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Election Results



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Teresa and Jeffery Joyce brought their granddaughter Kiki along to cast their ballots at Great Falls School. Most voters wore masks. The few who opted not to were asked to use a separate booth.

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A total of 3953 ballots were cast for the July 14 election; 2710 of them were absentee ballots. Total voter turnout was 27% with only 8% of residents visiting the polls in person on Election Day.

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

STATE PRIMARY UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

1st Congressional Republican:
Allen, Jay 839

1st Congressional Democratic:
Pingree, Chellie 2105

U.S. Senator Democratic:
Gideon, Sara 1613
Kidman, Bre 111
Sweet, Betsy 423

U.S. Senator Republican:
Collins, Susan 1005
Cotler, Amy 8

State Rep. District 26:
Rep: Stoddard, Jacob 387
Dem: Terry, Maureen 942

State Rep. District 27:
Rep: Densmore, Roger 526
Dem: Bailey, Kyle 1107

Senator, District 30
Dem: Brenner, Stacy 1941
Rep: Rivard, Sara 962

County Commissioner:
Jamieson, Neil 1914

Register of Probate:
Daniels, Nadeen 1928

STATE REFERENDUM UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Question 1 (High Speed Internet):
Yes 3014 No 882

Question 2 (Transportation Infrastructure):
Yes 3145 No 779

SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION OFFICIAL RESULTS

Yes 3073 No 810

Gorham Promotes Business Support

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Kevin Jensen, Gorham's Economic Development Director, is committed to attracting new retail business and letting businesses know that the Town of Gorham will help with their plans in conjunction with the Gorham Business Exchange and the Gorham Village Association, all of which are "dedicated to people having great shopping experiences in the village and the joy of supporting small businesses."

Jensen feels the town has not been business friendly in the past and is working to change that through open and improved communication. The Town of Gorham has established a revolving loan fund for small businesses which can provide up to \$150,000 per business with competitive rates. Gorham is particularly concerned about providing assistance to the business community during the pandemic.

Jensen cited a number of new and expanded businesses in the Village area. Upscale Maine Home Furnishings outgrew its space in the Village Mall next to Goodwill and moved to a new location on South St. next to Amato's. K.h. designs Custom Handmade & Refinished Furniture, an online business formerly located in Georgia, has moved in to the space formerly rented by Upscale Maine Home Furnishing.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

K.h. designs Custom Handmade & Refinished Furniture recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 102 Main Street in the Village Mall. Owner Karen Hussey, along with her husband and daughter, were welcomed by members of the Town including Kevin Jensen, Development Director; Tom Poirier, Director of Community Development; and Ethan Johnson, Gorham Business Exchange. Members of the Gorham Village Alliance were also there to lend their support. Pictured (l to r) are Johnson, Poirier, the Hussey family, and Jensen.

Both of the specialty alcoholic beverage stores, Hops and Vines and Bier Cellar, are doing well as custom beers are quite popular in Maine.

Gorham will have an ad in Maine Biz Fact Book, an annual book published this month, promoting Gorham as an attractive place to live, work and play, as well as showing support for

the community and the benefits of shopping in a small town.

A study was done and will be implemented over the next few months to update parking in the Village, with the goal of improving parking, expanding the number of parking spaces, and making it easier for customers to access local businesses.

The Role of School Resource Officers in Gorham Schools

HEATHER PERRY
Superintendent of Schools

Our experiences with School Resource Officers (SROs) have been very beneficial since the beginning of the program back in the early 80's. Pooch [Officer Wayne Drown] set a standard for all other SROs to model - and to be honest, that's exactly what we've tried to do over the past almost 40 years. Where other schools in the country may use SROs solely for safety and law enforcement purposes, that has NEVER been the case here in Gorham. Here, we focus on relationships first.

Our SROs play important roles as teachers, coaches, counselors, and then (and only then) as police officers. Our SROs build strong relationships with students and their families. Students often will go to SROs to ask

legal advice about situations they are involved in or that their family may be dealing with. Our SROs attend field trips, conduct summer team building and leadership activities like hiking and camping, and they facilitate week long camps for our elementary students. They teach in our classrooms, often alongside of our drug and alcohol counselors and other student support services staff.

All Gorham schools are restorative in practice and often include SROs only to help counsel and educate students (not to summons or arrest a student unless it is unavoidable). Oftentimes, patrol officers refer matters related to students to our SROs who can take a more restorative approach in order to AVOID formal involvement in our legal systems. Our school administra-

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School Dept. Works to Develop New Anti-Racism Policy

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During its June 10 meeting, the Gorham School Committee (SC) voted unanimously to publicly declare that the SC condemns recent racism in the country against people of color.

The committee further directed superintendent Heather Perry to deliver the draft proclamation created by the GHS Civil Rights students to the Gorham School Committee Policy Committee to use as a core document for the development of a new Anti-Racist Policy for the Gorham School Department. The policy will be developed with significant stakeholder feedback and brought back to

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SUCCESS STORY
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We're Still Working for You, Even if We're Not in Augusta

SEN. LINDA SANBORN, REP. ANDREW MCLEAN, AND REP. MAUREEN TERRY

This year began like most others, but it wasn't long before we had to confront a challenge unlike any we have seen in more than 100 years. None of us have experienced a pandemic of this magnitude. There are no easy answers for any of the challenges we're facing. This public health crisis has caused us to forgo social activities, upended our daily routines, created more work at home, and caused significant economic distress. This is not to mention the hundreds of thousands who have either become ill or died from the virus. Maine's infection rate is among the lowest in the nation, and it's because of the cautious approach leaders have urged as we figure out how to live with this virus.

Maine's approach to re-opening businesses has been one of the success stories, in that it hasn't led to a spike in cases, hospitalizations or deaths. But it hasn't been without challenges. The impact on our economy has been significant. It's heartbreaking to hear about hometown businesses struggling or closing. These businesses are owned by and employ our friends and neighbors. It's also difficult to get a call from a friend or neighbor who's struggling because they're out of work.

However, being able to assist folks in need is one of the most fulfilling parts of our job. Over the last three months, we have been working with countless constituents to resolve their unemployment claims and help them find the resources they need to get by. We're constantly working with the Department of Labor to resolve stalled or hung-up cases. Maine's troubled unemployment system was unprepared for this kind of event. Legislation is being prepared to address the systemic problems we discovered this spring.

Even though the Legislature adjourned early in March, our work didn't stop. On top of helping constituents, many committees have begun to meet again, with social-distancing protocols, of course. We're committed to working with other state agencies to chart a path forward and get feedback from Mainers about where aid is most needed. The Legislature is exploring returning in August for a special session to finish the work we left off in March, and pass measures to help the people of Maine.

When the economy effectively shuttered in March, many businesses in Gorham and across the state struggled to remain open; they have continued to struggle even though restrictions have slowly been lifted. We've heard from business owners about the pro-

cess, and we've been committed to helping them find solutions for their individual challenges. We've found that they all have the same goal: to reopen in a way that keeps both their workers and their customers safe. Last month, as Junction Bowl and MyFit24 were contemplating their re-opening, we asked Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development Heather Johnson, to come to Gorham to speak with us about the importance of individualized re-opening plans for businesses. Commissioner Johnson spent several hours talking with business owners and helped them come up with plans to re-open safely.

There is no playbook for this pandemic, and the process has been far from perfect. There is no question, however, that our diligence has saved lives. It will take us all working together and sharing ideas to get through this pandemic. Much of the work of a legislator is not taking votes in the State House, but advocating for constituents who need help. So even if we're not in Augusta, we want you to know that we're still here, working for you, your family, and your business. If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by calling 287-1515 or 287-1430. We are always here to help you.

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,

I first met Stacy Brenner when I would bundle up my newborn daughter and make the weekly trek to her farm in Scarborough to pick up flowers. My daughter would stare wide-eyed at the colors and the friendly faces. I would relish being out of the house, breathing in the beauty of the fields, and talking to grown-ups. That was seven years ago, and we've seen the farm flourish under Stacy's vision and leadership. I've also watched with admiration at how Stacy thoughtfully takes a stand on issues and lifts up voices that need to be heard. For example, she has joined a larger conversation about racial disparities in farming and land ownership. And as a board member for the Maine Farmland Trust and the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, she has advocated for farmland conservation and helped other farmers wishing to grow businesses in Maine. Stacy is exactly the kind of compassionate, hard-working leader our town needs in the State Senate. Please join me in supporting Stacy Brenner for Senate District 30.

Kelsey Kaufman

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Officer Sanborn of the Gorham Police Department for answering some parking related questions in our neighborhood. Our conversation continued, however, covering various topics until an emergency call ended our discussion.

The following morning Officer Sanborn called me back to make sure all my questions had been answered, which they had. We fell into conversation mode again and this time he shared how the department supports a program that allows kids to experience the great outdoors—rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, etc.

This brought me back to Biddeford High School in the mid-1970s and three years of participation in my own school's Outing Club. I too hiked, canoed, and rock climbed all because of the Outing Club. Experiences in the natural world are invaluable, especially for young people. Nothing better than to breathe in fresh air, meet a physical challenge, and disconnect from the noise of the world and just be one with nature.

Thank you, Officer Sanborn, for sharing a positive and unique way in

how the Gorham Police Department participates in our community.

Tina Ruel

Dear Editor,

As a registered Republican, I often lean towards voting for that party

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AROUND TOWN

The Town Clerk's Office has transitioned back to serving the public, no appointment necessary, during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. FMI, visit www.gorham-me.org.

The Town of Gorham secured approximately \$75,000 in State Cares Act Funding which will be used to help staff Shaw Park as well as to help promote social distancing and protective functions.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

JULY 29
AUGUST 12
AUGUST 26
SEPTEMBER 9
SEPTEMBER 23

Freelance Writer and Digital Nomad

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

During this lengthy quarantine, many of us have been getting used to working remotely. But for Elisabeth (Elisa) Doucette (GHS '98), this is old hat. For the past 10 years, she has been working from locations around the world as one of the early pioneers in location independent entrepreneurship.

A writer, editor and entrepreneur, Doucette is the owner and executive editor of her online business, Craft Your Content (CYC). She and her talented remote team offer online support in editing, writing coaching, and content management for professional writers and solopreneurs.

Being a digital nomad gives her the freedom to run her online business from pretty much anywhere in the world, which is fortunate because she loves to travel, looking for "great stories to live and interesting tales to share." She has lived and worked from locations in Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Northern Thailand, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Quebec, the island of Lesvos in Greece, and Scotland.

Doucette has an impressive list of publishing credits to her name including The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Forbes, Yahoo! Small Business, and The Huffington Post among others. Her short stories have been published in numerous literary magazines and websites, and she has been a guest speaker on a variety of radio shows and podcasts, including her own popular podcast Writers' Rough Drafts.

While Doucette's career path has admittedly been unorthodox, she is in no way unfocused or laid back about her work. She is creative, independent and driven to succeed. Her unconventional way of thinking enabled her to become an innovator in the field of



Photo courtesy of Elisa Doucette

Elisa Doucette is comfortable working from anywhere in the world as owner of Craft Your Content.

online writing and digital entrepreneurship.

Doucette describes her early career path as meandering. She was an on-again off-again student at the University of Maine in Orono, first as a Music major, then as a dual Classics and Creative Writing major with a minor in Latin.

During her junior year, Doucette took a temporary position at Acadia Insurance and then spent several more years working her way up at State Farm Insurance. She advanced from licking envelopes to becoming responsible for helping more than 60 State Farm Agencies across Maine with their training, marketing, and sales goals. Doucette credits her mentor, Michelle Grondin Raber, owner of the State Farm agency in Scarborough with teaching her how to be a leader and business owner. "Her constant mantra when making decisions was: 'Just do the right thing.'"

She entered the world of freelance writing and entrepreneurship while attending an insurance conference in 2009. The presenter of a session about

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candidate. Typically, I search for the best candidate in any given position and vote for them, regardless of party affiliation. The animosity, political bias and embarrassing state of politics today has made me reject the current status quo and search for a path to improve government for us all. This year, I am voting Kyle Bailey for State Representative, the Democratic candidate, because he's thoughtful, practical, civil, and he'll be a strong voice for all in Augusta.

At a time when we're so deeply divided as a state and a nation, we need leaders like Kyle who care passionately about improving all lives and who are focused on solving problems, not on scoring points, pointing fingers, or kicking the can down the road.

I believe, Kyle is independent-minded and has old fashioned common sense. He has demonstrated political courage by taking on leaders of his

own party to champion bold reforms to Maine's laws creating opportunity and a more vibrant democracy. A vote for Kyle is a vote for bipartisan leadership that will bring positive change to Gorham and our state.

As an entrepreneur and business owner, Kyle knows the challenges of managing a team of people and meeting payroll for the week. He'll be a strong voice for small business in the State House. When he was on the school committee, Kyle worked for common sense balanced budgets and advocated for policies that opened new doors of opportunities for Gorham's students while not breaking the bank. He'll do the same in Augusta.

Please consider voting Kyle Bailey for State House on November 3. To learn more about Kyle Bailey, visit his website at BaileyForMaine.com or [facebook.com/BaileyForMaine](https://www.facebook.com/BaileyForMaine).

Charlie Hamblen



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Get Out and Explore with Literacy Scavenger Hunt

DEB TANGUAY
*BML Preschool Outreach
Coordinator*

Baxter Memorial Library is proud to announce its first Literacy Scavenger Hunt, recently placed behind Narragansett Elementary School on the Claire Drew Trail. The project, in conjunction with ASPIRE Gorham and the Littlest Learners Program, is comprised of a welcome sign and twelve other signs along the one-mile loop. Signs are made of repurposed wood and feature wood-burned alphabetical letters and drawings of items visitors could find along the trail, or at least in nearby nature.

The idea behind the project was to encourage Gorham families to get out and explore the town in a safe way, perhaps discovering an area they've never explored, all while improving early literacy skills. The easy/moderate trail, maintained by the Town, is ideal for walkers, runners, and cyclists. Visitors simply note the signs as they go about their recreational business, or they can choose to participate in the Literacy Scavenger Hunt by doing a variety of extension activities, including but certainly not limited to:



Photo courtesy of Deb Tanguay

Clara Tanguay took part in the first Literacy Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library.

sketching items in a notepad; taking photos of the items; or weaving the items into an original song, poem, story, or theatrical performance.

For more information, including a map of the trail and a list of books that tie into the Scavenger Hunt, please go to www.BaxterLibrary.org and select Youth Services.

Baxter Memorial Library Expands Services

COURTESY OF BML

Interlibrary loan has returned to the library. While there may be longer transit times due to continued safety precautions and quarantine procedures, the library is back to receiving interlibrary loans on our regular, five day a week schedule.

Patrons are once again welcome to come in and look for books, DVDs, etc. in both our Adult and Youth Services departments. The following rules and restrictions are currently in place:

- Masks are required for browsing. If you don't have a mask or can't wear one, library staff is happy to retrieve items and curbside service remains available.
- Patrons are asked to maintain six foot social distancing between them-

selves and other patrons. Please, only one patron/family per aisle at a time.

- Capacity is limited to 15 patrons per floor and patrons are asked to make selections in a timely manner.

- Computers, photocopier, and fax services are not available for public use at this time. We do have wireless printing available and staff can assist in making photocopies or sending faxes.

- Patrons are asked to limit contact with the collection. Unwanted items can be placed on the quarantine table.

- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Hours remain somewhat limited due to reduced staffing: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wed: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Summer Concert Series

July 28: Delta Knights

August 4: Don Roy Trio

August 11: Joan Kennedy Duo

All concerts will be held at the Robie Softball Field (28 Ball Park Rd) from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Parking is available at Gorham High School or Gorham Municipal Center. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy the show. FMI, concerts may be moved inside to Shaw Gym in the event of rain. Watch the Gorham Rec facebook page or website for details.

Thompson Promoted to Lieutenant

The Gorham Police Department (GPD) held a swearing in ceremony for the promotion of Lieutenant Dana Thompson on June 17. Thompson joined the GPD in 1994. He has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Detective Sergeant. Thompson will now be in charge of the Patrol Division of the GPD. Police Chief Chris Sanborn said, "Over the course of his career, Lieutenant Thompson has been a dedicated, hard-working employee who has been an invaluable asset to the Gorham Police Department and the community we serve."



Photo courtesy of Gorham Police

Planning Board Results

JULY 6, 2020

Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc.'s request for approval of 60 duplex condominium units, phases 4-6 at Pheasant Knoll Condominium subdivision, was approved.

A proposed amendment to Section 1-11 to allow storage facilities in the Roadside Commercial District was recommended to the Town Council (with Planning Board changes) for approval.

A proposed amendment to Hans Hansen's Contract Zone and to a portion of the lots located in the Stargazer Subdivision to allow age-restricted dwelling units, mixed use buildings and a drive-thru in the front of the building and to exempt the

project from the road standards and to remove the New England architectural requirements was sent to the Town Council and recommended for approval.

Design Dwellings, Inc.'s request for approval of Natalee Place with 22 condo units and a commercial unit on a 5.32 acre parcel on Main Street was discussed and postponed.

A commercial unit on a 5.32 acre parcel on Main St. was discussed and postponed.

A request for approval of Landslide Lane, a proposed gravel private way to serve 2-6 lots located at 20 Landslide Lane, was approved.

Gorham's New Curbside Collection Contractor

COURTESY OF BOB BURNS
Public Works Director

The Town of Gorham's new curbside contractor, Casella Waste Inc., began curbside collection on July 1. There will be no changes to residential curbside collection or the PAYT (Pay As You Throw Program) currently being utilized at this time. The Town trash bags or tags will continue to be required. There will be no changes to the trash pick-up schedule or holidays observed.

Trash will still need to be curbside by 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the new curbside collection contractor, Casella Waste, please reach out to the Department of Public Works at 892-3649, or Casella Waste directly at 464-0049.

Please visit <https://www.gorham-me.org/public-works-department/pages/trash-and-recycling> for more information on trash and recycling.

Town Council Meeting

JULY 7, 2020

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Councilor Hager announced that the Finance Committee met on June 22 and is happy to report that expenditures are down, which was expected due to COVID-19. Non-property revenue is up but property tax revenue is down a bit which is directly related to COVID-19. The next Finance Committee will be September 21.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Committee met and has officially begun its work. They are considering amendments to the plan regarding future land use for the South Gorham Crossroads District and the South Gorham Commercial Center District. She also reported that the Gorham Village Alliance (GVA) met and is continuing to do as much possible to make the Village more attractive. The GVA has installed picnic tables around the Village for people who would like to grab a bite to eat outdoors.

Chairperson Phillips announced that the Gorham Founder Festival Committee met with the Town Manager and made a decision that if the situation stays the same with the COVID-19 statistics that there will be a mini festival in September celebrating Gorham. It will consist of fireworks on September 12 and a parade with a Maine-themed float contest on September 13. More information can be found at www.Gorham2020.com.

Town Manager Paraschak thanked Public Works for their help making the turnover from our old trash hauler R.W. Herrick to the new trash hauler Casella.

On behalf of the School Committee, Chairman McCallister said the school dept. has reached out to each Gorham kindergarten family to let them know that the first week or two of school this fall, starting August 31, will be used to conduct screening and placement processes for Kindergarten students. The schools will not be allowing any MPA sponsored athletic activities until after the first of August at the earliest. Fall sports don't typically begin until August 17. The school dept. will await further guidance from MPA before determining how to proceed with fall athletics.

The Town Council adopted the proposed Development Program for the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District as presented to the Town Council.

The Town Council adopted a Marijuana Cultivation or Manufacturing Licensing Ordinance and amended the Land Use Development Code to add permitted uses in the Rural, Industrial Olde Canal Zoning Districts. (6 years, 1 nay: Pratt)

The Town Council amended the Land Use and Development Code to expand the Development Transfer Overlay District to include areas of Mosher's Corner through the adoption of a new zoning map.

The Land Use and Development Code was amended to change an area currently identified in the Comprehensive Plan as Rural to Suburban through the adoption of a new zoning map.

The Town Council issued a renewal Liquor License to Gorham Sports Center, located at 215 Narragansett Street, and to Rustic Taps and Catering, LLC, located at 25 Elm Street.

The Town Council amended the Gorham Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance to include streets where parking will not be allowed.

The Town Council instructed the Ordinance Committee to review adding requirements to the Land Use & Development Code requiring that taxes be paid before the issuance of permits and bring back its recommendations to the Town Council.

Amendments to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for Varied Density in the Village District and Urban were forwarded to the planning board.

The Town Council appointed Councilor Kuech to the Economic Development and Capital Improvements Committee.

The Town of Gorham has been authorized to require electrical inspections for original installations of electrical equipment and alterations or additions to existing electrical equipment. (6 years, 1 nay: Hartwell)

Staff was instructed to schedule a workshop for the Council to discuss Agritourism, agricultural event centers, and other related topics as potential allowed uses in the Town.

The Town Council authorized the Finance Director to close out negative reserve and/or committed fund balances. The full list of close outs can be found on the town's website.

The full minutes and amendments can be read at <https://www.gorham-me.org>.

Real Estate Transfers January 2020

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| 834 GRAY ROAD | ANI, OMAR | SPRINGER, JANET & ROBERT | \$369,000 |
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| 46 STATE STREET | WESSE, SIMAO & VALERIA | BROWN, KIMBERLEE & CHRISTIAN | \$295,000 |
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| 4 HESSIAN DRIVE | STEPHEN & MARJORIE SHAEFFER TRUST | SAM STRUMPH BUILDERS, LLC | \$543,500 |
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| 45 FARRINGTON ROAD | BERTHIAUME, TYLER & KATELYN | BERTHIAUME, SUSAN | \$300,000 |
| 12 STEPHEN WARD DRIVE | CORT, ETHYAN | SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC | \$321,400 |
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| 14 NORTH STREET | MACLEOD, NATHANIEL & GWENDOLYN | ESTATE OF FRANCES MAYE | \$168,000 |
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Last Call



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Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre finished his last day with the Gorham Fire Department on July 17 after 36 years and a career spanning 51 years in fire service.



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Gorham Sightings

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The Role of School Resource Officers in Gorham Schools

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tive teams only bring in SROs in their formal law enforcement capacities as a last resort.

Whenever a situation does elevate to the level of needing police involvement, our students have built relationships with the SRO and report feeling much more comfortable talking with an SRO than an officer they don't know. Essentially, our SROs serve as a layer between our students and other law enforcement.

Often problems our students have in the community are dealt with as a "learning opportunity" when the patrol officer hands the situation to our SROs. This saves our families and students thousands of dollars and avoids legal trouble for students. Our SROs join community teams that are formed to support specific, extremely high-risk students. They help facilitate related support or opportunities in the school based on these wrap around meetings.

Our SROs have volunteered in the areas of basketball, Special Olympics,

football, track and field, and cross country. Our SROs coach or have coached in the areas of soccer, baseball, and softball. Our SROs have been vital members of fundraising efforts in the area of Gorham Athletics, using their community contacts to help raise funds for things like the football program and the snack shack. Finally, our SROs are an important component to our school's emergency response plans at any grade level and in any situation.

Gorham has spent a considerable amount of time and effort to ensure our SROs are used primarily as community resources and not as the "heavy hand" of the law. Of course, there are always ways to improve in our practices and in our training, and this is something we are committed to doing. We welcome constructive criticism and will work diligently to continue to strengthen this important program for our schools and all the children/families that we serve in Gorham.

School Dept. Works to Develop New Anti-Racism Policy

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the SC as a potential policy in the fall of 2020.

In the proclamation, members asked that the policy include: a request for a more diverse environment, which includes speakers sharing stories; curriculum that educated students about racism from early grades; a more diverse staff; honoring holidays of

different religions and cultures; and, making school-welcoming programs more diverse.

The Policy Committee has met once already to map out a plan for creating the policy and will meet again on August 12 at 6 p.m. Their work will begin in earnest later in August/September.



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NEW LISTING

GORHAM \$234,900 - Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath cape offers front back living room with woodstove, kitchen open to dining area, great closet space and new deck.



NEW LISTING

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Gorham High School Third/Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2019-20

Grade 9 – High Honors

Hayden Anderson
Lucien Beardsley
Olivia Bryant
Christian Butler
Klarha Cajuste
Hannah Caron
Lexi Caron
Miranda Chasse
Bode Coleman
Faith Connolly
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Zoe Diffin
Jonah Doucette
Madeline Downey
Brooke Gordon
Owen Harmon
Jude Huckaby
Josephine James
Braeden Johnson
Eden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Elizabeth Keil
Alexis Landry
Erin Lawrence
Aedan MacDougall
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Kate Martin
Kaci Mollison
Mikaela Pellerin
Madysen Quimby
Sarah Rathbun
Tyler Reynolds
Abigail Rosingana
Emma Sands
Rylee Tenuta
Kieran Wilkins
Elizabeth Willette
Hailee Willey
Delaney Wright
Peter Wu

Grade 9 – Honors

Brady Alexander
Benjamin Allison
Julia Altham
Emelia Bailey
Owen Ballard
Hayden Battaglia
Cole Bishop
Basil Bob

Junbei Chen
Hunter Clark-Young
Ryan Cooper
Jasper Crane
Patrick Cyr
Makenna Delaney
Angela Dellasala
Quinn Dillon
Devin Dobson-Jacques
Maeve Donnelly
Owen Dugas
Julia Edgar
Abby Fiore
Stacia Fiore
Noah Flynn
Kylie Foley
Paige Fowler
Benjamin Gagnon
Ty Gammon
Andrew Gaudreau
Julie Goldman
Corinna Hahn
Kyra Hamblen
Graham Henderson
Olivia Hopkins
Aryahna Hulit
Lucy Hyde
Quinn Lachance
Samuel Larkin
Abigail Emerson
Kevin Luo
Savannah Lyon
Brady Marquis
Cole Nadeau
Hannah O'Reilly
Lucas Ouillette
Zachary Paradis
Kate Pelletier
Claudia Peterson
Nicholas Phinney
Keira Rosario
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Cody Sellick
Eli Sjostedt
Mason Sommers
Ryker Spear
Trent Stevens
Alexandra Sutton
Owen Ballard
Hayden Battaglia
Cole Bishop
Basil Bob

Hermayla Wilson
Brady Wintle
Lillian Zidle

Grade 10 – High Honors

Erin Abrams
Colin Albert
Drew Baber
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond
Gisele Berry
Connor Callahan
Lucas Castles
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Nathan Chase
Ainsley Christianson
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Sadie Cyr
Michelle Darling
Tessa Dol
Quinn Doyle
Katherine Dupuis
Sadie Dyer
Hailey Edwards
Abigail Emerson
Madeline Fadrignon
Olivia Falagarario
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Annie Frey
Elizabeth Frey
Charles Gay
Luke Goodwin
Rachel Gross
Brooke Guimond
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Abigail Houp
Stephanie Labrie
Elisabeth Loranger
Ian Luciano
Bryce Lambert
Aidan Meredith
Andrea Mitchell
Ambrosia Moore
Dylan Morrell
Isabella Morrell

Jillian Morrill
Emma Mullin
Any Nagle
Anna Nelson
Julia Ordway
Abigail Ouellette
Jenna Parker
Grace Perreault
Ellie Perry
Madison Philbrick
Albert Plummer
Phoebe Richards
Quentin Riiska
Evan Russo
Brandon Sadowski
Brady Sawyer
Thaddeus Shain
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Morgan Walton
Alexandra Waterman
Violet Wilson-Wood
Quentin Wise
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 10 – Honors

Lauren Bachner
Brett Barney
Ryan Bechtel
Owen Begley
Landon Bickford
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Robert Boylen
Sean Boylen
Hunter Connors
Nathan Corey
Sakara Crawford
Parker Curry
Kiah Curtis
Aiden Dever
Mary DeWitt
Sarah Duff
Zachary Emmons
Samuel Farr
Emily Feagans
Benjamin Fecteau
Jillian Feyler
Logan Files
Nikolas Gagne

Maya Garand
Riley Grant
Emma Green
Jasmyne Green
Kylie Green
Riley Griffin
Caleb Hendrix
Ethan Ho
Kiara Hodge
Finnegan Irish
Killian Kolb
Gannon Kuntz
Kyle Landry
Alexandra Light
Grant Mahaney
Annika Mankin
Any Mazaris-Atkinson
Owen McCaffrey
John McColl
Daniel McKeage
Shawn McKeage
Rory Meserve
Sophia Michaud
Eliza Morris
Alexandra Myles
Cheyanne Osmond
Hunter Pellerin
Hunter Pelletier
William Perry
Grace Pierce
Anna Provost
Abraham Rabbani
Shannon Randall
Alexandra Rivera
Vanessa Russell
Thomas Sallinen
Arzou Sayed
Kyle Skolfield
Hannah Spickel
Emma Stevens
John Sutton
Brandon Verrill
Dylan VonderHaar
Nicole Walker
Megan Wentworth
Emily Wilcox

Grade 11 – High Honors

Madeline Berry
Grace Bradshaw
Andrew Duncan
Emily Duncan
Nathan Eichner

Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Paige Fogg
Gracie Fougues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Mary Gawlick
Devyn Harrington
Reed Henderson
Catherine Higgins
MacKenna Homa
Riley E. Johnson
Tatiana Jonk
Sophia Kaufman
Angelina Khomenok
Isabelle Kovacs
Katherine Kutzer
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Christopher Lewis
Natetra Ly
Kylie Mathieson
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Caitlin Randall
Cassidy Rioux
Erin Sands
Michaela Taiani
Ryan Topham
Alison Walker
Wesley Young

Grade 11 – Honors

Luke Adams
Reighley Adams
Dawson Allen
Timothy Baker
Corey Blake
Jordan Blakeslee
Aneka Bryant
Logan Butler
Beck Carrier
Haley Crosby
River Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Aidyn Curlee
Kelly Curran
Hayden Desmond
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Robert Dowdle
Katherine Downey

Kirsten Drew
Olivia Duong
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Lydia Gaudreau
Nolan Gava
Brandon Gordon
Andrew Goschke
Stacey Hakizimana
Brayden Harjula
Ryan Harjula
Jensen Henry
Benjamin Johnson
Riley A. Johnson
Evan Koenig
Joshua Labrie
Sophie Lachance
Sadie LaPierre
Mason Laskey
Joshua Lehmann
Nevin Libby
Tess Libby
Griffin Loranger
Lily Lovley
Joshua Martin
Olivia Michaud
Kathryn Morin
Oliver Milliken
Kayleigh Mitchell
Kathryn Morin
Molly Murray
Emmeline Nelson
Liam Nickerson
Ian Obrey
Bradley Parker
Brooke Phillips
Matthew Phinney
Charles Pierce
Alexander Pierson
Skylar Prince
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Morgan Roast
Megan Roberts
Devin Robichaud
Eva Rodrigue
Anthony Romero
Sophia Sawyer
Delaney Seed
Gage Sjostedt

Garrett Smith
Madigan Thibodeau
Benjamin Tukey
Bailey Wentworth
Cailyn Wheeler
Marissa Wilson

Grade 12 – High Honors

Elizabeth Blanchard
Anthony Booth
Rebecca Brunner
Haley Burns
Brandon Chhoeung
Kasey Cummings
Garrett DeVoe
Faith Dillon
Lydia Drew
Madison Firmin
Maeve Higgins
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Elyssa Johnson
Lucas LaMontagne
Nolan McCullough
Ethan Mercier
Abigail Miller
Peyton Morton
Anna Nault
Jillian Nichols
Ava Pitman
Ryan Reno
Seth Richardson
Gianna Romatis
Kendall Smith
Ursula Steiner
Veronica Steiner
Madisen Sweat
Andrew Tinkham
Katrina Tugman
Lydia Valentine
Isabella VanZandt
Samuel Waggoner
Kacie Walton
Quinn Young

Grade 12 – Honors


Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Daniel Bachner
Estelle Ballard
Patrick Bishop
Laura Bolduc
Westley Brinegar
Ethan Bump

Jessica Burgess
Margaret Caruso
Evan Chambers
Colby Christakis
Rachel Collomy
Julie Cooper
Emily Crepeau
Nichole Dascanio
Abigail Dolloff
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
William Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Kasey Cummings
Isabelle Emerson
Ryan Gaudreau
Lauren Green
Kyle Hamblen
Jacqueline Hamilton
Sophie Hemingway
Makenzie Huntington
Sebastian Irish
Noah Jalbert
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Sarah Juskiewicz
Brady King
Iris Kitchen
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Sarah Tuttle
Kaitlyn Verrill
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Jade Wu
Mackenzie Yaskula

NOTE: Due to remote distance learning and grading practices, Gorham Middle School did not provide a final year-end honor roll.

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

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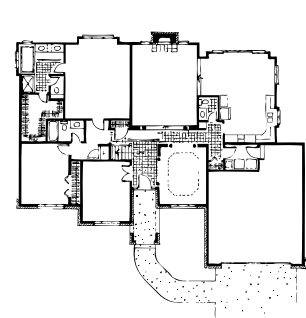
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Sweatt Awarded Prestigious Mitchell Scholarship



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This year marks 25 years since Senator George Mitchell established the Mitchell Scholarship program. Recently graduated valedictorian, Madisen Sweatt, was named the 2020 Mitchell Scholar from Gorham High School (GHS). She will receive \$2,500 for each year of college for up to four years, totaling \$10,000. The GHS Mitchell Scholar is further recognized as the Ott Family Pioneer Scholar. This recognition is annually given in honor of David Ott and his family, longtime supporters of the Mitchell Institute who have deep connections to the Gorham community. Normally announced on Scholarship Night, the Mitchell Institute extended the application deadline from May 1 to June 1 due to COVID-19.

2020 Madison Essay Winners



Photos courtesy of Gorham Republican Committee

The first-place winner of the seventh annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence was eighth grader Aislyn McLean. Runners-up were eighth graders Logan Vail (middle) and Moortada Beshir.

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Republican Committee announced eighth grader Aislyn McLean as this year's winner of the Madison Prize for Written Excellence.

This essay contest was open to all Gorham Middle School (GMS) students who live in Gorham. This year there were entries from 37 talented and thoughtful students answering the question: "Is the United States a Republic or a Democracy? Explain

Why Our Form of Government is Better."

Entries were scored on knowledge, clarity of ideas, and persuasiveness. One winner and two runners-up were selected by the Committee. The first-place winner was awarded a \$250 scholarship and the runners-up each received a scholarship of \$100.

In competition with many strong contenders, eighth graders Logan Vail and Moortada Beshir were this year's runners-up.

The scholarships are typically awarded in person at the GMS Spring Assembly. This year, due to coronavirus, GMS principal Quinton Donahue hosted a Facebook Live event on May 21 to announce the winners.

The committee would like to thank the GMS staff for its support and all the students who participated for their hard work and their passion for knowledge.

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A Distance Learning Success Story

CYNTHIA REMICK

*Narragansett Elementary School
Principal*

During a conversation with Narragansett Elementary School families, the question was asked: "What has been going well during the distance learning period?" The response from one family was a true success story.

"This situation has probably been one of the best things that's ever happened to him," said Alyssa West of her son, fourth grader Jeremy West. "He's kept up with his schoolwork, but he has pretty much taken control of his own learning, completely unprompted/unguided by us; and he has been keeping himself busy this whole time."

While West's family has helped him to use power tools and the sewing machine safely, he has been completely self-directed in his learning.

Following is a list of some of the things West accomplished during the last two months of remote distance learning at home:

began a bird watching book; made pillows with a sewing machine; sewed doll-sized items for his sister; made a wallet and case for his needles; made terrariums and self-contained ecosystems; built a lean-to shelter; created a mini golf course; made his own tomato cage; built a toy pontoon; tried to make ink out of charred wood; learned how to siphon water through a hose; grew corn from a kernel in a wet paper towel in a cup; looked up instructions and sewed his own mask (he even figured out how to use an old t-shirt for an elastic); grew flowers and planted his own flower garden with flower boxes made out of pallets; learned how to set up a pool,



Photo credit Alyssa West

Jeremy West, a fourth grader at Narragansett Elementary School, learned to use a sewing machine to make pillows and masks, along with many other self-directed accomplishments during his distance learning time at home this year.

filter system, and test with strips; bought a book about foraging and found (and tried, with supervision) blunt leaf dock; made "rock buddies" and wrote an accompanying document to send to his cousins and friend.

"What he's been able to learn on his own is irreplaceable,"

said West. "It's like a switch flipped in his brain, and he just started engaging himself."

The mission of the Gorham Schools is to prepare and inspire – West certainly exemplifies this.

"THIS SITUATION HAS PROBABLY BEEN ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO HIM," SAID ALYSSA WEST OF HER SON, FOURTH GRADER JEREMY WEST.

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Gorham Staff Who Retired During Quarantine

COMPILED BY ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

As the 2019/20 school year wrapped up during the global pandemic, the Gorham School Department said goodbye to a number of its staff during quarantine, making it a memorable one for these staff.

Sylvia Hawkes is retiring from Narragansett Elementary School after working for Gorham Schools for the past 33 years.



Photo credit LifeTouch

Her introduction to the Gorham School Department came when her daughters, Lisa and Nicole, attended White Rock Elementary School and she served as a parent volunteer.

She began her career at White Rock as a one-on-one ed tech in December of 1987. She worked in that role for eight years in several multi-age classrooms. She loved her job there, the staff she worked with, the students, and their families but opportunity knocked.

In 1995, she moved to the Little Falls Kindergarten Center as the administrative assistant. She found joy working in a building filled with just kindergarten students. The staff there formed a tight bond and still get together today.

When the Kindergarten Center closed in 2003, she transferred to Narragansett where she again loved working with the staff, students, and their families.

"I'm very fortunate to be able to say that I have always loved my job and enjoyed getting up and going to work," said Hawkes.

The most rewarding part of her career has been all her friends and acquaintances that she has made and being able to put a smile on a student's face when "floating them a loan" for a bag of school popcorn or just helping them get inside the school door to part with their parents.

In retirement, she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband Jim boating, fishing, browsing yard sales, attending auctions, and spending more time with their daughters, their husbands, and their adorable granddaughter, Zyla.

She said she may even go full circle by volunteering at school again, which is how her whole career began.

Jane Meggison is retiring as the school social worker at Narragansett Elementary School after five years in that role.



Photo courtesy of Jane Meggison

She has worked in Gorham Schools for 25 years and was the second social worker in the district, covering three schools for 16 years.

Prior to working in Gorham, she was the director of social work services in two hospitals, for a total of 10 years. She has also been a consultant three times. Additionally, she held the position of adjunct faculty for the University of New England for several years after it opened the original social work program.

She holds two Bachelor degrees and earned her Masters degree at the time she became a mother. She holds an advanced certificate in Ethics.

What she found most rewarding is providing quality services to her townspeople. "I am, after all, from a founding family," said Meggison.

She says she won't have to miss what is most dear to her when she retires as she will continue to provide for the children and families of Gorham. In retirement, she plans to expand her private practice (to a bit more part-time) and have more time to spend with those she loves.

Teresa Merrill is retiring as the school nurse at Great Falls Elementary School, a role she had held since 2015.



Photo credit LifeTouch

She has worked in the Gorham Schools since the fall of 1995 when she started as a part-time school nurse covering three schools in Gorham.

Prior to working in Gorham, she was a medical surgical RN at Mercy Hospital, a charge nurse, a clinical coordinator for a medical-surgical unit, and she worked in the ambulatory surgical unit. After that, she worked for Dr. John Goodrich as a pediatric office manager/office nurse for seven years. She has worked as a registered professional nurse for 42 years.

She graduated in 1978 from the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing. In 1996, she attended the University of Maine at Farmington and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education.

The most rewarding aspect of her job is helping students master a health skill that they can use for life, such as learning how to calculate carbohydrates for insulin doses, or learning how to properly use an asthma inhaler.

"I enjoy taking advantage of teachable moments that happen in the nurse's office and seeing the smiles from a student when they learn something brand new," said Merrill.

She will miss the funny stories she has heard over the years from the students, especially the K-5 students, who really tell it like it is. She will also miss working with students and families and the friendships she has made over the years.

In retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family traveling and catching up on her reading list.

Cindy Muehle is retiring as a resource room teacher for grades 3-5 at Great Falls Elementary School, a role she has been in for the past four years.



Courtesy of Cindy Muehle

She has worked in the Gorham Schools for 25 years. Prior to her current role, she was the alternative education teacher at Village Elementary School for one year and the instructional strategist for eight years. Additionally, she was the behavior program teacher for eight years at Village. During her first four years at Gorham she served as a long-term special education substitute and special education ed tech from 1995-2000.

She attended Cazenovia College for early childhood education; SUNY at Plattsburgh for elementary education; and the University of Southern Maine for special education and educational leadership.

"The most rewarding part of my career has been watching my students grow emotionally and cognitively, and celebrating these accomplishments with me," said Muehle.

She will miss her amazing co-workers and the challenge and learning

she would gain every day from her students.

In retirement, she plans on spending more time with her family and her granddaughter Ella. She also hopes to work with parents of Iraqi war vets who have lost their children after they have come home. Additionally, she will be ready and willing to substitute teach.

Sherry Russo is retiring from her role as assistant kitchen manager at Gorham Middle School (GMS), a role she had held for the past two years. Prior to that she worked at Village Elementary School.



Photo credit Diana Blanchard

She has worked in the Gorham School Nutrition program for the past 36 years. She started in September of 1985 at Gorham High School (GHS). After three years, she became the manager at GHS for many years.

When the new middle school was built, she moved there and was the manager there for many years.

"I have to say some of my best memories are the high school and middle school. The ladies that I worked with were so much fun and we had some really fun, good times. The job was fun back then and you really looked forward to going to work every day," said Russo.

A 1973 GHS grad, Russo has worked in every school in the district and has loved working with the older students and the little students, making their lunches every day.

It was also nice to see her children and grandchildren go through the school system.

She will miss the ladies that she has worked with for all these years, past and present. They work so hard everyday to get everything done. She will also miss a lot of the teachers that she got to know so well.

Since her retirement earlier this year, she sold her home in Gorham and moved to Savannah, Georgia, where her daughter and her husband live. She loves it in Savannah but she will be coming back to Maine to visit her sister, and she will be checking in on everyone in the kitchens to say hello.

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Gorham Staff Who Retired During Quarantine CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

Deb Stirling is retiring as the principal's secretary at Gorham High School (GHS), after 15 years in this role and supporting three different principals.



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Hired in 1989, she worked as a substitute in all the Gorham Schools, adult education, special education, and at the Central Office. In 2000, she began working at the high school as the attendance secretary in the main office.

Prior to working in Gorham, she was a typist for graduate students, ran her own catering company, and waited tables in numerous restaurants. She also worked as support staff in a large public relations firm, at the Maine Correctional Center, and at UNUM.

She graduated from an all-girls' high school in Cleveland, Ohio then attended college in Middlebury, Vermont. She spent one year of college living abroad, first studying the culture in the mountains of Colombia,

living with a local family, and then attending the Middlebury School of Madrid.

"Since I love being of help, this was the perfect job for me. Being able to assist students, faculty, and parents was so rewarding. I loved that I learned new things all the time – both educationally and professionally," said Stirling.

She loved working with such a great administrative team and such a smart, creative, and fun-loving faculty. The best part was working with enthusiastic students in all their teenage glory.

She will miss the daily interaction with the GHS community and the action-packed, stimulating and high-energy pace of the high school's main office.

In retirement, she plans to sleep late, volunteer at her grandsons' preschool and in the community-at-large, spend more time with family and friends, travel to explore, continue to learn, read, and pursue her hobby of quilting.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Michael Lawrenson, Gorham High School Latin teacher, Laura Melvin, bus driver, and Ray Legendre, Maintenance Dept., also retired this school year but were unable to be reached for comment.*

Robotics Volunteer of the Year



Photo credit Dale Edwards

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Lori Arsenault was named a 2020 New England FIRST Robotics Pine Tree District Volunteer of the Year. Arsenault joined Team 172 in 2003, had two children go through the program, and has constantly been a supporter and mentor to the team.

During the season, Arsenault helps out by doing website work, and organizing and attending meetings. At the events she assists with setting up, tearing down, interviewing teams, judging, and taking photos.

"I'm speechless to have received

this award for my work with FIRST Robotics," said Arsenault. "I have so many thanks to give to the whole FIRST Robotics community, the Pine Tree District Committee, and my local Team 172 for taking such special care of our kids, our mentors, and our communities. Holding up the highest ideals not just in science and technology, but in human and community relations," she added. "Thank you to all of my FIRST Robotics colleagues for your energy, your gracious professionalism, your curiosity and drive, and as much as anything else, for your friendship."

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online marketing suggested starting a blog to promote your personal brand. She thought, "Maybe I should do that. I haven't written and published anything since I was in my early 20s." While recovering from an illness, she started her blog. "Within a few months, I had amassed a little following, and my pieces were being carried on sites like Brazen Careerist and Yahoo's Shine Network," she said.

Doucette's freelance journalism career moved forward in earnest when she pitched her idea for a now defunct weekly online column about dating and relationships called The Single Slice to Maine Today and Portland Press Herald. A month later, she was head-hunted by Forbes Magazine to be among the first writers for their new (at that time) online contributor format. Here she started writing her online syndicated column, Shattering Glass. Later that year, she accepted a position as the local Bar Guide reviewer at the Portland Press Herald.

In 2011, while writing a piece for her Forbes column about remote work, and how freelancing and contracting were the wave of the future, she interviewed a man who ran an online community for people who were building online businesses. She became one of the first members to join. She eventually sent them a proposal about strategically building a content marketing brand and managing an online community. Doucette said, "Part of my compensation was room and board at their villa in Bali, Indonesia. I moved there in January of 2012, and have been traveling ever since."

Doucette's most recent work location was a little closer to home. She was the inaugural Writer in Residence at the Captain Nickels Inn, a historic bed and breakfast on Penobscot Bay in Searsport, Maine. The owners, Dawn

and Cassidy Gintz, want the inn to serve as a haven for artists. Doucette used her time there to draft several articles and to work on a nonfiction book proposal. She also helped the owners with their content and marketing plans.

Doucette shared fond memories of two GHS teachers, Latin teacher, Michael Lawrenson and former Principal John Drisko, who taught a special senior seminar grounded in philosophy. She said it taught her about, "Debates and passion projects and an understanding for the collective sociology of people around you. It was a way to think of the world beyond the limited life of a suburban high school youth."

Doucette keeps a hefty work schedule, but in her limited spare time she enjoys reading, practicing yoga infrequently, and cooking new meals when she's not too exhausted from work. She has a lengthy Netflix and Amazon Prime watch list and has been a championship pub quiz team member on five continents.

Because she is abroad so much, Doucette does not have a real home base, but stays with friends or family in between trips. She is currently in Gorham with family, planning to stay for the arrival of a new nephew this summer, before hopefully traveling back to Aberdeen, Scotland for the Fall where she consults with the city and local businesses about improving their content and digital marketing.

Doucette is the daughter of Fran Thurston-Doucette (former Director of the Gorham Food Pantry) and Paul Doucette (GHS '70), and the sister of Amy (Doucette) Gagnon (GHS '04)

She can be reached via her website Craft Your Content at <https://www.craftyourcontent.com> or via email at elisa@craftyourcontent.com.

Megan Briggs Downing 5/8/86 - 6/21/20

Megan Briggs Downing, 34, passed away late Sunday night at Maine Medical Center. She is survived by her father, three brothers, their families and countless others who cared for her like she was family. Megan was a lifelong Mainer - born in Portland, raised in Gorham, where she graduated from Gorham High School, and later lived in South Portland.



Megan was a swimmer. She was a horseback rider. She was an eclectic and passionate music fan. Megan would make the perfect crunch when first biting into an apple. She liked clapping and she liked you to clap with her. She was a huge fan of track and cross country and a Special Olympics competitor herself. Megan had amazing, blond, curly hair and a maniacal, infectious laugh. She was sweet, stubborn, and sneaky. And if you're not careful she still may find a way to steal your beverage.

Megan was a camper. She liked Baxter State Park and the beach. She liked the sand in her toes and splashing on the shore. Megan knew sign language, though her vocabulary was generally limited to 'more' and 'eat.' Sometimes she would give you a sly look as if she knew far more than she let on. And if Megan ever flicked her ear in your presence, well, you've been cussed at by a non-verbal, special needs woman.

Megan loved her mother and father so much it escaped words. They advocated and cared for her for her whole life. She was lucky... and so were they. Megan demanded patience and compassion and she gave us all perspective and humility. Megan made everyone better, more human.

A hole in her heart took her from us and now we are all left with one too. Wherever she is, the music is loud, she is always understood, and they serve poolside Ritz Crackers with cheese.

We'll miss you forever. You are our Sunshine. Goodnight, Megan.

A memorial service was held at the Old Fort Hill Road Park in Gorham on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 11:00am. To express condolences or participate in Megan's online tribute, please visit www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com.

SPORTS

GHS Fall Sports Update

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

The plans for the 2020/2021 school year remain unknown at this time, and with that, the fall sports season continues to hang in the balance.

According to Tim Spear, Gorham High School (GHS) Athletic Director, the major deciding factor will be whether school opens for in-person instruction.

"If we are not in school, and instead, doing academic work virtually, then it would be impossible for us to begin fall sports in a traditional fashion," he stated. Spear did say GHS is still planning for a traditional fall season. "This is certainly subject to change as we continue to gather more medical information," he said.

The MPA (Maine Principals Association) allowed for "non-sport specific" workouts starting July 6. Spear said the guidelines were very specific and put in place to conduct the workouts as safely as possible. However, the SMAA (Southwestern Maine Activities Association), which includes Gorham, voted unanimously that those schools would not begin workouts on July 6. Furthermore, the SMAA decided teams would not begin until at least August based on updated information.

So for now, fall sports athletes will have to continue waiting on the sidelines to hear if and when they can move forward and participate in their respective sports.

Sports Etc.

The University of Southern Maine announced that it was canceling all sports through the end of 2020 in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

A Marathon of a Challenge

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

A group of GHS cross country athletes recently took on the challenge of running a marathon over a period of 24 hours. Calvin Cummings (GHS '22) spearheaded the event after seeing similar challenges elsewhere. His fellow teammates Bailey Wentworth, Alie Peterson, Reed Henderson, and Josh Lehmann (all GHS '21) jumped at the idea.

While the challenges Cummings saw involved running one mile every hour, he tweaked the plan to run a 5K every three hours, building in more rest time. When the group realized they would be just shy of a marathon, they added on 1.4 miles to reach that goal.

The team got started at the Cherry Hill Trails behind Sebago Brewing on Lower Main Street. Peterson said they did a mile warm-up, their first 5K, and a 0.4 mile cool down. After getting breakfast at Mr. Bagel, they went to the high school track and ran the second 5K of the day. Lehmann then had to split off from the group to go to work but ran a 10K on his own so he was on schedule to complete the challenge with his teammates. The



Photos courtesy of Kristin Wentworth

The athletes built in some practice runs before the big day. Shown above are (left to right), Top row: Reed Henderson, Calvin Cummings, and Josh Lehmann. Bottom row: Alie Peterson and Bailey Wentworth.

rest of the group, armed with snacks and energy drinks, prepared for the rest of their day.

The team traveled to Otter Pond for the third 5K and back to Shaw Park for the fourth 5K. While the day was

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Memories of an 80's Sandlot Kid

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Memories are a funny thing. They come to you when you least expect it and they can take you back in the blink of an eye. Recently, a Snapchat from my son prompted such a memory for me. He and a few friends were at a ball field taking turns hitting softballs to each other, and they were having a blast. I was immediately launched back to the summer of 1983.

Back then I was a scrawny, 13-year-old latchkey kid. I had three brothers, two very close in age to me and one who was nine years younger. My older brother Wes, who is three years older than me, was my chaperone and gave me freedom to roam. My brother Jaison is my Irish twin, only 11 months younger, and was usually close at my heels. While we had different interests at times, we did a lot together with our friends.

We had what you might call a "posse" in our neighborhood. Many kids were close in age to the three of us and we were your typical 80's kids. When we would go outside to play, we didn't come in until our mothers yelled our names (in order of our birth) for dinner. As a group we would trudge to our homes, usually filthy, and extremely disappointed we didn't get to finish whatever it was we were doing.

My brothers and I loved to throw a ball around. We had brown spots on our front lawn where we would play pickle with our neighbors for hours on end, or we would just have a good old game of catch. We were pretty competitive and each of us would whip the ball as hard and fast as we could until it felt like our arms would fall off.

My memory, though, stemmed from that summer and many after. My brothers and I would round up the neighborhood kids (mostly by walking to their houses and knocking on their doors) and walk around the city of Brewer looking for a field to play softball on. It was no small feat finding a spot to play; we had a park close to our house so naturally that was the first choice. It wasn't always available so when I say we "walked all over the city," we literally did walk all over the city, relentlessly, until we found a place to play.

I have vivid memories of the places we'd go as I had played on most of the fields as a young girl during my Lassie League days. I remember how hot the days were and if we had a few extra cents on our journey, we would stop and grab a soda or a candy bar. I don't remember putting on a sliver of sunblock, however, I do remember the burns steaming on the back of my neck. I don't remember being stocked up on snacks and water like I would force upon my own children; we just grabbed our gloves and a ball, threw a few bats over our shoulders, and hit the road.

I remember loving the excitement of getting there and how quickly we would get organized forming teams. Usually the older kids were team captains. I never cared about that. I just wanted to hit the field and shag some softballs. We were competitive and wanted to win, but just being out there and playing was the real fun. Sometimes we'd switch up teams, occasionally stragglers would join us. I even met one of my closest friends one day on a softball field right before we went to high school. We would go on to play together for three years and were close until her passing in 2015.



Photo courtesy of Destiny Cook

Destiny Cook reminisces about her younger days with her brothers Wes and Jaison.

I feel so fortunate when something triggers a happy childhood memory. When I look back on my 50 years, at times I can't believe how fast it has gone and all that I've been able to do. Reflecting on special times in our lives is certainly a gift to share. Whether it's with our old friends reminiscing of days gone by, or with our children who I can only hope will look back on happy times in their lives and share them with their own children one day.

As corny as it was, my senior year-book quote was from Styx's "Come Sail Away." It went like this: "I look to the sea. Reflections in the waves spark my memory. Some happy, some sad. I think of childhood friends and the dreams we had." I'd say that clocks it pretty well.

A Foul Story

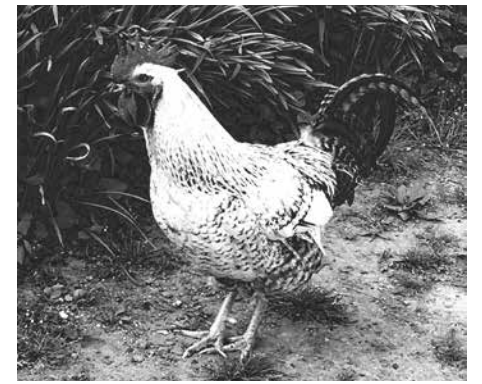


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KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

In late May, a rooster came to call at the North Gorham home of John and Cynthia Houlihan and overstayed his welcome. He announced his presence by waking the Houlihans before sunrise and over the next few days he took up residence on their patio where he started crowing every morning at 4:30 a.m. After trying unsuccessfully to locate his owner or find him a good home, they finally called the Gorham police for help. Scott Nystrom, animal control officer, took the rooster's picture and put it on Facebook. He said if no one responded, he would come back with a hook to snag the unwelcome guest.

As promised, Nystrom returned, but just as he arrived a turkey came up the hill. The rooster went into attack mode and chased the turkey back down the hill. Then he alluded capture by hiding in the lilies. Nystrom left a dog carrier near the rooster's roosting spot on the patio, saying he would return the next day.

Meanwhile, John came up with the idea of picking up the rooster when he was sleeping and shoving him in the carrier.

"So that night we executed the plan," Cynthia said, "and it actually worked." When Nystrom came back, he was pleased to see the rooster in the carrier. But since no one had responded to the Facebook post, he was afraid he would have to put it down unless he could find it a good home.

The Houlihans were relieved when the next day Nystrom called to say he had found a farmer in Buxton with chickens who would take the rooster.

"Despite his crowing," Cynthia said, "he was a very good rooster, so we were happy he found a home." As to where the rooster came from, there was only one clue. The Houlihans heard through the grapevine that a few days before the rooster came to call on them, someone had been told to get rid of two roosters who had been annoying the neighbors.

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hot and humid, the group was able to cool off in Wentworth's pool or by jumping in the river at Shaw Park. Wentworth said the 80-degree weather was definitely a challenge because it was difficult to stay hydrated.

For the night runs, which included an 11 p.m. 5K at the Narragansett Trails and a 2 a.m. 5K at USM, Reed said they stuck to in-town neighborhoods and places they knew. Again, the weather was a factor as they had to contend with torrential downpours.

The team's challenge ended at Pine Point Beach with a 5 a.m. run.


Peterson said they were rewarded with a perfect stretch of weather for the final leg of the challenge.


All agree that the pandemic has really brought a damper to many things including school and sports. Wentworth added that they are fortunate to participate in a sport that can be practiced on their own, but said they rely on the motivation and encouragement of their teammates. After time apart early on, she and Peterson began running together again.

Cummings also acknowledged it is hard to run alone. By getting the

group together for this challenge, he hoped it would make them all feel a bit better. Lehmann said an event like this brings the sport back to life for him as it has been challenging to stay motivated during this unusual time. As for Henderson, he just hopes they get to start the season.

All five said they would take on another challenge and encourage others to try it as well. There was much they enjoyed about their 24 hour challenge - mainly just spending time together and exploring different places to enjoy their sport.





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OF INTEREST

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879, will meet on August 11 at 5:30 p.m. Any interested veterans may contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com for location and membership information.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located in Little Falls, Gorham, is seeking someone to be the editor and publisher of their monthly newsletter. The retiring editor is willing to assist the new editor learn what is required and how it has been done. Computer and supplies will be provided. You do not need to be a senior to apply. If you like working with a computer and have an interest, please call the Center's president, Jeanne, at 207-572-4042 or 732-425-0604.




On the morning of June 28, Chris Joy, his son Sam, and his neighbor, Scott Brydon, had just completed a bike ride along the Frazier Trail. As they rode back through the parking lots behind Robie field, they happened upon a very friendly deer. About 25 feet away, the deer was not at all concerned with their presence. They stayed and watched it snack hungrily on acorns as several other folks stopped their morning runs and bike rides to observe the beautiful animal, finding it quite extraordinary how relaxed and tame the animal was.

Rocky Railway Virtual Vacation Bible Camp will take place Wednesday mornings July 29 - August 26 from 9-10 a.m. on Cressey Road United Methodist Church's FaceBook Page and YouTube Channel. This will be an abbreviated version of VBS offered to you in the comfort of your home. Sessions will be recorded and can be viewed at another time. Open to all ages. Register on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/cresseyroad2020> to receive emails with links, activity pages and parent letters. There is no cost but donations are accepted. FMI contact Lori at 839-3111 or cresseyroadumc@gmail.com.


LIBRARY NEWS

North Gorham Public Library is once again open to the public. Library hours are Monday's 3-5:30, Wednesday's 6-8 and Saturday's 10-1. Home delivery and parking lot pickup is also available.


Check the calendar for lots of activities at the Baxter Memorial Library, including the Librarian Grab Bag-Discovery time (you never know which Youth Services staff member will be performing) and Earth Toddlers with Ms. Dani on Facebook, Baby and Preschool Yoga with Ms. Heidi on Zoom, Scavenger Hunt created by Mr. Jeff on one of Gorham's beautiful trails, a Braided Rag Rug lesson with Ms. Deb, a virtual concert with Mr. Jeff and cooking with Ms. Deb. Find the schedule in the Calendar and on the Library's website. Learn more at baxterlibrary.org or by phone at 207-222-1190.



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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Carnation Drive caller reported a scam. He would be sent two new phones and would send his and his wife's back when they were delivered. He agreed but then became suspicious and called the provider who said this was a scam. New phones were delivered but man did not send old phones. He was instructed to take a new one to phone provider and have them figure it out. He did not suffer any financial loss and was advised to monitor his personal info.

Burnham Road caller realized the drone she had seen hovering was really a street light.

Evergreen Drive caller wanted to make a theft report. The information sounded very familiar. After checking recent calls for service at that address, it was determined that the caller had filed a thorough report with another officer.

Officer responded to a noise complaint on White Birch Lane. Woman told officer man was trying to get his money back from a family member who had borrowed it and was yelling at them in a the parking lot. When speaking to officer, he was also yelling and walking toward officer. He was given a disorderly conduct warning. The following day police received another call from White Birch Lane and man was charged with disorderly conduct.

Two juveniles who admitted to yelling at people on Parker Hill Road were issued harassment orders and their parents were informed.

Cows were loose in the Smith Road area. They had escaped across the river into Windham and Westbrook. Officer attempted to contact the owner of the cows.

Biddeford Police asked for an address check on two females who gave a Preble St. address. They had not lived there for a couple of months.

Caller reported someone claiming to be a police officer in New Jersey told her she needed to send money to bail out her grandson. She did not have a grandson and was wondering if it was a fraudulent call. Officer called the number and said he was a police officer and they hung up. It was definitely a fraudulent call.

Officer responded to Sebago Lake Road for a domestic disturbance. Male and female were intoxicated and got into a verbal argument. Both were given disorderly conduct warnings.

At the request of Public Works, a vehicle was towed from Rainbow Lane that had been parked there over a week. The owner kept saying it would be removed soon.

Male was refusing to leave Main St. business. He did not work at that business and they wanted him trespassed from the property. He was issued a criminal trespass notice and asked to leave.

Gray Road caller saw a bright light coming and a very large plane flew over his house close to the tree tops. He was concerned that the plane was flying so low. No one else reported this incident.

Burnham Road caller had questions about daughter's boyfriend who would not stop contacting her. Mother was advised it was up to her daughter to decide if police should intervene and that was not the case.

CALENDAR

** All events are for Baxter Memorial Library unless otherwise noted. Please visit baxterlibrary.org for more details.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Librarian Grab Bag-Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Preschool Yoga with Ms. Heidi, 9:30-10 a.m.

Scavenger Hunt by Mr. Jeff, 10:30 a.m., link provided by 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Gorham Farmer's Market, Municipal Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 27

Earth Toddlers with Ms. Dani, 10 a.m. on Facebook

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Librarian Grab Bag-Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Braided Rag Rug with Ms. Deb, 10 a.m., Ages 8+ or younger with adult help.

Rocky Railway Virtual Vacation Bible Camp begins, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, FMI 839-3111 or cresseyroadumc@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Librarian Grab Bag-Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Baby Yoga with Ms. Heidi, 9:30-10 a.m.

Virtual Concert with Mr. Jeff on Facebook. 10:30 a.m. All ages.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Gorham Farmer's Market, Municipal Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Earth Toddlers with Ms. Dani, 10 a.m. on Facebook

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Librarian Grab Bag-Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m. on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Cooking with Ms. Deb-PB Fudge Dip, 10 a.m. on Facebook

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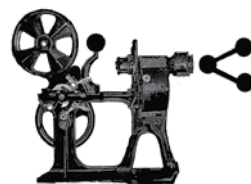


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