturday (February 2 and 9) nights begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons (February 3 and 10) begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors (65 years and older). Tickets may be reserved by calling 839-5754 and will also be available at the door.

The musical is directed by Josh Hurd and the musical director is Matthew Murray. Both have extensive experience in musical theater. Mariel

Roy, a GHS graduate and owner of Atlantic Dance Arts LLC in Gorham, is the choreographer.

Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and spread the word. Due to restrictions on advertising because of the continuing national tour, posters and information will only be available at schools and on school websites. You will not want to miss it!



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Health Care is my Top Priority

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

On Dec. 5, I was sworn in alongside my colleagues by Maine Supreme Court Chief Justice Leigh Saufley to serve as your state senator for the 129th legislative session. It was an honor to represent part of Gorham for eight years in the Maine House, and it is an honor to represent you now, along with the communities of Scarborough and Buxton, in the Maine Senate. To all the residents of Senate District 30, I want to say thank you for allowing me this incredible opportunity.

Over the next two years, I intend to use this column to provide regular updates on legislative efforts to improve the lives of those in Gorham and beyond.

I am excited to have been appointed to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee (AFA), which is responsible for crafting the biennial state budget, and the Government Oversight Committee, which provides evaluations of government programs and requires government accountability. Both of these committees' work is critical to address the many priorities you shared with me when I was knocking on doors during the campaign.

However, my central priority this session is affordable health care for all Maine people. It's an issue that affects the daily lives of all our neigh-

bors, and one which we must move quickly to address. Gov. Mills has already moved to enact MaineCare expansion passed by the voters in 2017. This move will bring in critical federal funding to our hospitals and health clinics, stabilize health care costs for those with employer-based health care plans and it will make sure more Mainers have health insurance. I look forward to working with her administration and my colleagues on AFA to fully and sustainably fund MaineCare.

Recently, a federal judge in Texas struck down the entire Affordable Care Act (this decision is being appealed and will not affect your current health care coverage), which really drives home the importance of ensuring that we have protections in place for health insurance consumers in Maine. To that end, I am introducing legislation that will prevent insurance companies from providing sub-standard coverage and discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions and legislation that will help Mainers sign up for the health coverage they need.

The opioid crisis is another top health care priority for the coming legislative session. In 2017 alone, 418 Mainers passed away from a drug overdose, and we have a moral duty to ensure that never happens again.

The fiscal cost of this crisis is staggering, too. A recent study by the

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston estimated over \$100 million in costs to our criminal justice and health care systems alone, not to mention lost wages and productivity.

I have submitted several bills this session that address this issue, including one related to comprehensive evaluation and treatment for substance use disorder in our jails and prisons, which are on the front lines of this crisis, and another that provides for harm-reduction by initiating syringe exchange programs across the state.

If we improve the health and well-being of Maine people, improvements in our community and economy will follow.

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be your State Senator, and aim to serve you to the best of my ability. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns.



Linda Sanborn is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She previously served four terms in the Maine House, and practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years. Senator Sanborn lives in Gorham with her husband, Jeff, a Gorham native. They have three adult sons and one granddaughter. (207) 287-1515, Linda.Sanborn@Legislature.Maine.gov.

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made sure to have employees' on-site all day Saturday to correct the issue. We try to be good neighbors and could not be sorrier for the smell. We feel absolutely terrible about the mistake."

R.J. Grondin and Sons worked with the Gorham Code Enforcement Officer, the Fire Department, and Maine Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that the appropriate steps were taken to correct the error and that no violations were committed.

"We are permitted to use this fertilizer and do so fairly frequently without concern. However, this time, an unfortunate mistake caused by a break in communication caused an irritating smell which affected our neighbors and caused a lot of unnecessary alarm. We are sorry for the time we took away from the Fire Department and town officials and any discomfort and concern caused by the smell to the residents of Gorham."

The odor has now subsided and the mystery has been solved. R.J. Grondin and Sons has made a plan to ensure that the same error won't happen twice. Most importantly, Gorham residents did the right thing by calling the Fire Department. As Chief Lefebvre reiterated, "Never hesitate to call when you have a concern."

Letter 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,

Regarding the continuing issue of "ranked choice voting"; I have seen few inquiries and even fewer answers to the question: why, when the second step of the vote counting process is put into place, the numbers seem to reverse from what they were in the initial counting; not in a minor way, but by thousands of votes in some cases?

Am I wrong in believing that it has a lot to do with the "second choice" of the voter? When the second round is used, does it become a vote against the first choice candidate?

Even though the directions writ-

ten within the booths clearly show that a vote for first choice and second choice can both be for the voter's primary choice of candidates, how many of the voters actually realize this may be a reason for the large change in votes for each candidate with the second step? The voter doesn't realize that by casting the "second choice" ballot for anyone other than his first choice, he is negating his initial vote.

If I am wayward in my calculations or thinking, I would appreciate someone clearing me up on this information.

John Labrecque

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Walk This Way

Walking the Camino de Santiago

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Since the time of the Crusades, people have walked the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), a large network of ancient pilgrim routes that stretches across Europe and ends at the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela, in north-west Spain. In 2017, more than 40,000 people undertook the pilgrimage for a variety of religious, spiritual or personal reasons.

For Gorham resident, Ray Ronan, an avid outdoorsman and long distance hiker, the challenge of walking 450 miles in 30 days time, in a country whose language he did not speak, is what drew him in. Ronan said, "To paraphrase Ralph Waldo Emerson, for me, it is always about the journey, not the destination."

Ronan chose to walk the Central Way which is the main historic route from Lisbon, Portugal to Porto to Tui and finally to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Only a small number of pilgrims start in Lisbon, because it adds 300 miles to the trip, taking hikers through some less than scenic urban/industrial/farm landscapes. Most prefer the shorter route beginning in Porto or Tui.

Ronan said, "It's hard walking, but I am glad I started in Lisbon. I enjoyed the challenge of taking the 'road less travelled'." For that same reason, his trip was planned for the off-season, in the fall, to avoid large numbers of pilgrims who hike in the spring. Ronan was fortunate to meet a hiker from California and the two of them hiked much of The Way together.

According to guide books, walking the Camino, or The Way, is not rigorous hiking in terms of elevation changes, but there are plenty of ups and downs. Most of the stages are on good paths, paved roads or even 2000 year old Roman cobbled roads. Ronan said, "Bamboo and eucalyptus forests, and olive groves were a pleasure on the feet as were a few dirt roads that were easier than walking the pavement."

Ronan, who walked between 10 to 23 miles a day carrying a heavier than recommended 30-35 pound pack, learned that the real challenge is taking care of your feet. He found his Trail Runner shoes inadequate because you are walking on hard surfaces a lot of the time. Gel inserts gave some relief as did a balm on his swollen feet in the evenings. He recommends a shoe with thick, cushioned soles and good cushion socks. He also said that rain gear is a must as well as a hat, bandanas, and hiking poles.

Ronan loved Spain and Portugal and thought the people were very generous and willing to help those



Photos courtesy of Ray Ronan

hiking. All along The Way the locals leave small gifts of water and fruit which are much appreciated by the hikers. He found the belief that the Camino will provide and that things will work out for the best was true.

People were patient and very helpful with directions, too. It is easy to miss the signs marking The Way, especially if you are starting in the dark, before sunrise, as Ronan typically did. Signage could also be easily missed in small towns and cities due to visual pollution and traffic. He added, "Language could be a humorous challenge, with wild gestures and bits and pieces of words in French, Spanish, English and Portuguese winning the day. I had a conversation with a Korean man who saved me from getting lost." Ronan also loved trying food at various local places and enjoyed the camaraderie of meeting other hikers while staying in hostels.

Each pilgrim carries a document called Credencial Del Peregrino which is stamped at hostels, cafes, and many stores or vendors along The Way. At least two stamps per day during the last 100 miles are required in order to receive an official church-issued Compostella, a document that attests, in Latin, that the pilgrim has completed the journey. Your country of origin is read out at a Pilgrims' Mass the day after you arrive and are certified.

Ronan's first long distance hike, in 2000, was the 2165 mile Appalachian Trail, which he through hiked on his own, when his Army buddy could not do the trip. He hiked the scenic 192 mile Coast to Coast Trail in northern England in 2007, and America's oldest, long-distance hiking path, the 272 mile Long Trail, in Vermont in 2013.

"I am in it for the challenge and to get out of my comfort zone. Each hike has its own set of obstacles that you have to work through," said Ronan.

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Photos courtesy of Ray Ronan

Maine Connection: The symbol of a Maltese Cross is seen on a mural when entering the city of Tomar, Portugal. The Knights Templar resided here and were charged by the church with protecting the pilgrims on "The Way." The Maltese Cross was also the symbol carried by the 20th Maine Regiment under Joshua Chamberlain at Gettysburg.

Ronan loves the outdoors and is an active member of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club. He enjoys working on his assigned stretch of the A.T. in Monson, Maine and helping with other club projects throughout the season.

Ronan was born in Lewiston, Maine to a Navy family who moved around every 18 months or so,

mostly in the U.S. Ronan explained that his philosophy comes from the military: if you are comfortable, it may be time to step out and take on some new challenge.

If you would like to read more about his trip, his Blog is available at <https://portuguesecaminoray.blogspot.com> or via email at walkinhome1@yahoo.com

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Living an Extraordinary Life

JOE KERWIN

Think back to this morning getting out of bed. What were your thoughts as you looked out the window to blowing snow and howling wind? Did your thoughts include: it's going to be a terrible day due to the weather, I will be late for work, it will be cold, slippery, and I will have to shovel? Was blaming the weather going to dictate the kind of day you were going to have?

Blaming others for our problems, challenges and inadequacies is all too common. We see blame at every level, from our government leaders to our children and parents. But to live an extraordinary life, you must be confident that you have the ability to choose.

With a little focus and practice, each person has the power to choose their own thoughts. Living with the confidence that we can choose how we respond to the world around us gives us the ability to use new vocabulary that includes empowering words. These new words will then define our actions. Our actions create new habits, and our habits become our character.

By choosing how to respond, you transcend limitations in life in ways that seem unimaginable. In the book, "The Biology of Belief" by Dr. Bruce H. Lipton, the author explains how our beliefs alter our physiology via a revolutionary field called epigenetics. This new awareness reveals that our genes are constantly being remodeled in response to our life experiences. A change in our thoughts and words can actually alter our genetic expression, resulting in tangible change in our physical bodies.

If you subscribe to the belief that we have no control over our genetic expression, it leaves you powerless. By striving for a more aware emotional state, you will create opportunities that

you would not think possible. People who live an extraordinary life focus on the circumstances they want, and as a result, end up finding them.

Living an extraordinary life is not about money, fame or indulgence. It is about deep feelings of fulfillment and joy. It is about awareness of every moment in our life and choosing what thoughts and self-talk we use to respond to those moments. When you become aware that it is possible to take full responsibility for your thoughts, you become empowered with a greater ability to choose.

How do you show up to life each day? Do you show up with only 10% energy, or with 100% vitality for life? When my daughter was young, she worked as a bagger at Hannaford. I would always encourage her to be a "two bagger" - in other words, somebody who is always doing more than they are being paid for, filling two bags at once with a smile and enjoying the moment. It is a choice to be a "two bagger" in life, and it is these simple choices that can lead to a more fulfilling life. Do you show up to life with the "two bagger" attitude?

Tomorrow morning, make the conscious effort to choose more empowering words as the day begins. Choose to be accountable for your own self talk and observe the immediate effects it has on your external world. It is liberating and powerful to take full responsibility for your thoughts and actions.

This is the path to living an extraordinary life.



Dr. Kerwin is a chiropractor and nutritionist who has been practicing and living in Gorham with his wife for 28 years. They have three grown daughters.



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Gorham Police Department Welcomes New Officer



Photo courtesy of GPD

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Gorham Police Department recently hired an additional officer, Shannon Coffey, a native of Bohemia, New York. Coffey has lived in Maine for the past year and worked as a reserve officer in Old Orchard Beach.

A graduate of Franklin Pierce University, Coffey comes from a long line of military and law enforcement members. A former Division II athlete, she ran track and field and was also a pole vaulter.

She is a member of the Emerald Society, an organization for Irish police officers. Coffey is "very excited to be working here in Gorham."

JANUARY 8, 2019

Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Councilor Shepard reported that the Ordinance Committee met on December 18 and a couple of items were brought to the Council. The Ordinance Committee will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am.

Councilor Phillips reported that the High School Building Committee will have a joint meeting with the Town Council. She also mentioned that she had received several calls from concerned citizens about the road conditions during the recent snow storms.

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked the various entities that were part of the success of this year's New Year Gorham event. She attended a roundtable discussion with the Metro Regional Coalition, which is part of the Greater Portland Council of Governments. There was much discussion on how other municipalities are adjusting their Comprehensive Plans and their Ordinance and Planning efforts to make affordable housing available in their communities.

Chairman Hartwell touched upon the town roads and how Public Works treats the roads the same during each snowstorm. He specified that the last couple of storms were during rush

hour which is more difficult to keep up with the snow.

Councilor Hager asked the Town Manager if Public Works treats the roads the same or if they change the way the roads are treated when there is a late start or school closing during a snow storm.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reported that Public Works treats roads the same during every snow event. He thanked Finance Director Sharon LaFlamme for her hard work putting together the Town's financial report. He reminded residents to be more mindful of what is being put in the Silver Bullet recycling bins. The Town is being charged an extra fee for highly contaminated bins when they are emptied by ecoMaine. Check the town website for a list of what can be put in the bins.

Darryl Wright, Chairman, presented the Council with the answers to the questions from last month's meeting including an historical look back at enrollment numbers for the district. He reported that the individual budget meetings will be wrapped up soon and Superintendent Perry will be working to develop her first draft budget for review on February 13. The Athletic Capital Campaign Committee has

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Clerk's Corner

LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

The holiday season has come and gone and we now look forward to a new year. I would like to thank the numerous businesses and families in Gorham who helped the less fortunate and adopted a family for Christmas. The outpouring of generosity was overwhelming. This year we helped 15 Gorham families (16 adults and 30 children) have a happy holiday. I am so proud to live and work in such an amazing town.

The Town Council Appointments Committee is currently seeking applications for upcoming vacancies for all town boards and committees. Please visit the town website at www.gorham-me.org and click the button for "Boards & Committees" for information and/or to download an application. Applications are also available at the Town Clerk's office. Interested applicants should submit a completed application, along with a resume if available, to the Town Clerk no later than January 25 to be considered for appointment. Please call 222-1670 or visit the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

Please remember that dog licens-

es expired on December 31. The Town Clerk's office has received copies of rabies vaccination certificates from the Department of Animal Welfare for Gorham dogs that received vaccinations in 2018. Some of these dogs have not been licensed. If a dog owner or keeper does not come in to license the dog, and we receive a copy of the rabies certificate for the dog, the Animal Control Officer will be notified and the owner or keeper will be subject to being summonsed for keeping an unlicensed dog.

Dog licenses must be paid no later than January 31 to avoid a late fee. The license fee is \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11 for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered. A late fee of \$25 per dog will be charged for all dog licenses paid on and after February 1. For your convenience, the Town of Gorham participates in online dog licensing until January 31. There is an additional \$1 fee to license your dog online. Please visit our website at www.gorham-me.org to learn more.



Real Estate Transfers June 2018

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
141 COUNTY ROAD	NORTHEAST RENTAL HOUSING LLC	BUSHIKA CANN, ELAINE	\$130,000
21 MOUNTVIEW DRIVE	RISBARA CONSTRUCTION CO. LLC	ALAFAT, RHONDA & RICHARD	\$136,000
20 BEVERLY DRIVE	THOMPSON, WILLIAM & REBECCA	ANDREASEN, BRIAN & COLLETTE	\$396,000
17 MOUNTVIEW DRIVE	BRAY, WILLIAM & GONNEVILLE, JEANNE	BUTEAU, BEVERLY & GERARD	\$410,000
3 DEERING ROAD	B & C, LLC	VIOLETTE, ARLENE	\$130,000
306 FORT HILL ROAD	C & C FAMILY, LLC	YAGER, STEPHEN	\$325,000
17 LAURA LANE	PRENTISS, JAMES & HARTWELL, SARAH	BAUER & GILMAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC.	\$336,700
18 LOWELL ROAD	SAPIER, JAMES & MIRANDA	SCOTT, LORRAINE	\$280,000
4 SALLY DRIVE	MACDONALD, STEPHEN, NATHAN, DIANE	CHRISTOPHER, DAVID	\$400,000
5 DOUGLAS STREET	KOULETSIS, LYDIA & STROHMMEYER, ALEC	SHANNONSELLSMAINE, LLC	\$278,000
61 SOUTH STREET	LLC TRIMJOB	FLETCHER, LISA	\$94,225
DOUGLAS BROOK LOT 2	TRADEMASTERS, INC.	LBMPLLC	\$72,500
26 WOODSIDE DRIVE	HOLZHAUSER, STACY & BRULE, ALAN	HAWRYLO, JOHN & CANDACE	\$220,000
61 SOUTH STREET	FLETCHER, LISA	CROSS, MICHAEL	\$5,000
6 HURRICANE ROAD	TURNER, JOSEPH	DOWNING, MICHAEL	\$250,000
42 PATRICK DRIVE	POTTLE, CLAYTON & CYNTHIA	MILLS, DOUGLAS & ANNA	\$247,500
17 GREEN TREES DRIVE	ARMSTRONG, AMBER * RILEY	WOOD, DOUGLAS & JOANNE	\$342,000
16 GRAY ROAD	TWOMBLEY, DANA	TRUEWORTHY, ROBERT	\$212,500
32 GREAT FALLS ROAD	LADD, PETER	DONALCO, INC.	\$325,000
15 MEADOW CROSSING DR.	GAUMER FAMILY TRUST	JILL Z. PETER REVOCABLE TRUST	\$405,000
19 GROVE STREET	ROBITAILLE, MARC & NANCY	BRAMBLEWOOD, LLC	\$334,603
113 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	CUPPLES, DANIELLE & HOUSTON	MOFFIT, JOHN & ANNE	\$270,000
39 DANIEL STREET	SEASTROM, KEVIN	LH HOUSING, LLC	\$211,750
22 RAINBOW LANE	KARAM, KATHARINE & SHANNON	HUTCHINSON, JOHN JR.	\$240,000
5 KIARA LANE UNIT 27E	BLODGETT, MEGHAN	WHITTEN, MELODY	\$254,000
22 MERCIER WAY	OLIVIER, MARC & PETER	DUBAY, DYANA & PAUL	\$430,000
20 BURTON DRIVE	WHITTEN, MELODY & DALPHONSE, CHRIS	GRAIVER HOMES, INC.	\$375,000
57 NARRAGANSETT ST.	YOUNG, BRITTANY & LEO	CAMPBELL, SCOTT & CYNTHIA	\$224,900
44 WIGHT LANE	CUMMINGS, RYAN & FILS, CARA	HUGHES, RUSSELL	\$233,000
60 CLAY ROAD	WU, ZHAOFEI & YUE, XIAOHUA	MAKEHOUSELLC	\$287,000
28 JOSEPH DRIVE UNIT 28	LAFFERRIERE, CARLA & SCHULZ, FRANK	BACH, THERESA	\$238,000
15 DUNTON LANE	MOORE, KRISTIN & IAN	GILBERT, DONALD	\$323,000
179 DEERING DRIVE	AURICCHIO, TISHA & ALAN	TOUCHETTE, ANTHONY & EMMONS	\$420,100
13 SUMMERFIELD COURT	KING, DREW & CHRISTINE	KASPRZAK HOMES, INC.	\$347,000
15 DOGWOOD LANE	GLENCROSS, BRANDON & YATES, WHITNEY	BRAMBLEWOOD, LLC	\$316,900
16 LEDGEHILL ROAD	HODGKINS, KRISTIN & KYLE	FRENCH, BRANDON	\$425,000
3 HARDING BRIDGE ROAD	RUSSELL, CHRISTOPHER	SMITH, JEFFREY	\$252,800
166 BURNHAM ROAD	QUIMBY, KATHLEEN & STEVEN	EID, DAVID & LISA	\$393,000
3 STARLIT WAY	LUO, WENJIN & LINI LIN	TARBOX, DEBORAH	\$375,000
15 SUMMERFIELD COURT	ELLEN & WALTER STINSON LIVING TURST	KASPRZAK HOMES, INC.	\$361,285
13 HIGHLAND AVENUE	PETERSON, ROSEANNE & YELVINGSTON	SULIVAN, MARGOT	\$267,000
14 VISTA DRIVE	GORHAM VISTA LLC	DUCHAIINE, SUSAN	\$389,000
149 LINE ROAD	GERRISH, SHARON	ELWELL, SHARON	\$245,000
37 LILY LANE	MILLER-HOPE, ZACHARY & ALEXANDRIA	CALDWELL, DAWN & STEVEN	\$330,000
34 JOSEPH DRIVE UNIT 12	TARBOX, DEBORAH	GALLOWAY, JANIFER	\$245,000
10 HICKORY LANE	BUBIER, SKYLER & BAILEY, BRIANNA	YAHM, GREGORY & REBECCA	\$264,400
750 FORT HILL ROAD	MOSHER, ROSS & BRYAND, VANESSA	MILLER, BRETT & LESSARD, MARY	\$276,000
77 LINE ROAD	TALBOT, SANDRA & JON	FOWLER, MICHAEL & CARUSO, TRAVIS	\$350,000
15 LILY LANE	CHERRY, FARAUSSI & TRISHA	BENNETT, JEFFREY & ROBYN	\$325,000
8 HEATHER WAY	MOFFATT, SUZANNE & BROCHU, JEFFREY	LESSER, TAMMI	\$450,000
11 ELIZABETH STREET	BUNCH, DEREK & KATHRYN	MEUSE, PHILIP & LYNN	\$291,000
25 TIMOTHY DRIVE	TALLMAN, JACOB & JORDAN	HUTCHINSON, STACIE	\$360,000
9 CARSON DRIVE	ONEMIRAVONG, BOUSASANITH	NEJEZCHELBA, FRANK	\$299,900
229 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	GLEASON, JOHN & ELIZABETH	ROBIE CONTRACTING, LLC	\$335,800
115 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	WILLEY, RONNIE & GYBOWICZ, JUSTNYA	MOFFIT, JOHN & ANNE	\$100,000
29 BARNFIELD LANE	CUSACK, GABRIELLE & EARLEY, JUSTIN	ROBIE HOLDING, LLC	\$578,000



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For more information on preventing winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

Grand Jury JANUARY 2019

Michael James Boucher, 34, of Gorham was indicted for arson, assault, criminal mischief and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Timothy Dame, 38, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Brunswick PD.

Lezlie Lepage, 38, of Steep Falls, was indicted for OUI (two priors) and

endangering the welfare of a child on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Christopher Little, 34, of Gorham, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Brunswick PD.

Michael O'Brien, 28, of Windham, was indicted on charges of burglary of a dwelling and criminal trespass on charges brought by Gorham PD.

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Planning Board Meeting

Diversified Properties' request for re-approval of a third amendment to modify realignment of a 50 foot right of way (originally approved on May 15, 2017) was approved.

Plowman Development Group, LLC's request for preliminary approval of a 16 unit condominium development, Grady Farm Subdivision, located at 136 South St. was discussed and postponed.

RRave. LLC, Peanut Gallery Daycare, Inc's request for special exception approval for a daycare facility to accommodate up to 80 children at 17 Railroad Ave. was discussed and postponed.

SB Enterprises' Tannery Brook subdivision request for approval of Phase 2 by extending Tannery Brook Road to access 13 new single family lots served by municipal water and individual subsurface sewage disposal systems was approved.

A proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code allowing one family animal under 50 pounds to be

kept on a lot with under 40,000 sq. ft. was discussed and forwarded to the ordinance committee for review and recommendation.

The following items were postponed to January 14 due to the 10 p.m. rule:

Harvey Performance Company's request for sketch plan review for construction of a two phase manufacturing facility with phase 1 consisting of a single story 76,887 sq. ft. building, a 1300 foot access drive and 172 parking spaces was continued. Phase 2, which would add an additional 30,000 sq. ft. to the project, was also continued.

STJ, Inc. Tow Path Road Condominiums' request for a four duplex condominium development of 8 units with associated parking off Tow Path Road was continued.

Chris Duchaine's request for sketch plan review for Presumpscot Road subdivision, an 8 lot cluster at 207 North Gorham Road, and upgrade to an existing private way was postponed.

Gorham Fire Department 2018 Call Statistics

The GFD recently released figures for 2018 fire and rescue calls.

- Rescue/Medical Calls: 1,712
 - Alarm Activation, Accidental: 250
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: 210
 - Good Intent Call: 169
 - Electrical Problem: 57
 - Public Assist/Service Call: 55
 - Police Matter/Fire Dept. Assist: 42
 - Building Fires: 36
 - Mutual Aid Calls: 31
 - Cooking Fire: 19
 - Gas Spill: 19
 - Authorized Burning: 19
 - Carbon Monoxide Incident: 19
 - Smoke Investigation: 15
 - Hazardous Materials Incidents: 15
 - Sprinkler Activation, Malfunction/Accidental: 13
 - Gas Leak: 13
 - Water Problem: 12
 - Natural Disaster Clean up: 11
 - Grass/ Brush Fire: 11
 - Water Rescues: 11
 - Vehicle Fire: 8
 - Chimney Fire: 7
 - Trash/ Rubbish Fire: 6
 - Unauthorized Burning: 6
 - Elevator Emergencies: 4
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents w/ Extrication of Occupants: 3
 - Report of Explosion (no fire): 2
 - Confined Space Rescue: 1
- Total calls for the year: 2,776

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GHS Exposing Students to Jobs and Careers

MAUREEN O'BRIEN
Aspire Gorham Project Manager

The Gorham Business-Schools Roundtable is moving ahead on its mission to expose students to jobs and careers that connect to what they are learning in their classrooms.

At its November meeting, the group heard from Community and Career Coordinator Eliza Kenigsberg, a full-time employee of Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG), who works at Gorham High School (GHS) making career connections for students.

She spent the beginning of this school year surveying seniors about their career interests. While some are certain they have identified their future careers, others express interest in a variety of fields.

"Students are interested in a lot of different things," Kenigsberg told the group. "They are open and curious."

Students recently had an opportunity to explore some of those interests during visits to manufacturing sites, including Sterling Rope and Cuddledown. About half the freshman class (100 students) ventured out for this series of career-focused field experiences. The other half is scheduled for similar experiences in the spring.

The students visited a variety of manufacturers including a technology incubator, an electro-optical engineering company, a pillow manufacturer, and an aerospace builder.



Photo credit Eliza Kenigsberg

Gorham High School freshmen recently visited TechPlace, a technology incubator in Brunswick.

Kenigsberg has created a menu of options for community members to engage in the district's career exposure and exploration work. They range from a one-time visit to the high school to help students work on their employability skills through interviews to hosting students at their businesses for multi-day workplace learning experiences.

Business people at the meeting were enthusiastic about the future of this work. Great Falls Construction

president Jon Smith summed it up this way: "What put us all where we are? You met an individual who took you down a path, you liked it and continued to explore it. It's all about exposure to the possibilities."

The roundtable was created in 2011 to foster relationships and communication between the schools and businesses in town, and find ways for students to have educational exposure to career opportunities. The group meets again this month.

State of the Art



Photo credit Amy Cousins

The Maine Arts Commission honored nine schools across the state of Maine for Visual and Performing Arts, and Gorham Middle School (GMS) was among those celebrated. Four students from GMS were chosen to have their artwork hung at the State House. The Maine Excellence in the Arts Education Celebration was held last month and all students received a certificate of achievement. Their work will be on display through April. Pictured are (left to right): Hailee Willey, Junbei Chen, Erin Lawrence, and Andrew Scribner.

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Honoring Ipcar



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In honor of her November birthday, Narragansett students in Ms. Stowbridge's first grade class read books by Dahlov Ipcar, the artist who painted the beautiful mural in the main hallway at Narragansett. Students were asked to pick their favorite animal and draw it.

Heartfelt Surprise



Photo credit Jacqueline Durant-Harthorne

Great Falls Construction delivered goodie bags to all the teachers at Narragansett School before the holidays. Students in Ms. Durant-Harthorne's kindergarten class would like to thank them for the surprise and kindness they showed. Pictured are the students in her classroom showing the items that were in each bag.

A Generous Act of Kindness



Photo credit Rebecca West

Village School completed a school-wide food drive in December, spirited and led by the second-grade students, as part of Village School's Kindness Campaign. Overall, a total of 671 items was collected to donate to the Gorham Food Pantry. Pictured (left to right) are Annie Lorfano, Quinn Dougherty, and Addison Dougherty.

JANUARY 9, 2019 School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the January 9 regular meeting of the School Committee (SC), two Gorham residents voiced concerns during the time for public comment. Barbara Nichols requested a review of

the policy for handling student meal debt. Snow-covered sidewalks that present a danger to students walking to Gorham Middle School was the issue Jennifer Rush brought to the committee. She asked the SC to sup-

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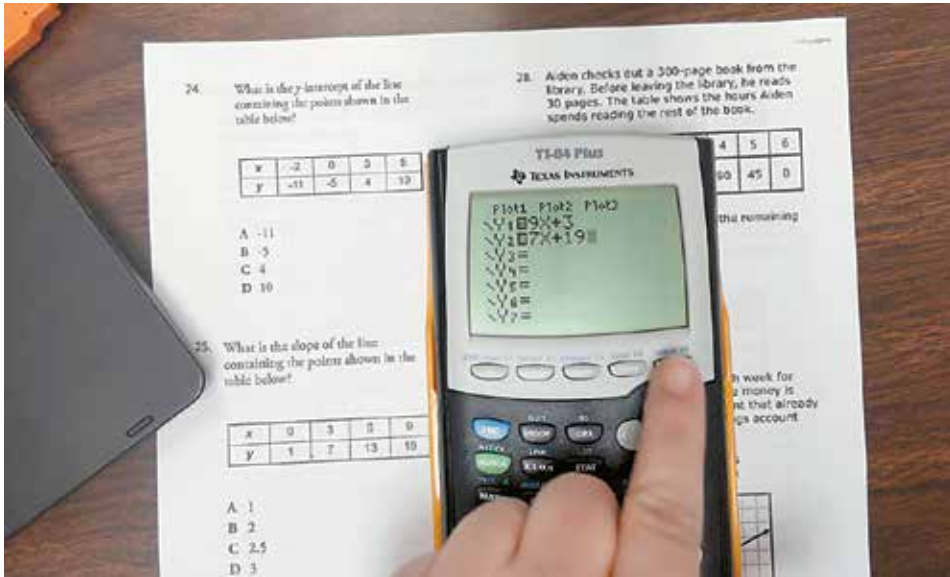


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Graphing Calculator Donations Needed



LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

The Gorham Schools website lists the district as having “an educational program defined and dedicated to integration of technology to advance and enrich teaching and learning.” This is achieved in many ways such as laptops for each student and lessons taught using PowerPoint or Keynote presentations. Technology is also used in math classes in the form of graphing calculators.

These tools are used in more basic classes like Algebra 1 all the way up to AP Calculus. However, Gorham High School (GHS) is running into an accessibility problem with the calculators. Although GHS has some calculators for students to borrow, there are not enough and these tools do not fit into all families’ budgets.

“Graphing calculators are very expensive and it is a big investment but it is also such a great thing,” said Catherine Emery, a math

teacher at GHS. “It can be used on SATS and is therefore important that teachers begin using them day one of ninth grade so that students know the capabilities and have the same capabilities as students across the nation.”

Emery has been a teacher at GHS for many years and realizes the positive impact calculators have on students. She is asking the community (GHS alum or not) for graphing calculator donations to the math department.

“Graphing calculators present a unique opportunity for students to see two dimensional visual mathematical relationships and seamlessly transfer between a data set, a picture, and an equation,” said Emery.

“There are probably people in the community who have graduated, have them at home and are not using them. It is a chance to give back,” Emery added.

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Gorham Athletes Excel at Dartmouth Relays

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

A group of Gorham athletes participated in the 50th Annual Dartmouth Relays event during the weekend of January 11-13. Andrew Farr, Kate Tugman, Iris Kitchen, Evelyn Kitchen, Avery Germond, Sydney Connolly, Alyvia Caruso, Emma Green, Stefanie Meacham and Lydia Valentine all attended the event.

Alyvia Caruso (GHS '22) set a new school record in the Jr. Division Long Jump with a jump of 17ft 1.25 in placing her 12th in the country.

Emma Green (GHS '22) set a new school record in the Jr. Division High Jump with a height of 5 ft 0 in placing her 11th in the country.

Evelyn Kitchen (GHS '19) set a new school record in the Sr. Division High Jump with a height of 5ft 6 in. Kitchen also finished 6th in the Long Jump.

Kate Tugman (GHS '20) finished 3rd in the one mile. She is ranked 12th for all juniors in the country.

The Sprint Medley Relay team of Sydney Connolly (GHS '22), Alyvia Caruso (GHS '22), Avery Germond (GHS '19) and Kate Tugman (GHS '20) set a new school record with a time of 4:27.18.

Stefanie Meacham (GHS '20) placed third and Lydia Valentine (GHS '21) placed fifth in the women’s one mile race walk. Meacham’s performance places her first in the US for her age group.

Andrew Farr (GHS '22) advanced through the trials and semi-finals at Dartmouth to run in the finals of the 55 meter dash. In that race, he lowered his personal record to 6.63 seconds placing 3rd. He was the first American finisher as the two sprinters ahead of him were from a prep school in Canada. Farr also placed 5th in the 300 meter run making him the 2nd best freshman in the country in the 300 meter run, 5th best freshman in the 55 meter dash and 12th in the 400 meter run. He has already qualified to compete in the 60 meter dash and 400 meter run at the New Balance Indoor Nationals in New York City in mid-March.



(L to R) Sydney Connolly, Alyvia Caruso, Avery Germond and Kate Tugman.



Stefanie Meacham



Andrew Farr

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SnoGoers Set Out to Enjoy Trails in Gorham



The Mazza family helped to mark trails before the season began. Lia and Christine Mazza, Kevin Perrigo and Teresa Delorey are pictured at Irish Crossing, a large bridge in the SnoGoers trail system.

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Living in Maine in the winter can be challenging. It helps to have an outdoor activity to participate in to make the short days go by faster. The SnoGoers of Gorham provide just that.

Tom Mazza, president of the group, said, "The SnoGoers are comprised of like minded people who generally enjoy the outdoors and have a special interest in the sport of snowmobiling and keeping the trail system in the Town of Gorham open for all to enjoy."

The SnoGoers' main objective is to maintain and improve the local trails in the community. The trails are used not only by snowmobilers, but also by those who enjoy them for walking, snowshoeing, skiing, and fat tire biking throughout the winter months. Mazza shared, "While some of our trails are not accessible during the summer, many still are used year round which is a great benefit to the local community."

One of the bigger "behind the scenes" jobs for the club is working with local land owners. Mazza said, "Over 95% of the trails in Maine are on privately held property so we



Photos courtesy of SnoGoers

know as a club that without our landowners, there would be no active trail system in this area or throughout the State. Because of this, we do our best to ensure that all trails are used in accordance with landowner wishes and will work with the landowners throughout the year as different needs arise."

Mazza said there are two aspects in maintaining the trail system in Gorham. First, like many snowmobile clubs in Southern Maine, the active real estate market has resulted in many new homes being built each year. With that, it is necessary to work with the Town of Gorham, developers, and local land owners to either preserve the existing trails or come up with solutions for re-routes that allow the trails to remain open.

The second aspect in maintaining the trail system includes adding or replacing bridges throughout the

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In the Zone

Andrew Rent was honored at the United Soccer Coaches All-America Ceremony in Chicago on January 12.

Mackenzie Holmes recently became Gorham Basketball's All Time Leading scorer during a game against the Lewiston Blue Devils on January 12. The previous record of 1,446 was set by Emily Esposito (GHS '17). Holmes scored 32 points during the game giving her 1,451 points early in the season.

If you have a sports event you would like to share, email gtimeessports@gmail.com

School Committee Meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

port a request to the Town Council for plowing these walks as there is no bus service for students living within a mile of the school.

Kyren Bettencourt, SC student representative, gave a brief report of activities at Gorham High School (GHS) highlighting the Adopt-A-Classroom program where 40 GHS students recently visited Great Falls School. Students will visit the other two elementary schools this winter. She encouraged everyone to attend the GHS production of "Cinderella" to be performed on the first two weekends in February.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that Gorham's \$200,000 funding from the Department of Education for disadvantaged populations may be reduced because the draft language focuses on after-school activities that Gorham does not provide. Perry is questioning the DOE's rule-making language. She also reported that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) report card for Maine schools will soon be available on the DOE website.

Dan Cecil and Tony Roy from Harriman Associates gave an update on the GHS building project and preliminary site plans. The architectural firm has been working with a building committee that includes community members as well as personnel from GHS and the SC. The plans under consideration call for a building for 1,100 students that includes a new two-story classroom wing, enlarged cafeteria, and an additional gym. (A further description of the project, as well as a graphic of the proposed site plan, was published in the January 10 issue of the Gorham Times.)

The Athletic Capital Campaign Committee, which includes GHS alumni, is actively working on plans to raise money for athletic facilities that will reduce costs to taxpayers. Cost estimates are projected to be available in February.

According to Perry, there will be many opportunities for community feedback before the SC votes on the final plan in August. She said that following a public forum on the GHS project later this winter, people will be invited to participate in an interactive online survey. The Thought Exchange was used previously to solicit ideas about the high school renovation and will again be available for community input.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Record presented an overview of the tools the district uses to assess student progress and reported on the results of state and federal required tests given to all 5th, 8th, and 11th grade students. Gorham students' scores were higher than the state average and seventh in the ten-school pool in English and Language Arts, Math, and Science. He said that Gorham also ranks seventh in medium income and expenditures, but has the shortest school day of the ten area schools.

Record stressed that the district uses many criteria in assessing student progress. The goal "is to improve day to day instruction, not to chase scores." The SC will be be discussing the length of the school day at a January workshop.

The only vote taken was to approve the legal lease language for renting the modular classroom units already approved by the SC (5-0 with McCallister and Currier absent).



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Our program is committed to helping children develop & maintain a positive self-image and fostering, stimulating & encouraging each child's physical, intellectual, emotional & social growth by providing an environment where children can be active learners.

The Gorham School Department plans to destroy special education records of former students who were born between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992.

Parents, guardians and/or former students may obtain their records on or before June 3, 2019. Proper identification will be required in order to obtain records.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Gorham Special Services office at 222-1002.

trail network, widening and smoothing trails when possible, and keeping the areas signed for ease of use.

"During the winter months, we are actively grooming the trails with our two track trucks with large 14' drags and two snowmobiles with smaller drags, which are primarily used in and around town where the trails tend to be a bit narrower. Our volunteers work hundreds of hours each year on maintaining our equipment and the trail system," said Mazza.

The group plans activities for its members such as pot luck dinners and organized club rides. It will be looking to involve the general public in activities in the future. For instance, as the snow conditions allow, the club hopes to have a trail-side public event which will include music, food, and a bonfire.

Gorham SnoGoers is a family oriented organization. Mazza shared, "We believe snowmobiling is a great way to get kids involved in outdoor activities and to provide an opportunity to appreciate all that this beautiful region has to offer."

If you have the same love for

snowmobiling, Mazza encourages you to check out the SnoGoers. Whether you plan to be an active participant in the club or not, he believes membership is a great way to help support the SnoGoers in their efforts to maintain the many parts of the local trail system in Gorham for all recreationists to use.

The group relies on support from the State of Maine Snowmobile Division as well as the support given by the Town of Gorham and its citizens to continue to operate each year. With much of its annual expenditures going to maintain equipment and improve the trail systems, the group is getting creative in its fundraising. To learn more, visit www.gorhamsnogoers.com or follow them on Facebook.

The SnoGoers take pride in their relationships with landowners and they work hard to maintain the trails for community members. Mazza said, "We ask that you help us in respecting our valued land owners and would encourage all that enjoy the trail system to reach out to provide a helping hand."

begun its "soft launch" of the Capital Campaign which is geared mostly toward raising awareness and sharing information about the campaign. The information will be shared during several basketball games and is on the website.

Chairman Hartwell asked the Council if he should be recused from a vote due to a conflict of interest of his farm selling beef to the applicant. The Town Council voted to allow him to vote.

A renewal liquor license was approved for Sebago Brewing Company.

The Town Council appointed Vincent Grassi to the Planning Board to fill the term of Lee Pratt, effective immediately.

A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code regulating Adult-Use Marijuana Cultivation for Personal Use, was sent to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation. The proposal would provide guidelines to regulate personal cultivation of marijuana for the growers use on the property where the grower's residence

is located. The ordinance prohibits growing for any person not living on the property where the marijuana is being cultivated, all commercial cultivation for adult-use, and the sale of "adult-use" marijuana from a residential property. The proposal also covered standards, permit requirements and prohibited uses associated with adult-use marijuana cultivation. The full proposal can be found on the Town's website.

The Town Council re-appointed Laurie Nordfors as the Registrar of Voters.

The transfer of \$1,000 to the Town of Gorham seized in a criminal case (Docket No. CR-17-5960) was approved and the Town Manager is authorized to sign the approval form on behalf of the Town of Gorham.

The Town Council forwarded a proposal to amend Pheasant Knoll Contract Zoning Agreement between Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc. and the Town of Gorham to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation.

The full meeting minutes are available at www.gorham-me.org

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WEDDINGS

Carla Flaherty (GHS '99) and Neil Miller were married on June 8 in Roanoke VA. Flaherty is currently the women's basketball coach at Roanoke College.



OF INTEREST

Gorham resident Caroline Joya was recently awarded a **Service Award** from the Maine Judicial Branch for "improvements in the operation and performance of the Judicial Branch" deserving of public recognition. Joya works for the Family Division of the Maine Judicial Branch.

Gorham resident Thomas Dahlborg, Sr. recently released a new book titled **"The Big Kid and Basketball.....and the Lessons He Taught His Father & Coach."** The book tells the story of a child who overcame the impact

of bullying through resilience, sports, faith and love. Dahlborg is partnering with the Gorham Recreation Department to speak with coaches about the effects of bullying. FMI 228-8264.



Dianne Nason, of Gorham, senior vice president at Key Private Bank, was presented with the 2018 Visionary Leadership Award by Day One, which provides substance abuse and mental health services for individuals, groups, families, schools, and communities in Maine.

The Gorham Garden Club meeting "Terrariums & Dish Gardens" will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, Gorham.

Maine artist (and Gorham native) Cheryl Johnson was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international teachers' organization. Johnson shared several of her art works, children's books, and children's coloring books.



First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, February 2, from 5-6:30 p.m. \$10 adults/ \$5 children under 12. FMI 839-6751.

The White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, February 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$9/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

The Gorham Lions will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114). New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

The Cressey Road United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Contra Dance on Thursday, February 14, from 7-10 p.m. with music by Don and Cindy Roy, winners of the National Heritage Fellowship, and caller Maggie Robinson. New and experienced dancers welcome.

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Meal Site will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Cost is \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857 or 222-1630.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. FMI 839-3859, 839-2484, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3494, 839-3630. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call.

Lecky Brown Center: Mondays: 9:30 a.m. Knitting Group, Wednesdays: 10 a.m. the Originals (Please go to firstparishgorham.org/originals for the weekly schedule of speakers), Fridays: 10 a.m. ARTrageous Seniors - needle felting animals in January. Lecky Brown Center is located on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church. FMI: 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

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

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.

CLOSE TO HOME

Living Waters Church will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, January 26, at 5 p.m. Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. FMI 329-0753.

Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on Saturday, February 2, from 4-6 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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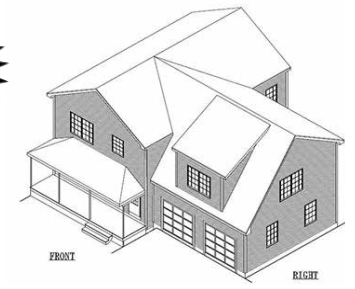
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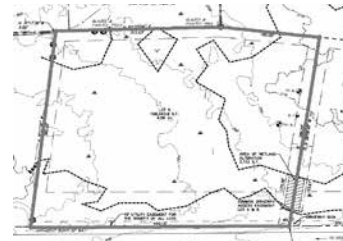
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Officer responded to report of a small dog running in the road on Lincoln St. Dog was not found in that area but was next reported on Main St. and Gray Road. Another officer reported seeing a dog running at a high rate of speed across Chick Drive toward the playing fields. Neither officer located the dog. Later, another call came in about a dog running in the road on Donna St. and from there a report of a dog in the vicinity of State St., South St. and College Ave. Officers were unable to find the dog.

Caller was meeting someone in Gorham as he was selling an item to the other person and wanted to know the best place to meet to do the transaction. Officer told him to meet at the Police Station.

Suspicious vehicle on Fort Hill Road had pulled into a parking lot so driver and passenger could switch off.

Straw Road caller reported his ex-girlfriend's mother was on his property to retrieve her dog. He wanted her to be told not to come on his property. Officer spoke to mother and told her if dog went to caller's house, to call police for assistance as she should not go on his property. She agreed and liked the idea.

Black cat with black collar with fake diamonds was transported to the Animal Refuge League.

Buck St. caller reported ATVs trespassing on his property causing minor damage to fields. He had just posted no trespassing signs and agreed to wait and see if this corrected the problem.

Suspicious person parked on Laurence Drive was a male sitting in his truck on a dead end road. He was on a break from work.

Gray Road caller reported a feral kitten on her porch that needed to be taken to the Animal Refuge League. Kitten was not there when officer arrived but caller said it was there at 4:30 a.m. when she fed it. She thought she could catch the kitten and officer left her a cat carrier.

Caller reported a female running away from a male on Flaggy Meadow Road. Two inebriated pedestrians were found walking on the road. Neither appeared to be in distress and told officer they were walking home from the School St. Pub. Female was not at all upset and said they were just being carefree. They were allowed to continue on their way.

Officers responded to Ira Drive where mother and father were once again engaged in a verbal confrontation. Woman left for an appointment and both were warned for disorderly conduct.

Officer assured man at the the Police Station that a protection from harm order issued in 2014 had expired.

Fort Hill Road caller reported an older style dark colored sedan kept slowing down in front of her residence. She was advised to call when it was happening.

Officer spoke with a man outside a Gray Road business and suggested he find another place to buy his beer.

Dingley Spring Road man reported an unknown male had been walking around his property at night and had even been up on his deck. He had yelled at the subject. He was advised to call back if it happened again.

Officer spoke with a man on Annie's Way who wanted it documented that a woman had allegedly put hands on him and damaged his truck. He was moving out very shortly.

Homeless man was sleeping in the laundromat. He was moved along.

Ridge View Lane caller reported hearing someone trying to open her deck doors. Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Gorham police responded and checked the area thoroughly. Nothing was found. Officers discussed precautions with homeowner and officers continued to search the area.

Officer assisted Buxton officer with a drunk female on Long Plains Road. Male was escorted from the property. He was very cooperative and was not intoxicated.

At parent's request, officer picked up a student on Sebago Lake Rd who had missed the bus.

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- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Book Club Discussion of "The Lost Vintage" by Ann Mah, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY JANUARY 28

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY JANUARY 29

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Gorham Garden Club Meeting, 7 p.m. First Parish Church

THURSDAY JANUARY 31

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5

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- Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:40 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
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- Book Club Discussion of "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
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- Baxter Memorial DiagonAlley, 5:30-7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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