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Robie Park To Have New Master Plan in Village

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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In 1915 Percival Baxter gave 12.59 acres of land to the town of Gorham in memory of Martha Robie, the 2nd wife of Governor Frederick Baxter. The gift of Robie Park, which fronts on Morrill Avenue, included a restriction that the property be used for recreation. Hemmed in now between Ball Park Drive, the town's municipal buildings, and Gorham High School, the park is one of the few public green spaces left in the village.

Concerned citizens fearful of other uses encroaching on this recreational space initiated a Facebook page, blanketed the area with "Save Robie Park" signs, and petitioned the Town Council to develop a new plan for preserving it. They approached Councilor Virginia Wilder Cross who



Photo credit: Gorham School Department

already was concerned about potential changes. "I decided to include a discussion about this with the Council before it got out of hand," she said, "This Council supports creating a walkable village that serves denser neighborhoods, which makes preserving Robie Park imperative."

On July 5 the Council voted unanimously to instruct the municipal staff "to begin work on updating the Robie Park Master Plan for adoption by the Town Council" and further instructed the staff to "provide for a public hearing to collect public comments on suggestions for the park."

They also suggested that a committee of stakeholders be constituted to help develop the plan.

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Gorham Savings Bank Dedicates New Solar Farm

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

L to R: Alden Joy (Facilities Director, Gorham Savings Bank), Carolyn Eyerman (Town Planner, Town of Gorham), Kevin Jensen (Economic Development Director, Town of Gorham), Nate Niles (Director of Development, ReVision Energy), Dan Hunter (former COO & CFO, Gorham Savings Bank), Steve deCastro (President and CEO, Gorham Savings Bank) with Tom Poirier (Director of Community Development, Town of Gorham).

On June 29 the Gorham Saving Bank (GSB) dedicated its new solar array, located behind the bank's operations center on Wentworth Drive, off the Gray Road (Rt.202). Named for recently retired CEO Daniel Hunter who spearheaded the project, the solar farm will generate one million kilowatt hours annually, enough to offset virtually all electricity costs for 11 branches and several office locations.

At the ribbon-cutting, Hunter said that he came up with the idea for constructing the planned solar array behind the building. "A severe storm

had felled the trees," he explained, "making this an ideal place."

ReVision Energy, a Maine-based company, designed the 2,310-photo-voltaic, five-inverter array.

It is estimated to offset more than 1.1million pounds of carbon annually, or the equivalent of 59,042 gallons of oil, over the next 40 years. "We're carbon neutral," said Steve deCastro, GSB president and CEO, "clearly the right thing to do not only for the bank but for our environment and the community."

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Congratulations to Gorham's Newest Eagle Scout Inductees

Beth Orlando, Staff Writer

Young people striving to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout of the Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) commit to years of hard work, service and personal achievement before becoming inducted to the most prestigious milestone of Eagle Scout.

On June 11, George "Connor" Allison (GHS '22), Jack Aidan Decrow (GHS '24), William Isaiah Largey Stein (GHS '22) and Nathan Thomas Chase (GHS '22) were inducted to Eagle Scout in a ceremony at Cressey Road Methodist Church. Scout Leader, Warren Allison shared, "I have enjoyed assisting in these boys' development over several years. Scouting has better prepared them to tackle any test they encounter. I truly believe that society will benefit from their future stories."



Photo credit: Warren Allison

CONNOR ALLISON



Photo credit: Todd Chase

NATHAN CHASE



Photo credit: Michelene Decrow

JACK DECROW



Photo credit: Lucinda-Largey Stein

WILLIAM STEIN

Meet the newest Gorham Eagle Scout Inductees!

George "Connor" Allison has been in scouting since the first grade. As a cub scout, he earned his arrow of light, which is the highest award in cub scouts. He enjoys canoeing, hiking, camping and service. He was a

volunteer at Cub Scout Day Camp and has helped at Cressey Road United Methodist Church's VBS every summer since sixth grade. He also went on a mission trip to West Virginia the summer of 2019. For his Eagle project, he built a permanent picnic table shelter behind the Little Falls Activity

Center which provides shade and shelter to the two picnic tables. The shelter is a 10'x16' wooden structure with concrete footings. Connor graduated magna cum laude from Gorham High School and will be attending The University of New England next

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

Maine Leads on Climate Change

Rep. Jim Boyle

Late last month, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a ruling that many believe will seriously impact our ability to fight climate change. In a 6-3 decision, the majority ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not have the authority to regulate carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from power plants without Congressional approval. Prior to the ruling, the Clean Air Act granted authority to the EPA to manage carbon dioxide emissions contributing to climate change. The EPA will no longer be able to use its scientific expertise to create rules regulating power plant emissions, and Congress must agree on every minor regulation before we can take action as a country to limit this harmful pollution. The ruling slows our ability to respond to the climate crisis during a time when quick and decisive action is needed.

Although we do not have any coal-fired power plants in Maine, we are not immune from the devastating impacts that CO2 emissions have on our planet. Mainers know that our economic well-being, our way of life and our children's futures are tied to the health of the environment. That's why for years Mainers have led efforts to keep our environment healthy.

Our very own Senator Ed Muskie was instrumental in crafting and passing the 1970 Clean Air Act. Under Maine Senator George Mitchell's term serving as U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the Clean Air Act was reauthorized. His work to protect our environment further included his support of the Water Quality Act of 1987 and the Oil

Pollution Act of 1990. Beyond these two influential environmental advocates, Maine has seen numerous state representatives and state senators over the years on both sides of the aisle take action to protect Maine's natural resources.

Today, on the state level, we continue to fight this fight by investing in climate change education, preparedness and adaptation. In 2020, Gov. Janet Mills launched a four-year climate action plan called Maine Won't Wait that sets goals for our state including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045 and reducing Maine's greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, the most ambitious target of any New England state.

Over the past couple of years, we have taken steps to build out a robust renewable energy economy, empower Mainers to meet our climate goals, continue to support economic growth within the state and remain competitive in a booming global renewable energy industry.

We passed legislation that established the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator, also known as the "Green Bank," to foster the development of clean energy and sustainability projects and infrastructure by providing financing support, including loans, loan guarantees and other financial and risk mitigation products. Making these adaptations accessible to more Mainers is crucial for meeting our climate and energy goals.

We have taken action to engage young people, including establishing a

pilot program to provide teachers with professional resources to facilitate climate change education in Maine public schools. We also created and funded the Maine Climate Corps, a service program that will engage youth and generate jobs for Mainers interested in addressing climate-related challenges.

Additionally, we are continuing our work to enhance Maine's stormwater and culvert preparedness plans, a critical component of climate change adaptation and resilience.

We have much more to do to meet our climate goals and to ensure we are prepared for all the ways climate change will impact our state, but Mainers are a hardworking and resilient bunch. We care deeply about our land and our children. Despite the extremely disappointing ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court last month, we will continue to do what is right for our neighbors, our communities and our environment.

Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions related to Maine's climate resilience plans or any other issue. It is an honor to serve you and to fight this fight alongside you.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Contact him at Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

Congratulations to Gorham's Newest Eagle Scout Inductees CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

fall, where he will be studying medical biology.

Nathan Chase Eagle Scout project consisted of improving a hiking and biking trail in Gorham that connects the north and south parts of the Village. The Meadowland Preserve trail provides a short connector between a neighborhood near route 25 to the Cross Town Trail, which follows a rail bed that runs east-west. The trail runs through a wetlands area where boardwalks had been in disrepair and were unusable and dangerous. Nathan's Eagle project included fundraising, procuring building materials and planning a work day to assemble and install wooden boardwalks through the wetlands area. Shortly after the project was completed, an abutting neighbor in her 80's spoke to Nathan and thanked him for improving the trail. She said she enjoyed walking on it and hadn't been able to use it for over a year. The project also included clearing fallen trees out of the trail and cutting back branches to open it up.

Jack Decrow joined scouting in the first grade. As a cub scout, he won a few Pinewood Derbys and earned his arrow of light. Jack earned Eagle Scout on January 6, 2022 at the age of 15. He earned 31 merit badges, 21 required to earn

Eagle rank and 10 additional merit badges which earned him a bronze and gold palm. In addition, he was also required to demonstrate leadership and community service by organizing and carrying out an Eagle service project. For his project, Jack self-funded and oversaw the water system replacement of the 100 year old White Rock Grange #380 in Gorham. This project entailed the removal of rusty iron pipes and upgrading it to PEX tubing. During his scouting career, Jack held leadership positions of Quarter Master, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. Jack is also a member of the Order of the Arrow Madockawanda Lodge #271.

William Stein joined scouting in first grade. As a cub scout, he was most excited to use knives, build fires, and go on adventures like Battleship Cove. As a boy scout, Will was honored to be the Senior Patrol Leader for a year and a member of the Order of the Arrow of Madockawanda Lodge # 271. William liked helping the younger kids with their scout skills but always shrugged when people thought he loved knot tying as much as his father. Will was lucky enough to go on many weekend adventures with some of his best friends, his father,

Roger, and his brother, Jon. On May 5, 2022, Will earned his Eagle Scout rank like his dad did years before. Will likes that he beat his father by also earning a Bronze Palm (which is for earning 5 merit badges beyond the Eagle-required). For his Eagle project, William replaced the garage-style loading dock doors and reinforced the weak floorboards at the White Rock Grange #380.

Congratulations to each of Gorham's newest Eagle Scouts.

Correction

In the June 23 issue of the Gorham Times, it was reported in error that USM's former President Glenn Cummings would be returning to the faculty, as was his original intent. In January, he announced to the University community that he would be instead joining the Glickman Family Office as president and CEO. In this position, Cummings said he would lead the Albert B. Glickman Family Foundation and the Judy Glickman Lauder Foundation, in addition to other duties at the Glickman Family Office. The Family Office also manages investment resources for the three-generation family.

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Vienna Farm: A Mission Driven by Excellence

Kerry Constantino, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Tanya and Jim in front of their outdoor arena. The arena was recently upgraded and designed to provide the most optimal footing for the horses. It has an advanced drainage system and is continually maintained to provide a soft, supportive surface that is friendly to the horses' joints and hooves.

For the last 38 years, Tanya Rennie and her husband Jim Jaeger have owned Vienna Farm. In 1984, Vienna Farm started out as 20 acres that were in rough shape.

"It needed a lot of work," said Jim as he showed me around the farm, but now you would never guess it.

Since purchasing the farm they have worked continuously to improve, grow, and steward the land that is now a home to the people and horses that live there. It also houses a training center for horses and their riders in the sport of dressage. Now, having grown to 82 acres, the farm has both indoor and outdoor training arenas, beautiful trails that wind through the woods and pastures, horse paddocks, pastures for summer turn out and grazing, and indoor stalls in the barn.

Dressage is a sport steeped in tradition and training, with a horse learning in an ongoing process. Students are taught to train as a team with their horse, building a relationship that relies on communication and trust. Dressage competitions can range from regional events, all the way to the Olympics. Tanya and her team of instructors are dedicated to creating a training environment that is fun, friendly, and safe no matter the level of the horse and rider.

No detail is overlooked when it comes to the training and caretaking of the horses. Attention to detail is applied to every aspect of the horse's health and well-being. Everything from the care-

ful planning of each individual horses' nutritional requirements, to the environmental impact of the bedding used in their stalls, has been carefully considered so that the farm's inhabitants and the land it rests on thrive.

People of all ages and levels have studied at Vienna Farm, using dressage training practices to build their relationship with their horses and learn about the care of these beautiful animals.

The best way for people who have never experienced dressage and want to know more is to contact the farm and plan a visit. There are observation decks where you can watch horses and riders train. Shows and events are also a great way to introduce yourself to the world of traditional horsemanship.

For more information: learnmore@viennafarm.com, or visit Vienna Farm on the web at: viennafarm.com



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Tanya, left, took a moment to say hello to Poppy, one of the horses who lives at Vienna Farm.

Food Trucks Bring Local Communities Together



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

A large number of people lined up to get food from food trucks on a recent Thursday Night at Little Falls recreation area. There was fried dough, ice cream, burgers and sandwiches from Mow's Munchies, and Mac 'n Cheese, Barbeque, Wraps, etc. from Great Scott's Mac Wagon. Celebrate summer with food and good times with a rotating selection of food trucks every Thursday this summer from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GORHAM- RUTH PIKE passed away peacefully on May 22, 2022 at The Gorham House in Gorham, Maine. Ruth was born March 21, 1933, the daughter of Albert and Jeannette King. She grew up in Maine with her siblings, Annie, Timothy, Jerry, Linda, and Freddie.

In 1950, Ruthie married Everett Hatch of Windham and shared two daughters, Patricia and Susan. She and Everett resided in Gorham, ME. After her divorce from Everett she reconnected with the love of her life, Willard Pike, in 1960. Having known each during high school it was not till later as adults that they met again and fell in love. Their marriage blended two families; Willard's daughter from a previous marriage, Marie Pike, with Ruthie's two daughters Patricia and Susan Hatch. After their marriage they had two more children, John and Katherine.

Ruthie was a dedicated wife and mother. She was a natural woman with a lot of energy and gusto for life. She took her children to swim in Maine lakes and oceans, ice skate on frozen ponds, walk in the woods to find fiddleheads, pick wild blueberries, tend the gardens, and harvest apple trees. Ruthie loved to sew and craft. She created many beautiful images with pencil and charcoal on paper and oils on canvas that her children and grandchildren enjoy today. Through her entire life she always had a project she was working on. In the early 2000's she knitted over 1500 afghans that she donated to the non-profit Project Linus. Ruthie often expressed her love to others by writing letters and cards and sending thoughtful gifts through the mail.

Ruthie also loved animals; Her home was never empty of pets and one or more dogs could be found by her side. In her later years she and Willie enjoyed two lovely cats that kept them amused and in good company.

One of the most significant contributions Ruthie made was her endless dedication and unwavering devotion to her husband, Willie. She loved him deeply and unconditionally and was at his side until his passing in May of 2021. Ruthie and Willie enjoyed a full and rich life together from Maine to Arizona and exploring all of the roads in between along with all of the western states when they would visit their children. She was dedicated to keeping their home, properties and all of Willie's antique cars well cared for. They wintered in Arizona for a number of years and made Sun Lakes their permanent year-round residence in the mid 80's. In 2017 they moved back to Maine to be near family.

Ruthie is survived by daughter Patricia Hatch of Scarborough, daughter Marie Pike and her husband John Manderino of Scarborough, daughter Susan Lofgren of Gorham, son John Pike and his fiancée Marian Chamberlain of Standish, daughter Katherine Pike of Mancos, Colorado; grandchildren: Kristen Vreeland and husband Jake, Derek Lofgren and wife Theresa, Kari Lofgren, Adrienne Pike, Jessica DeYoung and husband Brian, Isaac Hatch and Grace Hatch; and six great grandchildren: Indra Pike, Kendra DeYoung, Kaleb Lofgren, Kaia Lofgren, Abby Lowell, and Carter Lofgren; and one sister Linda Loring. Ruthie is predeceased by her parents and siblings: Annie, Timothy, Jerry and Freddie.

The family wants to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff of Gorham House and Compassus Hospice for their dedication and compassion in providing quality care for Ruthie.

As Ruthie wished, there will not be a funeral or memorial service. Please send any donations in her honor to the Greater Portland Animal Refuge League or a charity of your choice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.jonesrichandbarnes.com for the Pike family.



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| 1/4 c dill pickles, chopped | 1/2 tsp capers, drained and chopped |

Pair with a salad for a yummy, make-ahead meal on a hot summer evening.

Questions about the recipe can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com.

FUN FACTS!

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- It takes a drop of water 90 days to travel the entire Mississippi River.
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My Back Hurts...Shouldn't I Get An MRI?

Dr. Rob LaVoie

It is estimated that 7.5% of people experience back pain at any given time. That equates to nearly 600 million people across the world. In the US, 80% of us will experience back pain at some point in our adult lives. About 50% of that population will go on to have additional episodes of significant or substantial back pain.

By far, back pain is the single most common reason people seek care in my clinic. No one is immune to it. In my practice, I regularly see just as many blue-collar heavy lifters as people with desk jobs and careers with fewer physical requirements. I treat athletes in peak physical fitness as well as folks who have not lifted more than the weight of a remote control in decades.

As a clinician, I am grateful for the diversity, and I welcome the challenge of helping patients heal and overcome their injuries. It is very rewarding to help these patients, but I have noticed a trend in recent years. Patients enter my office requesting an MRI to see what is wrong with them. This is by no means the fault of the patient.

MRIs are the gold standard of diagnosing most lower back complaints. Anyone connected to the internet will discover that. It is reassuring to see a digital picture of what is actually going on inside you. It is human nature. We want proof.

I wish I could send every one of my patients for an MRI prior to care. Here is why I cannot:

MRIs are very costly and time-consuming. A typical lower back MRI takes one to two hours to perform, and that doesn't include the prep time as well as the scheduling and administrative time associated with the appointment. MRIs are also very helpful in diagnosing more serious health issues like tumors and organ

issues, which can take priority in scheduling.

Even more important, the science does not warrant it. Current research shows that you can obtain an MRI on 100 healthy and pain-free people and 53% of them will show a disc herniation. Research also shows that most acute lower back pain is benign and self-limiting, which makes imaging an unnecessary burden in the health care world.

Conversely, there have been times where I have absolutely advocated for a patient to receive such imaging. Typically, in these cases, a patient is showing neurological impairment, lack of improvement with conservative treatment, or is showing "red flag" type symptoms such as bowel or bladder changes.

Unless a patient is showing partial or complete loss of neurological or motor function, it is standard to start a conservative treatment of care without MRI. In most lower back pain cases, 80 percent will resolve with conservative treatment within two to four weeks.

In summary, if you are dealing with pain, or shooting pain into your legs... seek conservative care from an acupuncturist, physical therapist, massage therapist, or chiropractor. If your symptoms involve loss of bowel or bladder function, prolonged numbness or loss of sensation, loss of muscle strength or function, or inability to control your normal body movements... seek urgent care.



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Town Council Report

Lori Arsenault, Editor

Chairman Pratt opened the July 5, 2022 meeting. There were 37 members of the public in attendance, and 5 councilors.

Open Public Communications:

Kristen Tugman announced a new mental health initiative, and Mike Chabot thanked the Council for updating the Robie Park master plan.

Councilor Communications:

Town Manager's Report:

Ephrem Paraschak reported on the food truck event at Little Falls Rec. Center, and the new Senior Property Tax Rebate program.

Gorham Police Department Report:

Chief Sanborn gave an update on the department's staffing, and statistics on numbers and types of calls received.

The most demanding calls for service the Police Department handles are mental health-related complaints. The addition of a shared mental health substance abuse liaison position with the Windham Police Department was discussed.

The GPD has received three enforcement grants through the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety totaling \$42,700 which run through the end of September 2022.

The partnership with the Gorham School Department provides three full-time school resource officers who handle issues regarding police services, and has proven over the years to be valuable.

The three-year-old Volunteers in Police Services program partners with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Volunteers, and utilizes volunteer citizens for non-law enforcement activities. The program donated 2,128 hours of time to the Town of Gorham, saving approximately \$60,700 annually.

The annual Citizens Police Academy has been a successful and positive experience for all. Contact Sergeant Ted Hatch for more information.

The TRIAD program works with the senior populations of Gorham, Westbrook and Windham to address senior issues for all three communities.

The Police Explorer program is for individuals 14 to 21 who are interested in law enforcement. Those interested should contact Officer Aaron Erickson.

Two officers recently took four Gorham students to Camp Post Card to enjoy fishing, hiking, swimming, archery and arts and crafts.

Three officers recently took twelve GMS students on a four-day outward-bound rafting trip.

The Autism Awareness Program allows the Department a database informed by the public that can be used when answering calls.

The GPD is proud that for the fourth consecutive year, Gorham made the Top Ten Safest Community list in Maine.

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School Committee Report:

The Maine Department of Education awarded Gorham Schools \$250,000 over two years to pay for the expansion of the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) program.

Major work over the summer includes GHS bleacher replacement floor refurbishing, finalize field lighting and sound systems, consolidating storage containers, and bringing on a new custodial service, which will also serve the municipal building starting July 1.

Central Office activity included fiscal year end and human resources work. Visit "Human Resources" then "Employment Opportunity" to learn about open positions in the schools.

Staff development days will be August 24-27. The first day of school will be August 30 for Grade 6-0, and August 31 for the others, and September 2 for kindergarten.

Regular meetings resume in the month of August.

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Planning Board Results

Gorham Planning Department

Gregory McCormack's request to amend lot 6 in the approved Deerfield Drive and Maplewood subdivision to reduce the lot size with the remainder of the lot to be deeded to applicant abutting the lot was approved.

A request for approval of a 40,900 sq. ft. warehouse and grow facility with associated parking, located at 65 Olde Canal Way was discussed and approved.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for mobile food vendors to operate in the Little Falls Village area was discussed and referred to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to make certain Covid 19 exemptions permanent in relation to outdoor dining was discussed and referred to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for heavy equipment sales and service in the Industrial Roadside Commercial District was discussed and referred to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt.

Ricky Jones' request for approval of a four lot conventional residential subdivision at 36 Middle Jam Road was discussed. One waiver was granted and one was discussed. Preliminary approval was granted.

Julie Colpitts' request to amend the approved Blueberry Ridge subdivision to reduce the number of lots from 29 to 5 was discussed and moved to place on a future consent agenda.

Peter Moore's request to amend approval of Tannery Brook subdivision to extend their right of way and to approve a private way to access lot 14 in that subdivision was discussed and approved.

Megan and Gary Jordan's request for approval of a 5 lot subdivision and 670 foot private way off Old Orchard Road was discussed.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code and Zoning Map amendment for South Gorham commercial corridor was discussed and referred to the Planning Board's Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.

Arrests May 2022

Gorham Police Department

Finn Parker Road male, 38, was charged with domestic violence stalking, criminal mischief and harassment by telephone.

Standish male, 39, was charged with OUI (alcohol).

Fillion's Way male, 18, was charged with violating conditions of release and violation of a protective order.

Webster Road female, 41, was charged with domestic violence assault and violating conditions of release.

Buxton woman, 35, was charged with OUI (alcohol).

Portland woman, 41, was charged

with violating conditions of release and OUI (drugs or combination).

Westbrook woman, 38, was charged with violating conditions of release.

Dingley Spring Road male, 41, was charged with operating an all-terrain vehicle under the influence.

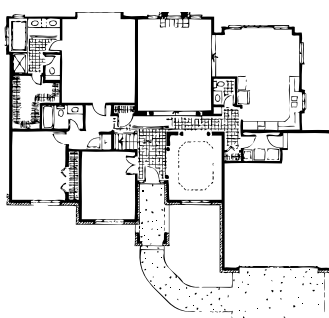
New Hampshire man, 35, was charged with OUI (alcohol).

South Street woman, 20, was charged with domestic violence assault.

Gray Road man, 48, was charged with violating conditions of release, domestic violence assault and unlawful sexual touching.


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State Passes Bill to Stabilize Property Taxes for Seniors

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

This bill requires that seniors apply through their municipalities for this program and will require property owners to file applications annually. Applicants must be permanent Maine residents who have owned their home for at least 10 years and meet the requirements of the homestead exemption. This property tax freeze is separate from the State's homestead exemption. If a municipality determines an applicant is eligible, it will stabilize the property tax on that homestead for the tax year for which the applicant requested participation in this program.

Municipalities, in turn, will apply to the state for reimbursement of taxes

based on an increased valuation on that property.

Applications should be available September 1, 2022 and must be received by December 1, 2022 for the following year. The bill takes effect August, 8, 2022.

Homeowners will receive a bill in September for 2023-2024 taxes. These payments will still be due on November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023. The change will be on the 2024 tax bill which will be assessed on April 1, 2023 and be effective for the 2024-2025 tax year with payments due November 15, 2023 and May 15, 2024.

This new program will not affect Gorham's Senior Tax Program, which is capped at the existing rate.

Grand Jury Indictments

Charles Doughty, 40, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Charles Doughty, 40, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by South Portland PD.

Briana Grasruck, 32, of Gorham was indicted for theft by deception on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Jade Pierce, 24, of Buxton was indicted for manslaughter, aggravated criminal OUI, and reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Air Conditioning and Fuel Cost-Effective Alternatives

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

There's nothing worse than being trapped in a hot car commuting to work or going on a road trip. While most new cars are equipped with a sufficient climate control system, in the Summer, many drivers still must deal with sweltering conditions out on the road. Also, with gas prices high, motorists looking to cut back on expenses should also consider alternatives, because using air-conditioning in very hot conditions can increase fuel consumption by as much as 25%, even on a hybrid vehicle.

The EPA's advice is to roll down your windows at low speeds, under 40 mph, while it may be better to bite the bullet and use the AC at highway speeds. However, that doesn't mean that drivers need to use their AC at highway speeds. After all, there are other ways to stay cool without rolling down the windows. Here are some cost-effective alternatives to help motorists tackle the heat while they're out and about on a hot day.

Stay hydrated - Make sure to bring an ice-cold beverage with you on your journey to avoid dehydration.

Hang a wet rag over the air vent - The air blown out will be much cooler. Make sure you have a few wet rags ready as replacements as it will dry out quite quickly. Remove them from the car to wash afterward to prevent mildew.

Freeze water bottles to use as ice packs - Wrap a frozen bottle in a towel and rest it against your seat behind your neck. Once it defrosts you'll have ice cold water to drink, too.

Park in the shade - There's nothing worse than getting into a boiling hot car at the end of the day, so be mindful of where you leave your vehicle. Under trees is the obvious choice - but you can also try to find a large truck or lorry for shade or use a dashboard cover. Sit on a towel if your car has leather seats.

Get a mini fan - A portable fan can make all the difference on the hottest summer days. These fans are small but mighty when it comes to cooling yourself down while you're stuck in a hot car.

Gorham Savings Bank Dedicates New Solar Farm CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Tom Poirier, Gorham's director of community development, worked with the bank through the permitting and construction process. At the September 2021 ground-breaking, he said the town "supports the sustainability of the environment and natural resources and should be open to

considering new technologies or new ideas."

As reported earlier, five solar projects have received final approval by the Planning Board in the last year, including the large Nexamp solar farm under construction on Rt. 114. Another is still in the planning stage.



Photo courtesy of Gorham Savings Bank

Gorham Lions Holds Second Annual Craft Fair



Photo credit: Roger Marchand



The Gorham Lions held their second Craft Fair, arranged by Lions Lions Craft Fair Chairperson, Casie Grady, on Saturday, June 25. Proceeds will go to Lions charitable activities including GHS Scholarships, elementary school reading programs, vision care, handicapped assistance and the Gorham Food Pantry.

Real Estate Transfers March 2022

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97 WEEKS ROAD	PRYOR, ERIN & GATLING, JOSHUA	MARTIN, SARAH & NATHANIEL	\$390,000
26 HANSEN WAY	MARTIN, SARAH & NATHANIEL	HANSEN, MARK	\$515,000
LIBBY AVENUE	ATLANTIC HOME CONSTRUCTION	IRISH, JAMES	\$60,000
27 PRESUMPCOT RIDGE DR.	SWAN, COLIN	ROBIE CONTRACTING	\$616,000
9 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	DUTIL, BENJAMIN	ESTATE OF W.R. SOUTHWORTH, JR.	\$270,000
7 ANGELTUN LANE	DUNHAM, SUZANNE & BRIAN	ANGELTUN, JOACHIM & SARAH	\$926,000
102 WOOD ROAD	REGISTE, JAHRED & NICOLE	LEGERE BUILDERS, INC.	\$310,000
10 HARDING ROAD	HIER, BRANDON & ROBIN	HUME, CHRISTINE & ERIC	\$585,000
375 FORT HILL ROAD	KINNEY, TRAVIS & BESANKO, LARRY	ESTATE OF DONALD NADEAU	\$105,000
81 QUEEN STREET	HORTEAU HOLDINGS, INC.	TUCKER, KRISTINA	\$102,000
828 GRAY ROAD	VIRGIE VERONIKA & MICHAEL	RGC HOLDINGS, LLC	\$615,000
834 GRAY ROAD	VIRGIE VERONIKA & MICHAEL	ANI, OMAR AL	\$500,000
82 ICHABOD LANE	CONKLIN, SARAH	GILBERT HOMES, INC.	\$626,000
62 OLDE CANAL WAY LLC	OLDE CANAL WAY, LLC	LYFORD, PETER	\$250,000

Real Estate Transfers April 2022

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
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122 STATE STREET	PIKE, DALTON	ST. PIERRE, ROBERT	\$305,000
225 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	WALLACE, HAILEY & TAYLOR, AUSTIN	CHIASSON, DAVID & SHEA-CHIASSON	\$410,000
2 PRIMROSE LANE	OATIS, RACHEL	LAKE CABINS, LLC	\$415,000
243A FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	CRESSEY APARTMENTS FMR LLC	FINDLAY, SANDRA	\$315,000
QUEEN STREET	MURRAY, CORY	CRUMPTON, JOHN JR.	\$230,000
8 HIDDEN BROOK DRIVE	PRATHER, JUSTIN & SARAH	MAIORINO, BRIAN & JILLIAN	\$625,000
355 NEW PORTLAND ROAD	NDOMBE, JOSEPH & SEKOKA, NICOLE	RAINE, KYLE	\$450,000
39 SPIRITWOOD CIRCLE	BLUEBERRY FIELDS III, LLC	BLUEBERRY FIELDS II, LLC	\$115,000
26 MURRAY DRIVE	KIMBALL, AMANDA & EZEKIAL	ELING, ANGELICA & RYAN	\$537,000
101 BROOKWOOD DRIVE	DELANO, HEATHER & WENTWORTH, JOHN	HERMAN, DANIEL	\$405,000
21 MOUNTVIEW DRIVE	WOODWORTH, HILARY & SEYMOUR	MENDEZ, JACQUELINE & ANDY	\$750,000
24 JUNEAU WAY	BISIMWA, CHRISTINA & NYOTA, PASCALINE	FLAGSHIP BUILDERS, LLC	\$565,000
26 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	ORMAN, AMBER & KAYLA	JOSEPH, MARY	\$335,000
TANNERY BROOK LOT 14	MOORE, PETER	SB ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$245,000
67 GORDON FARM ROAD	COPELAND FAMILY TRUST	MESTEK, ANTON, JR.	\$837,000

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36 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE	BERRY, DAVID	BAILEY, RONDA	\$137,250
47 LADY SLIPPER LANE	VERGARA, VICTORIA & ANDRES	THORNTON, KASIE-JO & TIMOTHY	\$810,000
132 PLUMMER ROD WOOD ROAD	CUMMINGS, DAKOTA	MITSCHELE, ELIZABETH & PETER	\$90,000
12 BARTLETT ROAD	REYERLING GIDDINGS, N. & BROOKS	LEGERE BUILDERS, INC.	\$192,500
28 WOODSIDE DRIVE UNIT 8	SWEETWATER PARTNERS, LLC	CLEAN-O-RAMA, LLC	\$3,750,000
	CREPEAU, BRUCE	CARLE, EMILY	\$328,750

Public Hearings:

Hearings were held on five renewals of Medical Use Marijuana Licenses and five renewals were unanimously approved for the following businesses:

Andrew Rosenfeld, Second Nature LLC, 44 Sanford Drive. Property owned by Jim Fox.

Jared Dinsmore, 5 Little Wing Lane, Unit C. Property owned by Dave Cowen.

Alexis Cantara, XOCC LLC., 5 Little Wing Lane, Unit A. Property owned by Dave Cowen.

Ryan Nadeau, Skyfall Canopy, 5 Little Wing Way, Unit D. Property owned by Dave Cowen.

Andrew Clough, White Pine Tech LLC., 15 Pearson Drive. Property owned by Bob Pearson.

A proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow Office of Contractor or Tradesman as a permitted use to various Districts. Amendment failed 3-3 (Phillips, Hartwell, Pratt)

Old Business:

Action to consider authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Griffon Security for an active shooter response alert system. (Councilor Shepard Spon.). Passed 5-1 (Hartwell)

New Business:

Action to consider updating the Robie Park Master Plan (Councilor Wilder Cross Spon.) Passed 6-0.

Action to consider authorizing the use of a public easement for road access. (Councilor Pratt Spon.). Passed 6-0.

Action to consider authorizing a private way off the applicant to seek

Planning Board approval and construct a public road constructed to the Town's Rural Access or Sub-collector Standard of in the abandon public easement of Libby Avenue. (Councilor Pratt Spon.). Failed.

Action to consider accepting Musket Drive as a public way. (Councilor Kuech Spon.). Failed 3-3 (Hartwell, Pratt, Phillips)

Action to consider reviewing the Town's fund balance policy. (Councilor Phillips Spon.). Passed 6-3.

Action to consider instructing staff to incorporate sustainability practices into town operations and planning. (Councilor Wilder Cross Spon.). Passed 6-0.

Action to consider establishing a Town Council workshop for the month of August with the Gorham Economic Development Corporation. Councilor Pratt Spon.). Passed 6-0.

Action to consider authorizing a third phase of American Rescue Plan Act funding. (Councilor Pratt Spon.). Passed 6-0.

Action to consider authorizing a third phase of American Rescue Plan Act funding releasing \$1,431,420 in ARPA funding. (Councilor Pratt Spon.).

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the order to remove the item Perimeter fencing for dog park. Passed 6-0.

Moved by Chairman Pratt, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and VOTED to amend the order to remove Pavilion at Shaw Park, \$175,000. Passed 4-2 (Wilder Cross, Kuech)

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Some of those stakeholders are the residents living near Robie Park who made emotional appeals at recent Town Council meetings. They cited plans for the high school expansion that had included using some of the western part of the park adjacent to GHS for parking. These plans have been rejected and there are none under consideration. Speaking for the Gorham School Department, Superintendent Heather Perry gave assurances that they "have no current plans to utilize this area of Robie Park and look forward to working with the town of Gorham and our neighbors in determining the best future for the safe use of this incredible community space."

The recent removal of some diseased pines also raised concerns that more changes were contemplated. "We need to ensure that there is a moratorium on any changes in the park, specifically in the area where the white pine groves were removed on Earth Day," said Mike Chabot, speaking for the Save Robie Park organization.

The Town Council authorized the removal of the pines in 2020, after receiving a report by an arborist from Lucas Tree that they were dead and that the limbs were a hazard. The Gorham School Department had the trees removed on April 8. "The school and town would have been negligent not to remove the hazard," said Norman Justice, Director of Facilities and Transportation.

Restrictions placed on the 1915 gift that created Robie Park have been unclear and contested for years. The

Gorham Village Corporation (GVC) had initial responsibility for overseeing the park, but in 1958 the Town took it over. In the 1970s GVC was dissolved. In 2017 the town attorney, William Dale, determined that under the deed by which the Town received the property there was a restriction that the easterly portion of the property may only be used for a "playground," but that the larger westerly portion had no such restriction. Former Town Manager David Cole started the procedure to remove all restrictions. Public hearing were held in 2018 after which deed restrictions were officially lifted by the Maine Superior Court.

The Town has responsibility for Robie Park and there are no legal restrictions on its use, making the timely development of a new Master Plan an imperative with wide support. "Right now, folks who live in the village are feeling the tremendous pressure of new development. Once green space is gone, it is gone forever," said Peggy Marchand who lives in the area. "Robie Park is precious," she added, "Little parks should be away from noise, congestion, and fast moving cars and traffic."

Both Marchand and Chabot emphasized the importance of including community members in planning for the future of the park. "I am appreciative of the Council taking into consideration an update to the Robie Park Master plan," Chabot said. "I was also happy to hear that there are councilors that want to insure that the citizens have some input and that they would like to see a committee of sorts."



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Metallic Art or Alien Invasion?

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Anyone going on a summer evening stroll in Gorham Village who walks by the corner of Highland Avenue and Robie Street is likely to notice a small ranch style house with some unusual looking metal sculptures placed throughout the small, well landscaped front yard. These include a six-foot tall yellow alien as well as a red alien, and lurking in the grass, a snarling dog and a dragon.

Despite these appearances, this area has not been invaded by aliens from an all-metal planet. Instead, these objects are all creations of local artist Chris Newcomb, who lives in the adjacent house.

A recently retired teacher of gifted and talented students in Raymond public schools and at the Maine College of Art, Newcomb has been doing metal art for over ten years. He began by basing his metal sculptures on two dimensional designs that he had previously created.

Over the past decade, Newcomb has developed over a dozen categories of metal sculpture designs, beside the “aliens” which stand out so prominently in his yard. These include indoor metal wall art; solar luminaries; gongs; trellises, garden gates, and other types of garden art. All are made from one eighth inch sheet steel.

When asked about the types of comments he gets from passers-by, Newcomb commented “Aliens get the most comments “.

Regarding his inspiration for the “alien “ figures, which have become his most noticeable creations, Newcomb cites increasingly “feeling like an alien in my own country”, starting around five years ago.

Like many other commodities, the 4’ by 8’ sheets of 1/8 inch thick steel the Newcomb uses have gone up in price over the past few years. The current price of \$250 is almost three times the previous cost. He stated that one of his plans for the future is to start making smaller aliens for interior spaces.

Portland Trails placed several of the alien figures three years ago. They placed two of the human-sized figures at a bus stop on Brighton Avenue. They also placed three others on Croquet Lane in Portland’s North Deering area, where one was stolen. “I hope whoever took it put it in their back yard and is enjoying having it there”, he commented.

Newcomb had been showing his works in galleries in Kittery and Wellfleet, MA, but they have not been shown in any galleries since 2020. He has recently been selling more and more of his creations through his website: chrisnewcombart.com.

Newcomb mentioned Pablo Picasso as his primary inspiration from 20th century art, as well as other originators of Abstract Expressionism, such as Swiss painter Paul Klee, Russian painter Vassily Kandinsky, and Catalan artist Joan Miro. Two other major influ-



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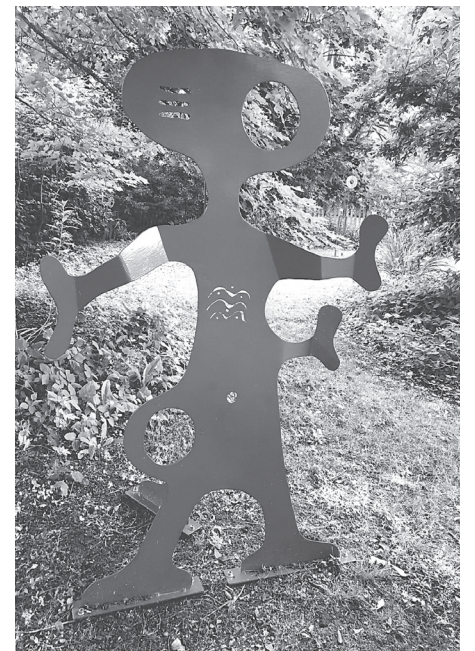


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ences are Auguste Rodin, Salvador Dali, and sculptor Henry Moore.

Among contemporary influences in Maine, Newcomb lists two sculptors who are known for their large metal creations, John Bisbee of Brunswick, and Wally Warren of Somerset County.

Like a number of artists, Newcomb states he finds inspiration in random things he sees in nature every day, as well as noticing things along streets and highways as he drives around. He said he also gets inspiration from listening to recorded jazz. “My designs are a sort of visual jazz” he said.

Help Stamp Out Browntail Moths... Turn Off Lights

Maine Department of Conservation & Forestry

Adult Browntail moths (BTM) have begun to emerge over the last few weeks. This means a change in tactics in mitigation efforts. The Maine Department of Conservation & Forestry (MDCF) recommends keeping any unnecessary outdoor lights off between 9:00 p.m. and midnight until the beginning of August to avoid attracting BTM to your yard.

The MDCF cautions that, in spite of numerous Facebook posts to the contrary, bright lights or bug zappers are not effective at controlling adult moths. Here’s why:

Bright lights will actually draw more BTM from surrounding areas into your yard.

People who have tried this method report an increase of BTM winter webs, particularly near those lights, the following winter.

Many parasitic flies and wasps that attack BTM are also drawn to the lights

and killed, thus reducing their impacts on the BTM population.

Male moths are drawn directly to the light and killed, while the females hang out near by. Killing the males does not make a dent in the population in heavily impacted areas.

The actual moth does not have the hollow, toxin-filled hairs found in the larval stage, but can still cause some irritation. However, the coarse silk cocoons found on buildings, vehicles/trailers, branches and foliage, are full of toxic hairs and can be an irritant to humans. To prevent BTM from hitching a ride, check for cocoons before moving any type of vehicle in an infested area.

There are several other moths with white wings found in Maine. The abdomen of the BTM is covered with reddish-brown hairs, giving the moth its common name. A comparison Moth Chart photo can be found at www.maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm

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Maine Micro Artisans

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

“What we’re building here is so much more than a gift shop,” said Mary Plummer, who opened her new store, Maine Micro Artisans, on June 27. “I always had a sense that I was supposed to create something,” said Plummer. At the beginning of the pandemic, with her three children schooling remotely, she decided to try making soap as a way of finding time for herself amidst the craziness. Immediately, she found this craft to be deeply fulfilling and thought soap making was exactly what she was supposed to create.

After years of selling her artisan soap online, Plummer began looking for a retail space that could become the face of her soap business. Having secured the perfect spot, Plummer began to imagine an even bigger purpose and on April 28, the idea of Maine Micro Artisans was born.

While there are more than seventy local Maine artists’ work displayed and for sale at Maine Micro Artisans, the reasons for bringing this space to life comes from a deeper purpose. “Growing a community where all people are accepted and appreciated is paramount. Trying to be an island is challenging, so bringing other artists into the fold as a collaborative venture, on many levels, is important to my mission,” said Plummer.

Being a micro retail shop was also purposeful. “For some of these artists, this helps them make ends meet every month, for others it’s a step towards

their goal of being a full-time artist, and for others, their art helps them get their voices heard,” Plummer said. The hope is for everyone to succeed—perhaps a rising tide does lift all boats.

Patricia Krohn, a long-time social worker, feeling that people in her line of work benefit from a creative outlet, started ‘dot painting’ as a means of meditation. According to Krohn, having her work at Maine Micro Artisans is both flattering and validating. “Walking around in Maine Micro Artisans feels like a feast of creation. I am grateful to be part of it,” said Krohn.

In addition to selling goods, Plummer intends to have enrichment classes on site, ‘Meet the Artist’ days, and live how-to videos that will cover a variety of topics, just to name of few. “It has been a whirlwind. I could not have done this without the support of so many people—especially my amazing kids and my wonderfully, talented husband, Mike,” said Plummer. With a smile on her face, she said, “This is what I am supposed to do—that calling to create something—this is it and now it’s happening.”

Stop by and visit Maine Micro Artisans located at 18 South Street, right beside Amato’s, and support your local friends and family and plan to stay a while, there is so much to see!

FMI: Maine Micro Artisans, 18 South Street, Gorham, ME 04038, 207-222-0303, info@mainemicroartisans.com. Store hours are Sunday through Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Maine Micro Artisans

L to R, back row: Standing, Pam DiPietro Hale, Emma Morey, Leo Morey, Patricia Vinton, Mary Plummer (owner, cutting the ribbon), Tyler Morey, Hilary McCarty, Silas Coyle, Jasher Coyle. Sitting: Lydia, Sarah and Nora Coyle



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On Track to Success

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The girls track team athletes, Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connolly, Emma Green and teammates cherished every moment in their last high school season, especially their roles in the state meet in Bangor.

All season long, school records, state records and personal bests were achieved. In particular the relay team stuck to their plan and was determined to beat the state record. This season was certainly a great one to end on for the now graduated seniors as they enter a new chapter.

Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connolly and Emma Green, all GHS track standouts have signed on and committed to a Division I college to compete in their sport, all at different schools respectively.

This tight-knit-bunch including Maddie Michaud (GHS '22) moving on to play D-I soccer, have been longtime teammates and best friends for the Rams. In this feature, each share a few favorite memories and what they are looking forward to in the upcoming season as college students.

Alyvia Caruso will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall, majoring in Textile, fashion marketing and design. She will also minor in Studio Art.

Caruso shares, "my favorite high school memory was breaking 18 feet in the long jump during my senior year, a goal since freshman year."

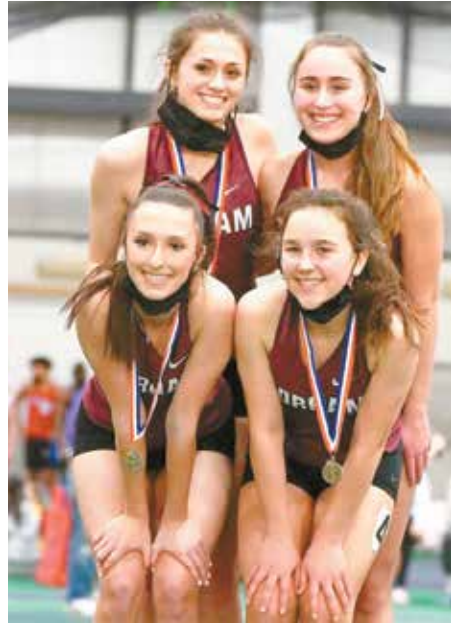


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Senior track standouts. L - R top: Emma Green, Sydney Connolly; L - R bottom: Maddie Michaud, Ashley Connolly

"I broke the class A record set in 2016 with a jump of 18' 5.5" which I never thought was possible for me." Last year I won the 100 hurdles, and I only started that event halfway through the season." Caruso goes on to say, it was those moments that made her aware that she was much more capable than she thought.

Caruso is excited for college next year to see improvements in her events. She will begin a new upper body strength training program and she is up for the challenge. GHS has been a springboard of success and Caruso will continue to work hard



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Sydney Connolly reacts to beating the state record at 49.15

and build upon what she has already learned outside of her comfort zone.

Emma Green will be attending Bryant University, going in undecided at this time.

Green shared her high school memories to include, "definitely creating a family environment within an individual sport. The boys and girls teams have always been divided in Track and Field but this season was different. We have all formed a tight bond as captains and seniors and I am thankful I got to be a part of a team like this."

Green also shares, "another one of my favorite memories was during this past indoor season. Sydney and Ashley Connolly, Maddie Michaud, and I all broke the state record in the 4x200 meter relay. We came into the meet not expecting it at all. We were about 4 seconds under the record but we all ran our hearts out and I couldn't be happier."

And for her final and favorite memory she shares, "probably on the top of the list is what happened at the State meet in Bangor."

Green was the second leg of the 4x100 m relay team. At the meet, the relay team beat the state record in the event, being the 3rd consecutive title.

Green, after handing off to the 3rd leg, was unable to see the clock. As she makes her way to the finish line she recalls Sydney and Ashley Connolly and Maddie Michaud running around the huge crowd of people yelling "Emma, we did it!"

Green is thankful for these moments. As she looks toward next year she is excited to see where it

takes her and looks forward to being part of a new team environment at Bryant.

Sydney Connolly will be attending Merrimack College to study Athletic Training. She is entering the school's 3+2 master's program.

Connolly reflects on this past season, "there were so many experiences I was so grateful to have back after the years of COVID. I was just so happy to be back with my friends and class to celebrate one last year."

One of her now favorite highlights (similar to her teammates) is breaking the state record in the 4x100 relay. Connolly recounts, "after multiple attempts, we were finally able to do it at the state meet. I was the last leg of the relay so I got to see the time first. When I realized we broke it, tears immediately started streaming. It was also amazing to break it with 4-year teammates and my younger sister."

Another key memory from that same meet Connolly shares is their team huddle before the meet started. "The boys and girls teams become united, and we scream a chant to hype each other up. This team's chemistry is what I will miss the most."

Although she is sad to leave, she is excited for new things to come with Merrimack.

Connolly explains, "I am excited to learn about something that truly fascinates me and also join a team that will continue to push me as an athlete. I am so grateful that my track career didn't have to end early. I am happy to say I found a place that is the perfect fit for me."



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Erin Eppler, New Principal of Narragansett School

Gorham School Department

The Gorham School Department is proud to announce that Erin Eppler will serve as the new principal of Narragansett Elementary School beginning July 1, 2022.

Erin comes to her new position after having served the previous two years as assistant principal at Narragansett Elementary School, helping to lead her school community through a global pandemic!

Prior to her service as assistant, Erin served the Gorham Schools as an elementary teacher at Village Elementary School. Before joining the Gorham community in 2015, Erin lived in Lake Havasu City, Arizona where she worked as a National Board Certified Teacher and academic coach. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational leadership. Erin has spent her career supporting students and teachers by working collaboratively to develop meaningful relationships that strengthen teaching and learning practices. She is committed to building a strong school community that creates an environment where all thrive.

Erin demonstrates extraordinary



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leadership. Her work ethic, passion, tireless commitment to excellence, and continued student achievement results are evident in her work. She is compassionate, transparent, trustworthy, credible and even has a keen sense of humor. She will be a welcome addition to our talented district leadership team!

We would like you all to join us in welcoming Mrs. Erin Eppler to her new position within the Gorham Schools!

Thank you to all our teachers and administrators for your dedication to our students!

Retired Teachers Class of 2022

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

In the last Superintendent's Blog of the school year, Heather Perry recognized the 12 retiring school employees by noting the combined 323 years of service that these individuals had compiled and the thousands of lives that they had impacted. This year's class of retirees is a special group of individuals who will surely be missed. They have been coaches, team leaders, activity advisors, and educational committee leaders, all of the while inspiring our students to succeed as learners.

Deb Roy has worked as a Spanish teacher at Gorham High School for 47 years. She had visited Gorham High School as a high school student when the Waterville chorus did an exchange concert with the Gorham High School chorus. During her time in Gorham, she served as advisor to many of the groups and activities.

Mrs. Roy will miss the students at Gorham High School and watching them grow from nervous freshmen to confident young adults as seniors. As she reads, tends her garden, and watches over her family, she will miss the laughter from her students and hearing the Spanish language all day long. She would like to thank the community for giving her the opportunity to have a career in Gorham and the students, parents and grandparents that she has come to regard fondly.

Lona Tasey has also taught in Gorham for 47 years. She feels that some of the reasons that her application gathered attention was her maiden

name and her love of literacy. She was Miss Lona Gorham from Gorham, New Hampshire looking to teach literacy in Gorham, Maine. After a wonderful interview, she was offered the position as Middle School Literacy Teacher and has spent many wonderful years teaching in this community.

Mrs. Tasey will remember the students and parents of Gorham and the wonderful memories of students who have made her laugh and have understood her love of teaching, as well as her desire to get them ready for a successful high school experience. She is looking forward to having time to travel and spend time with her three wonderful grandchildren.



Rosalie Mosher is retiring from her position as Kindergarten Teacher at Great Falls School after a career of 43 years. After 5 years teaching in Lamoine, Maine she and her husband, Mark, moved to Gorham (Mark's hometown and much closer to her aging mom) for the next 42 years taught every grade K-8 except 3 and 4, in six schools, under 8 superintendents and for 12 principals. In these 47 years she has taught over 1100+ students, the record being one year with 58 1/2-time K students!

Mrs. Mosher will fondly remember the students, families and colleagues that she has met over the years. She is

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looking forward to spending time with her family (including her first grandson due in October), quilting, sewing, embroidering, painting, knitting and spending relaxing, sunny September days by the lake.



Diane Knott has retired from her position as the Coordinator of the SAIL Program, Gorham's Gifted and Talented Program. During her 31-year career in Gorham, she has been an Educational Technician, a teacher of a Multi-Age Inclusionary Class, a Teacher-Scholar, a Math Lead Teacher, and the SAIL Coordinator.

Mrs. Knott will miss working with students, teachers and the Gorham community every day. It has been rewarding for her to help students to build confidence and think "outside the box". She has thoroughly enjoyed the Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics competitions. She is looking forward to remaining in the Gorham community and continuing to be active through volunteering and consultation.

Deb Noble is retiring after 24 years as a Teacher of Special Education at the Gorham Middle School. She grew up in Gorham, as the child of educators, and attended Charlotte Millett School, Village School, Shaw Junior High and Gorham High School, while her mother taught at Shaw and her father taught for some time at Gorham High School. She returned to teach in Gorham after seventeen years teaching in Wells- Ogunquit.

Ms. Noble will miss the staff of GMS that works endlessly to support and

encourage their students, as well as the friendships and collaborations that she has forged. She will also miss the students who brought curiosity and excitement to her room each day. She is looking forward to spending more time digging in the dirt in her flower and vegetable gardens, traveling a bit, spending time with family, going camping and just relaxing by the pool while reading a good book.



Laurie Kenny is retiring after 24 years of teaching first grade at Narragansett School. One of her fondest memories is her most recent class. They were

INSPIRED after watching a Scholastic News Video about Melody, a wheelchair-bound student who worked to create more accessible playground equipment that ALL students could play with together. As a result, Mrs. Kenny's class raised funds to purchase a playground glockenspiel for Narragansett! Students donated toys and books to sell at a yard sale, applied for a GEF grant, made a fundraising video, and held a coin drive. Their fundraising efforts were so successful that we are going to be able to purchase three pieces of equipment that will be accessible to all.

Mrs. Kenny is moving to North Carolina at the end of the summer to be closer to her children, their spouses and her grandchildren. She will miss the wonderful students, families, and staff in Gorham.

Dennis Crowe is retiring after fourteen years as Technology Director. He came home to Gorham after serv-



ing as a teacher and Technology Director in MSAD # 6. Gorham was where he lived, where his children went to school and where he was a softball coach for a very successful middle and high school team that played at several national tournaments and competitions, including two World Series.

Mr. Crowe is proud of his time in Gorham, including managing the technology of the school system during a pandemic and providing all students with home devices very early in the crisis. Instead of waiting for state direction and guidance, Dennis and his team formulated and implemented a successful sharing of technological devices to keep students as engaged as possible during the at-home learning time. He plans to spend some time traveling, avoiding snow, and playing golf.

In addition, the following educators are all retiring in 2022: Winston Barton (the Librarian/ Media Specialist at Village School-35 years), Veronica Scontras (Grade 6 teacher at Gorham Middle School-32 years), Joyce LaRou (School Nurse at Gorham High School-24 years), David Palmer (Grade 8 Science teacher at Gorham Middle School-18 years) and Bryan McManus (Bus Driver-6 years).

These staff members have spent their careers impacting students and changing the lives of students in our schools. The community of Gorham owes them a great debt of gratitude for all that they have done for "our kids." THANK YOU and may they all enjoy their well-deserved "next steps."

Adult Education Graduates



Photo credit: Lori Frederick

Gorham Adult Education held their high school graduation on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 with four students receiving diplomas. Pictured are (left to right) Micheal Guidi, Gabriel DiBacco and Mohammed Haroon Hakimi. Also graduating was Alex Griffin (not pictured).

GHS Graduate Performs Violin

Gorham High School graduate, Mavy Le, will be performing as part of a free concert featuring Maine immigrant musicians (and children of immigrants) in a live format showcase on August 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. in Monument Square.

Mavy is an 18-year-old electric violinist, recently graduated from Gorham High School who is Bates-bound in the fall. She picked up the violin at the tender age of 6 years old and hasn't been able to go a day without playing it since.

Other performers include FAKI, a group of Portland-based students who formed a brass band, Congolese-Americans, Mbanza Nienguesso and Kaylee Kazadi and Hadith Bani-Adam, a Somali refugee.



Local Business Icebreaker

Let's get to know a Gorham business a little better by asking them a few questions! This week, we talk to On Point Self Storage, a new local storage facility on Route 25. Amenities include vehicle storage and 24/7 access.

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3 If your business had a Theme Song, what would it be and why?

Clearly "The Sign" by Ace of Base!!! You can often find our manager Amy laughing at her own humor (even if her kids don't think she's funny) and she appreciates everyone that reaches out and laughs along with her as she gets creative each week on our digital sign. We "saw the sign", and it sure did "open up our eyes" - we're lucky to meet so many wonderful people, all with a story to tell along the way.



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9th Grade High Honors

Laura Burt
Abigail Chamberlin
Ashley Connolly
Katelyn Cyr
Gwyneth Dubail
Lucia Dubail
Emily Fadrigon
Lucia Holloway
William Johnson
Chafek Matta
Natalie Miner
Lindy Moreland
Amanda Morin
Ryan Morrill
Timothy Nagle
Amelia Olaru
Rachel Perkins
Payson Plummer
Sarah Rosingana
Victoria Sands
Jacob Shvets
Natalie Smith
Owen Spera
Brooke Stevens
Madison Tibbals
Lily Tukey
Logan Wilson

9th Grade Honors

Sofia Andrade
Raiyah Babinsky
Whitney Ball
Caleb Carrier
Matthew Clark-Young
Isabelle Cook
Cecelia Dellosso
Riley Dever
Patrick Downey
Gavin Edwards
Mason Finck
Aryana Flett
Piper Forgues
Hadley Foster

Lauren Fredette
Haley Frie
Cameron Gasbarrone
Meghan Gendron
Ava Googins
Kyle Green
Bailey Hatch
Ethan Heady
Finn Henderson
Joseph Hychko
Violet James
Kuba Kaczmarek
Jack Karlonas
Brooke Kazimer
Alivia Keniston
Kathryn LaPierre
Nasir Manahe
Jack Mazaris-Atkinson
Kayla McLean
Samuel Merrow
Elizabeth Morey
Nick Munyaneza
Lucy Nappi
Jamie Nelson
Diego Perez McLeod
Julia Reed
Evelyn Rush
Matthew Sallinen
Matthew Sallinen
Mina Sayed
Ella Senatore
Casey Skolfield
Alison Smith
Denali Tetrault
Payton Thibodeau
Vanessa Walker

10th Grade High Honors

Cole Allen
Lillian Andreasen
William Armstrong
Dylan Bauer
Nathan Bergquist-Guimond
Claire Boudreau
Luke Burns

Camryn Caruso
Ethan Castonguay
Giselle Doucette
Ella Downing
Anna Dumais
Brooke Farquhar
Taylor Farr
Aiden Fortier
Summer Gammon
Elizabeth Gay
Natalie Haskell
Brinn Irish
Anthony Jordan
Noah Kennedy
Aidan Lee
Gabriel Michaud
Mia Mitchell
Jacob Mora
James Morrison
Christian Randall
Logan Sargent
Landon Turgeon
Julia Wareham
Anna Yahwak

10th Grade Honors

Yamamah Almukhtar
Gibson Baker
Kaylynn Ballard
Hannah Bickford
Chloe Blanchard
Macey Brenner
Addison Canty
Elijah Castro
Andria Cloutier
Dylan Cummings
Thomas Curtis
Samantha Davis
Grace Desmond
Sophia DiPhilippo
Cole Drinkwine
Owen Duplisea
Mohamed Elshafie
Abigail Fecteau

Nolan Feyler
Lydia Fluet
Jayden Forgitano
Kaylee Gonnevillie
Sophie Gunn
Emerson Homa
Jesse James
Ashton Leclerc
Leighanna LeMay
Emily Lemont
Hayden LeVasseur
Meryk Lewellen
Luke Lovley
James McColl
Lily McDonald
Libbie Merrill
Samuel Minchev
Lillian Miner
Amy Morin
Caroline Morrell
Jackson Morrell
Arianna Morse
Lillianna Noel
Riley Ottoson
Samuel Parenteau
Haden Pelletier
Jenna Pequinot
Paige Perreault
Dylan Phillips
Elizabeth Phinney
Alicia Poschke
William Preis
Thomas Pritchard
Bryce Pyle
Makayla Quintal
Kaleb Reed
Ethan Sadowski
Samantha Scaplen
Caden Smith
Cole Smith
Emma Smith
Tristan Smith
Olivia Spickel
Mason Starkey

Jonathan Stein
Madison Stewart
Austin Stoddard
Ambrose Svoboda
Logan Vail
Jason Verrill
Zackary Waters
Makenna Wheeler
Cole Whitehead
Gretchen Wilichoski Dixon
Izak Young

Grade 11 High Honors

Julia Altham
Hayden Anderson
Basil Bob
Olivia Bryant
Miranda Chasse
Faith Connolly
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Zoe Diffin
Jonah Doucette
Madeline Downey
Sadie Fiore
Brooke Gordon
Tedi Gould
Kayleigh Greenlaw
Jude Huckaby
Aryahna Hulit
Eden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Alexis Landry
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Brady Marquis
Kaci Mollison
Joyeuse Ntungane
Madyson Quimby
Tyler Reynolds
Christopher Sargent
Rylee Tenuta
Hailee Willey
Peter Wu

11th Grade Honors

Wyatt Barrett
Lucien Beardesley
William Benson
Ella Bethany
Cole Bishop
Christian Butler
Chloe Caldwell
Lexi Caron
Bode Coleman
Jasper Crane
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasalala
Quinn Dillon
Owen Dugas
Annika Edgar
Madilyn England
Brendan Fish
Noah Flynn
Kylie Foley
John Frank
Julie Goldman
Marin Graham
Lotus Graves
Kyra Hamblen
Olivia Hopkins
Josephine James
Braeden Johnson
Elizabeth Keil
Quinn Lachance
Samuel Larkin
Erin Lawrence
Jacob Lehmann
Aedan MacDougall
Kate Martin
Riley Maynard
Mikaela Pellerin
Kate Pelletier
Claudia Peterson
Qasim Rabbani
Lauren Rioux
Abigail Rosingana
Emma Sands
Kate Sands

Aidan Shepard
Brady Smith
Mason Sommers
Ryker Spear
Alexandra Sutton
Eleanor Szostalo
Reagan Tibbals
Kieran Wilkins
Brady Wintle
Wyatt Woodsum
Delaney Wright
Lillian Zidle

12th Grade High Honors

Colin Albert
Drew Baber
Noah Badeau
Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop
Kiely Burns
Connor Callahan
Lucas Castles
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Mary DeWitt
Alden Dimick
Deseray Doucette
Katherine Dupuis
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Emily Feagans
Luke Goodwin
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Madisson Hatch
Kiara Hodge
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12th Grade Honors

George Allison
Lauren Bachner
Curan Bassingthwaite
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Nathan Chase
Ainsley Christianson
Hunter Connors
Nathan Corey
Sakara Crawford
Calvin Cummings
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Jacob Tatom
Blake Therrien
Nicole Walker
Morgan Walton
Megan Wentworth
Quentin Wise

Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

6th Grade High Honors

Ahmed Abdulzaha
Zackary Carlson
Evelyn Cooley
Bryn Cunningham
Charlotte Deveaux
Grant Emerson
Oliver Emerson
Anna Faatz
Henry Hofmann
Nara Holland
Abigail McCrillis
Carter McGonagle
Connor McHenry
Delilah Spiller
Dexter Vance
Trent Whitaker

6th Grade Honors

Mahasin Ahmed
Grace Amadon
Adam Auricchio
Jocelyn Bennett
Aspen Blair
Jocelyn Bennett
Clover ABrown
Jared Burt
Ty Caron
Jaxson Chestnut
Bayla Clark
Lia Collins

Stephen Connolly
Evelyn Cooley
Tucker Curtis
Oliver Dennis
Dustin Densmore
Velina Doucette
Brenham Dubois
Jack Feldhaus
Alexander Fernandez
Clara Finoia
Cassidy Flagg
Abrie French
Gianna Gakunzi
Julia Giguere
Isabel Hamann
Neve Hanley
Nicholas Harrington
Sydney Ireland
George Johnson
Caroline Jones
Luke Jones
Gia Kaldrovich
Anneka Kuntz
Alexander LaBarge
Alyssa Lampen
Fiona Lane
Madelyn Leeper
Natalie Lyford
Sophie MacIsaac
LJ Mason
Link Mathews

Jennifer Miner
Lillias Mooers
Yanis Munyaneza
Loreli Murray
Mitchell Neff
Amanda Neumann
Landon Nicely
Julianna Normand
Kian O'Sullivan
Abe Palme
Kasey Plaud
Sophia Proulx
Elle Rector
Aliza Rickett
Isla Rutherford
Aaron Samara
Nora Schucker
Alina Senasy
Sophia Soler
Riane Stewart
Jaydn Tibbetts
Mackynzie Tibbetts
Wyatt Walker
William Wallace
Sawyer Wheaton
Tessa White
Sadie Woodman
Dominic Woods

7th Grade High Honors

Zachary Bourgoin

Luna Button
Sheila Casco
Maia Downing
Sean Brian Kenny
Lucas Gerard Lane
Patrick Nichols
Molly Peters
Jasmine Radjabova
Adriana Russo
Isabelle Smith
Sawyer Smith
Isaiah Whitehead
Henri Wichmann

7th Grade Honors

Fatimah Almukhtar
Rigel Arlet
Mateiah Asali
Ryan Bachner
Seamus Bailey
Ari Bisson
Gracin Bunch
Lillian Burgos
Piper Cathcart
Myles Clark
Harrison Crider
Harvey Crider
Chloe Cyr
Jack Cyr
Kyla Davenport
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Liana Edwards
Logan Eldridge
Lucas Farquhar
Hunter Finck
Jack Foisy
Jordyn Fotter
Tyler Gendron
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Evan Hall
Everett Hurder
Ryan Johnson
Lily Keene
Claire Kennedy
Tyler Krouse
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Hannah Manchester
Kylie Martorano
Jack Mesires
Drew Milligan
Logan Mills
Larissa Moore
Elisie Moreno
Ishami Munyaneza

Haylie Nicely
Anna Nichols
Cael O'Sullivan
Samuel Ottoson
Gretchen Paul
Brooklyn Payer
Kennady Peary
Kyle Petrin
Dean Peyton
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8th Grade High Honors

Hope Barney
Kaleigh Bauer
Bria Bush
Ava DeVinney
Mia Dodd
Laurel Emerson
Taylor Ernest
Madeline Gawlick
Elle Hanley
Tabitha Lavigne
Stella Moores
Eleanor Morgan
Amanda Nicholson
Jacqueline Parenteau
Addyson Simcock
Elizabeth Springer
Taylor Tenuta
Haley Vickery
Sawyer VonderHaar
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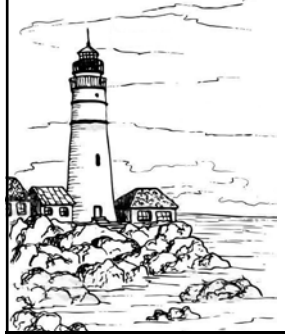
8th Grade Honors

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Alex Boucher
Miles Brenner

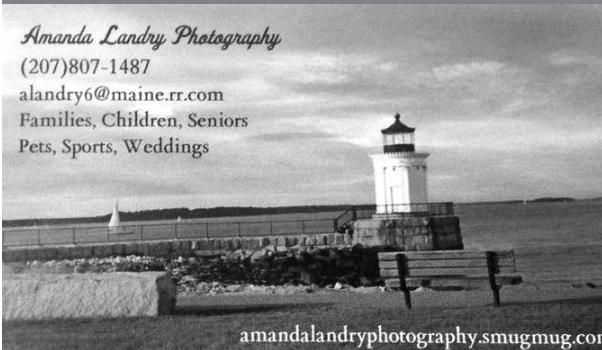
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Three GHS Students Win Writing Awards

Lucinda Stein, GHS English Teacher

and
the winner
is...

Three talented Gorham High School seniors from Lucinda Stein's English classroom have been hon-

ored in the 19th annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest sponsored by The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein. Each year, this contest is available to Maine seniors asking them to come up with creative ways to show their peers the dangers of distracted driving and to encourage them to drive more safely. Not only does it allow for safe driving conversations in the classroom but it gives all students the opportunity to

showcase their creative writing skills in a purposeful way. There were over 1200 entries this year from 125 different schools. In Gorham, students enter their essays in the fall and wait to hear the outcome in June. During the awards ceremony on June 22nd Violet Wilson-Wood's work "Relief and Regret" placed 3rd winning a new Apple iPad. Sidney Connolly wrote a voice mail message titled

"Last Word Saved on Voicemail" winning second place and a new Apple iPad. Erin Castonguay won first place and a new laptop for her piece, "One Too Many." Since 2017 29 GHS students have placed in the top three categories. All of the student submissions including the honorable mentions may be viewed using the following link: <https://arrivealivecreativecontest.com/winners-gallery/>.

Student Wins Gold Medal for National Latin Exam

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

The National Latin Exam (NLE) is an annual test available to all high school students across the United States that are enrolled in Latin classes ranging from beginner to advanced. While many tests end up acting as fierce competitions, the NLE prides itself on the opposite.

Founders and organizers of the exam explain that it is “not meant to be a competition but rather an opportunity for students to receive reinforcement and recognition for their accomplishments in the classroom.” Depending on scores, some students can earn things like medals, certificates, or even scholarships. At Gorham High School, a soon-to-be senior named Grace Johnson received an impressive score on the Latin III 2022 test.

Grace has been taking Latin since her freshman year, which makes this next school year her fourth consecutive year of Latin class. When asked what her favorite parts of Latin were, she described the vocab games that she and her classmates often play. She went on to say that they’re not only fun but a good way to confidently memorize vocab and general language concepts as well.

Johnson additionally explained that learning about ancient Roman culture has been very interesting for her. She confirmed, as many experts also do, that studying not only the language itself but the history of the language is super important. Another question for Grace was if she was glad she chose to take Latin. There are many foreign language courses at Gorham High School, so why pick this particular class?



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Her answer was simple. “I have a lot of friends in my class and I have fun with all of the projects that we get to do together. Overall, it’s always a really fun and interesting class...” And of course, there’s an added bonus of a golden flower crown that only fourth year Latin students wear at graduation.

The exam Johnson took was a forty multiple-choice question test. It quizzed students on grammar and vocabulary, as well as general knowledge of the Roman world. There was even a fully Latin passage at the end of the test with reading comprehension questions to go along with it. Although this was Grace’s first time taking the test, her impressive score placed her in the highest possible ranking. She received a gold medal and certificate.

Expressions Contest

Lucinda Stein, GHS English Teacher

“Young people encounter many hurdles in life. Whether it’s at home, school, among friends, or just figuring out who they are and where they fit in. Expressions is challenging high school teens to use their creativity to share how they feel about what is happening in their world.” - The contest challenge from Expressions at Walgreens.

Expressions is a program Walgreens sponsored program designed to encourage students to explore their challenges to their ever-changing world through the arts medium. Over 3400 students nationwide participated in the Expressions Challenge by sharing their feeling about what is happening in their world. Earlier this year, students from Lucinda Stein’s English classroom at Gorham High School explored the hurdles in their lives to participate in the national contest sponsored by Walgreens. Students wrote about the stress of expectations, their mental health, some academic pressures, and gender identity just to name a few.

Their writing was transformed into artistic, multimedia videos. The judges were given the task to view the entries without knowledge of the students. When the judges determined the top 12 students, they were surprised to see that 4 students came from a single classroom in Gorham, Maine. On May 19, 2022, students from GHS honored in a virtual ceremony for their creativity to the above prompt.

Erin Castonguay won \$1,000 and was recognized as the Spoken Word People’s Champ for her piece titled,

Perfection. In her video, Erin points out the pressure of perfectionism and further encourages her peers to find what makes them happy so they can define their own versions of perfection.

Zach Emmons was the third-place finalist in the Spoken Word category winning \$1,500 for his poem, To Be a Man. Zach reflects on the expectations put upon men in his society.

Curan Bassingthwaite and Allie Light worked together on their video, Success Under Stress. In it they explore the stresses of being a student athlete in high school. They won second place in the Media Arts gallery and get to split a \$1,750 check!

The final student entry is by Emma Stevens. She also entered the Media Arts category with her video titled Why is She Never Enough? Emma includes her friends in this very important message showing us how we need to accept ourselves as enough instead of looking at others for that validation.

Emma won first place in her category and a \$2,000 check with her very powerful message. Because the people at Expressions and Walgreens were so impressed to discover so many students won from a single classroom, the English teacher, Lucinda Stein, was chosen as a Teacher’s Champion in the Northeast Region of the United States winning \$500. This was the first time GHS students entered the contest but it most likely will not be the last.

You may look to the Expressions Contest Facebook page for all of these videos.



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Southern Maine Music Academy Welcomes the Return of Young Musicians to USM

Beth Orlando, Staff Writer

The University of Southern Maine welcomed the return of the Southern Maine Music Academy this summer inviting approximately 60 young musicians to participate in one of five enriching and intensive music and theatre camp opportunities, all while enjoying a Maine camp-away experience on the USM campus in Gorham.

Students from around the region come together for this unique camp experience focused on concert band and chamber music literature, but never short on camp traditions. These include daily recreational activities as well as exposure to live performances from professional musicians and presenters, making for a truly enriching camp experience for campers and staff alike.

Due to complications of COVID-19 safety protocols, the camp music programs had to be cancelled in 2020, and ran as half-capacity day camps in 2021. The Academy has been a rich tradition since the 1960's and Alan Kaschub, director of the Osher School of Music at USM, is thrilled with the turnout during this summer of rebuilding.

Campers are "having the time of their lives", according to Kaschub, as they participate in week-long, highly intensive band, choral and theater experiences. Campers' musical growth

and development are at the core of camp. Still, the students enjoy having a taste of "college life" while they lodge in college dorms, eat in college dining halls, and explore the campus in its summer splendor.

Dr. William Kinne, director of the Southern Maine Music Academy Concert Band and director of bands for the Osher School of Music shares, "What these students accomplish in just one week is incredible. We will perform a full concert of five challenging and diverse pieces of music. We know that our Southern Maine Music Academy campers will be returning to school in August with a passion for making music that is sure to inspire others in their school music programs."

Southern Maine Music Academy staff bring together a population of camp leaders to include highly qualified professional musicians among whom include USM alumni and high school and middle school public school music teachers. They share their knowledge and experience, helping to develop students who inevitably make tremendous gains in music and theater development, as well as confidence in their newly honed crafts, through group and individualized instruction.

Kaschub remarks, "The intense



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Dr. William Kinne directs the Southern Maine Music Academy Concert Band in the Academy Final Concert on the lawn at Corthell Hall, USM Gorham campus.

music-making and theater experiences allow for incredible growth and gives [students] momentum to become even more engaged when they return to school in the fall."

Camps are offered from the last week of June when most schools have dismissed for the summer through late July. While the attendance is not as high as past years, there is a lot of pride in the return of music and theater camps to the USM campus and even more optimism for the future. The USM music program also offers

youth outreach ensembles throughout the school year for young musicians.

Southern Maine Music Academy is one of the five USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps, which includes Southern Maine Theatre Academy, Southern Maine Youth Band Day Camp, Southern Maine Choral Music Academy, and Southern Maine Junior Music Academy.. More information on the youth programs at the Osher School of Music at USM can be found at usm.maine.edu/music/youth.

Summer Library Days



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Gorham Summer Concerts



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OF INTEREST

Gorham High School Class of 1970 Reunion. This will be an informal class reunion for the GHS Class of 1970 on August 6 from 1 – 5 p.m. at Skip's Lounge, Route 202 in Buxton. \$3 per person cover charge. Drinks and food will be available for purchase. FMI: Charles Gagnon, Class President, Gorham High School, charliegagnon@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions 14th annual Classic Car Show is Saturday, July 30 at Gorham Middle School, with a rain date on Sunday, July 31.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meeting on Tuesday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. Contact the post at vwpost10879@gmail.com for the location of this meeting.

Gorham Parks & Recreation summer concert series is taking place at the Gazebo on the Municipal Center lawn, with Shaw Gym as the rain location. All concerts are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy the show. Parking is available along South Street or in the Municipal Center parking lot off Ball Park Road. Upcoming concerts include Amazing Andi Faucett on July 26, Don Roy on August 2, and Delta Knights Band on August 9. Watch Facebook and the website for details, gorhamme.myrec.com.

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Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton. Suggested donation is \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Takeout containers are available for those who do not want to sit inside. Face masks optional; hand sanitizer available.

Yard Sale at Buxton Center Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road in Buxton, Saturday, August 13. Household items, books, puzzles, games, dishes, small appliances, bake table and hot dogs!

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At the North Gorham Public Library, a weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

Baxter Memorial Library has a full lineup of events in the calendar. Regular library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI and to find more events, call 222-1190 or visit baxterlibrary.org.

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Officer spoke with two women in a vehicle parked at Dundee Dam. They admitted to camping there overnight. They were advised they were not allowed to camp there.

Barstow Road woman had locked herself out of her house and the spare key she had did not fit any of her doors. She gave Officer permission to pick her locks and he was able to gain entry into the house.

Suspicious vehicle was parked at the Municipal Center at 1:15 a.m. Operator told the officer she had not been feeling well but was feeling better now and she agreed to move along.

Elwood Lane caller went on line and provided his information to what he thought was a legitimate website. He was advised to check his credit report and call back if there had been any unauthorized activity.

Sebago Lake Road caller wanted to report a violation of a Protection from Abuse order through social media where indirect contact had been made through a third party. Officer determined there was no violation.

Sunset Lane caller had a white cat hanging around the house for a few days, acting strangely and howling continuously. He was able to get the cat into the carrier and the officer transported it to the Animal Refuge League.

Man camping along Towpath Road trails was told to leave as there is no camping permitted there.

Dingley Spring Road reported she had no power as she hadn't paid her bill. CMP was contacted and advised there was a power outage in her area.

Main Street caller said a neighbor was trying to break into his apartment. Neighbor said he was trying to make sure the neighbor was okay because fire alarms were going off. Dispute was resolved.

Owner was looking for his horses. Neighbor on County Road found them.

Officer responded to a call about a man sleeping in the laundromat. Officer sent a copy of the trespass notice to dispatch to add to the man's record.

Officer answered questions about shared property in a divorce that was to be sold before the sale was authorized by the court.

A suspicious person on Narragansett Street was an employee and his friend working on a car.

Gateway Commons Drive resident received a call from someone claiming to be from UPS who wanted information so a package could be dropped off or picked up at a later date. Caller did not provide any information, had not ordered anything and was on vacation. Caller was advised to ignore any such calls in the future.

Gray Road caller reported a man in front of her home who would not leave. Man was delivering food, was legally parked on the side of the road and was waiting for food orders. He said no one had asked him to move and he was figuring out the easiest route to his next location.

A man who had a criminal trespass order not to be on a Dana Street property was warned not to return to this location or he would be arrested. He left without incident.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a suspicious person walking around homes in the area while wearing a fluorescent vest. Caller was advised that numerous tax assessors were in the area and man was probably one of them.

Maple Ridge Road caller reported people shooting in the area near her house. She said people don't normally do target practice near her house and it was annoying.

Officer responded to a call about suspicious persons talking on Morrill Ave. It was two students talking and they were all set.

Officers were dispatched to Railroad Avenue for what appeared to be a disturbance between a male and a female. When the officer arrived, the two were laughing. Man had been raising his hands and arms during the conversation.

Main Street caller wanted to report finding a key on his porch that belonged to the residence but wasn't his key. He also reported there were pieces of trash in his trash can that did not belong to him and he requested that it be fingerprinted. He was told to ask a neighbor if it was her key as he hadn't asked her yet. He didn't report anything stolen, just thought something suspicious was going on. He did not seem to agree with following up with the neighbor before police continued a further investigation.

Standish Neck Road caller reported speeders on that road. Officer advised they would attempt to have patrols in the area. Officer gave the man the number for Public Works and told him he can request a blind drive sign be put up.

Passerby complained of a homeless man sleeping in the laundromat. Man had not been trespassed from the property.

Customer located a suspicious person sleeping in a back corner of the store. When the caller went back outside, the man woke up and left the store.

Maple Ridge Road caller reported an animal problem. Bird flew off towards Standish. Officer did not offer any services.

Officer observed a vehicle parked in a no-parking zone on Johnson Road. As the officer was pulling up, someone got in the vehicle and drove off.

Davis Annex caller reported people shooting from a car on the road onto private property off Flaggy Meadow Road. Caller told the officer they did not have permission to be shooting onto his land. He did not want to pursue the matter but did not want them to return.

Glenwood Avenue caller reported possible gunshots in the area of his residence. Officer checked the area and learned that fireworks had been shot off in the neighborhood.

Officer brought a can of gas to a driver on New Portland Road and the car eventually moved off.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Baxter Memorial Library
 "Fantasy Scapes: Creating Stories with Nature," (ages 11-18), 10-11 a.m.
 Learn Yoga on the Lawn with Theresa Labrecque, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 25

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time with Ms. Dani, 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Toddler Discovery Time with Ms. Dani, 10-10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Summer Concert Series: Amazing Andi Faucett, 6 – 7 p.m., Municipal Center Lawn (rain: Shaw Gym)
 Baxter Memorial Library "Veggie Land," a life-sized game for all ages, 10 – 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

North Gorham Public Library
 Dino Day story time, 10 a.m.
 Instrumental Guitar concert, 6:30 p.m., bring your lawn chairs!

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Baxter Memorial Library
 Art in the Park for all ages, 10:30 – Noon
 Learn on the Lawn: West African Dance with Marita Kennedy-Castro, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Baxter Memorial Library Nature Scavenger Hunt, Little River Preserve, all ages, 10 – 10:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Gorham Lions Club 14th Annual Classic Car Show, Gorham Middle School.
 Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, 5 p.m. Parker Farm Road, Buxton

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time with Ms. Dani, 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Toddler Discovery Time with Ms. Dani, 10-10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Summer Concert Series: Don Roy, 6 – 7 p.m., Municipal Center Lawn (rain: Shaw Gym)
 Baxter Memorial Library Big Blue Block Party, all ages, 10 – 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Multigenerational Book Arts Program, 10 – 11 a.m.

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