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Angus Cows come to Cherry Hill Farm

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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Lee Wormell from Wormell Farms in Cumberland and his grandson Brandon trucked the Red Angus cows 460 miles from Weedsport, N.Y. After the 6 1/2 hour trip, they kept them overnight before bringing them to Cherry Hill Farm.

On Sunday, May 21, Jon and Dan Shaw, their families and friends, many with excited little children, watched as eight Red Angus cows and their six calves stepped out of a trailer onto the 25-acre pasture at Cherry Hill Farm. The herd immediately began grazing on land that the brothers' grandfather had farmed for seven years more than 75 years ago, and that had last seen cows in 1959.

The farm is a project of the Shaw Brothers Family Foundation that purchased 258 acres off lower Main Street from ecomaine in 2017. Since then, they have made three miles of trails and relocated an 1830s barn on the property. The success of the Shaw Brothers Construction Company made possible the foundation with its mission

to maintain "Cherry Hill Farm, the land, buildings, and trails as well as to support organizations helping children and local non-profits that share the brothers' conservative values without social activism."

"We always said that if we made any money," Jon said, "we want to help kids with cancer and help preserve Gorham's agricultural heritage." The business that began with "two brothers, a backhoe and a handshake" in 1977 is now one of Maine's largest earth-moving companies. The Foundation has provided financial support to many non-profits, including Camp Sunshine and Maine Medical Center. But the goal of creating a farm is rooted in Shaw family history.

Jon and Dan's grandfather came with his

family to Gorham from northern Maine in 1939. He rented the Whipple Farm property that is now the site of Cherry Hill Farm until the lease ran out in 1947 and the property was sold to R.J. Grondin. Jon, Dan, and their two brothers grew up on the family dairy farm in western Gorham with registered Holstein cows. Jon said that when planning the Foundation's farm, "it was important to include registered cattle."

The cows that arrived at Cherry Hill last month were purchased from Montrose Beef Cattle in Weedsport, New York. They are registered Red Angus from a herd started in 2002. Cherry Hill Farm will only have cows descended from that herd. To prepare for farm buildings and cattle, Jon said they cleared the land that had become forested since Grondin last used it for pasture. They removed brush and stumps from rows of



Photo credit: Courtesy of Jon Shaw

Left to right: Dan, Jim, Jon, and Tom Shaw at the family farm in west Gorham about 1976.

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Grace Johnson Receives Gorham Times Scholarship

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: Emily Lewis

Grace Johnson, GHS Senior and GT intern

On Wednesday, May 31, 2023, Editor Lori Arsenault presented The Gorham Times Scholarship to Grace Johnson. Grace is a 2023 graduate of Gorham High School who has interned as a writer for the past three years.

Grace began interning during her sophomore year at GHS. Over this time, in addition to all of her other academic responsibilities, she has written more than fifteen articles for the Gorham Times. Her editors have been very impressed with her organization, her writing skills and her professionalism. She has always been willing to accept every assignment, complete it quickly and competently and submit a well-thought-out and well-written article for publication.

When given the opportunity, she chose this internship because she has always enjoyed writing and she loves sharing people's stories. Grace attributes her success to having good listening skills and being able to take in what people are saying accurately while interviewing them.

Having enjoyed learning about events in the Gorham School system and the town at large, Grace said, "I always loved when I got to write about a topic that I was closely connected to at school. Recently, I wrote an article about a trip to New York City that I took with a club I'm part of. It was really cool to retell such an amazing experience through writing."

Grace's future plans include attending Villanova University in Pennsylvania in September. Although undecided about a major, she is definitely interested in writing for a student newspaper at college.

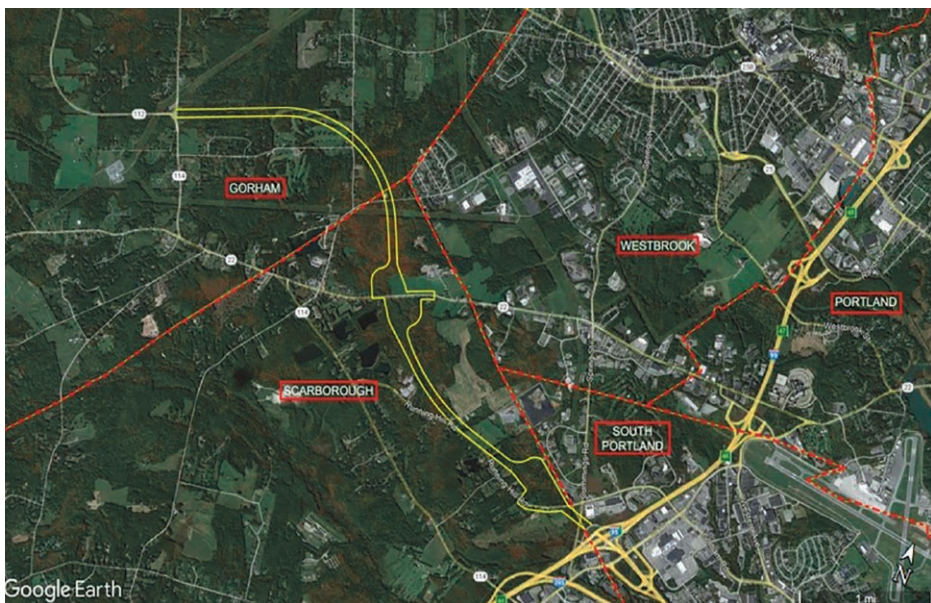
The Gorham Times editors and staff would like to thank Grace for her commitment and work the past three years. We wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Congratulations & Thank You, Grace

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Interview with Turnpike Dir. Peter Mills

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Map provided by Maine Turnpike Authority, showing current planned route of Gorham Connector. Town lines are red, Connector is neon green, Maine Turnpike is yellow. Photo credit: Google Earth

There have been several recent news articles and opinion pieces in local media outlets regarding the proposed Gorham Connector highway.

These include the Press Herald, American Journal and Maine Public radio.

Some articles have referred to the position taken by the Portland City Council,

which is opposing the project. The articles quote those who oppose the connector project as citing various concerns, such as a Press Herald opinion column by Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak.

Some articles have also referred to positions taken by members of the Portland City Council. Some articles quote those who oppose the project using various arguments, such as concerns that it will encourage suburban sprawl, which will lead to removing tree cover, and cause an increase in the total highway miles driven by Portland area commuters, causing more particulate air pollution and carbon discharge, while negatively affecting global climate change.

In a recent interview, Maine Turnpike Authority Executive Director Peter Mills attempted to refute some of the criticism. Mills emphasized that the project is still moving forward, as it was previously recommended through the regional PACTS process, and is being undertaken at the request of the host towns and cities (Gor-

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 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.

Resources for Graduating Seniors: An Investment in Our Future

Rep. Mo Terry, D - Gorham

June is an exciting time. Warmer weather and longer days mean that summer is here and school vacation is nearly upon us. With the Gorham High School graduation fast approaching, I know that many families in our community are thinking about next steps for their kids and how they will afford it. Access to higher education for Maine students is a top priority for my colleagues and I in the Legislature, which is why we have been working hard to ensure that every Maine student has affordable and equitable post-secondary opportunities.

There are several programs designed to give students these opportunities, and one of the most impactful is the Free College Scholarship program at all seven of Maine's community colleges. We established the program last year, providing students graduating between 2020 and 2023 access to two free years of tuition. Since this program was created, the community college system has seen a 12% increase in student enrollment. Without the financial barriers of tuition, more Maine students are pursuing a college degree. For these Mainers, that degree - and all of the opportunities it affords - are now a reality.

The University of Maine System also offers financial assistance to students, this is done through financial aid applications, scholarships and some debt forgiveness programs for adult learners. Most universities also offer work-study programs, which include academic-friendly employ-

ment opportunities through the institution. This can be a great option for students who want or need to work but are having trouble finding an employer who will accommodate their academic schedule.

In addition to the free community college program and the traditional financial assistance provided by the University of Maine system, the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) also offers resources to help pay for college. The Maine State Grant program, which is applicable to public and private universities and technical schools, provides need-based assistance to students enrolled at least part-time. For the 2023-2024 academic year, students may be eligible for up to \$1,250. If you've filed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your eligibility will automatically be determined. If you're found eligible, the grant will go directly to the institution, crediting your account. Pell Grants and institutional grants are other need-based grants that families can explore.

For students not interested in a traditional post-secondary education, there are also more apprenticeship opportunities available now than ever before. I am proud to co-sponsor legislation this year to establish the Dirigo Business Incentive Program. Gov. Mills has also included funding for this program as part of her budget proposal. This program would replace two rural economic development incentives currently offered

in Maine: the Pine Tree Development Zone program and Employment Tax Increment Financing. The new Dirigo program would incentivize businesses to invest in training opportunities by providing eligible businesses with a \$2,000 per employee tax credit if the business pays for a certified training program for three or more employees. A certified program could be an internship or a specialized community college course. This means that employers will be more able and motivated to invest in helping recent high school graduates develop their skill set in a trade they're already passionate about or looking to explore.

We believe that supporting the next generation of learners is vital to Maine's economic success and to the happiness and wellbeing of families across the state. So, whether you're considering college, a trade school or joining the workforce, know that there are resources out there to help you reach your goals.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House Majority Leader, where she serves as head of the Democratic caucus.

Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor,

Your recent article on EVs was a good start to the conversation about electric vehicles. While there are many positive features of using EVs, there are still many concerns with their usage.

The foremost concern is that our nation's grid is not ready for millions of EVs so the supply and demand will most definitely cause a spike in the cost of electricity for everyday use.

While EVs are getting much better mileage (200-400 miles per charge), many people travel greater distances and recharging requires more time and resources. Living in Maine, snowbirds go to Florida in winter. The drive will take longer due to the hours needed for recharging. And when compared

with the life span of the battery, replacement costs can be quite high. While batteries do reasonably well in southern states with milder climates, batteries in Northern states with extreme cold lose efficiency due to cold temperatures.

There are more pressing concerns with EVs Lithium-ion batteries. In one of the recent hurricanes in Florida last year, several concerns came to light. One concern was, after being submerged in water, lithium-ion batteries started to spontaneously combust as long as 3 weeks after being recovered. Tow truck operators and car storage facilities were refusing to move or store these EVs for fear of explosions on or near equipment.

Also, in the hurricane, mandatory evacuations had its own challenges.

EVs in heavy traffic were losing their charge due to continuous running which created log jams along the highways.

Lithium-ion batteries can overheat and explode. Fire Departments throughout the world are trying to equip themselves to fight these extremely hot and volatile situations. Dousing an LI fire with water can cause hydrogen gas explosions. In many cases these fires are left to burn out due to their volatility.

Michael Roy, Gorham

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Correction:

In the Gorham Times May 25 issue, Volume 29, No. 11, an error was published in the article titled, "Town Council Approves Reduced School Budget," on page 5. The Town Council voted 5-1 (Siegel), not 6-0, to reduce the proposed budget by \$800,000.

Gorham Taste Walk 2023 Winners:

- 1 Azul Tequila
- 2 Iaia Brazil
- 3 Souped Up

Congratulations to all the 2023 winners and participants.

See page 6 for pictures and a recap of the event.

Rob Roy Steps Down From Pantry and School

By Janet Willis MacLeod, Vice President, Gorham Food Pantry and Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: Janet Willis MacLeod

L to R: Janet Willis MacLeod, VP GFP; Wendy Couch, Co-Executive Director; Deb Tanguay, GFP board member; Bill Couch, Co-Executive Director; Rob Roy, President GFP, Kristin Clough, Inventory Coordinator GFP

Rob Roy, President of the Gorham Food Pantry, is retiring this summer after 10 years of service to the Pantry and to the community.

Rob joined the Pantry board in 2013 and has served as an invaluable resource by scoping estimates for equipment replacement, taking care of carpentry and maintenance issues, and providing IT support and website management, along with serving on the board and taking part in all Pantry events and fundraisers.

Rob has also served the Gorham School System as a teacher beginning in 1984 and is slated to retire at the end of this school year. Rob has worked at Gorham High School as a technology teacher, a club advisor, and a resource to students and staff. He has also served as an officer of the Gorham Teachers Association, assisting teachers throughout the district, and helping to negotiate numerous contracts. He has been a well-respected member of the Gorham school community.

Vice-President Janet Willis MacLeod said, "The Board of the Gorham Food Pantry is so grateful for Rob's years of service to our community, his stewardship of Pantry resources and his leadership as President for the past few years. Enjoy your retirement, Rob! You will be missed!"



Photo credit: Janet Willis MacLeod

Wendy Couch, Co-Executive Director, and Rob Roy, President of the GFP Board collect donations at last year's Spring Food Drive at Gorham Hannaford.

Gorham Community Chorus Concert

By Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Jacquie Lortie

Gorham Community Chorus performing their spring concert in MPAC at Gorham High School

The Gorham Community Chorus presented a spirited and rousing concert entitled Shine the Light. The chorus which formed in 1992, is a non-audition singing organization of Gorham residents of all ages, directed by John Rimkunas. A high-

light of the show was the Aquarius/ Let the Sunshine In, where the audience was encouraged to join in. New members to the chorus are always welcome. For more information, contact Mr. Rimkunas at gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com

What's On Your Ballot?

By Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Voters living in Gorham's three Wards will go to the polls on June 13 to vote on the FY23-24 school budget validation. There are no other issues on the ballot.

On May 16, the Town Council voted to approve a \$51,141,479 school budget after voting to reduce the one submitted by the School Committee (SC) by \$800,000. At a special meeting on May 24, the School Committee voted to take the mandated reduction from Capital Improvements Projects rather than from personnel or programs that would more directly affect students.

June 8 is the last day to vote during regu-

lar office hours at the Municipal Center. Absentee ballots are still available from the Town Clerk's office and must be returned there by the end of the voting day, June 13. If a voter has a requested absentee ballot, but would prefer to vote in person at their polling place, they must not bring that unvoted absentee ballot to the polls. They will be issued a new ballot.

Polls will be open from 7 to 8 a.m. on June 13. Residents of Ward 1-1 vote at the Gorham Middle School, Ward 1-2 residents at Great Falls Elementary School, and those in Ward 2 at the Municipal Center.



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A Girl Scout, Grace Wallace, and an officer give their salute of honor at the beginning of the Memorial Day Parade on May 29.



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Risk Management and Insurance: The Importance of Insurance to Value

Ethan Johnson, Contributing Writer

When purchasing or renewing their commercial property insurance, it's vital for businesses to ensure such coverage includes correct property valuations. Doing so can make all the difference in providing sufficient protection and preventing coinsurance penalties amid covered property losses. In addition, given the significant increase in construction costs in the area and issues insurance companies have seen with buildings being underinsured on claims, insurance companies are now requiring that buildings be insured at adequate levels. This is where conducting accurate insurance-to-value (ITV) calculations comes into play. Generally speaking, ITV refers to an approximation of the full cost to replace or restore insured property.

Businesses may end up with inaccurate ITV calculations for a wide range of reasons—whether it stems from leveraging ineffective property valuation methods, intentionally underestimating costs in efforts to secure reduced premiums or being impacted by factors outside of their control (e.g., inflation). Regardless, such inaccuracies are all too common. In fact, an estimated 75% of commercial properties are underinsured by 40% or more, according to industry data.

With these findings in mind, businesses need to take commercial property valuations seriously. An accurate ITV calculation represents as close to an equal ratio as possible between the amount of insurance a business obtains and the estimated value of its commercial property—thus ensuring adequate protection following property losses.

However, it's important to keep in mind that a property may be assigned several different values, including the following: 1) Replacement value—this value is an estimate of the current cost to replace

or rebuild a property. The replacement value of a property depends on characteristics such as material and labor expenses, architect services, debris removal needs and building permit requirements; 2) Market value—this value is an estimate of what a property could be sold for in the present real estate market. The market value of a property is based on elements such as lot size, building condition and location desirability; and 3) Assessed value—this value is an estimate generated by the municipality where a property is located. Such a value is typically utilized to determine local property taxes.

Generally, insurance experts recommend using the replacement value of a property to conduct correct ITV calculations. Common approaches to accurately estimating this value include getting a property appraisal from a third-party firm, leveraging fixed-asset records that have been adjusted for inflation or relying on a basic benchmarking tool (e.g., dollars per square foot). While appraisals often require more time and resources than other property valuation methods, they are largely deemed the most thorough and accurate.

To ensure your business is properly protected, contact your local independent agent for a review of the coverage in place and a discussion on trends in the insurance industry.



Ethan Johnson works at Chalmers Insurance and has over 20 years of experience in the industry. A USM graduate, he is passionate about helping people and giving back to his local community of Gorham, where he lives with his family.

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Fruit Cream No-Bake Delight

- 3 cup mix of apples, strawberries, blueberries, bananas, cubed/sliced your choice
- 3 cup Orange Juice
- 1/2 Tbsp corn starch
- 1 Tbsp butter

1. Grease tube pan with oil
2. Spread fruit evenly in tube pan
3. Mix 3 cups of orange juice, 3 1/2 Tablespoons of corn starch in small pot & blend
4. Over low heat, add 1 T of butter and stir til thickened
5. Cover fruit with mixture
6. Cover tube pan tightly with Saran Wrap
7. Refrigerate for two hours
8. Turn over on plate to serve, chilled

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

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Cows Come to Cherry Hill CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

pine trees planted by the Boy Scouts. The cows are grazing there until winter, but will be housed in a large barn now under construction next to the restored Mosher barn.

As part of their mission to support non-profits with no political agenda, the foundation has provided a home for the Gorham Historical Society in the Mosher barn. "I thought it would be a good fit," Jon said. The foundation hired Dennis Nickerson of Affordable Builders to design and build the interior space. The Historical Society paid for shelving and cabinets.

There will be an opening celebration for the Historical Society and the new cattle barn in late summer. Meanwhile, Kelli Dearborn, the society's archivist, is organizing the space for the collection. When she looks out at Cherry Hill Farm, she remembers the neat rows of pine trees, "but now I see people using the trails, coming together from different areas and backgrounds," she said. Cows grazing in the pasture are only the latest addition to the Shaw Brothers Family Foundation's gift to Gorham.

A Look At Selfies

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: U.S. Library of Congress
Self-portrait of Robert Cornelius, from a digital file from the original item.

Taking selfies is a common use of modern digital phones. They are fun and easy enough that even a child can do it. The term "selfie", in case you were wondering, was first coined by an inebriated Australian on the occasion of his 21st birthday in 2002. It officially became the Oxford English Dictionary's word of the year in 2013.

But it might be a surprise to learn that the world's very first photographic self-portrait was not taken with a digital camera but with a crude, home-made camera in 1839 by an American, Robert Cornelius (1809-1893).. His original selfie, along with many of his highly prized portraits and original equipment is in the Smithsonian, where they remain to this day.

Interestingly, in the early days of photography, a big smile in a photo portrait was considered undignified, so subjects were told to say "prunes" (not cheese) to produce that pinched mouth look that predates today's smiley photos.

Cornelius, a chemist, learned about silver-plating and the power of light at his father's lamp shop in Philadelphia. When he heard that a Frenchman named Daguerre had made a camera that worked, Cornelius built his own camera using a crude tin box sealed shut except for a hole in which he inserted a tiny lens taken from his mother's opera glasses. When the lens cover was moved aside, sunlight entered the box and etched Cornelius' face onto a piece of silver-plated copper. He sat in front of the camera, remaining motionless for a long period of time....10, 20 minutes, he wasn't really sure how long to sit because no one had ever done this before.

The copper plate was fumed with mercury vapor to expose the image and was given a special chemical treatment to remove its sensitivity to light. It was rinsed, dried and mounted on paper and then sealed behind glass to prevent fingerprints. In 1840, Cornelius set up Philadelphia's first photo portrait studio, the second in the country. It was a big hit. His portraits were in high demand.

Cornelius returned to the gas light business and eventually held nine patents which were part of revolutionary advancements in gas lighting for homes and businesses. Cornelius died a rich old man in 1893, but his handsome, youthful selfie lives on at the Smithsonian and online.

Imagine posing for a selfie without moving a muscle for 10 to 30 minutes. It's so much easier today, but we know that not all selfies are created equal - some results can be quite comical or embarrassing.

Fortunately, there are a number of websites that give great advice about taking selfies and also apps that can remove blemishes, blur awkward backgrounds, or substitute an entirely new one to improve the quality of your selfies. Here are a few tips:

Tilt something. Angle your phone slightly up, down or to the side or keep your phone totally still and tilt your head slightly. A straight-on selfie is not a great shot.

Selfie eyes matter most. Focus your eyes directly on the camera, not on the phone screen in general. Gaze deep into the lens and try squinting your eyes just a tiny bit.

Lighting is key. Stay away from harsh lighting. Outdoors, angle yourself so you are not facing the blinding sun. Inside, make sure there's enough light. Use a flash if needed and watch out for hidden shadows.

Try portrait mode. Some phones have a portrait-specific feature that improves selfies by focusing on the person and defocusing the background. They may also have various lighting choices like natural, studio, or contour.

Smile, naturally. Mastering a natural smile for the camera is not easy. Take a ton of practice selfies to find a natural, photogenic smile. Know your good side. Stand in a power pose, lift your chin and be confident.



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 Summer Gammon Certificate RIT Women in STEM Award
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 Leighanna LeMay Perseverance

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 Daryna Bezdzizha Presentation of American Flag
 Georg Brummer Presentation of American Flag
 Mikel Soto Carrasco Presentation of American Flag
 Gustavo Zanetti de Moraes Presentation of American Flag

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 Annabelle Fearon
 Mackenzie Foley
 Henry Holland
 John Small
 Denali Tetrault
 Zackary Waters

National Technical Honor Society NTHS Cord WRVC

Sarah (* Charlie) Franklin Criminal Justice 11th grade recognition
 Kaylee Gonneville Early Childhood Occupation Education 11th grade recognition
 Channitra Ly Medical Occupations 11th grade recognition
 Tyler Reynolds Computer Repair and Networking Senior *2nd year
 Emma Sands Medical Occupations Senior
 Logan Sargent Building Trades 11th grade recognition
 Aidan Shepard Culinary Arts Senior
 Jonathan Stein Building Trades 11th grade recognition
 Landon Turgeon Building Trades 11th grade recognition

PATHS

Kayleigh Greenlaw Commercial & Advertising Art Senior
 Aiden Fortier Dance 11th grader/Finished at PATHS
 Aedan MacDougall Music Senior
 Sadie Fiore New Media Senior
 Hayden Battaglia Welding/Metal Fabrication Senior

Physical Education

Hunter Bacon-Matheson Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Tyler Olson Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Lily Tukey Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Laurel Emerson Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Dayton Crockett Excellence in Physical Education 2
 Nick Munyaneza Excellence in Physical Education 2
 Emily Beal Excellence in Physical Education 2
 Elsie Bradshaw Excellence in Physical Education 2

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Amelia Oлару Excellence in Health
 Timothy Nagle Excellence in Health
 Brooke Farquhar Excellence in Sports Medicine
 Christian Butler Excellence in Sports Medicine

English (ELL)

Cecile Nganinka Excellence in English Language and Academic Achievement

English: Course, Name of Book

Olive Sturgis English 9 Bird By Bird, Anne Lamont
 Elizabeth Springer English 9 Fire Keeper's Daughter, Angeline Boulley
 Isabel Phinney English 9 Wicked, Gregory Maguire (green-paged version please)
 Agnese Benecchi American Studies My Brilliant Friend, Elena Ferrante
 Abigail Chamberlin Amer. Lit. Advanced Educated, Tara Westover

Maeve Donnelly Creative Writing Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude, by Ross Gay
 Corinna Hahn Creative Writing Morning Glory on the Vine, Joni Mitchell
 Lila Solecki Theater Almost, Maine - John Cariani
 Zackary Waters Public Speaking The Audacity of Hope, Barack Obama
 Camryn Caruso English 11 Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien
 Lillian Miner English 11A Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt
 Ella Downing English 11AP Quiet by Susan Cain
 Reagan Tibbals English 12 Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
 Hayden Anderson English 12A City of Thieves, David Benioff
 Rachel Cummings English 12AP Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut
 Noor Sager PLUME Enheduana: The Complete Poems of the World's First Author, by Sophus Helle
 Faith Connolly 4-Year Award Lean In by Cheryl Sandburg

Social Studies: Course, Name of Book

Laurel Emerson WH 1 Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond
 Nasir Manaha Amer Studies Four Days to Glory: Wrestling with the Soul of the American Heartland
 Lily Tukey Amer Studies The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution
 Amy Morin WH II Shogun by James Clavell
 Owen Duplissea WH II Prisoners of Geography: 10 Maps That Explain Everything About the World
 Khove Chubbuck American Politics Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? By Michael Sandel
 Sofia Mankin American Politics Stamped From the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi
 Samuel Larkin Holocaust Man's Search for Meaning
 Olivia Hopkins Power and Privilege Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? By Michael Sandel
 Madison Miers AP Modern World History Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine That Launched Modern China
 Corey Lorfano AP Modern World History The Silk Roads: A New History of the World
 Alexis Landry AP Psychology Insane: America's Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness
 Timothy Nagle AP US History A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn
 Chafek Matta AP US History Ben Franklin, An American Life by Walter Isaacson
 Braeden Johnson Economics Talking to My Daughter About the Economy: or, How Capitalism Works--and How It Fails
 John Frank IV 4-yr Award Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? By Michael Sandel
 Basil Bob 4-yr Award Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? By Michael Sandel

Music

Sofia Andrade MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Raiyah Babinsky MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Dylan Bauer MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Kyle Brown MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Madeline Downey MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Madison Hatch MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Ryan Jodoin MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Eden Johnson MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Alexander Robbins MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Lily Rubin MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Emma Smith MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Noah Williams MMEA All-State Music Festival 2023
 Gabriel Badeau MMEA All-State Jazz Music Festival 2023
 Dylan Bauer MMEA All-State Jazz Music Festival 2023
 Isaac Dobson MMEA All-State Jazz Music Festival 2023
 Eden Johnson John Philip Sousa Award 2023
 Ryan Cooper Louis Armstrong Jazz Award 2023
 Madeline Downey National School Choral Award 2023
 Abby Fiore Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus 2023
 Corinna Hahn Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus 2023

Math

Dillon Harrington Excellence in PreAlgebra
 Cassidy Quimby Excellence in Algebra 1
 Stella Moores Excellence in Algebra 1 Advanced
 Amanda Morin Excellence in Geometry
 Derek Luo Excellence in Geometry Advanced
 John Small Excellence in Algebra Modeling
 Agnese Benecchi Excellence in Algebra 2
 Ashley Connolly Excellence in Algebra 2 Advanced
 Ella Downing Excellence in Pre-Calculus
 Luke Burns Excellence in Pre-Calculus Ad-

vanced
 Julia Wareham Excellence in Pre-Calculus Advanced
 William Armstrong Excellence in Financial Algebra
 Amy Morin Excellence in Calculus
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Advanced Placement Calculus
 Eden Johnson Excellence in Statistics
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Advanced Placement Statistics
 William Armstrong Excellence in Advanced Placement Computer Science
 Trevin Macomber 4-Year Award in Mathematics

Technology

Natalie Wilkins Excellence in Technology
 Aedan MacDougall Excellence in Technology
 Elsie Bradshaw Excellence in Technology
 Patrick Downey Excellence in Technology
 Timothy Nagle Excellence in Technology
 Miranda Chasse Excellence in Technology
 Taylor Farr Excellence in Technology
 Claire Boudreau Excellence in Technology
 Natalie Miner Excellence in Technology
 Cole Allen Excellence in Technology
 Lillian Miner Excellence in Technology

Science

Elizabeth Springer Excellence in Earth Space Science Advanced
 Tabitha Lavigne Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Eleanor Morgan Excellence in Earth Space Science Advanced
 Addison Campbell Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Brianna Beaulieu Excellence in Biology
 Jamie Nelson Excellence in Biology
 Madison Tibbals Excellence in Biology
 Ashley Connolly Excellence in Advanced Biology
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology
 Rachel Cummings Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology
 Gretchen Wilichoski Dixon Excellence in Marine Science
 Macey Brenner Excellence in Chemistry
 Evelyn Densmore Excellence in Chemistry
 Anna Yahwak Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced
 Addison Canty Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced
 Trevin Macomber Excellence in Chemistry II/Advanced Placement Chemistry
 Josephine James Excellence in Physics
 Trevin Macomber Excellence in Advanced Physics
 Rachel Cummings Excellence in Advanced Physics
 Camryn Caruso Excellence in General Physics
 Tyler Reynolds Excellence in General Chemistry
 Olivia Hopkins Excellence in Advanced Placement Environmental Science
 Rylee Tenuta Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I
 Miranda Chasse Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I
 Alexis Landry Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology II
 Trevin Macomber 4-Year Outstanding Achievement in Science
 Amy Morin Excellence in Forensic Science I

World Languages

Lily Beardsley Excellence in French 1
 Lily Tukey Excellence in French 2
 Dylan Cummings Excellence in French 3
 Corey Lorfano Excellence in French 3
 Trevin Macomber Excellence in French 4
 Isabel Phinney Excellence in Spanish 1
 Amelia Oлару Excellence in Spanish 2
 Anna Yahwak Excellence in Spanish 3
 Agnese Benecchi Excellence in Spanish 4
 Victoria Sands Excellence in Latin 1
 Addison Canty Excellence in Latin 2
 Julia Wareham Excellence in Latin 3
 Rylee Tenuta Excellence in Latin 4
 Stella Wu Excellence in Mandarin 1
 Benjamin Walsh Excellence in Mandarin 2
 Elizabeth Keil Excellence in Mandarin 3
 Peter Wu Excellence in Mandarin 4

Biliteracy Certificates Language Proficiency

Basil Bob Arabic Intermediate High
 Grace Johnson Latin Intermediate High
 Qasim Rabbani Latin Intermediate Mid
 Valentina Soler Spanish Intermediate Mid
 Rylee Tenuta Latin Intermediate Mid
 Hailee Willey Latin Intermediate Mid

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Honor Cords - Spanish Honor Society

Julia Altham
 Agnese Benecchi
 Olivia Bryant
 Lexi Caron
 Bode Coleman
 John Frank
 Braeden Johnson
 Quinn Lachance
 Brady Marquis
 Kaci Mollison
 Madyson Quimby
 Eleanor Szostalo
 Hayden Anderson
 Lucien Beardsley
 Faith Connolly
 Ryan Cooper
 Jasper Crane
 Angela Dellasalla
 Kayleigh Greenlaw
 Eden Johnson
 Samuel Larkin
 Sofia Mankin
 Delaney Wright
 Tedi Gould

Société Honoraire de Français Honor Cords - French Honor Society

Christian Butler
 Klarha Cajuste
 Miranda Chasse
 Rachel Cummings
 Abby Fiore
 Brooke Gordon
 Corinna Hahn
 Olivia Hopkins
 Aryahna Hulit
 Josephine James
 Ryan Jodoin
 Alexis Landry
 Madeleine LaPierre
 Savannah Lyon
 Hannah O'Reilly
 Alexandra Sutton
 Hermayla Wilson
 Trevin Macomber
 Kate Martin
 Jacob Lehmann

National Chinese Honor Society Honor Cords

Benjamin Allison
 Anrika Edgar
 Jude Huckaby
 Elizabeth Keil
 Abigail Rosingana
 Valentina Soler
 Peter Wu

National Honor Society

Lucien Beardsley
 Basil Bob
 Christian Butler
 Klarha Cajuste
 Lexi Caron
 Miranda Chasse
 Faith Connolly
 Jasper Crane
 Rachel Cummings
 Annie Cunningham
 Patrick Cyr
 Maeve Donnelly
 Madeline Downey
 Noah Flynn
 Kylie Foley
 Tedi Gould
 Olivia Hopkins
 Jude Huckaby
 Grace Johnson
 Elizabeth Keil
 Alexis Landry
 Sam Larkin
 Erin Lawrence
 Jacob Lehmann
 Kevin Luo
 Aedan MacDougall
 Trevin Macomber
 Sofia Mankin
 Katie Martin
 Kaci Mollison
 Joyeuse Ntungane
 Mikaela Pellerin
 Claudia Peterson
 Madyson Quimby
 Qasim Rabbani
 Sarah Rathbun
 Abigail Rosingana
 Eleanor Szostalo
 Rylee Tenuta
 Hailee Willey
 Delaney Wright
 Peter Wu

Graduates: Latin Awards

Summa Cum Laude
 Faith Connolly, Valedictorian
 Rachel Cummings, Salutatorian
 Grace Johnson
 Kaci Mollison
 Rylee Tenuta
 Miranda Chasse
Cum Laude
 Tyler Reynolds
 Abigail Rosingana
 Emma Sands
 Christopher Sargent
 Eli Sjostedt
 Kieran Wilkins
 Hailee Willey
 Delaney Wright
 Peter Wu

Magna Cum Laude

Julia Altham
 Hayden Anderson
 Olivia Bryant
 Christian Butler
 Klarha Cajuste
 Lexi Caron
 Jasper Crane
 Annie Cunningham
 Zoe Diffin
 Maeve Donnelly
 Jonah Doucette
 Madeline Downey
 Kylie Foley
 Brooke Gordon
 Lotus Graves
 Corinna Hahn
 Olivia Hopkins
 Jude Huckaby
 Josephine James
 Eden Johnson
 Elizabeth Keil
 Alexis Landry
 Erin Lawrence
 Kevin Luo
 Trevin Macomber
 Sofia Mankin
 Kate Martin
 Joyeuse Ntungane
 Mikaela Pellerin
 Madyson Quimby
 Sarah Rathbun
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 Lucien Beardsley
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 Ryan Cooper
 Patrick Cyr
 Angela Dellasalla
 Quinn Dillon
 Noah Flynn
 Julie Goldman
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 Braeden Johnson
 Quinn Lachance
 Samuel Larkin
 Jacob Lehmann
 Savannah Lyon
 Aedan MacDougall
 Brady Marquis
 Hannah O'Reilly
 Claudia Peterson
 Qasim Rabbani
 Lauren Rioux
 Keira Rosario
 Kate Sands
 Cody Sellick
 Alexandra Sutton
 Eleanor Szostalo
 Megan Wentworth
 Lillian Zidle



Congratulations to all the student award recipients

Gorham Taste Walk

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



The Gorham Taste Walk took place on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Despite the rain and clouds, many turned out for a walk around town with a sampling of delicious treats. This event occurs annually and allows local businesses to show off their products and give the community an opportunity to have a great deal of fun. There were lots of smiles and full tummies. This year's businesses participating included Souped Up, Azul Tequila, Hops and Vine, Just My Style Catering, Aroma Joe's, Hannaford, Subway, Otto's Pizza, Mr. Bagel, Gorham House of Pizza, Iala Brazil and Pinecrest Inn.

Each participant also has the opportunity to vote for their favorites.

This event supports Young Life Sebago, a local outreach to teens in Gorham and Windham. Money raised sends students to summer camp. Thank you for your support.

4-H Project Collaboration

By University of Maine Cooperative Extension

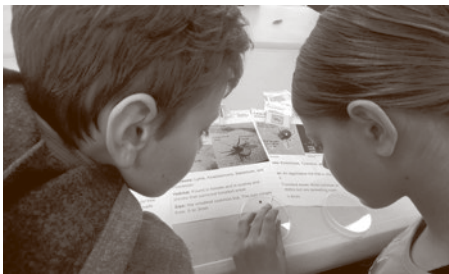


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Tick examination

Orono, Maine — University of Maine Cooperative Extension recently launched its new 4-H Tick Project, a community science program where youth collect, identify and learn about ticks while contributing to university research.

The project provides children and teenagers an opportunity to explore ticks and tick-borne diseases and understand the connections between climate, ecosystem change and public health. Led by 4-H professionals in Hancock County, the program is open to K-12 youth across the state.

Registration is rolling and will be open for the next several months. Currently, nearly 1,400 youth in 11 counties are involved in the program, with 24 educators leading projects. These are a mix of formal classroom teachers, 4-H volunteers, informal educators (such as land trust staff and camp counselors) and homeschool parents/educators.

Project-based learning initiatives like the 4-H Tick Project allow youth to build knowledge and skills through active, hands-on participation. This experiential learning approach promotes a deep understanding of the subject matter and helps develop practical skills that can be transferred to other areas of life.

"A 'learning by doing' philosophy is at the heart of all 4-H projects," says Carla Scocchi, 4-H professional and project lead. "Authentic learning happens when we connect kids with a real-world project that is meaningful for them and their communities."

"Doing the tick project made me feel more comfortable going outside and safe in my yard. Now I know which ticks can be really bad, and I can identify them," says Alexis M., Hancock County 4-H member.

Youth involved in the project collect tick specimens in their local area and submit them to the UMaine Extension Tick Lab for identification and disease testing.

"By engaging youth participants in tick collection and identification, we are able to gather valuable data that helps us better understand tick populations and the distribution of their associated pathogens," says Tick Lab Coordinator Griffin Dill.

Data collected also contributes to the Maine Forest Tick Survey, a multiyear, multidisciplinary research project led by faculty in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture to determine how forest land management practices impact tick populations and disease risk across the state.

The project is a collaborative effort with 4-H, the UMaine Extension Tick Lab, the Maine Forestry Tick Survey and Learning Ecosystems Northeast, a NASA-sponsored partnership focused on building the climate and data literacy youth need to become the next generation of climate stewards.

"This is a wonderful example of collaboration across the university and beyond," says Hannah Carter, associate provost of online and continuing education and dean of UMaine Extension. "Through these partnerships, we can engage more students in a broader learning community where they can connect with diverse perspectives and build the skills needed to become tomorrow's leaders."

For more information about the 4-H Tick Project, please visit the project website at <https://extension.umaine.edu/hancock/4h/tick-project/> or contact Carla Scocchi at (207) 667-8212 or carla.scocchi@maine.edu.



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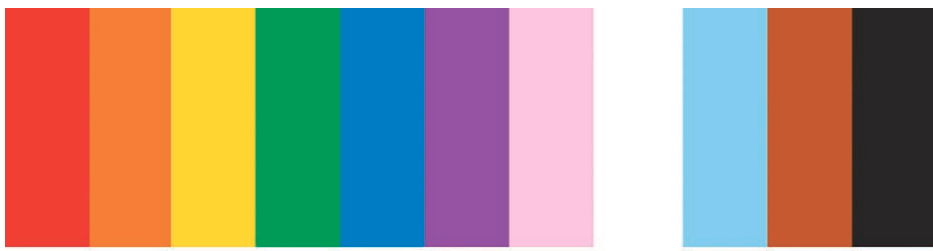
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Stone Carving At Great Falls

Allie Rimkunas, Art Teacher, Great Falls School

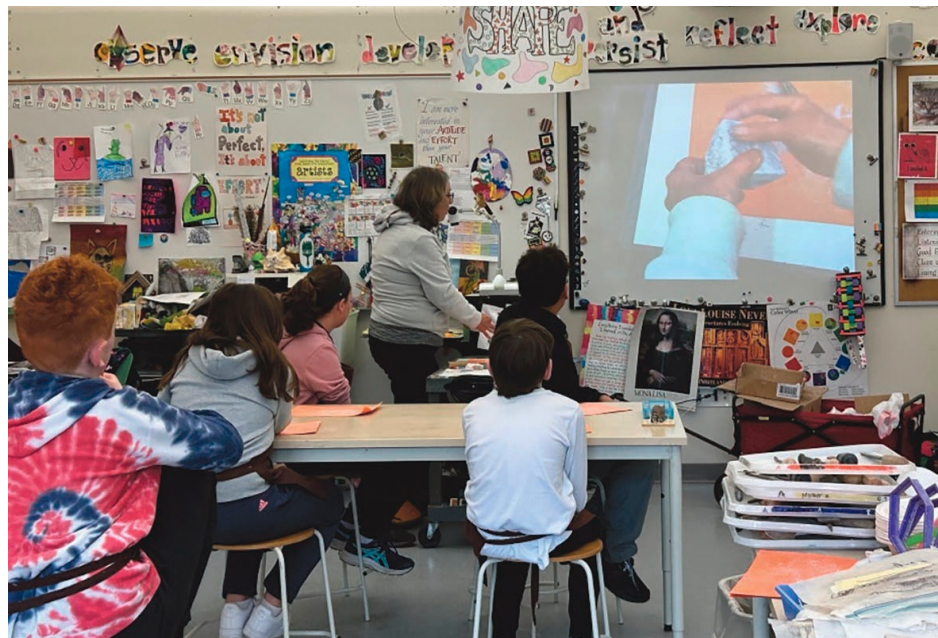


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Anne Alexander instructs students on the art of stone carving.

Thanks to the generosity of Aspire Gorham the fourth and fifth graders at Great Falls Elementary learned how to carve stone. You read it correctly - STONE. Anne Alexander, a local sculptor from Windham, came in and shared a presentation about her clay, wood, and stone sculptures. Then she spent a week demonstrating the techniques to each class and starting them on their alabaster sculptures.

The next three weeks we worked on refining our work and transforming little blocks into biomorphic forms. Most of the time the weather cooperated and we went outside under the big tent. The fine white dust gets everywhere but we wear art aprons, gloves, and masks to protect ourselves.

Anne supplied dozens of rasps, files, and rifflers. When we are finished carving, Anne will come back and show us how to sand and polish our final sculpture in preparation for the final step of oiling. We are so fortunate to have a sculptor nearby who is willing to share her knowledge and tools. Great Falls students owe a huge thank you to Anne Alexander.

This has been an exciting project and everybody has worked hard to make a unique sculpture that they will have and treasure for a long time. Thank you Aspire Gorham for making this opportunity happen for our students. Many thanks also go to Becky Fortier, our Principal, for helping to fund this project.

GHS Thespian Society Inducts New Members

Josie Tierney-Fife, GHS Teacher

The guiding principle of the International Thespian society is a dedication to excellence in educational theater. In order to be inducted into the Thespian Society, students need to have participated in at least two GHS theater productions, logged significant hours of theater work, and performed at least one act of service to the GHS Theater community outside of their assigned work as a cast or crew member of a given show.

This year's new inductees include members of all 4 grades.

Congratulations to New Members:

- Hayden Anderson, 12th grade
- Sofia Andrade, 10th grade
- Elsie Bradshaw, 11th grade
- Ally Gossen, 9th grade
- Kayleigh Greenlaw, 12th grade
- Eden Johnson, 12th grade
- Jenna Pequinot, 11th grade
- Lauren Pierce, 11th grade
- Libbie Merrill, 11th grade
- Amy Morin, 11th grade
- Lila Solecki, 12th grade
- Nicholas Tinkham, 11th grade
- Zackary Waters, 11th grade

Amazing Race of Gorham

Jen Belanger, Aspire Gorham Communications Coordinator



Photo credit: Jen Belanger

Students await the next set of clues and directions as they participate in the Amazing Race of Gorham

Aspire Gorham's 2nd annual "Amazing Race of Gorham" was held on Friday, May 19th. This event partners Village Elementary School's 5th graders with mentors from Gorham Middle School's 8th-grade class. During this event, students work together to solve clues and navigate a scavenger hunt throughout the Gorham Village area.

Students were asked to practice their skills in introducing themselves and asking questions. As they met with area businesses, they learned about the industries in Gorham, the people that run these businesses, and about possibilities for their future career paths. Frequent questions included: "What is challenging about your job," "What qualities do you look for in an employee of your business," and "What do you do to support the Gorham community?"

As students traveled between each site, students from the 5th and 8th grades could connect, build camaraderie, and discuss the middle school experience. For the Village 5th grade students, as they are preparing to leave elementary school for GMS, these are welcome and needed conversations. For the 8th-grade students who are about to depart for high school, it allowed them to reflect on their middle school

experience, guide their younger peers, and act as an "ambassador" for GMS.

This experience is made possible by the incredible support and enthusiasm of our local business community. This year, our business participants were:

- Town of Gorham Planning Dept
- Baxter Memorial Library
- Harvey Performance
- Great Falls Construction
- Chalmers Insurance
- Inn at Village Square
- Seedlings to Sunflowers
- PoGo Realty
- Sync Gorham/Ferguson Enterprises
- Sullivan Bakery
- Norway Savings Bank
- Edward Jones - Jessica Szafranski
- Maine Biz

Aspire Gorham and the Gorham School System are also incredibly grateful for the support from the Gorham VIPS, who volunteered to keep our students safe and help in navigating the busy intersections of the Gorham Village.

It was a fantastic experience, and staff and students were thankful to everyone who helped to organize and participate in this fun day.

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College Grads at the Top of their Game

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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Jason Komulainen at the plate for the Huskies

Graduating student athletes Jason Komulainen (University of Southern Maine), Ben Nelson (Merrimack College), and Nolan Brown (Husson University) are some of the many athletes who excelled in the classroom and on the field during their college careers.

While these former GHS student-athletes wrapped up their collegiate baseball careers, all three ballplayers had to adjust to the covid pandemic. A similarity between all three of these athletes represents the game of baseball at a high level. Baseball helped propel their collective efforts.

Komulainen, Nelson and Brown have played together on one team or another, from a very young age. Nelson and Brown helped pave the way for their '18 team to get to the state championship game and thereafter, reunited in the Greater Northeast Collegiate Baseball League (GNCBL).

Koualanin was GHS's standout catcher who also played with Nelson and Brown (being one year ahead of the '18 athletes).

Oftentimes it's easy to look at college athletes training/playing off season, hitting for RBI or stealing home to win the game and forget that they go to class, work on papers, participate in group projects and study for final exams for just as many hours put in on the field. Here are a few statistics of the three graduates beyond their respective competitive fields and in the classroom, with a glimpse toward their respective futures.

Jason Komulainen: University of Southern Maine Huskies '23 Graduate, repeating as a second team all-conference selection at catcher, Komulainen hit a team and career-best .374 (43-for-115) with 11 doubles, two triples and two home runs. Scoring 30 runs, Komulainen had 25 RBI during the season and a slugging

percentage of .557 and an on-base percentage of .459. Going 6-for-6 in stolen bases, Komulainen also helped cut down runners defensively catching eight would-be base stealers during the season. Fielding a perfect 1.000%, Komulainen had 221 putouts and 14 assists in 235 chances.

Komulainen shared, "My favorite college baseball memory would have to be winning the 2021 Little East Conference Championship. That was a special team with a lot of incredible players and coaches who all played a part. Baseball is something that is much deeper than the game itself and these coaches and teammates have formed me into what I am today." Komulainen added, "I am looking forward to being able to stay around the game and share experiences that I have had and help younger players find success." Congratulations to Komulainen on his baseball career with the Huskies and on his Four-time award winner of the 2022 William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award.

Ben Nelson: Merrimack College Warriors '23 Graduate student appeared and started in all 47 games this season. Nelson had 14 runs and 33 hits with 157 at-bats ending with a .210 batting average with 89 putouts in the infield. In 2021 Nelson appeared in 22 games, starting 21 and had 73 at-bats with a .192 batting average plus 32 putouts. Nelson shared, "my favorite memory of college baseball is being given the opportunity to travel around the country with a great group of guys that I will be close with for the rest of my life." Nelson added, I am looking forward to starting my career in the engineering field. Baseball will always be a part of my life as I move into coaching



Photo credit: David Brown

Nolan Brown doubled to RF v. Westminster Pa

in the future," Congratulations to Nelson on his playing career and earning his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Nolan Brown: Husson University Eagles '22 Graduate appeared and started in all 42 games his freshman season, plus 10 games in 2020 (Covid season) with additional '21 fall season. Brown had 74 putouts from the outfield, OB % of .409 and a batting average of .281. Brown graduated with a business degree, achieving the President's list throughout his four years. Brown recalled, "my favorite memory of college baseball is the walkoff gap shot in the 16th inning against Saint Joseph's College in the frigid cold, with about 15 mph winds and 35-degree temps. Our team would not quit that night." Brown shared, "I am excited about my future prospects. I am always open to new opportunities. I will be looking to get my Maine Guide license(s) in addition to working in the corporate sector."

Congratulations to all three on a spectacular college career balancing academics and athletics.

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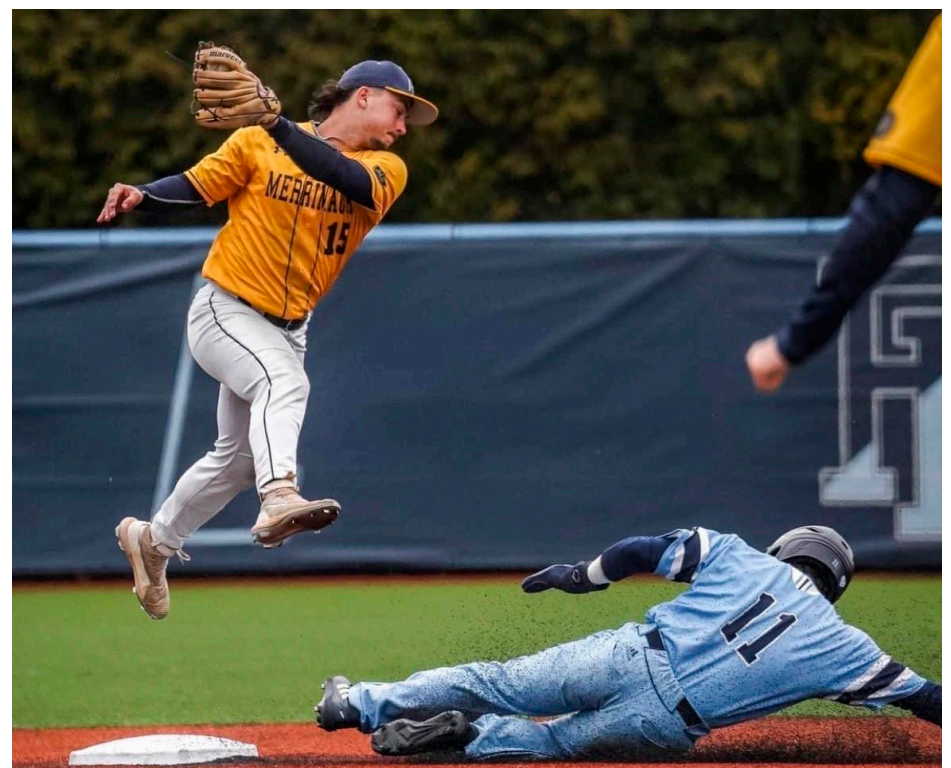


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Ben Nelson defensive action for the Warriors


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Michael Lortie, School News Editor

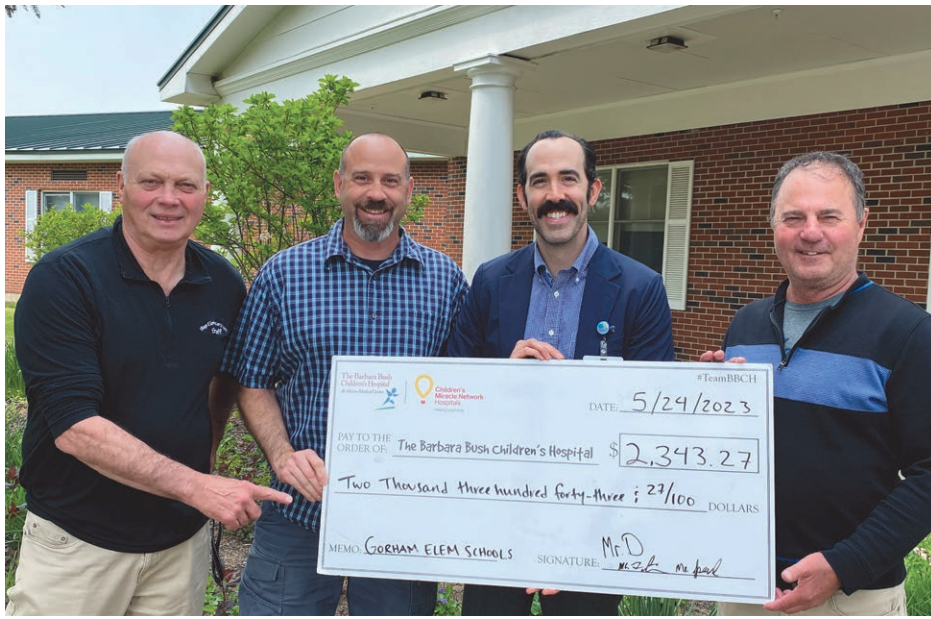


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Pictured: PE Teachers, Gary Speed, Mike Fortier and Frank DeFrancesco present a check for \$2343.27 to a representative of the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

Recently, the Gorham Elementary students, under the direction of the three physical education teachers, participated in a fundraiser called Kids Helping Kids. The project involved a wellness event during physical education promoting ex-

ercise and health while teaching compassion. Parents and community members were able to make donations which went to supporting the Barbara Bush Medical center at Maine Med. and promoting wellness events for elementary students.

Turnpike Connector Update CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ham, Scarborough, Westbrook, and South Portland) and coordinated with a number of towns further west. He cited a number of studies to support his position that the four-lane limited access highway will eliminate a good deal of traffic congestion, and will save individuals and businesses money on vehicular expenses while cutting air pollution, by enabling a quicker travel option to the Maine Mall area and downtown Portland for commuters from Gorham, Buxton, Standish, and other communities. He anticipates that a significant number of Portland-bound drivers who travel from Gorham along Route 25 through Westbrook may choose to use the new Gorham Connector and I-295 or the turnpike.

Mills believes that the project will help to make rapid transit buses between Gorham, Standish, and parts of Portland and South Portland a better option, as they could bypass the traffic backups that occur every weekday along Route 114. He pointed out that the nearly five-mile-long road will not use any state or federal highway dollars, as it will be built completely with funds raised through Maine Turnpike bonds, which will be repaid using the money collected from tolls.

Mills emphasized that none of the road crossings will be at grade level, as the MTA will either utilize bridges, or a possible tunnel at Running Hill Road. Mills acknowledged that this four-lane highway project, with a cleared right of way averaging 300 feet of width, will have a major effect on some areas in the southern part of Gorham. However, he maintained that the overall effect on Gorham will be positive, as it will allow many drivers to switch from Route 114 to the parallel connector road and bypass backed-up sections.

Regarding the current status of the project, Mills stated that the Turnpike Authority has basically completed its process of identifying the most feasible route. The MTA is in the process of identifying significant environmental impacts, especially to wetlands. They are involved in discussions with state and federal agencies regarding wetlands mitigation plans, which will likely include creating new freshwater wetlands somewhere in the area. Meanwhile, MTA has been actively purchasing land which will be included in the right of way. Mills expressed feeling positive that only five homes will need to be demolished and mentioned that three of those houses have already been purchased.

Mills described how the new road will connect with the Gorham Bypass at the current South Gorham rotary on Route 114, then proceed southeast and eventually cross Brackett Road at the northeast corner of the former golf course property. It will continue curving to the southeast, crossing the Stroudwater River and a small corner of Westbrook which includes crossing over Saco Street. About a half mile south of the Scarborough line, there will be a midpoint interchange at County Road (Route 22).

Proceeding south through a mostly undeveloped area of north Scarborough, the road will then cross Running Hill Road just up the hill from the Anthem headquarters. Curving to the east to cross Spring Street just south of the Target shopping plaza, the road will cross the Maine Turnpike and connect with Maine Mall Road and the Turnpike at the reconstructed Exit 45 interchange.

Mills emphasized again that none of the road crossings will be at grade level, as these will either utilize bridges, or a possible tunnel at Running Hill Road.

SONIC Pairs with DonorsChoose to Thank Gorham Teachers

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

Teacher appreciation is celebrated nationally throughout the month of May, and SONIC Drive-In contributed to the celebration through a recent fundraiser. Founded back in 1953, SONIC is now the largest drive-in restaurant in America. 3,500 restaurants are spread across 47 states. This year, the SONIC Foundation donated a total of \$1.5 million across the country to support educators and their students. In partnership with a nonprofit called DonorsChoose, SONIC raised money and matched public donations that were given directly to teachers to spend on improving their classrooms.

One of SONIC's current initiatives is called Limeades for Learning, which matches 50% of each donation made to the company. Also under Limeades for Learning, a portion of the proceeds made from each drink sold is granted to support public education.

"We're grateful to all the SONIC guests who joined us in celebrating teachers this month by donating to a classroom request on DonorsChoose, and those who continue to help us support public education by grabbing their favorite SONIC drink and having a portion of the purchase go towards helping a nearby public school," Lori Abou Habib, Chief Marketing Officer of SONIC expressed in an interview. Five exemplary teachers from Gorham received funding from this year's SONIC project, amounting to a combined total of \$245.00. These were a few out of nearly 15,300 educators included in the endeavor.

Limeades for Learning is going on 15 years of improving local education and helping with projects like the five in Gorham.

At Great Falls, 4th grade teacher Mrs. Sedenka, requested new books for her library under the "Time to Freshen Up Our Library!" project. She was recently asked to answer a couple questions involving it. When asked how the fundraiser worked, she explained, "DonorsChoose allows people to put together 'wish lists' of things they need, then basically crowd-source for funding..."

"For Teacher Appreciation this year," Mrs. Sedenka continued, "Sonic matched teacher created projects. Once a project has been fully funded, DonorsChoose sends the money, or items, directly to the teacher." Sedenka went on to describe her own wish list, which was full of books that her students wanted to add to the library in her classroom.

DonorsChoose and SONIC work tirelessly all year long, not just during the month of May. Since 2009, the SONIC Foundation has raised over \$26 million for education support. Additionally, Sedenka noted that she uses the DonorsChoose company to fund books during other times of the year as well.

The other four projects funded in Gorham were: Mrs. Mason, "Let's Build!" for Grades PreK-2; Ms. Durant-Harthorne, "Let the Light Shine Through!" for Grades PreK-2; Mrs. McAllister, "Help us Bloom with STEM Materials!" for Grades PreK-2; Mrs. Sanford, "Tactile Finds Active Minds" for Grades PreK-2.

Heather Whitaker Named 2023 Lowell Milken Fellow

Gorham Times Staff

Gorham teacher, Heather Whitaker, has been awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Fort Scott, Kansas. Mrs. Whitaker, an alternative teacher at Gorham Middle School, will attend a week of collaboration with the LMC staff this summer beginning June 18.

Heather was the 2020 Maine Teacher of the Year. At Gorham Middle School, she started the school garden which donates 1000 pounds of produce to the local food pantry each year. She also was a founding member of the Gorham Backpack Program which provides food for chronically hungry children and families in the community. Her middle school

students volunteer in both programs.

By promoting real-life learning experiences for students coupled with the spirit of community service, Heather provides many powerful learning experiences for her students. She is a strong advocate for meeting the needs of struggling students.

While in Fort Williams, Heather will gain knowledge, educational resources, and support in helping students to cultivate a passion for learning through the creation of projects that initiate positive change. As an LMC fellow, she will be equipped to develop unsung hero projects with her students, applying and evaluating the stories of role models who have changed the world throughout history.

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Gorham School's Proposed FY 24 Budget ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET REFERENDUM MARK YOUR CALENDAR — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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www.gorhamschools.org

Dear Community Members,

The proposed FY 24 budget totals \$51,494,845 and represents a 10.91% increase in expenditures over the final approved FY 23 budget of \$46,427,320. The impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of \$1.31 on the mil.

Over the course of the budget development process, the District Leadership Team and the School Committee reduced a little under \$2.0 million in the originally proposed budget. The School Committee voted unanimously to approve of the proposed budget on April 12. The Town Council then voted unanimously on May 16 to reduce the proposed school budget by another \$800,000.00.

Our FOUR largest cost drivers to the proposed budget are:

- **Retaining highly qualified educators and support staff (6%)** – just to maintain existing positions with calculated increases in health insurance (6%) and salary requirements per negotiated labor contracts we needed to increase our overall budget proposal by \$2,100,000.
- **Adding New Pre K Program (2.5%)** – The new Pre K program will cost about \$1.6 million, however it is important to note that we have additional revenues from the state and additional grant funding to offset taxpayer expense so that ONLY \$145,000 is requested in local taxes to support this program. In addition, we believe this investment in early childhood will reduce overall special education costs, saving the district considerably more in the future.
- **Increased Special Ed. Costs (.6%)** – We are having to add 1 Autism teacher and 4 educational technicians to provide required programming for an increased population of special education students anticipated for the coming school year. Total increases in this program are about \$330,000.
- **Increased Energy Costs (.6%)** – Electricity rates across the district have more than doubled for the coming year. This combined with increased costs for propane, gas, diesel and natural gas create the need to add approximately \$330,000.

Additional strains on our proposed budget include having to replace staff laptops this year as they were cut from the budget in FY 23 (\$200,000), having to add a payroll clerk to the central office staff in order to ensure we have the capacity to pay 500+ employees, and having to add legal fees to the budget (\$50,000) to address legal questions in the coming year.

On the revenue side of the budget, our state subsidy has gone up by \$1,180,780.00. But if one understands that the Pre K program added almost \$1M to our revenue, the reality is that our subsidy for FY 24 is relatively flat. Adult Education subsidy is down by almost \$20,000.00 and our required local contribution is up by almost \$900,000.00. We are utilizing \$600,000.00 in undesignated balances to offset taxpayer expense. All told, the proposed budget would increase taxes by \$1.31 on the mil. For a home valued at \$400,000.00 that would be an increase of approximately \$520.00. Please know these are estimates only and final amounts will not be assessed until later this fall by the Town Council.

With the continued dramatically shifting educational landscape caused by the pandemic and with the increased costs of doing everything right now due to inflation, the Gorham School Committee believes this proposed budget represents the funds necessary to continue to support the high-quality educational service we strive to provide for our community's most precious resource – its children.

Thank you,
Heather J. Perry, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

So What Do We Get for an Investment with Our Support of the Gorham Public Schools?

- 93.4% graduation rate at GHS, well above the state's 86.1% average.
- 84% of GHS seniors went on to post-secondary last year. Another 9% went directly into the workforce, 1% went into the military and 6% chose a planned gap year.
- During the 2021-22 School year 195 students earned over 1,440 college credits issued by USM and our other partners via dual enrollment courses!
- 248 total colleges and universities are part of our student's "Future Story Wall" at GHS.
- Almost 60% of GHS students participate in extra-curricular activities with 45+ more clubs and activities for high school students to participate in as well! Our students are active!
- More than 140 GHS seniors earned their Maine Career Explorations Badge and will receive \$500.00 each! Another 42 GHS students participated in Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) learning experiences allowing them to earn high school credit while exploring their aspirations!
- A continued focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion across all schools with trainings, ongoing curriculum review and improvements in diversity hiring practices.
- ALL of our K-12 students participated in Aspire Gorham Career oriented programs ranging from Try it Days, Career X Events, field experiences 1:1 career conversations and so much more with the help of over 65 of our local businesses!
- Strong community connections – business roundtable, Aspire Gorham, Senior internships, career days, Amazing Race of Gorham, Collaborations with USM for early college . . . and so much MORE!

We have excellent, caring students in Gorham who LIVE our Code of Conduct and understand the importance of respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility! That's no accident! That's a successful whole-community endeavor!

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



NEW Maine Construction Academy Program

Associated General Contractors of Maine

The Associated General Contractors of Maine has announced that Gorham High School, in Partnership with Westbrook Regional Vocational Center will be one of its inaugural locations for the 2023 Construction Immersion Program. The Construction Immersion Program is a new opportunity for in-school and out-of-school youth to explore construction career pathways and earn several basic construction certifications.

New construction immersion program will offer students a paid educational experience, advanced apprenticeship opportunities and a guaranteed interview at graduation.

As the nation and State of Maine recover from the effects of COVID-19, the entire industry remains under pressure to educate new skilled workers. "We have known for years that our construction workforce is aging and that we need to train new skilled workers. The time is now, and this is the program to accomplish that goal. Each detail of the program is designed to support both the student and the construction industry. We have done our very best to address every barrier," said AGC Maine Executive Director, Kelly Flagg. The team is prepared for up to 100 students across the state, with up to 20 being in the Gor-

ham/Westbrook program. Each student will be paid a stipend during the program, will receive all necessary personal protective gear for a construction career, including safety toe work boots, and will receive 5 basic construction certificates before being introduced to a minimum of 10 different construction craft pathways.

Upon graduation they will also receive a tool kit valued at \$250. Flagg says "They will have both hands-on experiences and actual construction site visits. We want them to see what is really out there for them." In late 2022 AGC Maine secured grant funding from the Maine Department of Labor with a focus on workforce development, specifically for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Their original proposal included only 3 local programs, but demand for workers has been so high, that they sought additional funding and have added several more program locations, including Gorham/Westbrook for the 2023 class year.

"Our partners in our local Maine communities such as Gorham and Westbrook are a critical component of the program. Our mission is to demonstrate that construction apprenticeship can be the way to lifelong career without the burden of student debt. It can also be the onramp a student needs to choose a college education pathway in a related field. We are the onramp, it is up to the student which exit into the industry they take." There are still spaces available for the program. Visit buildingmaine.com for more information or to apply. Learn more about AGC Maine at <https://agcmaine.org> or call (207) 622-4741.

New Gorham Historical Society Opening



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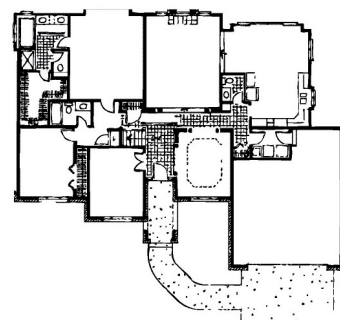


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On May 21, 2023 the Gorham Historical Society held an open house at their new headquarters in the Mosher Farm Barn at Cheery Hill Farm. The bright new quarters will allow for more activities and better display of Town artifacts.

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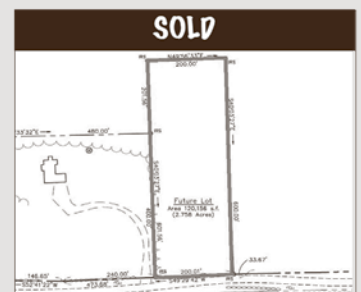


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BRUNSWICK \$189,900 - The Pine Grove Ranch style home has 1616 sf of living area with attached two car garage for easy entry. Spacious kitchen with breakfast bar, great living room with LP gas fireplace, master bedroom with bath. Furnished, generator & energy efficient. Paved driveway.



GORHAM \$469,000 - Solar powered home with three bedrooms & two baths. Free heat & electricity & first floor living. Economical at it's best! Newer flooring, heat pumps & appliances. Large 16x16 shed with garage door. Nicely landscaped & well kept.



SOLD

STANDISH \$100,000 - This 2.75ac building lot measures 200'x 600' with 200' of frontage on a paved public road. Power runs overhead along the street frontage. You'll love this country road & rural setting yet handy location just minutes to Sebago Lake Station boat landing.



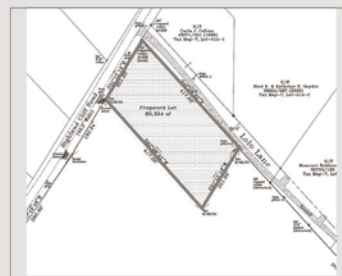
NEW

GORHAM \$635,000 - Classic Farmhouse with ell & 36' x 64' post and beam barn. This charming home offers over 3200sqft of living space including 5 bedrooms. Custom cherry kitchen with soap stone sink, formal dining room with gas fireplace, elegant double parlors connected by pocket doors & much more.



NEW

GORHAM \$995,000 - This classic farmhouse is located at the very end of the road nestled on 12.24 acres with a gorgeous 36 x 60 post and beam barn with multiple hay lofts. The outdoor space is wonderful with rolling lawns, open fields, fruit trees, stone walls, a babbling brook and mature trees.



WINDHAM \$140,000 - Located on desirable Highland Cliff Road just minutes to the Westbrook-Windham town line. This 1.84 acre building lot offers 201' of road frontage on a paved public road with power available along the street frontage. Survey done.



NEW

WATERBORO \$374,900 - This well maintained home with hardwood floors & tile offers it all. Located on over an acre this offers three bedrooms, an office, eat in kitchen with pine cabinets, living room, two full baths, large deck, three season room with hot tub wiring, steam room, oversized finished & heated two-car garage.



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GRADUATIONS

Caroline Dowdle, Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts
Melissa Gagnon, Associate in Science in Education, York County Community College, Wells, Maine

Kenneth Richard, Associate in Applied Science in Veterinary Technology, York County Community College, Wells, Maine

DEAN'S LIST

Lauren Bachner, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York
Claire Munkacsi, Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts
Kyle Ouillette, Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts
Kenneth Richard, York County Community College, Wells, Maine

OF INTEREST

One of Gorham's detectives went to Hannaford earlier this week and employees turned over some lost and found property to see if the owner could be located. The first is a 14-karat wedding ring with a center diamond. The ring and brand are very distinct, and if someone can call in and provide a description of it, they could recover it. The second is a gold-colored ring that does not appear to be real gold. Set in the center is some type of diamond, which may or may not be real. Also, on May 8, a chainsaw was found in the middle of Narragansett Street and turned over to the police department. It is red but has no names or identifiers on it to identify the owner. If anyone is missing the saw and can identify it, it can be returned to them. Anyone can reach out to Det. Stephen Hinkley at his desk phone (207) 222-1689 to describe and hopefully recover their lost property.

Gorham has joined the community of Garbage to Garden (G2G) service areas across Maine for a pilot program in which residents can drop off organic waste at a local drop-off site to be used to renew our local soil. Find Gorham's drop-off site behind Gorham Public Safety (270 Main Street), adjacent to the Gorham Skate Park off of Chick Drive.

Gorham Trail Cleanup Day on Sebago to the Sea trail is Saturday, June 10 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed to clear trail of rocks and leaves and cut vines from fencing. Please bring gloves, and water. Tools will be provided but feel free to bring your own. The event is sponsored by Mountain Division Alliance and Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Meet at Kemp Rd, Gorham.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet on Tuesday, June 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 Lions meet at the Old Elmwood School on the second and fourth Tuesday of COMMUNITY Continued on Page 10 each month. The next meetings are June 13 and June 27 at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. FMI contact (207) 929-9182.

Gorham Summer Concerts in the Gazebo take place on Tuesdays from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Gorham Parks and Recreation, the lineup is as follows: June 27, Better Than Bad Band; July 11, Falmouth Flukes; July 18, World Famous Grassholes; July 25, Andi Fawcett; August 1, Don Campbell Trio; and August 8, Crib Stone.

Stellar Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 26-30 from 8:30-11:30 AM at Cressey Road. Open to children ages 4 through finishing 5th grade. Register now and get ready for a cosmic quest that will rocket kids on an out-of-this-world adventure as they have a blast shining Jesus' light! Register on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/cresseyrd2023> There is no cost. Donations accepted. FMI: cresseyrdumc.org or 839-3111

St. Anne's Vacation Bible Camp June 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon for K-Grade 5 (Teens and adult helpers are welcome) FMI or to register, contact Sister Jackie at (207) 899-5427.

Southern Maine Youth Band Day Camp takes place June 26-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Corthell Hall for young musicians with one or two years of experience with a band instrument (outgoing 5th and 6th grades). Pre-registration is required. FMI and to register, usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth.

I Solisti d'Assisi present an evening of chamber music on Thursday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. Performers include Judy Diez d'Aux, flutist of Les flûtistes de Montréal and Catherine Hudgins, principal clarinetist of the Plymouth Philharmonic, Osher School of Music Artist Faculty, Wren Saunders, Gorham resident and principal bassoonist of the Plymouth Philharmonic and Bangor Symphony, violinist Robert Lehmann, Professor of Music, Director of Strings and Orchestral Activities at USM, and violist Kimberly Lehmann, of the Portland Symphony and of the Lehmann Duo (soon to be Gorham residents), and cellist Volkhard Lindner of the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra. Corthell Concert Hall, \$20 Adults/\$10 Students. FMI rlehmann@maine.edu

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit <https://www.gorham-foodpantry.org> or send a message on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center at 75 South Street 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 (207) 756-2210 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

UCC of North Gorham will hold a Bean Hole Bean Supper, 4 Standish Neck Road in Gorham on Saturday, June 17. Pre-order pick-up only from 4:30 - 5 p.m. General drive-thru pick-up is from 5 - 6 p.m. Price: \$10 for each meal. To pre-order (recommended), go to <https://northgorhamchurch.org> or call (207) 892-5363 Wednesday through Friday before the supper. Leave a message if there is no answer.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Meal Site is held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open. Gather for Cribbage and board games on Mondays at 10 a.m., all levels welcome. Several different versions are being learned and played. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Upcoming: Tea pot art, spring flowers in Amsterdam, travel thru the Canadian Maritimes. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information about this welcoming community.

LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, 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. The NGPL Book Club's next meeting is Monday, June 26. This month they are reading All the Devil's Are Here by Louise Penny. Come even if you haven't read the book. Copies will be available to borrow from the library. A free event for all ages takes place on Wednesday, June 21 at 11 a.m., Hula Hoop with Nettie Loops. Gather in front of the library for an outdoor hula hooping experience. Bring a beach blanket and water bottle. Rain date: June 28.

Baxter Memorial Library hosts a reading and conversation on Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. with Shannon Bowring, a Maine author whose debut novel is "The Road to Dalton," inspired by the tiny town where she grew up in Aroostook County. On Wednesday, June 21, the Spring into Summer Reading kick-off event for all ages is from 2 – 6 p.m. The summer reading theme is POWER UP. Dress like a superhero, sign up for summer reading, take superhero photo ops, enjoy live music, and much more. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

University campus tours are available on the Gorham campus most days from 10 a.m. to 11:30

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at the Admissions Welcome Center at Bailey Hall. Registration is required, contact (207) 780-5670.

Summer Camps: The Department of Athletics offers a variety of sports camps and clinics on the Gorham campus for kids of all ages. FMI: <https://usm.maine.edu/sports-camps-clinics/>. The College of Science, Technology, and Health works with Maine Robotics to offer a variety of science and robotics summer camps on the Gorham Campus and around the state. Learn more at mainerobotics.org. Registration for Music and Theatre Summer Camps is still open at <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>.


Gorham High School Athlete Inducted

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Megan Babb

On April 14 at the Rivier University's Student Athlete Awards Ceremony, three Rivier University Men's Lacrosse teammates, friends, and 2020 alumni of local schools were inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma - National College Athlete Honor Society. L-R, Cole Perreault, Gorham High School; Sawyer Gagnon, Greely High School; Mattingly Babb, Windham High School.



The Inspiring Story of a 20th Century Muse

Local author S.R. Clark will give a brief talk and sign copies on:
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CALENDAR

- Thursday, June 9**
Summer Thursdays Food Trucks at Little Falls Rec. Area, 4 - 8 p.m.
- Saturday, June 10**
Gorham Trail Cleanup Day, Sebago to the Sea Trail, Kemp Road, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 13**
VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
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Baxter Memorial Library Spring into Summer Reading Program kickoff, 2 - 6 p.m.
Gorham House, Book Signing, S.R. Clark, "The Inspiring Story of a 20th Century Muse," 2 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

- Neighborhood Yard Sale** - Saturday, June 10th from 8A-1P at Park South, Samantha Drive Gorham. Furniture, House Goods, Puzzles, Clothing, Tools and so much more.
- Small Dog Care** - We offer a safe haven for small dog breeds in our ranch home with a fenced backyard dog safe home with leather furniture. NO crates or gates here. This is just a home away from home. We offer affection, play time and socialization. Fully insured, 16 years of experience. Located in Standish. Pups must be current with vaccinations. Only 4 dogs allowed at a time. Discounts offered for pups staying longer than 10 days. Contact Lorie text or call 207-838-0132 www.petsittinginmaine2.com
- The Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps** at the University of Southern Maine offers performance opportunities for grades 5 - 12 on the Gorham campus. Easy online registration stays open until the camps begin. FMI <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>, loria@maine.edu, 207-780-5142.

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Spiller Road caller reported someone intentionally hit her "slow down" sign. Officer asked where the sign had been and she said it was in the middle of the road. Vehicle had a broken windshield and continued on. No action was taken due to the sign having been placed in the middle of the road.

Officers responded to a noise complaint on George Street. Officer could hear music blasting from the garage when they were two houses away. They made contact with the resident and the radio was immediately turned down, and then turned off entirely. Officer issued a disorderly conduct warning to make sure the noise stayed down.

Elm Street caller reported a woman was at the apartment and he knew police were looking to serve her with some paperwork. Caller was advised she had already been served.

Parker Hill Road caller wanted to know what the process was after a person was charged with OUI as the father of her children had just been charged with OUI.

Caller asked police to look at a photo of a temporary Maine license to see if it looked real, as someone had sent him the photo. Officer advised it looked real.

George Street caller wanted a welfare check on his neighbors as he hadn't seen them for a couple of days. Officer arrived and immediately saw the neighbor and his dogs.

Officers removed tree branches hanging over County Road and Brookdale Drive.

Caller's camper was damaged by a neighbor's tree falling on it during a storm. Caller was advised this was a civil issue and he should research the civil avenue to recover damages.

Caller reported a group of teenagers had gone past a Railroad Avenue address and were threatening another group of kids. Caller was advised to call if it happens again.

Hawkes Way caller reported a truck parked on a private drive and wanted to know if they could have it towed. Caller was advised to be sure who really owned the drive and have that person call for a tow.

Birch Drive caller received an email saying he had made a payment to McAfee (an online antivirus service) but he had not made a payment. When he called the help number, a man with a foreign accent came on and dodged his ques-

tions. When the caller asked if this was a scam, the man immediately hung up.

Skateboarders on Elm Street were advised there is no skating on public or private property. They were advised to go clear off the skate park to skate. All parties were from Buxton or Auburn. They were going to check the Windham skatepark as the Gorham one was snow covered.

Caller reported receiving a scam call She was advised to hang up and block the number.

Caller reported a vehicle had pulled over on the side of Libby Avenue and the operator looked out of it. She was all set. She had run out of gas and someone was bringing her some. Plummer Road caller reported a possible fire but when she looked out the window, she could see it was fireworks.

Caller reported some joggers flipped him off at the rotary.

Day Road caller said Amber Alerts kept her up all night. She did not need anything from the police.

Deering Road caller reported a black truck at her house and someone walking around. A man went out back and then got in the truck and left. She was advised to call her propane company as it was probably someone checking her meter. She called the company and they had just been there.

Caller reported a car at Hannaford with fake plates. They were Carvana temporary plates.

Officer contacted a man over the phone to advise him of the date and address for a court hearing. Man challenged the officer to try and find him to serve him the paperwork. Officer told him this was the service and the order was being activated and it was up to the man to get a paper copy.

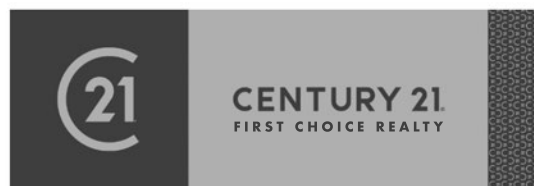
Libby Avenue caller had questions about the status of his license. License was active but he had a citation for operating after suspension from Westbrook. He was told to speak to the Westbrook Police Dept. about it.

Four criminal trespass warnings were issued on Railroad Ave.

Two vehicles on Huston Road were blocking part of the roadway and the caller was concerned there might be an accident. Both vehicles had broken down. Officer waited until batteries were delivered.

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