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Fire Consumes Family Dairy Barn and Several Animals

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

The Walter Young family of Flaggy Meadow Road has been running an active milk farm at this location for many years. On Tuesday, August 9, the historic 200-year-old barn burned down, but Gorham firefighters with assistance from Windham, Buxton, Standish, Westbrook and Scarborough Fire Departments were able to save two homes, a milk room, the garage, another barn in close proximity and all but 6 of approximately 50 cows. Most of the stock were in the pasture at the time of the fire. There were also 20 heifers (cows too young to be milked) on the property.

Gorham Fire Chief Ken Fickett thinks the probable cause of the fire was with the electrical service in the barn, which was totally destroyed.

The Gorham Fire Department was contacted at about 8:41 p.m. and a firefighter responded within about four minutes with Chief Fickett arriving two minutes later. The barn was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. The Youngs had instantly called the Fire Department when the lights in their house flick-

ered. Approximately 5,500 bales of hay had been stored in the barn. Gorham firefighters helped rescue several cows who had been on the basement floor. A few cows remain at the farm with others going to Pineland Farm and to Wormell Farm. Other farmers have shown up to help provide care for the cows.

Gorham Public Works and Gorham Sand and Gravel arrived at 2 a.m. to help move debris so firefighters could contain the fire. The barn was insured but the amount of the insurance is not likely to be sufficient to cover the cost of rebuilding.

The Young family told Chief Fickett that "they were very pleased that the other buildings on the property had been saved and very pleased with the assistance from all the mutual aid partners who responded." The one bright spot is that all of the cows would have been in the barn for milking if the fire had started earlier.

Chief Fickett said he hoped the community will step up with a barn raising, noting that "given the history of the farm community in Gorham,

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GHS Class of 1962 Reunion a Big Success, Raising \$1000 for GHS Scholarship

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kathy Carr

Front Row: Bonnie Marsh, Wilma Johnson, Brenda Pillsbury, Maryanne Belyea, Anne MacDonald, Shirley Bloom, Ann Tillotson, Ann Mason, Karen Baillargeon, Cheryl Robbins, Ginger Walker. Back Row: Bob Newell, Phil Paige, John Smith, Skip Carr, John Folsom, Paul Strout, Carl Bloom, Brad Perkins, Gwen Clair, Claudia Sullivan, Nancy Coffin, Richard Small, Joe Wyman, Nick Walker, Mary Jane Hall, Bob Trueworthy, Linda Covert, Jim Burnham, Sharon Ducsik, Mary Kirk, Raymond Bouffard, Luella Dix. Attending but not in the photo: Brian Bicknell, Martha Ward, Carl Croce, Stella Pierce.

The Gorham High School Class of 1962 recently held their 60th class reunion on a sweltering August day at the Treworgy Homestead and Gardens on Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham. Linda Treworgy Faatz was hostess to 37 graduates and their guests. The class graduated 100 par-

ticipants (including Linda's sister, Martha T. Harris) in June of 1962. A tight-knit group, they have been enjoying reunions ever since. Many are still native to the area, but others arrived from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Texas and California.

One of the activities for the reunion was a scholarship auction with the proceeds going to the Martha T. Harris Gorham Times Scholarship Fund. The silent auction, featuring items made by classmates and representing their hobby or interests, was a huge success. The Class of 1962 raised one thousand dollars for the scholarship fund.

Martha T. Harris was a well-loved member of the Class of 1962. She knew practically everyone in town, was a talented photographer and a founding member of The Gorham Times. She had boundless energy, a deep knowledge of the town, and contributed photos of every single community and sporting event for over 18 years. The scholarship in her honor began after her death in 2013 and is given yearly to graduating GHS student interns who play an important role as volunteer writers and photographers for The Gorham Times newspaper during their high school years.

Megan Young, the 2022 recipient of the scholarship who wrote the

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A Conversation with New USM President

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

Jackie and Michael Edmondson with Elbow, the puppy, at home in the President's House on the USM Gorham campus.

USM's 14th president, Dr. Jacqueline Edmondson, can trace her new role at the university to many years of preparation while working for universities in central Pennsylvania and western Pennsylvania, but also to a bit of serendipity.

In a recent interview, Dr. Edmondson described how she and her husband had found themselves in Pittsburgh in the summer of 2021 with an unused airline credit from a trip that was canceled due to the pandemic. Almost on a whim, they decided to take a chance

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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.

Protecting and Expanding Your Right to Vote

Sen. Stacy Brenner

It's hard to believe that just over a century ago, half of our nation's population could not exercise their right to vote. It wasn't until August of 1920 that Congress ratified the 19th amendment, which technically recognized American women's right to vote. Though this was a watershed moment in our country's history, it was just the beginning. At the time, few white women were able to exercise that right, let alone Black and Brown Americans. It wasn't until the Voting Rights Act in 1965 did we begin to see a meaningful difference in the ability of Americans to exercise this fundamental right. As we witness ongoing efforts to suppress the votes in other states or gerrymander districts, the anniversary of the 19th Amendment serves as a reminder that a majority of Americans were not granted the right to vote, they spent decades, if not centuries, fighting for it.

The right to vote is fundamental to who we are as Americans. In Maine, my colleagues and I have not only fought back against efforts to undermine voters' rights, but we have also worked to make sure all Maine voters can make their voices heard, and that it's a quick, simple and secure process. One exciting development is that now, registering to vote in Maine is even easier. Thanks to a law that the Legislature passed back in 2019, Maine now has an automatic voter registration system! This means that going forward, any time you visit a Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) branch

to get or renew a driver's license or ID, you will be prompted with the opportunity to register to vote or to update your existing registration. All you need to do is provide proof of your citizenship and residency. Adults 18 years or older will be registered to vote, while 16- and 17-year-olds will have the opportunity to "pre-register," meaning that they will be all set to vote once they turn 18.

On July 20, I had the pleasure of joining our Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows, along with fellow lawmakers at the Scarborough BMV for a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the implementation of the new voter registration system. It was a great opportunity to come together and reflect on the progress we have made to protect Mainers' right to vote and ensure everyone can access the ballot box. Fittingly, my daughter joined us and afterward, we went inside the BMV for her to get her learner's permit!

While Mainers will still be able to register to vote using paper forms, this new automatic voter registration system will make it even quicker for folks to do so, while also simplifying the process for our town clerks. Additionally, Maine still offers same-day voter registration, so if you forget to register in advance of an election, you can do so right at your polling place on the day of.

Automatic voter registration isn't the only step we've taken to preserve and expand access to the ballot box. Last year, my colleagues and I in

Augusta passed a law that guarantees the right to use absentee ballot drop boxes and maintains an online ballot tracking system so people can know if their ballot has been accepted by their clerk. These changes took the uncertainty out of absentee voting. We also passed another law to ban corporate campaign contributions in state elections. Mainers should be the ones making decisions about who our leaders are, not big corporations. We even passed a law that will allow people to securely register to vote online – that will take effect next year.

Here in Maine, we take pride in our elections. Our independent streak, high turnout and reliable results are key features. As your state senator, I have been proud to fight to protect the sanctity of our elections and your access to the ballot box. I promise to continue doing so as long as I represent you in Augusta.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, don't hesitate to send me an email at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515.



Stacy Brenner is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

Letter to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Gorham for over three decades, former Town Manager, and current Co-President of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, I am very happy the Town of Windham is partnering with the Land Trust to create a large conservation and open space project the size of Bradbury State Park and become part of a 2000-acre conservation corridor. This will be public open space that is just minutes from Gorham and will provide 30-miles of trails for walking, hiking and mountain biking with views of the White Mountains for current and future generations.

Right now, Gorham Savings Bank has made a generous \$50,000 matching challenge to help make this project possible. Please join me and hundreds of others in meeting the match by making a gift (www.prlt.org/east-windham-project) to help make this project a reality. Then we can all enjoy more access to the outdoors close to home.

David Cole

Dear Editor,

As Scarborough residents for the past 17 years, we strongly support Stacy Brenner to be re-elected to the Maine Senate representing Scarborough and Gorham. Stacy is a leader on public health and environmental issues in the Maine legislature and nationally. She spearheaded successful legislation

to combat dangerous PFAS chemicals that threaten our water supply and is a fierce defender of women's reproductive health freedom. As a member of the legislative Health Committee, she worked hard to lower costs and improve access to health care services.

Stacy is chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and is particularly concerned with the effects of climate change on Maine farmers, fishers and coastal residents. As a farmer herself, she knows firsthand the serious impacts extreme weather and drought can have on people's livelihood.

We know Stacy is a hard-working legislator. Join us in voting for Stacy Brenner to represent us in Augusta.

Bryan and Jennifer Shumway
Scarborough, ME

Dear Editor,

I have always loved taking walks where I live. For me taking walks gives me the opportunity to reflect on things that are going on in my life. Taking walks also gives me the opportunity to meet new people since I am social and love talking to people I have never met.

I would like to start a walking club and have been learning about walking clubs. Walking as a group has many benefits. Walking as a group can help lower blood pressure, reduce heart disease and lose weight. People who walk together are more likely to stick together

as a group and keep walking than if you walk alone.

When you walk as a group, you are more likely to be motivated to lose weight. As a group you can walk faster and further than if you walk alone. Before starting a walking club, you need to find people who also want to walk with you.

You can find people for your walking group on social media like Facebook. You can also find people for your walking club at church, at work or in any clubs that you might be part of.

Goal setting is important to be a successful walking group. You should have a goal as to how far you will walk and how long the group wants to walk.

Jeff Alan

Correction

In the August 4 issue of the Gorham Times, it was reported in error that the School Committee voted to submit a request to the Town Council for a referendum question be placed on the November ballot in the amount of \$2,025,955.80. The correct amount of that request is \$20,025,955.80. This was an error of the editor, not of the writer.

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GOCAT/GOCAM: A Community Treasure Available to All

Donna Aikens, Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of GOCAM

Georgia Humphrey, community media manager and Jeff Knox, media specialist.

Have you heard about GOCAT? Do you know what the acronym stands for? Here is your chance to learn all about GOCAT, also known as Gorham Community Access Television.

GOCAT has been around for twenty-nine years. It is one of the oldest cable television stations in Maine with an original franchise date of Feb. 2, 1993. Since this time Gorham news and town meetings have been broadcast on Channel 3.

GOCAT serves the community and government of the Town of Gorham and is recognized as a local PEG station – Public/Educational/Government. GOCAT programming is broadcast only to the people in the town of Gorham.

The Town of Gorham is presently in the process of re-franchising with Spectrum Cable. Within this agreement, a fee is paid to the town since Spectrum cables run over the poles in an area considered the public right of way.

In an effort to bring local information to more citizens, Gorham Community Access Media was launched to provide an opportunity to view meetings and events online. The broadcast stream is always playing through the website. To access town meetings both live and replayed go to the website homepage and click on meetings and videos then click

Links for Accessing Videos:

Current and Archived Community Videos:

At Vimeo.com, search for Gorham Community Access Media. There are 251 videos archived at this location, all local content, all about Gorham.

Livestream of Town meetings:

Town of Gorham webpage www.gorham-me.org

From the home page on the left, select the button Meeting Videos and Livestream. Hit play on GGETV Video.

GGETV Video Player:

Link: <https://www.gorham-me.org/gorham-government-education-television>

play on the “tv” screen and the stream will start.

One of the things that GOCAT/GOCAM is most proud of is partnering with the Gorham School Department for graduation ceremonies in June of 2020. Due to COVID-19 and limitations with mass gathering requirements, 6 “mini” graduations occurred over 2 days. GOCAM was able to broadcast the ceremonies locally and stream them live over the Internet so family members all over the country could watch.

Local Restaurant Presented with Golden Spoon Award



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

In June (Gorham Times, Vol. 28, No. 13, June 23, 2022) we reported that Azul Tequila was the winner of the 2022 Golden Spoon Award at the Gorham Taste Walk on June 5. On Wednesday, August 10, Suzie Phillips and Dani Miller of Young Life Maine presented the award to the happy crew.

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they likely will.” In the days since the fire, that has proven to be the case. At the time of this printing, many have already helped with clean up and donations have been raised through a Go Fund Me campaign at

the Farm’s Facebook page. Anyone wishing to donate to the Young family for the barn rebuild can also make checks payable to Flaggy Meadow Farm, and send them to 172 Flaggy Meadow Road, Gorham, ME 04038.



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Planet Earth Sets a New Record

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

This has been an unusual summer, with rainfall, drought and heat records being smashed all over the world. But one extraordinary record was quietly broken on June 29, 2022 with little fanfare. A few dedicated clock watchers, using extremely accurate atomic clocks, recorded Earth's daily spin at 1.59 milliseconds LESS than 24 hours. The record for our 2nd shortest day ever was recorded just a month later, on July 26, 2022, when Earth experienced a minus 1.50 millisecond day. After many centuries of slowing down, Earth is now speeding up.

We all know that the hours of daylight get shorter as summer progresses, but this is different. A day is supposed to last 24 hours (roughly 8,640,000 milliseconds) because

that is how long it takes the Earth to complete a full spin on its axis.

For centuries, Earth has actually been taking slightly LONGER than 24 hours to complete its daily journey. According to the Royal Academy in England, Earth's spin has slowed by about 6 hours in the past 2740 years. That sounds like a lot but means that a 24-hour day was lengthened by only 1.78 milliseconds over the course of a century.

So, it is notably strange that this long-term lengthening trend has recently reversed. The Earth seems to be speeding up and taking progressively LESS time to complete its spin, with our days getting shorter. In fact, since 2020, the Earth experienced 28 of the shortest days

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The Secret to Healthy Living

Stacey Coleman, Contributing Writer

So many people feel “stuck” trying to figure out how to start “Living Healthier.” It is overwhelming when social media constantly force-feeds us non-stop fitness, nutrition, lifestyle tips and hacks.

Information overload can leave us so confused and frustrated that we do nothing with it. Caught in this wellness trap many of us just stand still. Monday comes and you never start that diet. Holidays or special events pass by and you still can't fit into those jeans.

I get it. Heck, I am the expert and I have a history of getting “stuck” sometimes. I know the science, earned the degree, and got all the certifications, yet I still struggle sometimes. And here is why.

Sadly, many in the wellness industry want you to think that they have the secret formula, the magic pill, or the best workouts guaranteed to burn fat fast, all so that you depend on them. To avoid these wellness scammers, search for wellness professionals who are honest, educated, and want to empower you. Do your homework when looking for a coach and never hesitate to ask for references.

Here is the truth that any great wellness professional should openly tell you. The science of health and fitness is already figured out. It's pretty simple, in fact, you know most of it already.

The secret is: there is no secret. The healthy living formula is S-I-M-P-L-E:

- Exercise regularly.
- Eat fruits and veggies, and make protein a priority.
- Limit Stress.
- Drink water.
- Sleep.

Obviously, there is a science to the frequency, duration, and intensity of all of this. There are many great experts who can help you to create your unique habits and create a plan with accountability to succeed.

You already know that you should be

doing these simple things. The problem is not a lack of information, the problem is that you are not doing what you know you should do.

Here are three actions to take to stop overthinking and start living healthy today.

1) Detox your mind. Stop repeating negative self-talk in your mind. Quit the never-ending guilt about missing a

workout or eating that dessert. Put an end to the unnecessary shame that you put on yourself for not having the body you had when you were 20. And terminate that secret comparison you do

with your friends, that soccer mom, your sister-in-law, or that woman with 7 kids and a “perfect body” who seems to have it all figured out. Detox all negativity to live a healthy life.

2) Focus on your daily habits. Create a rhythm of health that includes regular, progressive movement and a healthy balanced diet. When you begin to focus on healthy habits, you break free into a life where you care deeply, holistically, and sustainably for yourself first, to best serve others, fulfill your purpose, and curate a positive legacy

3) Begin. You can start right now. Write down your personal commitment to yourself, decide which habits you will commit to, and block time in your schedule to follow through. Do not put it off until tomorrow, take that first step right now.

Often it is your thoughts that need a detox, your habits that need a jumpstart, and your behaviors that need a workout. This is how you create sustainable success.



Stacey Coleman is a certified professional in fitness, nutrition, and mindset, with over 20 years of experience. She and husband Jesse are Owners of My-FIT-24 and Living a Champion Life.



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Jon Day (GHS '10)

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Gorham native, Jon Day (GHS '10), was recently honored by Bridgeton Academy (BA) where he teaches English, serves as the assistant football coach, a focused academic coach and a dorm director.

Bridgeton Academy (BA) is a nationally ranked boarding school specializing in college-prep post-graduate programs for young men. The 50-acre campus, located in the western Lakes Region, houses 170 students.

A 2011 graduate of the Academy himself, Day was honored to be selected from a group of student-nominated candidates to receive The Andrew F. Staub '04 Faculty Professional Development Award. The award recognizes a faculty member who has mastered their discipline, who fosters academic development in their students and who shows a genuine concern for the young men in his care.

Dean of Academics, Jamie Izaryk said, "Jon's connection with, and impact on our students is simply outstanding. He relates to our guys on so many levels: as an alumnus, a former college student-athlete, and as a current teacher/coach. Jon brings a down-to-earth, process-driven approach to his students, which clearly has positive effects on the experience of our students."

Day spoke about how much BA meant to him as a young man. He described himself as a decent (3.0) student at GHS. He was sports-oriented, serving as captain of the football and basketball team his senior year. He also ran track and was involved in the musicals, starting in the role of Tony in "West Side Story" and other musicals. Day said he particularly enjoyed English class with Johnathan Werner and physics with Sally (Hatch) Gherardi, but academics were not a focus for him.

Day candidly admitted that he did not feel quite ready for college, academically or in terms of his athletic skills. During the year he spent as a student at BA, he worked really hard. That extra year produced great results both on and off the field: he brought his GPA up to 3.8 and gained mental and physical toughness, as well. "I left a much-improved student and athlete," he



Photo credit: Bridgeton Academy

said. Day went on to play Division III Football at Wesleyan College in Connecticut, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in 2015.

Following graduation, Day was hired as an assistant football coach at Albright College in Pennsylvania. But when his former coach at the Academy, Rick Marcella, called and asked him to come coach, teach, and mentor, Day didn't have to think twice about coming back to live and work in Maine.

Life has a funny way of working out. When asked about what he likes best about his job: coaching, teaching, or mentoring...hands down Day says that the mentoring he does as a focused academic coach is the most rewarding. Working one on one, he helps students set goals, stay on track and learn how to work hard and smart. He finds enormous satisfaction in watching his students grow. He said, "I have one really intense year to help them learn that what you put in is what you get out." He added, "Focused academic coaching was how I learned I was in love with teaching."

During the summer, Day travels to scout players at places like the New England Elite Football Clinic held at Tufts University. When not at work, which is rare, Day loves to boat and fish on Long Lake.

Day is the son of Karen Farley and Jon Day, and the devoted grandson of Grandmother Pamela Russo, who passed away in November. His brother, Aiden Farley, GHS '22, will play football at Bridgeton Academy in the upcoming year.

Jon can be reached at jday@bridgetonacademy.org

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, your son, or daughter are GHS graduates, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@icloud.com.

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Meet the Town Staff: Ephrem Paraschak, Town Manager

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Paraschak began work as Gorham's Town Manager in September 2017, following the retirement of David Cole. Paraschak had previously worked as the Town Manager in Denmark from 2008-2014 and in Naples from 2014-2017. Before becoming a Town Manager, he had worked in Gorham in engineering compliance. He is a graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in political science and history and has a Master's degree from the University of Southern Maine in public management.

Paraschak describes the role of a Town Manager as someone who takes policy direction from elected officials (Town Council), interprets the direction, gives advice and executes the decisions. Maine communities primarily have a Town Manager form of government with managers reporting to a Town Council. The Town Manager gives the Town Council information, facts and figures, and they use this information to make important policy decisions, which the Town Manager then implements.

The budget is the biggest issue that the Town Manager deals with annually. This year it did not go up as much as inflation. Paraschak describes it as "trying to accomplish as much as possible while keeping funding under control." Paraschak



Courtesy of the Town of Gorham

also tries to anticipate what the next big issue will be "but so much is going on, it is hard to do that". He added, "we try our best to treat everyone fairly and equitably, but resources are always limited. First and foremost, listen and don't jump to conclusions, and always try to be fair:

Paraschak's goal is to grow a thriving community where all needs are met with a reasonable budget that maintains our infrastructure. He noted that the goals of the Town Council shift and currently, economic development is a primary goal.



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Clerk's Corner Updates

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

I hope everyone is staying safe and cool this summer. It certainly has been one dry and hot summer! Fall is around the corner and the days are growing shorter. With fall comes cool nights and busy days here at the Town Clerk's office.

The Appointments Committee is accepting applications for the newly formed Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee. Applications are available online or in the Town Clerk's Office.

Nomination papers are now available for the Municipal Election, which will be held November 8, 2022, to elect three (3) persons to the Town Council and two (2) persons to the School Board. There is also one (1) position open for Portland Water District Trustee. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Absentee ballot requests are now available for the November election. You may request an absentee ballot

by calling the Town Clerk's office or visiting the State Election website at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>. Once the ballots are received, they will be mailed to you and you can vote in the comfort of your own home. You can return the ballots by mail (two stamps are required) or drop them off in the ballot drop box at the Municipal Center.

Voter registration is conducted at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, Monday-Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please be sure to have photo identification and proof of your residence address when registering to vote. You can register to vote up to and including Election Day in person. If you register by mail, your voter registration card must be received in the Town Clerk's Office by end of day October 18, 2022 to be eligible to Vote in the November Election.

Please do not hesitate to call the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 with any questions.

Planning Board Results August 1, 2022

A proposed Zoning Map amendment to change the area in the vicinity of South Street to Brackett Road from Rural and Suburban Residential District to Urban Expansion District and the area in the vicinity of New Portland Road and Lowell Street from the Rural District to the Suburban Residential District was discussed and moved to refer to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt. The motion failed 2 ayes (Frank & Siegel) 3 absent.

A request for approval from Nouria Energy Corp to redevelop an existing convenience store which would consist of a 6,000 sq. ft convenience store and Amato's Restaurant with drive-through, 8 gas pumps and 2

diesel pumps located at 435 Ossipee Trail was tabled.

Ricky Jones' request for final plan approval of a 4-lot conventional residential subdivision at 36 Middle Jam Road was given final subdivision approval with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

James Davenport's request for approval of a private way located within the Fort Hill Road subdivision for Kirk Nadeau was tabled.

Chase Custom Homes status update on the request for approval of Sawyer Estates, a 118-lot residential subdivision on 103.59 acres located off South Street was discussed.

August Town Council Report

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

The Town Council (TC) met on August 2 with all councilors present except Suzanne Philips. After public comment by Andrew LaPlaca who expressed concern over the vote last month to accept Musket Drive as a public way, councilors spoke briefly on several issues. Councilor Hager explained that work conflict kept him from attending the past two meetings. Councilor Hartman and Chairman Pratt gave brief reports of committee meetings. Pratt also encouraged people to donate blood if they are able.

Town Manager Paraschak announced that applications for the Property Tax Stabilization Program for seniors are available on the town website or at the Town Clerk's office and are due by December 3. The program will not impact taxes this year. He said that the town-wide revaluation is nearing completion and should wrap up around August 15. Citizens with questions can call the Assessing Office.

School Committee Chair Anne Schools said there is an online question and answer document giving Council members an opportunity to communicate with the School Committee about the bond referendum request of \$20,025,956. This document will become a public record available to citizens after August 19, prior to the public hearing on September 6. She reported on ongoing facilities projects. The GMS HVAC project, the GHS gym floor, bleacher project, and the field lighting projects have been slowed by several factors. She also announced dates for

the opening of district schools. Bus schedules will be posted on the district website by August 22.

The Town Council voted (6-0) to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow mobile vending units in the Little Falls area. After discussion about the availability of restroom facilities for a potential increase in restaurant patrons, the TC voted (6-0) to amend the Code to all and add performance standards for outdoor dining.

The TC voted (6-0) to amend the Land Use and Development Code to permit heavy equipment and retail sales and service in the Industrial and Roadside Commercial Districts.

The Council considered amending the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance to permit building owners who do annual sprinkler inspections to make these inspections every five years or when ownership changes. After Mel Fernald made a public comment asking for a specific reason for yearly inspections of the anti-freeze loop, the TC voted (4-2, Shepard, Kuech) to table the order until September to obtain more information from the Fire Chief.

The TC voted (6-0) to amend the Land Use & Development Code to comply with the Comprehensive Plan in a number of situations. They also voted (6-0) to vacate Deacon's Field Road and Spirit Circle after Julia Colpitts, owner of three lots in the Blue Ridge Subdivision, explained how many lots will be available and why the roads are not needed.

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Little Falls Recreation Area Update

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer


This summer a rotating group of food trucks have been at the Little Falls Recreation Area, adjacent to the old school, every Thursday beginning at 4 p.m., and will continue to be there until September 1. In addition, local businesses including Nappi Distributors, Harvey Performance, Great Falls Construction and Jøtul North America have been at the weekly food truck events to introduce themselves to the public and offer employment information.

Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program are being used to develop

a Master Plan for the Little Falls / South Windham village area. This is a joint project between the Towns of Gorham and Windham.


Aceto Landscape Architecture and North Star Planning have been funded to help formulate designs for future development of the area. For more information go to villagesmasterplan.com or stop by Summer Thursdays at Little Falls Recreation Area.

In related news, the former fire station on the South Windham side is being redeveloped into a new brewpub restaurant by Great Falls Construction.



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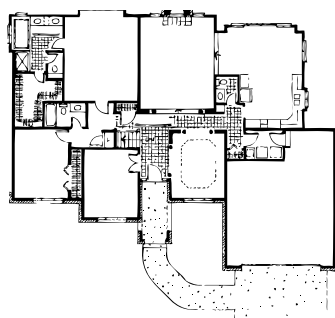
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Gorham-Falmouth High School Robotics Team Under New Leadership

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The 2022-2023 school year will see new leadership on the Gorham-Falmouth Robotics Team, as Clare and Meredith Greenlaw assume the head coaching positions of FIRST Robotics® Team 172, The Northern Force. They replace Falmouth teacher, John Kraljic, who successfully coached the team for the last two decades, along with Gorham coach Michelle Moutinho, also retiring, and several other Gorham coaches before her.

The team was founded in 1996 by former Gorham High School teacher, Roger Lord, who was instrumental in not only forming the team but also in formalizing the partnership with Falmouth High School teacher, John Kraljic, in 2003. Along with the leadership of IDEXX engineer Tim Keegan, Lanco Assembly Systems engineer Richard Burt, Gorham parents, Lori Arsenault, Karen Collins, Michelle Moutinho and countless mentors and students from both Gorham and Falmouth. FIRST Robotics Team 172, The Northern Force, is one of the world's oldest FIRST teams, still going strong after more than 26 years.

Retiring coach John Kraljic states that "Robotics programs offer opportunities to students that are not found in the school curriculum. Students work alongside professionals (engineers, programmers, designers, teachers and businesspeople) who mentor them to

design and build robots but also to build life-long skills in leadership, communication, budgeting/finance, planning and teamwork."

Coach Kraljic has many special memories of coaching the team, including each year's team, the FIRST community locally and beyond, watching the growth of students during the build season, attending three world championships, and building friendships with the mentors.

New coaches, Clare and Meredith Greenlaw bring a variety of experience to their coaching roles. Clare developed a unique appreciation for building pragmatic solutions to novel problems using a combination of STEM and trade skills from his father who was a teacher at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center until his death in 1989.

Both Clare and Meredith have been executives in the STEM and manufacturing fields for decades. Meredith, an executive at IDEXX, hopes to ensure that today's STEM and technology students have strong, diverse role models in technology-related industries. As dean of the Graduate MBA program at Southern New Hampshire University, Clare focuses on developing unique learning programs providing skills and competencies that businesses desire.

As a family, the Greenlaws have two daughters who had the opportunity



Photo courtesy of Robotics Team

L-R - incoming head coaches, Meredith and Clare Greenlaw; outgoing head coaches, John Kraljic and Michelle Moutinho

to benefit from participation in the robotics program. While on the team, they developed different interests, one studying computer science and data analytics and the other working as an electrical engineering technician and pursuing further education in precision manufacturing.

This year will present a unique challenge and opportunity for the team. In addition to new coaches, both Gorham and Falmouth graduat-



Photo courtesy of Robotics Team

Retiring coach, John Kraljic, works with students on their robot, "Frank," in the pit at the Pine Tree District Event.

ed many seniors leaving a young team composed of a number of rookies. This strongly motivated and talented group of young students is already meeting with mentors to learn the foundations of robotics, engineering, design and programming to prepare for their competition season.

The new coaches' goals involve creating a "4th Industrial Revolution" career awareness and readiness, empowering a learning environment for students and mentors, mimicking industry in the team's organizational structure and operations and measuring tangible industry and college-recognized program outcomes. They

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Gorham Summer School Program Collaboration

Becky Fortier, Principal, Great Falls School



Photo credit: Becky Fortier

The Gorham School Department provided a K-5 summer learning intervention program in collaboration with the Gorham Recreational Department.

Approximately 45 students, nominated by their classroom teachers, attended Great Falls for 5 weeks of academic and social learning. The program consisted of 3 hours of morning academics followed by an afternoon of art, music, and physical education or a once-a-week field experience facilitated by the Gorham Recreational Department.

This summer program included

several community volunteers who assisted in supporting our youngest students in literacy. Great Falls administrators Becky Fortier and Deanna Etienne oversaw the learning program that ran from July 5 through August 4 and was instructed by the talented Gorham teaching staff.

The program was grateful that transportation was provided by the Gorham School Department bus drivers while fabulous lunch and snacks were provided by Gorham Food Services. Attendance was high and students made great progress while learning and having fun.

SPORTS

Hannah Prince Full Circle at Saint Joseph's University

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Saint Joseph's Athletics

Gorham native and field hockey standout (Miss Maine field hockey '09), Hannah Prince has been named head coach of the women's field hockey team at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA (SJU). Prince has stayed in the game as both an athlete competing internationally while also coaching several high-profile programs, including UNH, Princeton and the University of Louisville.

After competing and excelling at UMass Amherst for four years, Prince was one of 18 players selected for Team USA to compete in the junior world cup. She traveled to Germany to compete during her senior year at UMass.

Prince began her coaching career at the University of New Hampshire. During this time, she was also named captain of the US field hockey (outdoor team), then subsequently was selected to play for the US (indoor team), a very selective elite team, training in Pennsylvania, home state of SJU. Prince joined the SJU Hawk coaching staff, as a full-time assistant during the '17 and '18 seasons, helping them win Atlantic 10 tournament titles. Full circle, Prince is now the head coach for SJC, and deservedly so.

Prince is praised by former players, teammates, and coaches as one of

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Like a Bird

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

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under a
canopy of blue
with the intention of
reading and
grasping

But the birds were singing
loudly as they do
in the early morning
and so
I listened
Loving their songs

Eventually plotting
the possibilities
Dreaming
Knowing that
there is a
time to
take flight

Meet the Staff at the North Gorham Public Library

Beth Orlando, Staff Writer

Located at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road, the North Gorham Public Library (NGPL) serves the surrounding community, focusing on fiction for adults and children, and providing access to much more through inter-library loan. WiFi services and computers for patron use.

Jennifer Plummer has been the director for the past 8 years, and will be leaving to go back to school. With her love of books and matching people with the right book, she'll be missed. The library will be seeking a new director soon.

Abby McGuire conducts storytimes for children ages 0-5 years old and their caregivers every Wednesday at 10 a.m., reading books, singing songs, and doing crafts. She updates the library's social media sites and works with town departments to cross-promote the library.

McGuire, a graduate of the GHS class of 2005, received her Master's in Library Science from Emporia State University in Kansas. She first started working at NGPL in 2015 as a Children's Programmer. She was there until 2017 when she left to teach technology and assist in the library at Narragansett. She came back to NGPL in April 2022 as the children's librarian and marketing coordinator.

This year she kickstarted the first ever summer library concert series at NGPL in partnership with the Gorham School of Music. Several student musicians performed in front of the library. McGuire's day-to-day routine includes



Photo courtesy of Abby McGuire

Abigail McGuire, Children's Librarian and Marketing Coordinator

reading books to children, checking books out, cataloging, covering books, and making flyers to advertise library programs and events.

NGPL offers a monthly book club, author talks, as well as an annual book and plant sale, an open house, trick-or-treating at the library, and a holiday craft fair.

The library also has a handful of volunteers including Kathy Corbett, Barbara Farrell, Brian Farrell, Cynthia Fullerton, Priscilla Hopkins, Marlene Scholl, and Mary Snell. The library hours are Mondays, 3 - 5 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find NGPL on the Internet at north-gorham.lib.me.us.



Summer Laughs

What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August?

A hot dog!

What does a bee do when it's hot?

He takes off his yellow jacket

Why do bananas use sun screen?

Because they peel.

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer day?

I'm bacon!

What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

Swimming trunks!



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Baxter Memorial Library Creates Life-Sized VeggieLand Gameboard for All Ages to Enjoy This Summer



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

On July 26th the Baxter Memorial Library had an all-age activity of a game of Veggieland, based on the game Candyland. The library lawn became a gameboard as children and adults moved around the lawn encountering obstacles to make the game more interesting. At the end the children were able to pick their own vegetables, supplied by the Old Wells Farm, as a prize for completing the game. Many children played the game more than once.



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 **Sebago Brewing Company**, a leader in the Maine craft beer scene since 1998. The Gorham Brewpub located in the heart of Gorham Village is now open following an extensive renovation!

1 Tell us a little about your business. How did you get your start in Gorham?

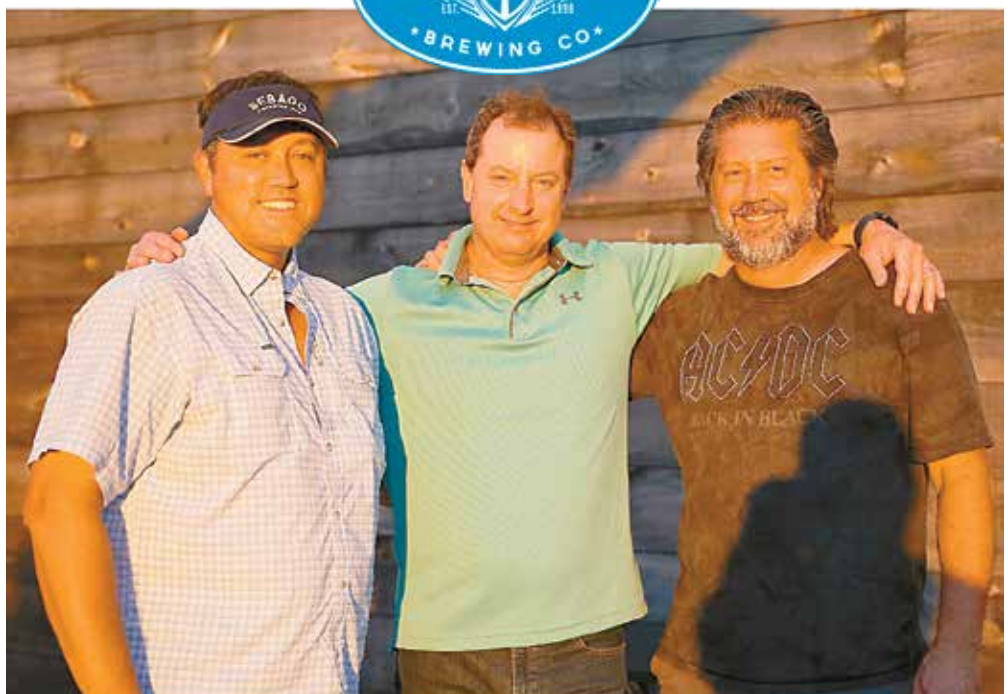
We opened our first brewpub (and brewery) in South Portland back in 1998 and then our brewpub in Gorham Village in 2001. We opened our production brewery in Gorham in 2005, which we eventually sold to Lone Pine Brewing. In 2018, we went all in on our brewery, headquarters, and Tasting Room on Main Street.

2 What can guests expect with the renovated brewpub in Gorham Village?

Guests will experience a bigger bar area, new bathrooms, and an expanded kitchen – plus our outdoor patio with a new custom-built awning over the deck. And best of all, an expanded draft system and additional tap lines to offer more specialty and small batch beers made right down the road at the brewery! The brewpub will still have that local vibe but with a more modern feel and a better flow for staff and guests.

3 If your business was a beer, what kind of beer would it be and why?

It would be a flight of four beers, because we're all about giving the people what they want! Of course the first glass would be full of Frye's Leap (because it's classic), followed by Haze Forward (because it's popular), and then Pressed For Time (because it's fun at parties). The fourth glass would be one of our ever-changing small batch beers, because innovation drives everything we do!



Sebago Brewing Co. owners Kai Adams, Brad Monarch and Tim Haines.

Town contact: Kevin Jensen, Economic Development Director kjensen@gorham.me.us (207) 222-1628 www.gorhammaine.org

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Kids Fun Run at Robie Park Brings Eager Racers



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Runners take off at the start of the Baxter Memorial Library Kids Fun Run at Robie Park, Friday August 12.



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Ellie Beal was first to cross the finish line at the Baxter Memorial Library kids fun run.



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Racers bypass the finish line all together.



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Ellie Beal was all smiles after running.

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Planet Earth Sets a New Record CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

since scientists began measuring the length of a day with atomic clocks in the 1960s.

Scientists have several ideas, but no clear-cut explanation, about what may be causing the sudden shift to shorter days. Some likely culprits might be changes in the churn of Earth's interior mantle or a slow rising of Earth's crust (like rising bread dough). Even rising sea levels due to melting glacier ice could be impacting Earth's rotation on its axis.

Some researchers believe that shorter days could also be related to something called the "Chandler Wobble." Since the Earth is not per-

fectly round, it can wobble on its axis, causing the Earth's poles to move, meaning that the North and South poles aren't exactly where they used to be. They have actually flipped a number of times, but maybe that's a topic for another time.

The fact that Earth is speeding up and our days are getting shorter may not be that surprising and most of us won't even care unless we work in a highly technical field. Shorter days prove what we have suspected all along: there is never enough time in a day, and in fact, time is not on our side, despite what the Rolling Stones proclaim.

A Visit with New USM President CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and chose Maine as a place for a short vacation, on just a few days' notice. Maine was a place that she had never visited, and a place that her husband had only visited as a child. It turned out they loved Maine and had a great time. Less than a year later, when she noticed that the position of USM president had opened, the fact that they had such an enjoyable visit here made it much easier to focus on pursuing that particular opening.

Dr. Edmondson said that she loves the idea of living on campus, as it will give her many additional opportunities to interact with students, faculty, and staff. She is especially looking forward to the upcoming return of students to campus in late August. She added that she and her husband Michael found that their recent move to the president's residence on the Gorham campus went well, partially because of the helpful, welcoming attitude of the USM staff, and also because of the many positive interactions they have had with the people they've met throughout the Portland area.

Besides the pleasant impressions from the 2021 vacation, Dr. Edmondson said that one of the main factors that drew her here was the tremendous potential that she sees for USM to become one of the best regional comprehensive universities in the country, and even for it to become known and spread its positive influences beyond the borders of the United States. She sees the growing diversity of the Portland area as a very positive thing, as the whole university should be able to benefit from a more diverse student body that is more representative of the world at large.

In addition, she also sees the university's location in the largest metro area of a largely rural state as important. She believes USM can have an important role as a "bridge" where youth from rural areas of Maine and elsewhere (many from families that have not emphasized higher education) will be able to experience growth, while also being a bridge

for students from immigrant families who wish to attain success in American society. She added that this mutual success will be achieved through opportunities for encountering diverse ideas and situations, and through encountering fellow students from diverse backgrounds in a supportive, nurturing milieu.

Dr. Edmondson pointed out that many colleges and universities are currently having difficulty attracting and maintaining enough students. She believes that USM's unique blend of rural, urban, and immigrant students will help position the university for success in an increasingly challenging environment.

She acknowledged that one of the ongoing challenges for her and the entire faculty will be to continue promoting the importance and value of a college education, in a world that is increasingly skeptical about the need for many young people to pursue a four-year liberal arts degree.

Dr. Edmondson sees the arts, especially music and theater, as an important part of USM's efforts to attract students regionally. She herself has had a long involvement with music, especially classical music, as she has studied and performed on the piano, violin, and viola, on and off for a number of years, including playing with a community symphony orchestra while in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Edmondson and her husband Michael are looking forward to having their two adult sons visit them in Gorham, including introducing them to some of the Portland area's many cultural and dining opportunities. She said she recently began this process of immersing herself in local activities by running in the Beach to Beacon road race.

She also mentioned that the Gorham village area is where Michael Edmondson is currently looking at possible locations for his woodworking business, as this is where he intends to continue making his self-designed wooden children's toys and other wooden craft items.

Robotics Team Under New Leadership CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7



Photo courtesy of Team 172

Team 172 drivers work with an alliance partner from another team at the Pine Tree District Event.

are well on their way to implementing their plan to achieve these goals.

The Greenlaws hope to continue the tradition of building a strong community of students and mentors that foster lifelong learning by focusing on using technology as a backdrop for learning professional and personal skills. These skills include creativity, empathy, emotional intelligence, teamwork, communication and inno-

vation around problem-solving, always with an awareness of what the FIRST community around the world knows as "Gracious Professionalism®."

For information about joining the team or becoming a mentor, please contact firstteam172@gmail.com or 207-632-7108. The coaches also sponsor a FIRST Robotics Lego League Team for middle schoolers that is now accepting interested students.

August Town Council Report CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

The Council voted (6-0) on the make-up of the Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee as amended to include a non-voting high school student. The committee also will include a resident from the park neighborhood, a Gorham resident not from the neighborhood, a member of the Gorham business community, a member of the Gorham Conservation Commission, two TC members, and one Gorham School Committee member. Residents Jackie Lortie and Mike Chabot spoke in favor of a steering committee.

The Town Council voted (6-0) to adopt a Debt Management Policy, sponsored by the Finance Committee. One provision would limit total debt service as a percentage of the town budget to 20%. In FY2021 the total town/school debt was \$43 million which required \$5,077,714 annual debt service, representing 16.02% of the budget. A limit of 20%, which the TC voted for instead of the proposed 25%, would limit the total town/school

debt to approximately \$65 million. Revaluation will affect these figures some, but there is a provision that except for a safety emergency no debt shall be incurred that impacts the percentage of property tax paid on a single-family home by more than 5% in any one year.

The Town Council voted (6-0) to set September 6, 2022 as a public hearing on the Gorham School Department Bond Referendum and instructed the staff to advertise the public hearing with the requested amount and specific projects. The TC will vote on the request at the regular monthly meeting following the public hearing.

They also set September 6 for a public hearing on amending the Gorham Town Charter to amend the voter referendum cap to \$500,000 and link that number to the Consumer Price Index and that the staff advertise the public hearing with the specific charter amendment language as required by law and prepared by legal counsel.

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Hannah Prince Full Circle at Saint Joseph's University

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the hardest-working individuals in the sport of field hockey. Prince also has a motivating positive style that is heavily regarded within the sport.

As a player Prince trained to play both offense and defense throughout her career. This type of commitment as a player certainly compliments her coaching style of being able to get the best out of her players. She is a highly respected coach, being called "a superstar in the field hockey coaching world" by SJU Vice President and Athletic Director Jill Bodensteiner.

According to the SJU announcement, there is an astounding amount of praise and congratulatory welcoming messages. Justine Sowry, Head Coach, University of Louisville remarks,

"Congratulations to Hannah on this great opportunity as she embarks

on her first head coaching position. She is one of the brightest young coaches out there and St. Joe's is lucky to have secured her. Hannah was always destined to lead her own program and I wish her nothing but the best now and in the future."

Where it all began for Prince in her hometown, Gorham Varsity Field Hockey Coach Becky Manson shares, "Hannah eats, sleeps, and breathes field hockey and has done so since she was a small child. I knew she would be a tremendous coach because she was always so willing to help her teammates with their skills during her high school career. She is a legend in the Gorham field hockey community and continues to keep in touch with her roots. The entire Gorham community congratulates her and looks forward to watching her coaching career flourish."

LETTUCE BE HEALTHY

Tomato Mix-up

5 or 6 large tomatoes (yellow and red)
1 container of cherry tomatoes
1 pack of fresh mozzarella (cut into bite size cubes, if you prefer to slicing)
2 tablespoons basil, chopped (feel free to add more)

Mint, small amount chopped
Salt & Pepper
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon seasoned rice wine vinegar

Slice tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and cherry tomatoes (you can leave whole). Salt and pepper generously. Place artfully on a plate. Mix remaining ingredients and drizzle over slices.

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

GHS Class of 1962 Reunion a Big Success, Raising \$1000 for GHS Scholarship

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front-page article of our Graduation Issue said, "The Gorham Times program and scholarship combined have done a lot for me both financially and academically through exploring my writing. I'd like to thank the Class of 1962 and the current Gorham Times Foundation for the recognition and opportunity they have given me. The Gorham Times scholarship is helping me achieve my goal of attending college to pursue secondary education and reducing the stress and worry of the financial burden."

"The Class of 1962 is proud to be able to contribute to this worthy fund in our classmate's honor," said Wilma Gould Johnson, a class member who learned her own photography skills from Harris and who

also contributes occasional photos (see The 3 Amigos photo on page 15 in this issue) as well as writing Gorham History articles.

"Our class (1962) was the first class to host a foreign exchange student under the American Field Service Foreign Exchange Program. The Treworgy family hosted a young lady from Brazil. Arlete Bonato was her name. GHS senior and mayor of the school, James Durgin, arrived with his date, Arlete, for the senior prom in a horse-drawn coach.

Editorial note: Congratulations to the GHS Class of 1962. In recognition of Martha Harris and all of you, the Gorham Times thanks you for your continuing support and encouragement of our student interns.



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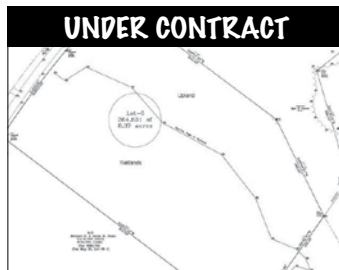
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OF INTEREST

Gorham Rec. will hold a Glow in the Park Fun Run/Walk on September 1 at Shaw Park at 55 Partridge Lane, off Route 237 in Gorham. On-site registration will take place from 6-7 p.m. and the race starts at about 7:15 p.m. Pre-register online at gorhamrec.com and choose to do a 5k or a 1.5-mile loop. Enjoy the pre-race family fun games from 6-7 p.m. and the post-race dance party immediately following the race. Prizes for Best in Glow, Glowiest, and Family Glow. T-shirts will be available for purchase.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, Sep 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Gorham Police Department reports the recovery of two items: 1) a Cannondale F400 bicycle which was likely stolen between July 23 and 26, 2021 and found in Biddeford in the back of a truck that had been stolen from a business off Cyr Drive in Gorham, and 2) On July 26, 2022 a large multi-colored canvas beach bag that looks like it is packed and ready for a trip to the beach was found on the side of the road at the intersection of Wood Rd. and Clay Rd. If you have any information about either of these items, contact Det. Stephen Hinkley, 222-1689.

***Due to a decline in blood donations, the American Red Cross blood supply could face a seasonal blood shortage, negatively impacting hospital care.** Please make an appointment now to give in August. To thank you for helping, those who give between August 1 and 31 will be entered to win gas for a year and will also receive a \$10 e-gift card. FMI: rcblood.org/fuel.

***The Hannaford Community Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of their regular shopping routine.** Purchase a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag, and \$1 of that will be donated to a local non-profit. August donations will go to the Babygirl Foundation based in Gorham. Founded in 2019, the Babygirl Foundation works to provide families, parents, and caregivers with resources to help during a child's difficult hospital stay. Learn more at babygirlfoundation.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

At 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 contactless parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

Baxter Memorial Library 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 call 222-1190 or visit baxterlibrary.org

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Request for Proposals: Stone Wall Repairs 2022 – The Town of Gorham is seeking contractors to perform stone wall repairs at the South Street Cemetery located at 42 South Street, Gorham, ME 04038. Sealed bids shall be submitted using the bid form available from the Public Works office. Questions regarding this bid/proposal shall be accepted by, and bids shall be received on or before, Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. Find the complete bid instructions at <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/request-proposals>, or call the Public Works office at 207-222-4950.

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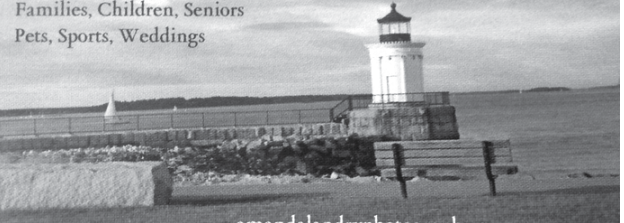


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Fort Hill Road caller reported a dog roaming his and other neighbor's property and defecating on everyone's property. He took the dog back to the owner who could not explain how the dog got loose. Owner was told to get a dog license as soon as possible. Told the caller to let them know if the dog was on his property again.

North Gorham Road caller had a court order stating that their child was supposed to be dropped off at the house on Mother's Day. Other half refused to drive the child and the caller had to go pick up the child. Caller was advised police do not enforce court custody orders and to contact the court.

A suspicious vehicle on Main Street which was backed up to the open side door of a building, with the tailgate open belonged to a cleaner.

A Truck had parked by a retention area on Dogwood Lane. Male subjects were removing rocks from around the pond and placing them in a trailer the truck was hauling. Subject was advised to tell neighbors to call the police if similar behavior was observed.

Person reported missing was a student attending a history lesson at the community center.

A man was rummaging through a dumpster behind Goodwill. He did not have any property that did not belong to him. Officer also checked his vehicle. Man was cooperative and was advised he was not allowed on the property. He was given a criminal trespass warning and he left without incident.

New Portland Road caller reported an attempted motor vehicle burglary. Man had come into work and found that someone had attempted to break into trucks as they had pry marks on them. No entry was made but the caller wanted police to be aware. Officer suggested security cameras in the parking lot.

Parker Hill Road caller stated a male had yelled at her because she parked her car on his property. She said she was in the process of moving her car when he yelled at her. She wanted the officer to talk to him and ask him not to continue to yell at her. Officer spoke with the man and he departed without incident.

So. Portland Police asked Gorham Police to notify a Glenwood Avenue resident of a person's death. Person to be notified had not lived there for 10 years.

Falcon Crest Drive caller reported a pit bull had attacked her dog. She threw a bike at it to make it go away and it did. Her dog was not injured but she wanted police to be aware. Officer did not locate the dog. Caller reported his vehicle was hit by a golf ball in the area of Gray Road and Queen Street. There was no damage. He just wanted to report the incident. Officer checked the area and did not see anyone hitting golf balls.

Gray Road caller wanted two people charged with criminal trespass after they walked past his no trespassing signs. Officer spoke with two people who were

from Presumpscot River Land Trust and were taking water samples. The complainant arrived and was very angry and asked why they would walk right by his no trespassing signs. Both people thought the Land Trust had received permission. After some discussion, the Land Trust will call the complainant if they are sending people out to test water. Complainant will also send the Police a list of family and friends who are allowed to be on the property.

Caller reported a juvenile problem at the covered bridge saying kids were swimming and caller was worried water might be too cold. Mother of the juveniles said the kids were enjoying the water and she was watching them. Kids seemed to be having a great time.

Caller reported two people in a vehicle in an empty lot on Tamarack Circle. They were sleeping in the vehicle as there was no room in the house for the entire family.

Officer attempted to locate a man reported to be limping or staggering near Dingley Spring Road. Man had pulled a muscle in his groin which explained the limping/staggering. There were no signs of intoxication.

Caller complained about staff at a local business. Caller was advised this is not a police issue and she should speak with the management.

Clearview Drive caller received a call saying her granddaughter was in jail and she needed to send money to have her released. Woman knew it was a scam and did not give the caller any information. She just wanted the police to be aware.

Caller reported a rug on the side of Fort Hill Road that "looked suspicious". Officer checked. It was just a rug. (I'd make this the first item. Hard for me to conceptualize what a rug does to look suspicious!).

Fort Hill Road caller reported her sign had been stolen: PAWSITIVELY COMFORTABLE and wanted police to be aware in case it is located.

Files Road couple got into a verbal argument about power being turned off at house where they were staying. They left and agreed to go back to the house and try to talk things over and not run away from their issues.

Officer advised a college student on Church Street that he could not smoke in public.

Caller from Keepa Way picked up baby possums on the side of the road and wanted to know what to do with them for the night. Warden advised her to shelter them and bring them to Saco River Wildlife Center in the morning.

County Road caller told Dispatch she could hear and see people talking outside, near her home. There were no signs of anyone having been there. Caller had contacted the Police Dept. several times but no one was found around the residence. Caller again stated there were vagrants in the area and wanted it noted.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported a burglary.

The Three Amigos



Photo credit: Wilma Gould Johnson

The three amigos. These little rascals seem to have escaped from the watchful eye of their mother and are looking for mischief (or a trash can) to get into.

More Amazing Plants...

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Acacia trees grow all over the African savannah and in other dry environments. They have sturdy root systems which grow deep underground and help them survive drought conditions very well.

They also have several unique defense systems. Acacia trees can communicate and warn each other of danger. When animals like antelopes, giraffes, zebras or elephants start to feed on its leaves, the tree increases its tannin production to levels that are toxic to animals. But that's not all. The tree also emits a cloud of ethylene gas that can travel up to 50 yards through the air, reach-

ing other acacia trees, warning them to also begin producing more tannins in self defense.

Acacias have another source of protection: long, sharp thorns. The hollow thorns also serve as shelter for ants which in turn protect the plant by helping to keep it free from bacterial infections. This symbiotic relationship with ants is also another important defense mechanism. The ants will swarm defensively when the plant is under attack, making things unpleasant for a grazing animal. It's amazing how closely connected the natural world is, the more we learn about it.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, Cressey Road Church, 9 a.m. to noon, free

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

North Gorham Public Library Book Club meets at 11 a.m. and is currently reading "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones. Copies are available at the library. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

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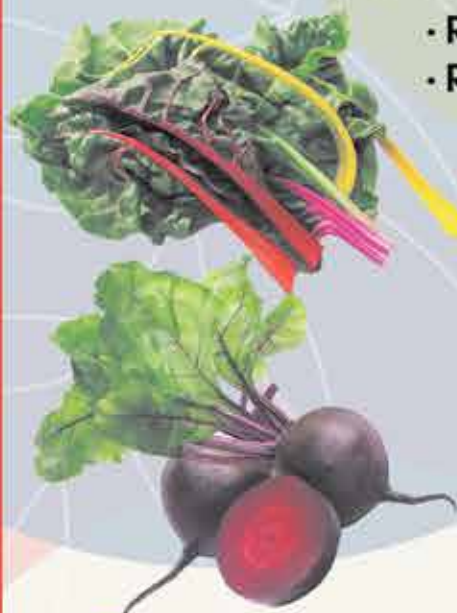
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