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Town Council Reduces School Budget by \$2M

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

All Gorham students would be severely impacted by the \$2M reduction in the FY24 school budget passed by the Town Council on July 11. This reduction is in addition to the \$909,000 reduction to the one defeated by voters in June that the School Committee had already proposed.

In a meeting following the decision, the School Committee reluctantly made cuts that included twelve existing staff losing their jobs, elimination of virtually all extra-curricular athletics and performing arts at Gorham High School and Gorham Middle School, and increased class sizes in the three elementary schools. After making the mandatory reduction, none of the School Committee members supported the \$48,232,480 budget that will go to the voters on July 25. They will meet this week to consider a resolution opposing the budget approved by the Town Council.

In June, 10% of Gorham voters went to the polls and defeated a \$51,494,845 budget approved by the Town Council in May, which already included a \$800,000 reduction from the one submitted by the School Committee earlier. The School Committee then submitted a revised budget totaling \$50,585,845. The nearly \$1M in reductions were from correcting a \$849,000 error found in calculations of teacher salaries and from negotiating an electricity contract.

At the Town Council meeting, Hollis Cobb, the school department business manager, apologized for making the calculation error "which involved entering the FY25 teacher salary scale into the pro-

posed FY24 budget." It was a human error of data entry. She gave assurances that "this would not have resulted in overpaying of staff as budgeting and payroll processes are independent of each other." Staff changes and implementing new financial software had affected office focus, but Cobb took full responsibility for the error.

In a scathing personal response, Councilor Phillip Gagnon refused to accept Cobb's apology. He delivered a harsh reprimand to both the School Department and the School Committee before the Town Council opened the discussion. Five voting Town Council members considered the question; Pratt was recused because his wife is a school employee and Seigel was ill with Covid. Councilor Virginia Wilber Cross said that "a reduction by an error amount is not a proposed reduction." She and the other councilors promptly argued for greater reduction, in part because they believed they would be asked for more next year and that this growth would not be sustainable. They voted unanimously to further reduce the budget by \$2M. If approved by the voters, the \$48,232,420 FY24 budget will reduce the increase on the mil rate from \$.99 to \$.30.

"This budget will have a devastating impact on our ability to serve the children of our community," Superintendent Heather Perry said after the School Committee meeting. Of the nineteen staff positions that would be eliminated, one is

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Community Participates in Robie Park Planning

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Participants gathered in small groups at tables with a map of the park and notepaper. After the discussion, a spokesperson from each group briefly summarized their ideas. All the notes were collected to be used in developing three draft master plans, the next step in the process

On July 12, sixty Gorham residents came together at the Municipal Center to share their views on the future of Robie Park. The event was organized by the Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee, and Aceto Landscape Architects, the firm hired by the town to help develop a new master plan. The gathering was a charrette, defined as a meeting in which all stakeholders in a project attempt to resolve differences and map solutions.

This first charrette was an opportunity for community members to share their ideas with the planning team about the future of the twelve-acre park lo-

cated off Morrill Avenue between Gorham High School and the Municipal Center. Divided into small groups, participants were asked what they believed to be the site's best assets, what could be improved, what additional amenities they wanted, and what upgrades or amenities they did NOT want to see at Robie Park.

As expected, and encouraged, ideas ranged from upgrading the basketball court to relocating it; from building a pavilion in the open space to leaving it as is, to converting it into a meadow. Participants wanted more benches, more trees,

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Ellen G. White, Pioneer of Vegan Diet

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: John Ersek

For many years Adventists from all over the world have been making pilgrimages to see the location on Fort Hill where Ellen G. White was born. While there have been fewer visitors since 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, people still seek out the granite marker which former Gorham resident John Tewhey placed in its current spot on the edge of his front lawn about twenty years ago, near the intersection of Fort Hill Road and Valley View Drive.

Ellen G. White (1827-1915), born Ellen Harmon in Gorham, is still remembered today as one of the most influential people who ever lived in Gorham. In fact, when Smithsonian Magazine published a list of the 100 most influential Americans of all

time, her name was included, along with such luminaries as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Smithsonian list included White as one of America's top ten historical religious leaders, primarily because she was the co-founder and longtime leader of the Seventh Day Adventist church. In addition, after she moved to California later in life, she co-founded Loma Linda University, as well as the renowned medical facility that is now known as Loma Linda Medical Center and Medical School.

White is also remembered as a visionary in the area of health food and veganism. This is despite her having no formal training in nutrition or medicine. It is hardly an exaggeration to state that anyone who enjoys cereal products such as granola, graham crackers, and cornflakes should thank Ellen G. White.

Not many people realize that White is probably the person most responsible for introducing and promoting these items in the American diet and that those innovations influenced the diets of countries around the world. White's books on diet are not often read today, but her ideas influenced current Adventist cookbooks like "The Ten Talents" by Rosalie Hurd (1968),

which is still in print in an updated version.

Ellen Harmon was born in the Fort Hill area of Gorham almost 200 years ago, on November 26, 1827. Not long after her family relocated to the west end of Portland in the late 1830s, she endured a traumatic experience when a classmate threw a rock that hit her on the head and knocked her out. She was in a coma for several weeks and suffered a facial injury that affected her for many years.

She had her first religious experience at age twelve at a Methodist camp meeting in Buxton, then experienced her first vision in 1844 while visiting friends at 120 Ocean Avenue in South Portland, a location where Taco Trio restaurant is now located.

Ellen Harmon married an itinerant Millerite pastor named James White in 1846. They spent the next nine years traveling and preaching throughout New England and New York State, as their movement grew.

Shortly after Ellen G. White and her husband moved to Battle Creek, Michigan in 1855, they were among the four people who incorporated the Seventh Day Adventist Church, founding a denomination which now has approximately 20 million adherents worldwide.

The Whites were not alone in their move

to southwest Michigan, as many other people seeking a healthier lifestyle found their way to Battle Creek, which was an early hotbed of vegetarian and health-oriented thinking, as well as a center of the Adventist religion.

In 1868, White reported having a divine vision, after which she came to believe that a completely vegetable-based diet was the correct lifestyle for all people. For the rest of



Photo credit: John Ersek

This modern-style portrait of White is part of a mural mounted on the outside wall of Amato's in Gorham

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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.

Our state budget will help more Mainers age with dignity in their homes

Rep. Jim Boyle, D - Gorham

After many long days at the State House, the Legislature has wrapped up its work for 2023. One of our final tasks was to pass part two of the state's biennial budget. The budget, which has been signed into law by Gov. Mills, addresses some of our most pressing challenges and makes long-term investments in our people – all while balancing the budget and maintaining the largest rainy day fund in Maine history.

Among the major initiatives in the budget are investments to tackle the state-wide housing crisis, improve our lack of affordable child care, fund a new paid family and medical leave program and establish a fully refundable child tax credit. The budget also made important changes to the way we help older Mainers afford to stay in their homes as they age.

In 2022, the Legislature enacted LD 290, which created the Property Tax Stabilization Program. The program allowed permanent Maine residents 65 and over to freeze their property taxes if they owned a home for 10 years and were eligible for the homestead exemption.

This program had several flaws, including a lack of income limits or limits based on property value. Recipients could also take advantage of a loophole that would have allowed them to transfer their stabilized rate from a property with a low property tax rate to a high one. Its fiscal impact was expected to balloon exponentially in the coming years, leav-

ing other taxpayers to cover the costs.

For all of these reasons, the Legislature's Taxation Committee proposed a more sustainable and targeted approach to providing property tax relief to older Mainers which was ultimately included in the budget.

This approach replaced the Property Tax Stabilization Program with expansions of the Property Tax Deferral Program and the Property Tax Fairness Credit. The Property Tax Deferral Program allows certain individuals to postpone payment of the property taxes on their homes until they pass away, move or sell their property. The expanded program raises the maximum income level to establish eligibility from \$40,000 to \$80,000 and increases the maximum asset test to \$100,000. By raising the income and asset limits in this program, we are increasing the number of Mainers who would be eligible for the program while still ensuring that the program targets Mainers who are truly in need of support.

Eligible taxpayers who apply for the Property Tax Fairness Credit can receive a portion of the property taxes or rent paid each year as a credit on their state income tax return. The expanded version of this credit increases the credit amount for eligible Mainers 65 or older from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and establishes a new maximum benefit base for those 65 or older at \$4,000 and indexes it to inflation. The benefit base is what helps determine the size of the

credit an individual receives. The higher the benefit base, the higher the credit.

Previously, the maximum benefit base was \$2,050 for individuals, \$2,650 for heads of households and \$3,250 for married joint filers. Because this previous benefit base was determined by one's filing status, if a spouse passed away or something else changed in the household, you might be faced with a lower benefit base, and therefore a lower credit. This new approach ties the \$4,000 benefit base to age, so no matter what changes at home, those 65 and older will always receive their credit based on the maximum \$4,000 base. This assurance of stability makes planning for the future easier.

I am incredibly proud of the thoughtful work that went into the budget this session to enable older Mainers living on fixed incomes to lower their property taxes, empowering more of our friends and neighbors to age with dignity in their homes.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his second term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Contact him at Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor -

I was the "Choose Kindness" banana that was outside of the library this morning. I want to thank the kind gentleman from Gorham Times who stopped to take my picture. I also want to explain a bit about why I was there.

I've always been a firm believer that there is far more love than hate in the world. Hate tends to speak loudly (sometimes even using a megaphone to do so) and at times it can be difficult to not feel as though we're drowning in the noise. With recent events and the rainy weather, I decided I would do something happy. I wasn't sure what the reaction would be.

I set out today to spread some joy, bring some smiles, and to remind people that kindness isn't outnumbered. After my experience today, I can promise you that our town is full of kind people and we aren't even close to being outnumbered. I am so proud of our community and the people who passed by. Even people with Massachusetts plates smiled and waved, which I consider a win.

I will be there again next Saturday (the 8th) and am hoping that other people will join me in holding up signs of kindness, encouragement, silliness, or whatever else they think could spark joy and laughter. Costumes are not required for spreading love.

With peace and love, The Kindness Banana (For me personally, acts of kindness are best done anonymously. I also don't want to embarrass my teenagers.)

To the Editor-

I am a sophomore at Gorham High School. I am very concerned about the budget that

the town council approved this week cutting over 2 million dollars from the budget that was approved by the School Board. It impacts my education and opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities.

Many students have a hard time working in bigger classrooms and it is harder to get help in bigger classes. My other main concern is that theater is getting cut, here is something about me, I love acting and doing theater. Theater was one of the things that made school fun for me, and I interact with a lot of kids my age who have the same interests as me. If it is cut, I will lose that opportunity and it will make school a chore and not a fun learning experience.

If you decide to cut the extracurricular activities you will be cutting students' great learning opportunities, setting them up for failure, and greatly hurting the future. Please vote no on the school budget and urge the Town Council to support a budget that meets the academic and social needs of our students.

Sincerely, Autumn

To the Editor,

I am writing to address my concerns regarding the recent school budget approved by the Town Council. Cutting over 2 million from the school Budget is going to gut all of the programs that make the Gorham School System great for our children.

My son, a 2020 graduate, benefited greatly from the music and theater programs. These programs prepared him for life beyond high school in a way that regular academic programming never would have. They gave him the skills to expand himself and reach beyond his

comfort zone.

I am also the parent of a current high school student who identifies the best part of school as Choir and Theater. Not only does the new budget hurt or eliminate these programs it has the potential to put her academic needs in jeopardy, as well as, all other children who are not neurotypical.

Larger class sizes greatly impact those who have difficulty focusing on instruction and who have sensory needs. The COVID 19 pandemic already had a huge impact on our youth and their learning. They need these resources and opportunities to succeed.

I will be voting "no" on the school budget in the upcoming election as I cannot support giving our children more disadvantages in their education. I urge you vote no on the current proposed budget and to urge the Town Council to pass a budget that will meet the academic and social emotional needs of our youth. These kids will one day be our leaders and we need to invest in them and our future.

Esther Booth

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Community Action for Mental Health Non-Profit Available in Gorham

By Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Mental health is a global crisis as one in four of us will experience a mental health condition in a given year. Gorham has not been spared this crisis and our community mental health challenges have been exacerbated by COVID and community tragedy over the recent years. As a result, four community members with backgrounds in mental health treatment and advocacy, Kristin Tugman, Anne Dionne, Carrie Bibens, and Nicole Richman, have come together to form a group called Community Action for Mental Health, a non-profit seeking to raise awareness, reduce stigma and improve access to care in the Gorham community. The group can be contacted through their website: communityaction4mh.org

Tugman, a licensed clinician with a Ph.D. in psychology, said, "We have been talking with parents and teachers about these issues and trying to help them understand resources and fill gaps until care can be secured. The goal is to let people know they can go to the website to obtain information about mental health services as well as contact us with questions."

Tugman has spent 23 years in corporate America focused on workplace mental health. She noted that "therapists are overloaded with only 12% accepting new patients."

"There is a need to raise awareness of mental health and well-being and equalize it to physical health and well-being. We have to talk about mental health as we do about physical health." Tugman hopes to reduce the stigma relating to mental health, provide gap care and advise what to do to access care and believes this program "can make a difference by providing comprehensive awareness, education, and peer support by training community members to be mental health champions. She hopes to expand to other communities in the future, "meeting people where they are. Helping those with no preventative mental health care to find resources."

As Desmond Tutu said, "We have to stop being satisfied by just pulling people out of the river, we must go upstream and figure out why they are falling in."

Sebago Brewing Company celebrates 25th anniversary

By Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Sebago Brewing Company

Rain was forecast but the sun prevailed.

The Sebago Brewery backyard and patio were crowded with hundreds of Sebago Brewing friends and family on Sunday, June 25. They gathered to celebrate Sebago's 25th anniversary with live music, lawn games, grillables, and of course plenty of beer, including Sebago's flagship beer Frye's Leap and new favorites like Haze Forward. Although thunderstorms were forecast for the day, the rains held off and everyone enjoyed the sunshine.

Sebago Brewing is celebrating all year long at all four of its locations with brew-pub specials, limited-edition anniversary merchandise, and "throwback" brews like Hefeweizen, Trekker Pale Ale, and Megared.

"We're so grateful to everyone that came out to mark this milestone with



Photo credit: Sebago Brewing Company

Sebago Brewing Co-Founder Kai Adams with his daughter Whitney and wife Ashley



Photo credit: Sebago Brewing Company

Peter and Otto Dahlen - Peter is the Director of Brewery Operations at Sebago Brewing.

"us," said Kai Adams, Sebago Brewing Co-Founder and Vice President. "We're here because of our hardworking staff and everyone who's loved the brand all these years."

Gorham's First Pride Celebration



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

The Lavender Choir sang inspirational songs before a full Shaw Gym to start the festivities at the Gorham Pride Celebration on June 24.



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

The Maine Marimba Ensemble's energetic playing had the Shaw Gym vibrating at the Gorham Pride Celebration on June 24.

ArtLab at the University



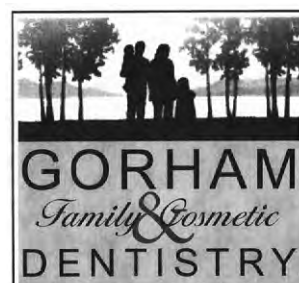
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Forty students, Grade 3 through 12 from Gorham Rec., participated in a weeklong ArtLab at the University of Southern Maine. ArtLab, was led by five university art education degree students under the direction of faculty mentors. ArtLab covered multiple art activities including wheel-thrown and hand-built ceramics, drawing, pinhole photography, gelatin plate printmaking, tie-dyed tapestries, plein air watercolor landscapes and more. Learn more at <https://usm.maine.edu/department-art/>.



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Traveling with Your Pet

Dr. Linda Mulski, Contributing Writer

From a trip to the local park to a cross country expedition, many of us travel with our pets and should think about their safety and comfort. Simple common sense would dictate that a dog should not hang its head out the window or travel in the bed of a pickup truck. Using a secured, sturdy carrier, kennel, or cage can keep your pet from interfering with the driver's ability to control the vehicle, and also make sure that your pet isn't lost in an accident. Appropriately fitted canine seat belts can be a lifesaver. Always plan for the worst to minimize your regrets.

Keep your destination in mind as you plan an itinerary. Start with required medical certificates, proof of vaccination and possible laboratory testing when considering international travel. Many airlines require proof that your pet can survive temperature changes related to air travel. Plan ahead to get a timely appointment with a USDA accredited veterinarian. Health certificates are actually required for interstate travel, although this fact is commonly disregarded. Making sure that you at least carry a copy of your dog or cat's current rabies vaccination certificate will help avoid problems. These laws are in place to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases that could severely affect agriculture.

Please always check for pet restrictions before you set out. Can your dog accompany you to the beach or park, or will you have to turn back because of the risk of heat stroke if your pet is left in a car? I once witnessed a frustrated dog shredding the interior of a high-end vehicle outside the Maine Wildlife Park. Be considerate and kind. Does frail Aunt Millie really want

your rambunctious Labrador puppy to have the opportunity to tear through her antique filled parlor? Providing a secure, known crate with safe chew toys from home, will help your dog to be a more welcome guest. Travel sites list pet friendly hotels as options.

When on the road, try to stop for regular bathroom breaks. Check that collars and harnesses are escape proof before you set out. Having a microchip linked to a pet recovery service is useful. It is ideal to have a crate that allows a cat to stretch and relieve itself before returning to its carrier. Provide a litter box (Tupperware?) with a lid that prevents spills between uses. The same crate provides an ideal cat safe space inside a hotel room.

Always take the time to familiarize your pets with the accessories you will use when traveling. Short road trips help to assess their adaptability and mental state before that long journey. There are a wide variety of calming nutraceuticals and prescriptions that can decrease your pet's stress. A frantic animal is an unnecessary driver distraction.

Summer is a great time for visiting friends and family. Many pets love the opportunity to come along. Careful forethought and planning will enhance everybody's experience.



Linda Mulski, VMD, veterinarian, has worked in Maine for the past 33 years. She and her husband, Tom Niedermeyer, VMD, own the Animal Hospital of South

Gorham where a wide variety of pet species are welcome.

Air Quality Becomes A Much Bigger Issue For Many

Gorham Times Staff

AirNow.gov is a quick and easy way to find out what the air has in store for us here in Gorham and all across the U.S.

Type in your zip code for up to date and easy to read information about Particulate Matter (like smoke and pollen) and Ozone lev-

els. Planning to travel to a different state? It's easy to see what to expect.

There is also a Fire and Smoke map showing locations of active fires across U.S. and Canada along with advice on how to protect you and your family during a high smoke event.

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Land Trust Volunteers Needed

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has network of 18 preserves which protect 2170 acres of conserved forests, rivers, and farms as well as wildlife habitats in located in eight towns (including Gorham) just outside of Portland. The Land Trust relies on volunteers in a number of important ways and is always looking for volunteers who would like to help. It's easy to sign up online by going to www.prlt.org and click on Get Involved.

Trail Work Volunteers are essential. They help with exciting outdoor projects on a number of preserves during Spring through Fall. Volunteers help create trails, build kiosks, bat houses or bridges, post new signage, and perform trail maintenance at all the Preserves. You can choose to volunteer on your own or with a small group, whatever best fits your interests and schedule.

Preserve Stewards volunteer to get to know one preserve well, by regularly walking the trail and performing basic maintenance. This is a great way to get outside, get exercise and enjoy the land throughout the changing seasons. It is a great opportunity for people who want to help outside on their own schedule.

Wildlife Stewards participate in a wide variety of projects to improve wildlife habitat at public access pre-

serves. Projects include removal of invasive Japanese knotweed from floodplains, making and posting wooden boxes for little brown bats, planting pollinator gardens in meadows, and planting trees along riverbanks.

Outreach and engagement volunteers help with the many special events sponsored by the Land Trust such as guided nature walks and family friendly events which occur throughout the year. They

help with set-up, check-in, taking photos, and general outreach support.

Office volunteers are needed to occasionally help with mailings a few times per year.

Photographers and/or videographers help to visually document the beautiful land and waters cared for by Land Trust and document the wide variety of activities and people who enjoy them throughout the seasons.

You might also be interested in being a volunteer leader by joining a committee and becoming a part of the inner workings of the Land Trust. Anyone who is interested in joining the Board of Directors is asked to first be a part of a committee which includes: 1. Fund Development - help build financial resources; 2. Finance - review financial reports; 3. Leadership Development - design trainings for the Board of Directors.

Interested in volunteering with the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust?

Go to www.prlt.org and click on Get Involved.

Carol Eyerman, Town Planner

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Carol Eyerman grew up in Portland and graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree and later earned a degree in Public Policy Management at the USM Muskie Institute.

Early in her career, she worked at Bigelow Lab in Boothbay and was thinking about graduate school and decided that she wanted a job where she had an opportunity to affect policies on land that affect our oceans. At USM she was able to make up her own program and take courses from the many offerings including Marine Law and Oceanography. After taking two classes in planning, she realized "that's where it happens, that's where policies get created."

After graduating, she found planning jobs in Cumberland and then in Pennsylvania. Family brought her back to Maine and she worked in Topsham as a planner addressing the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station and later worked as a planner in Harpswell

before moving to Gorham in 2020.

Her mother, who had Alzheimer's, lived in Windham and Eyerman needed to be closer to her. Eyerman was also the President of the Maine Association of Planners and Vice-President of the tri-state regional planning association. All of these efforts earned her Maine Professional Planner of the Year in 2019.

"There have been a lot of challenges in the past 3.5 years and staff have worked very well to overcome all the different issues that have arisen, especially during COVID," said Eyerman. She is especially proud of helping to implement the Comprehensive Plan, working with the community to get the Little Falls/South Windham master plan adopted, and planning an open space plan through the budget process.

"I can't wait to start this planning process in the next few months. Working with the community to plan and do the things the townspeople want is the best part of my job."

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July Town Council Report

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

The Ordinance Committee met and discussed a proposed contract zone off Robie Street.

Three items will be on the August Town Council agenda: stream protection, pedestrian improvements and standards for curb cuts on arterials.

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked staff and volunteers for the fun afternoon sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library. She also recognized Linda Frinsko's countless years of volunteering at the library.

Husky Line Transit will be extending their line to the Ocean Gateway terminal in the Old Port. Metro plans to add two additional weekdays round trips from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick.

Councilor Phillips announced the passing of former Town Councilor Paul Smith, 71, due to complications from heart surgery.

Councilor Gagnon reported that the Robie Park Steering Committee held their community charette on July 12 to discuss the future of Robie Park.

Chairman Pratt reported that Councilor Siegel was not present because he was ill with COVID 19. He also reminded people to donate blood if possible.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reported that the Brackett Street/Saco Street improvements have started, and the work will mostly be done at night. Paraschak reminded residents that the Little Falls Food Truck event will be held at the Little Falls Recreation area on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. through the summer.

The school budget vote will be held on July 25 with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Senior Property tax refund applications are available and are due by August 1.

The total school budget was \$50,232,490 of which Gorham would pay \$14,926,952. \$1,256,943 would be appropriated for payments on debt service for non-state funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local cost of funding public education from Kindergarten through Grade 12. The School Committee recommended that \$10,000,684 be raised in additional local funds to support all of the costs of the schools.

Councilors Phillips and Shepard voted to reduce the amount of the school budget by \$2,000,000. The vote was passed 5-0.

A proposed amendment to the Roadside Commercial District to add accessory storage was sent to the Planning Board for recommendation and a public hearing was approved 5-1 (Gagnon).

The Council accepted the resignation of Linda Frinsko from the Board of Trustees for Baxter Memorial Library and thanked her for her years of service. Deborah Arcaro was appointed to the Board of Trustees for Baxter.

The Town Council voted to use \$70,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act for a bathroom privy at Weeks Road Recreation area and one at Cherry Hill Farm Recreation area.

The Council authorized release of \$47,000 in ARPA funding for heat pump mini splints for Climate Control at Baxter Library.

The Council went into Executive Session and adjourned at 9:15.

Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 to vote on the latest School Budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available now and will be available until Thursday, July 20. You may vote in person, absentee, at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours up until July 20. If the ballot is taken home, you must return it before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Nomination papers will be available on Thursday, July 27, 2023, for the Annual Municipal Election, which will be held November 7, 2023, to elect two (2) persons to the Town Council and two (3) persons to the School Board. 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 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

The Senior Property Tax Rebate applications are now available and are due by August 1. You can download an application on our website or get one at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Business hours for the Town of Gorham Municipal Departments, located at 75 South Street have changed effective

July 1, 2023. The Municipal Center is now open to the public Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Fridays.* This includes the Town Clerk's Office, Finance Office, Managers Office, Code Office, Planning and Economic Development Office, GoCam Office, Recreation Office, and Assessing Office.

This change is being made in an effort to improve our ability to serve the public. A significant review of each department's hours of operation revealed that the current Municipal Center hours lack uniformity and consistency, which is often confusing for the public. The new hours will be more consistent and will improve public access to Town services, by aligning interdepartmental hours and adding extra time before and after the current workday for business transactions to be completed. We hope that this new schedule will better accommodate the public and improve overall accessibility.

*The Recreation Department will continue offering Friday programming as usual. The Gorham School Department Administrative Offices will continue to be open on their existing schedule, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May Grand Jury Indictments

Gorham Times Staff

Ted Libby, 38, of Portland was indicted for eluding an officer, failure to stop for an officer, criminal speed, operating after suspension, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Matthew Cole, 37, of Gorham was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (methamphetamine), pos-

session of a firearm by a prohibited person, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Ernest Dubeau, 39, of Hollis was indicted for manslaughter, driving to endanger, aggravated criminal mischief, operating beyond license restriction, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Planning Board Results

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

A request to amend the original site and subdivision plans for Bramblewood Estates (Baxter Kane) was discussed and approved 6-0.

Request to amend the Land Use and Development Code to require underground utilities for any new subdivision, private way or site plan was referred to the Town Council with a recommendation for adoption.

Patriot Holdings request for approval to construct eight 6,900 sq. ft. self-storage buildings, a 9,900 sq. ft.

contractor flex building and associated infrastructure was discussed. The Board voted to table approval.

Tabitha Cummings request for approval of a child care center in an existing building serving pre-school through 5th grade, with an estimated 85-100 children was discussed and approved with conditions of approval.

Cross Town Energy Storage's request for approval to construct a battery energy storage system was discussed and approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

Town Council Proposes Reduced School Budget CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Assistant Superintendent, a position held by Brian Porter, a long-time district employee and principal of Village Elementary School before his promotion to central administration. Other eliminated positions include ed techs and administrative support, plus coaches and advisors for all clubs and after-school extra and co-curricular programs. Gorham High School athletics would go to "Pay to Play" only, removing equitable access to all students to participate in athletic programs. There would be no late bus. The Mandarin language program at GHS would be eliminated, as well as a technology teacher and health teacher. Five elementary classroom teachers would go, moving all K-5 classrooms to maximum size. A complete list of reductions totaling \$2M can be found by.....

"The budget that was presented to the Town Council has been and will continue to be a needs based budget," Superintendent

Heather Perry said after the School Committee meeting. "These cuts do not allow us to provide adequate programming for our students whose needs have increased significantly since the pandemic." She urged all the voters of Gorham to go to the polls on July 25 "to communicate to our community's leaders that this level of reduction to our children's education went too far and is not supported by the community."

If on July 25, voters do not approve the budget the Town Council passed on July 11, the School Department will operate with that one until the Town Council approves a new one. A new budget would have to be voted on by Gorham voters before September 8 at another special election.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 25. Ward 1 votes at Gorham Middle School; Ward 1-2 at Great Falls Elementary School; and Ward 2 at the Municipal Center.

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| High Honors 6th Grade | Abigail Cyr Jacobus Cyr Eva Alden Matilda Arturo Aidan Beardsley Carter Bourgoin Carson Brown Lauren Chadburn Henrietta Copperberg Parker Cyr Briggs Downing Kaleb Dyer Andrew Fortier Logan Hall Ashyr Herrick Nolan Hurder Jessica Loiselle Mason McDonald Madison Milligan Margaret Moreno Carmella Richards Hannah Symanski Tristan Wells Zoe Whitehead Amelia Winkler | Tessa McBride Cerys McCormack Harper McManus Jaydn Murphy Joseph Nadeau Jayden Olson Samantha Page Jacob Palmer Devon Paradis Dominic Peyton Emma Plummer Ezekiel Provencal Wesley Quang Mia Rand Gavin Reed Lucien Roy Charles Sands Chloe Schuehle Declan Scaplen Ellis Scott Ethan Shaffer Caroline Shaw Emma Spiller Carter Sprague Samuel Springer Dominic Steller Marek Strange Alexander Sundik Aloe Swanson Charlotte Taylor Emma Tremblay Jillian Vetterline Amara Vincent Elijah Waterman Emily Watson Sophia Webster Kate Woods Caleb Yaeger Ruthie Zaninelli | High Honors 7th Grade | Julia Giguere Neve Hanley John Heal Ben Herrick Wyland Herrick Henry Hofmann Toren Johnson Luke Jones Gia Kaldrovich Madison Kindler Brayden Logan Natalie Lyford Sophie MacIsaac Adelina Martin Lucy Mason Allison Mellow Jennifer Miner Asia Mohamed Amanda Neumann Landon Nicely Abe Palme Kasey Plaud Sophia Proulx Ashlyn Pyle Ian Quinn Leidy Ramirez Sanchez Aliza Rickett Isla Rutherford Abram Sargent Nora Schucker Alina Senasy Finnegan Senatore Chloe Smith Sophia Soler Lydia Spear Riane Stewart James Swan Parker Thibault | Jade Tibbetts Whitney Varney Wyatt Walker Cooper Warner Trent Whitaker Tessa White Ryleigh Wing | High Honors 8th Grade | Fatimah Almkhtar William Andreasen Owen Beaumont Arli Bisson Sara Brawn Lillian Burgos Luna Button Kimarah Cajuste Kayleigh Carlo Piper Cathcart Myles Clark Michael Contente Keighlie Cox Harrison Crider Chloe Cyr Jack Cyr Bennett Deveaux Erica Donnelly Maia Downing Antoine Dube Evalina Dukette Lindsay Farquhar Jack Foisy Jordyn Fotter Eddie Grimard Evan Hall Isaac Hunter Ryan Johnson Lily Keene Claire Kennedy Olivia Kennedy Tyler Krouse Madelaine Lampron Cohen Landry Brandon Levesque Audrey Livingston Kylie Martorano Chloe Mason Emily McLean | Drew Milligan Logan Mills Ishami Munyaneza Haylie Nicely Anna Nichols Samuel Ottoson Kyle Petrin Dean Peyton Keaton Pollard Colby Pratt Sydney Quimby Abram Ramsay Rowen Reed Stephen Richards Madison Rogers Lauren Roy Nicholas Sallinen Madison Sampietro Jack Sellick Max Shvets Sawyer Smith Abigail Stevens Acadia Sylvia Carter Taiani Owen Todd Elise Touch Alexander Tukey Annabelle Vail Isaac Vail Kaitlyn Wallack Cooper Whitehead Henri Wichmann Peyton Wilkins Corbin Wilson Sarah Wilson Londyn Wright |
| Honors 6th Grade | Sarina Alden Joshua Allison Finnegan Bailey Keagen Beaulieu Jason Bennett Addison Bunch Benjamin Cahill Brianna Carlo Taylor Chadburn Lucy Cole Quaid Cossitt | Mia Johnson Fiona Keay Jackson Keene Lillian King Faith Lajoie Kaiden Laughlin Jeremy Levesque Rebecca Lewis Annie Lorfano Brody Marchand Sophia Marquis Samuel Martin | Honors 7th Grade | Ahmed Abdulzahra Adam Auricchio Clover Bayly-Schram Aspen Blair Jared Burt Myka Bush Zackary Carlson Ty Caron Haley Chandler Bayla Clark Stephen Connolly Camden Curtis Tucker Curtis Aidan Darling Charlotte Deveaux Jack Feldhaus Natalie Gentle | Honors 8th Grade | Daniah Al Asadi Alexis Alfreds | | |

Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

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|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9th Grade | Grace Cunningham | 10th Grade | Brent Files | Ethan Castonguay | Dayton Crockett | Lily Rubin | 12th Grade Honors |
| High Honors | Zoe Dellinger | High Honors | Aryana Flett | Grace Desmond | Dylan Cummings | Hadley Scaplen | Anthony Arsenault |
| Ali Abdulzahra | Mia Dodd | Laura Burt | Lauren Fredette | Giselle Doucette | Kalin Curtis | John Small | Frank Bean |
| Colby Allie | Logan Doughty | Abigail Chamberlin | Griffin Gammon | Ella Downing | Thomas Curtis | Caden Smith | William Benson |
| Hope Barney | Quinn Drake | Ashley Connolly | Sherry Garnett | Cole Drinkwine | Samantha Davis | Tristan Smith | Ella Bethany |
| Kaleigh Bauer | Aaron Dumais | Patrick Downey | Cameron Gasbar- rone | Brooke Farquhar | Jack Decrow | Olivia Spickel | Basil Bob |
| Bria Bush | Lauren Dunbar | Gwyneth Dubail | Violet James | Taylor Farr | Patrick Delaney | Kyleigh Staples | Christian Butler |
| Jocelyn Clark | Max Duplisea | Lucia Dubail | Griffin Johnson | Aiden Fortier | Evelynn Densmore | Mason Starkey | Ryan Cooper |
| Lena Cooley | Isaiah Eling | Hadley Foster | Kuba Kaczmarek | Summer Gammon | Sophia DiPhilippo | Jonathan Stein | Caroline Cowing |
| Ava DeVinney | Laurel Emerson | Meghan Gendron | Jack Karlons | Sophie Gunn | Owen Duplisea | Madison Stewart | Jasper Crane |
| Kayden Hall | River Engelter | Ava Gogings | Alivia Keniston | Addison Harjula | Dylan Edwards | Dylan Taiani | Rachel Cummings |
| Elle Hanley | Taylor Ernest | Bailey Hatch | Nasir Manahe | Noah Kennedy | Mohamed Elshafie | Jason Verrill | Makenna Delaney |
| Tabitha Lavigne | Emily Fluets | Finn Henderson | Samuel Mellow | Emily Lemont | Sophia Fates | Bennett Walker | Angela Dellasala |
| Tamia Lema-San- tellan | Abigail Fortier | Lucia Holloway | Natalie Miner | Corey Lorfano | Jayden Forgitano | Makenna Wheeler | Quinn Dillon |
| Derek Luo | Griffin Gava | William Johnson | Lindy Moreland | Brady Mercier | Elizabeth Gay | Cameron Whitte- more | Maeve Donnelly |
| Lorisse Matta | Henry Holland | Kathryn LaPierre | Elizabeth Morey | Libbie Merrill | Natalie Haskell | Anna Yahwak | Annika Edgar |
| Tessa McNally | Keilla Inteyiteka | Chafek Matta | Ryan Morrill | Amy Morin | Brinn Irish | Izak Young | Andrew Gaudreau |
| Maya Moores | Colton Jenkins | Kayla McLean | Nick Munyaneza | Caroline Morrell | Jesse James | | Tedi Gould |
| Stella Moores | Benjamin Keil | Amanda Morin | Wyatt Nadeau | Logan Sargent | Berlin Jenkins | | Bruce Hodgkin |
| Eleanor Morgan | Reece Leclerc | Timothy Nagle | Amelia Olaru | Emma Smith | Kira Keniston | 12th Grade | Josephine James |
| Terra Rioux | Matthew Leo | Payson Plummer | Diego Perez McLeod | Landon Turgeon | Ashton Leclerc | High Honors | Elizabeth Keil |
| Elizabeth Springer | Hanna Logan | Sarah Rosingana | Brooke Piawlock | Julia Wareham | Aidan Lee | Julia Altham | Alexis Landry |
| Taylor Tenuta | Emma Mathews | Mina Sayed | Julia Reed | Zackary Waters | Leighanna LeMay | Hayden Anderson | Erin Lawrence |
| Haley Vickery | Andrew Migliorini | Owen Spera | Victoria Sands | Joshua Wright | Montana Leslie | Agnese Benecchi | Jacob Lehmann |
| Sawyer VonderHaar | Gavin Monkiewicz | Brooke Stevens | Rhys Saunders | | Meryk Lewellen | Miranda Chasse | Kevin Luo |
| Claudette Wesse | Lukas Moore | Denali Tetrault | Ella Senators | 11th Grade Honors | Kyleah Mack | Faith Connolly | Sofia Mankin |
| Adia Wezowicz | Rebecca Neumann | Madison Tibbals | Jacob Shvets | Cole Allen | Aislyn McLean | Annie Cunningham | Kate Martin |
| Atticus Whitten | Liam O'Hora | Lily Tukey | Casey Skolfield | Yamamah Al- mukhtar | Gabriel Michaud | Jonah Doucette | Riley Maynard |
| Natalie Wilkins | Tyler Olson | | Alison Smith | Lillian Andreasen | Madison Miers | Sadie Fiore | Kayleigh Mitchell |
| | Jacqueline Parenteau | 10th Grade Honors | Natalie Smith | Brady Arsenault | Samuel Minchev | Brooke Gordon | Joyeuse Ntungane |
| 9th Grade Honors | Isabel Phinney | Sofia Andrade | Mikel Soto Carrasco | Gabriel Badeau | Lillian Miner | Lotus Graves | Zachary Paradis |
| Chelsie Baker | William Provost | Harrison Baber | Julie Stevens | Gibson Baker | Mia Mitchell | Kayleigh Greenlaw | Cameron Parker |
| Jay Banks | Kassidy Quimby | Raiyah Babinsky | Payton Thibodeau | Kaylynn Ballard | Jacob Mora | Olivia Hopkins | Mikaela Pellerin |
| Lily Beardsley | Gracen Roberts- | Whitney Ball | Thorin Wagner-Peck | Nathan Bergquist- | Jackson Morrell | Jude Huckaby | Abraham Rabbani |
| Brodie Berlinger | Locke | Brianna Beaulieu | Vanessa Walker | Guimond | Arianna Morse | Eden Johnson | Abigail Rosingana |
| Gianna Berthiaume | Addyson Simcock | Jakob Buckley | Sarah Wilcox | Moortada Beshir | Cecile Nganinka | Samuel Larkin | Christopher Sargent |
| Miles Brenner | Brooklyn Spearin | Leigha Buteau | Madisson Willey | Hannah Bickford | Erica Nygren | Trevin Macomber | Andrew Scribner |
| Benjamin Brown | Graham Staples | Caleb Carrier | Logan Wilson | Claire Boudreau | Riley Ottoson | Brady Marquis | Eli Sharrow |
| Abigail Buckelew | Olive Sturgis | Zachary Chandler | | Elsie Bradshaw | Haden Pelletier | Madyson Quimby | Audrey Shaw |
| Aiden Cahill | Thomas Sylvia | Isabelle Cook | 11th Grade | Jackson Brassard | Paige Perreault | Sarah Rathbun | Aidan Shepard |
| Addison Campbell | Brett Vaz | Katelyn Cyr | High Honors | Macey Brenner | Dylan Phillips | Tyler Reynolds | Lila Solecki |
| Eli Castles | Rose Wandell | Aysenelle De Los Reyes | William Armstrong | Amber Bretton | Elizabeth Phinney | Emma Sands | Valentina Soler |
| Cole Chasse | Tobias Wane | Cecelia Delloso | Dylan Bauer | Elijah Castro | Alicia Poschke | Eleanor Szostalo | Conor Sullivan |
| Annabelle Collier | Noah Williams | Finnian Dermody | Chloe Blanchard | Gage Cathcart | Alec Pouliot | Reagan Tibbals | Rylee Tenuta |
| Andrew Collins | Stella Wu | Riley Dever | Luke Burns | Andria Cloutier | William Preis | Kieran Wilkins | Megan Wentworth |
| Aubriana Cossitt | Preston Zwart | Joshua Faatz | Addison Canty | Christian Randall | Makayla Quintal | Delaney Wright | |
| Delaney Coyne | | Emily Fadrigon | Camryn Caruso | Ayress Cook | Christian Randall | Peter Wu | |

Celebrities Back in Southern Maine for Charity Event

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Falmouth Country Club Staff

GHS student-athlete Emily Beal pictured with Bruins goaltender Jeremy Swayman

On June 23, numerous celebrities came together with volunteers and staff from the Barbara Bush Children's Center to bring support to the first annual Drive Fore Kids Golf Tournament, held at the Falmouth Country Club. The invitational helped raise more than \$100,000 for Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, Maine's only full-service children's hospital.

According to WGME, It was a jam-packed three-day event as fans got to see a star-studded line-up from the

sports and entertainment world tee it up for a great cause. Some of the celebrities that took part included Patrick Dempsey, Roger Clemens, Kevin Millar, Tim Wakefield, Katherine Tappen, Tuukka Rask and Jeremy Swayman.

Hall of Famer, Tim Wakefield played 17 seasons for the Red Sox and is a current sportscaster for NESN network, is known for his strong support and commitments to Maine charities and events. Following the 2004 Red Sox World Series win, he and teammates Kevin Millar and Derek Lowe arrived at the Portland Jetport only days after the World Series to participate in a tennis tournament at the University of Southern Maine to raise money for the same cause. The players signed a great quantity of autographs, especially for the Gorham kids present that day. Fast forward nearly 20 years, and the same celebs with the addition of so many more, made it back to town.

One of the fans lucky enough to catch up with one of the celebs is GHS Junior, Emily Beal. Beal met Bruins goaltender, Jeremy Swayman, former UMaine Black Bears player drafted in 2017. Beal herself, plays goalie for the Varsity Ice Hockey team that went to their first-ever finals championship game in Gorham Girl's Ice Hockey history.

The invitational golf tournament will continue next year with Falmouth Country Club as home to Drive Fore Kids. This event provides fans and sponsors with invaluable experiences.

Steel Crawford Memorial Scholarship

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Shawn MacDonald

Bode Coleman awarded Memorial Scholarship, with parents Jesse and Stacey Coleman

The Maine Lacrosse Coaches Alliance created the Steel Crawford Memorial Scholarship to honor the legacy of Steel Crawford who passed away at the age of 17 on August 9, 2019. Steel was a member of the Freeport High School Lacrosse team where he enacted leadership on and off the field. Lacrosse was important to Steel.

While many high school lacrosse players have the same dream Steel had - to play college ball - Steel was a "player's player." He shared his love of the game with many, he mentored teammates and younger players, and he kept the game with the highest of integrity.

Each year, the coaches of the MLCA

award a \$500 scholarship to a Maine high school senior who embodies Steel's integrity, character, and love of the game.

The 2023 Steel Crawford Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Bode Coleman of Gorham High School. Coleman joins past recipients Ryan Baker of NYA '21 and Danny Casale of Freeport '22. Coleman was a senior captain for the Gorham Lacrosse team and he will join the Southern New Hampshire University Men's Lacrosse this fall. On hand to present the award were Ben Crawford, Steel's father, Geoff Arris, Steel's high school coach and Matt Speno, treasurer of the MLCA of Maine. Congratulations to Coleman.



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Most participating farms are open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023. Farms share their love of farming with visiting guests. Here are some ideas and tools to help people spread the word and celebrate the good work

of Maine farms that are open for visitors during Maine's Open Farm Day.

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HOW ARE YOU?

Gorham Retiring Teachers

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: School Records Photo

Retiring teacher Carol Besanko

Six well-respected and long-serving educators retired at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Carol Besanko, Andrea Hyland, Sandra Rockett, Rob Roy, Gary Speed and Sue Speed each wrapped up a successful career in education in the Gorham schools. All will truly be missed!

Carol Besanko:

Carol Besanko came to Gorham in 1996 after teaching in Old Orchard Beach schools for several years. She and her husband settled in Gorham and raised their children here. Over the span of 27 years at GHS, she has also served on various committees, functioned as a Team Leader, and taught in the Extended School Year program.

Mrs. Besanko said, "As I retire, I will hold on to fond memories of working for Gorham Schools. I will truly miss serving students at GHS. I will miss watching them grow from teens to adults and being a part of their adolescent journey. I will miss sharing in their laughter, their accomplishments, their honesty, their joys, and their sorrows. I will also miss helping them plan for their futures beyond high school. I will forever keep my students close to my heart."

In her retirement, Mrs. Besanko plans to substitute teach, participate in her grandchild's homeschool experience,

spend more time with her parents, and of course travel more often than once a year.

Andrea Hyland:

Nineteen years ago, Andrea Hyland came to Gorham from Waynfleet School where she served in the academic support program while her children were young. She chose to apply in Gorham because she hoped to work in a community with a well-respected school system.

She was hired as a Special Education Resource Room teacher at Village School, a position she held for 11 years. For the past 8 years, she has been the Instructional Strategist at Village which provided her the opportunity to work with all the staff at Village, as well as a greater number of students and families in her work to help students be successful at school.

"I recall so many fun events and times at Village through the years, as well as having the opportunity to work with the same students for several years and really getting to know them and their families. I will miss hearing the fun stories from students about all kinds of topics and hearing their laughter and joy in the hallways. I will also miss my incredible colleagues for whom I have so much respect and admiration for the hard work being done daily. There are so many fun memories from the past 19 years, which I will continue to reflect on in the years to come," said Mrs. Hyland.

In retirement, she plans to travel extensively. She also plans to volunteer, and pursue her interests in sewing, gardening, biking, cross country skiing, reading, playing piano, and spending unhurried time with family and friends.

Sandra Rockett:

Sandra Rockett has retired from her position as GHS Librarian after many successful years. She will truly be missed by the staff and students for her professionalism, her dedication, and her friendliness.

Rob Roy:

Rob Roy began his career in Gorham 38 years ago as Teacher Assistant to Industrial Arts Teacher, Roger Lord. After graduat-

ing from USM, he was hired to fill a vacancy as a technology teacher. For the past 38 years, he has taught technology, health education and even health education to seventh graders when there was a need and no funding for an additional position.

"Gorham High School has truly been a second home to me. I cannot say enough positive things about Gorham, our community, and our schools. I have enjoyed seeing so many of the students that I have had over the years entering into the world of adulthood and being successful and happy!"

Mr. Roy is proud that our community has always been accepting of diversity. "Gorham was one of the first communities in the state to have a Gay, Straight Alliance (known today as Rainbow League) at the high school. The parent support from the community has always been amazing."

Mr. Roy plans to take some time to travel, do more rides on the motorcycle and spend more time at his camp in Rumford and spend the winter months in Puerto Rico.

Gary Speed:

In the 1982- 83 school year, a physical education position opened up at Village School and provided Gary Speed with the opportunity to become a teacher and coach in the Gorham School District. During the last 40 years, he has been a Shaw School PE teacher, K-5 PE teacher at Village School, creative arts team leader for 5 years, Gorham Recreation kids camp director for 20 years, as well as a soccer, basketball, and track coach at the middle and high school levels.

Mr. Speed reflected on his years in Gorham, "Coaching in my early years was awesome, I will miss coaching and working with students. I will especially miss seeing how much students enjoyed coming to PE class and the fun that they would have while getting physically fit in my class."

His future plans include traveling with his wife, Sue, visiting their first grandchild due in July, as well as lots of fly fishing and baseball umpiring.

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Ellen G. White CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

her life she worked to spread that message, although it took more than two decades for White to become completely vegan herself. During those intervening decades, White followed a compromise vegetarian diet which sometimes included eggs, dairy, and fish.

The Adventist church began sponsoring a health and wellness resort which was named the Battle Creek Sanitarium by Dr. John H. Kellogg after he was hired as director of the facility, a position he held from 1875 to 1943.

Kellogg's brother William founded the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes company in 1876, as a way of implementing Ellen G. White's vision of creating commercial vegan alternatives to America's meat-based diet, especially regarding breakfast. In the following decades others affiliated with the Adventists or the Sanitarium (such as cereal entrepreneur C. W. Post) went on to introduce numerous vegan or vegetarian products for breakfast and other meals, such as Post Toasties, Grape-Nuts, and Postum coffee substitute. Other Adventist-related enterprises introduced the first commercial Granola, first canned soy milk, and the first nut-based meatless patties.

Today, various estimates state that between 60% and 70% of Adventists continue to follow Ellen G. White's example of living a mostly or completely vegan lifestyle. Public health researchers often cite the city of Loma Linda as one of healthiest communities in the United States, due to the high concentration of Adventists.

Robie Park CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

more paths, and more maintenance. They did not want paving, parking, more lighting, or more noise. Historical signage, fitness stations, programming space, and blueberries replacing non-native plants were among the many suggestions reported by the discussion groups.

Every small group wrote down their ideas and left them for the team to use in the next stage of planning. According to Caitlin Aceto, who chaired the charrette, the Steering Committee and the landscape architects will use this guidance as they develop three draft plans for the park. After inviting the public to review and provide feedback on the drafts, they will prepare a new Master Plan to present to the Town Council.

In March the eight-member Steering Committee chaired by Philip Gagnon and Michael Chabot adopted a mission statement calling for Robie Park to be a "vibrant and inclusive community space." Chabot was very pleased with the turn-out for the charrette which he said was evidence that the community is involved and wants to save the park. "We had to set up more tables. Every voice was heard, and we got feedback about what kind of a park people want. There is still work to be done, but we really knocked it out of the park with this one."

• JULY 29 •

CAR SHOW

GORHAM LIONS CAR SHOW
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On July 29, all are invited to view the 150+ classic cars from 7AM to 1:30PM at Gorham High School. Spectators are encouraged to bring nonperishables since there is no admission charge at the gate.

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Support Gorham Students

VOTE "NO" JULY 25

On July 11, 2023, the Town Council voted to reduce the proposed budget approved by the School Committee by AN ADDITIONAL \$2 million dollars, resulting in a total of 19 staff positions having to be reduced, as well as a loss of co & extra curricular programming across GMS and GHS and more. The full reductions list resulting from this vote by the Town Council is shown to the right. The result is an increase of class sizes to maximum sizes across grades K-5, an increase in the number of study halls students at GHS will have to take, and a loss of performing arts and athletic programs.

This proposed budget is devastating to programming for the children of Gorham. The next step is the referendum vote scheduled for July 25, 2023.

We need our votes to represent the voices of the whole community. We need all Gorham voters to make it out to the polls.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS - VOTE "NO" JULY 25

VOTE EARLY

Vote in-person **now** at Town Hall OR request a ballot be mailed to you to submit in-person on July 25 by 8pm

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee ballots are available by request by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670. *Last day to request is July 20 at 5pm.*

| Proposed Reductions | Anticipated Savings | Impact Description |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Reduce Legal Lines | \$30,000.00 | Not reflective of this year's actual costs. |
| Reduce GHS Science Textbooks. | \$30,000.00 | Will need to wait another year (or more) for replacement of Science Textbooks. |
| Reduce Sub Lines | \$30,000.00 | Not reflective of this year's actual costs. |
| Reduce Supply Lines | \$100,000.00 | Reduce classroom supplies and impact classroom functioning |
| Reduce Athletic Supplies | \$5,150.00 | Reduce athletic supplies |
| Reduce summer curriculum work | \$55,000.00 | Summer Curriculum work will not be completed. |
| Reduce GHS ISS Ed. Tech. III | \$45,000.00 | Reduce ability to utilize restorative practices at GHS. |
| Reduce Pre K .5 Nurse | \$45,000.00 | Add work load to existing staff at Narr. Not out of alignment with other schools in total population, but the younger population of PreK will be unique. |
| Reduce Village Library/Media Ed. Tech. III | \$45,000.00 | This would leave the shared position between Village/Narr. using current Narr. staff. |
| Reduction of K-5 Teacher (Nar.) | \$95,000.00 | By itself, this cut would result in increased class sizes in 2nd grade at Narr. (22-23 while GF and Village would be 17-18.) With this cut alone, all still in mid-range targets, at least based upon what we anticipate right now for enrollments. Class sizes in 2nd grade at Narr. will be 22-23 while GF and Village are 17-18. |
| Reduction of GHS Technology Teacher | \$120,000.00 | Reduce Required tech credit to .5, impacting 110 GHS students with additional study hall for first semester, same in second semester. |
| Reduction of 504 Coordinator | \$90,000.00 | Move existing workload to building AP's. (Reserve funding for possible stipends) |
| CO CIPS Remodel | \$30,000.00 | Without 504 Coord., need for this project is removed, in the immediate future. |
| Reduce Late Bus | \$20,000.00 | Impact student's abilities to participate in after school programs. |
| Reduce 2nd crossing guard | \$28,500.00 | Reduce Village Elementary School part time crossing guard and look to volunteers to perform this service, which will need to be coordinated. |
| Reduce .5 Teaching Counselor (K-5) | \$47,500.00 | Difficulty in retaining part time staff AND contractual strain on remaining staff. |
| Reduce K-12 PD lines | \$20,000.00 | This will limit continued learning opportunities for our staff. |
| Reduce 6th and 7th grade athletics | \$25,000.00 | Decreased opportunities for students to become involved in extra and co-curricular activities which are a core component of our schools. |
| Reduce GMS 8th Grade Athletics | \$25,000.00 | Removes all athletic programming from GMS. Impacts abilities for students to participate in activities. |
| Reduce all Club Stipends from GMS | \$30,000.00 | Removes all co-curricular programming at GMS. |
| Reduce Athletic Admin. Assistant | \$45,000.00 | Reduce support for Athletic Dir., other admin. Assts would need to take on addl. work. |
| Reduce all Club Stipends from GHS | \$88,000.00 | Removes all non-athletic co-curricular programming at GHS. |
| Reduce GHS athletics to "Pay to Play" only | \$100,000.00 | Removes equitable access to all students to participate in GHS athletic programs. |
| Reduce .5 Admin. Assistant Facilities | \$22,500.00 | Increase work load on remaining staff, and safety concerns |
| Reduce 1 admin. Assistant/secretary at GHS | \$45,000.00 | Increased work load on remaining staff, and safety concerns. |
| Reduce 1 admin. Assistant/secretary at GMS | \$45,000.00 | Increased work load on remaining staff, and safety concerns. |
| Reduce .5 admin. Assistant/Secretary at each K-5 School | \$67,500.00 | Increased work load on remaining staff, and safety concerns. |
| GMS FLS Teacher | \$95,000.00 | Current numbers now support reduction, but will need back following year. |
| Reduce GHS Mandarin | \$35,000.00 | This would remove current Mandarin program from our world languages program at GHS. |
| Reduce Health Teacher | \$95,000.00 | Keep requirement at current .5 credits for health. |
| Reduce 5 K-5 Classroom Teachers | \$280,000.00 | Moves all K-5 classrooms to max class sizes of K (20), G1-2 (24), 3-5 (28) |
| Assistant Superintendent. Reduction | \$145,000.00 | Compromise Superintendent's Ability to Lead District |
| Principal's Account Reduction | \$20,850.00 | Reduced PD opportunities for Staff led by Principals. |

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| Total Reduction | \$2,000,000.00 |
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Photo credit: Cheryl Fotter, Village School Assistant
Retiring PE Teacher Gary Speed enjoys snow tubing with students

Sue Speed:

Sue Speed came to teach in Gorham in the 1980s after working at an early Child Development Center, after listening to her husband, Gary speaks highly of the Gorham Schools. During the past 32 years, she has been an educational paraprofessional and taught Kindergarten, Grades 1-2 Multi-age, Grade 1, and, lastly, grade 2.

Mrs. Speed said, "I will miss the students, it is such an honor to work with young children and to watch them grow academically, socially, and emotionally! Also, I will miss my colleagues at Village Elementary School! I couldn't have worked with a better group of teachers, staff, and administrators! I would especially like to thank my 2nd-grade team, Rebecca West and Lauren Roberts for their kindness, collaboration, and comradery during my time as a member of the 2nd grade team."

Mrs. Speed is looking forward to her first grandchild and the adventure that lies ahead. She looks forward to continuing to spend time with friends and family and to exploring new places.

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The Gorham School community would like to thank these six educators for their dedication, support, and care for students and their length of successful service.

Thank you and the best of luck in your new adventures.

Eric Sawyer Awarded Natl Recognition for Service during COVID Pandemic

Gorham Times Staff

An emergency management professional from southern midcoast Maine, Eric Sawyer (GHS '03) received the COVID-19 Pandemic Civilian Service Medal for exemplary service to the nation as part of the federal medical response to the pandemic. Sawyer serves as a member of an Incident Management Team (IMT) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

During the pandemic, the IMT responded to more than 1,800 missions to support nearly 50 states, territories, and jurisdictions. Sawyer is one of approximately 90 IMT responders to receive the award for civilians who deployed for 30 consecutive or 60 cumulative days to provide medical care to state, territory, tribal, and local partners.

"The pandemic strained our country's healthcare system for almost three years," said Director for ASPR's Division of Field Operations and Response Kevin Horahan. "Mr. Sawyer and his IMT colleagues served as a lifeline to many healthcare facilities. This medal reflects his self-less commitment to meeting the public health and medical needs of the American people."

ASPR's IMTs identify and validate the prioritized needs of the communities affected by a disaster or public health emergency, coordinate resources to meet those needs, and manage all HHS deployed field resources. For the pandemic, resources included thousands of tons of medical equipment and supplies and thousands of medical professionals who deploy from their own communities around the country to provide temporary relief to other healthcare staff, adding medical capacity and improving outcomes for COVID-19 patients.

During the pandemic response, IMT



Photo credit: ASPR Media

Eric Sawyer

members oversaw the operational, safety, security, logistical, planning, finance, and communications needs of thousands of clinical and non-clinical personnel from ASPR's National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps who deployed throughout the country to support overwhelmed hospitals struggling to respond to the pandemic. NDMS and USPHS can provide medical care during disasters or public health emergencies at the request of states. NDMS also can provide veterinary care and mortuary assistance.

IMTs combine federal full-time and intermittent employees. Intermittent personnel hail from communities nationwide. When deployed, they are considered federal employees working as part of a coordinated federal response. When not deployed, they are the disaster management and medical professionals in communities entrusted daily with local health care.

To learn more about HHS' response to COVID-19, visit <https://aspr.hhs.gov/COVID-19/>. For more information about ASPR, visit <https://aspr.hhs.gov/NDMS/>.

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| <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>GORHAM \$775,000 - 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. Located in Gorham's Urban Residential Expansion District permitting lots with 40,000sqft.</p> | <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>STANDISH \$189,500 - This cozy cottage is nestled on the shore of sought-after Bonny Eagle Pond. The 40 feet of owned water frontage is just a few steps away to your very own dock. You'll love all the charm with knotty matched pine and beadboard finishes.</p> | <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>GORHAM \$325,000 - Rare opportunity w/ approvals in place for a 2-lot subdivision and private way. This parcel consists of 8.02 acres w/ provisions for a 6.65-acre lot and a 1.38-acre lot accessed by a potential private way. The 6.65-acre lot has a 22x30 2-car garage w/ full walkup dormered 2nd floor.</p> | <p>NEW</p> <p>NAPLES \$159,900 - This elevated 5.03 acre building lot with 148 feet of road frontage along a paved road offers amazing western views of sprawling mountain ranges including the White Mountains. Plan your visit to catch some of the best sunsets you'll ever see.</p> |



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Rob Pellerin (GHS 16), Doctorate in Physical Therapy, University of New England, Biddeford, Maine
Joseph Pelletier, Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York
Collette Romatis, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, minor in Fine Arts, Honors Program, Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Gianna Romatis, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Civic Scholar, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont

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Alexander Lemieux, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
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Gianna Romatis, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont
Colby Tucker, Castleton University, Castleton, Vermont

OF INTEREST

The Baxter Museum at 67 South Street in Gorham is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The Baxter Museum is the boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter. The museum has articles relating to the Baxter family, Civil War artifacts, and articles and artifacts relating to Gorham history. For more information, please contact Baxter Memorial Library, (207) 222-1190.

The Town of Gorham has announced the transition to new business hours for Gorham municipal departments located at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street, Suite 1) effective July 1, 2023.

On Wednesday, July 26 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. there will be an informational meeting for all home school people. It will include the opportunity for home school parents to meet one another, a discussion about state requirements, a public chapel service and organized play for children. It will be at the Redeemer Lutheran Church 410 Main Street. On Wednesday, July 26th from 9 A.M until 10:30 A.M there will be an informational meeting for all home school people. It will include the opportunity for home school parents to meet one another, a discussion about state requirements, a public chapel service and organized play for children. It will be at the Redeemer Lutheran Church 410 Main Street.

SENIOR NEWS

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 are welcome. Fridays at 10 a.m. join ARTrageous Seniors open studio. All are welcome to bring their own projects.

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

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.

The Trauma Intervention Program of Greater Portland is a non-profit organization of volunteers who provide "emotional first aid" to people who are struggling with a traumatic event, often the unexpected death of a loved one. The TIP volunteers are trained to help these people at their worst moments, called by local police, fire or hospital personnel while they are performing their duties, so the volunteer support also helps them so that they can complete their work knowing that the family is receiving help. TIP of Greater Portland serves Gorham, as well as the towns of Scarborough, Windham, Falmouth, Cumberland, and the cities of Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook, and Maine Medical Center. TIP continues to seek volunteers. Learn more at <https://www.tipgreaterportland.org>.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, July 29 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Face masks are optional, hand sanitizer is available.

YARD SALES

On Saturday, August 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Buxton Centre Baptist Church will hold a yard sale at 932 Long Plains Road in Buxton, complete with a food table, baked goods, BBQed hot dogs, and homemade baked beans to go. There you will find books, puzzles, games, housewares, vintage items, furniture, and jewelry.

CONCERTS

On Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m., Cressey Road Church at 81 Cressey Road will be hosting a free concert featuring 2-time Grammy Nominee Brad White. Brad's performances use vocals, piano artistry, and the saxophone to bring humor, heart, and hymns of the generations together. Refreshments to follow.

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The Southern Maine Junior Music Academy at the Osher School of Music will present the camp final concert on Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m. on the lawn at Corthell Hall. The concert features 7th to 9th grade musicians from around the region performing in concert band and jazz band. Bring your families and your lawnchairs or blankets. A rain location will be provided on campus if needed.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library Book Club will be reading "The Golden Egg" by Donna Leon this month, and meeting on Monday, July 24 at 11 a.m. Copies are available for pickup at the library. Anyone is welcome to join. The library is now offering FREE day passes to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. Passes are available at the library for the season running May-October. One family (2 adults plus any number of children under 18) per day can sign up for a day pass. Reserve ahead at the library. Please note you must have a NGPL library card to use these passes, but if you don't have one yet you can get one for free. You do not need to live in Gorham to have a library card. You can also reserve a discounted museum pass to the Children's Museum in Portland. The pass gets you 50% off tickets up to 4 people (at least 1 ticket has to be an adult and 1 has to be a child). Passes can be reserved at NGPL, please check availability for requested time & date.

Activities at Baxter Memorial Library include a Nature Scavenger Hunt for all ages at Shaw Park, Family Discovery Storytimes from ages 2 - 5, a Face Paint Party for all ages, a 4-H



AUGUSTA, MAINE —Cortland Winslow Tice Jr., 87, passed away on June 13, 2023, at the Maine Veteran's Home in Augusta, Maine. He was born July 1, 1935, a son of Cortland W. Tice Sr. and Gertrude (West) Tice.

Cortland grew up in the rural country of Spring Glen, New York and graduated from Ellenville High School, class of 1953. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving for four years before entering the Air National Guard. Cortland served for 20 years before retiring from the military.

Following his service to the country, he became the police chief for the Town of Gorham, Maine and was instrumental in expanding the public safety department. Eventually Cortland left civil service and was self-employed as a successful private investigator.

He was named Veteran of the Month at the Maine Veteran's Home-Augusta, Maine in February 2022, an honor that really pleased him.

Cortland will be remembered as outgoing, determined, and independent.

He was predeceased by his parents, and sister, Janet.

He will be missed by his partner, Anne Eggers; his children, Robert Tice, Rebecca Brookes, and Lynn Tice; four grandchildren; a sister, Eleanor Tice; and his former wife, Martha Tice.

Grave side services to be held at Poplar Grove Cemetery, 180 Phillipsport Road, Phillipsport, NY on Saturday July 1st 2023 at 11AM, on his 88th birthday. We are completing his Circle of Life.

Memorial donations may be made to: Maine Veteran's Home, Attention: Mona Boucher, 35 Hero's Way, Augusta, ME 04330. Please indicate "Activities Department" in memo.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta, ME 04330. Condolences, photos and stories may be shared by visiting www.plummerfh.com.

Science Workshop for grades 2-6, a demonstration of the games, Zelda, Tears of the Kingdom, and Magic: The Gathering, Art in the Park for all ages, a Cosplay Workshop for teens and adults, Big Blue Blocks creative construction on the Library green. Find information of all these activities at the Baxter Memorial Library website, <https://baxterlibrary.org/>

CLOSE TO HOME

The Original's present A PICASSO BY JEFFREY HATCHER, at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, July, 22, 27, 28, and 29 at 7:30 p.m. and July 23 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivetheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.



Photo credit: John Ersek

Pastor Travis Bush prepares for a symbolic ribbon-cutting on July 13th, as representatives of Great Falls Construction and members of Summit Church look on. This marked the official opening of Summit Community Church's new multipurpose building in Gorham.



Photo credit: Suzanne Moffat

Gorham Lion Kenney Aldrich Receives National Award as a Melvin Jones Fellow. From left to right is Ken's daughter Meera, grand-daughter Jocelyn, daughter Emily, and wife Mary.

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 20

Nature Scavenger Hunt (all ages) at Shaw Park, 3 - 3:45 p.m.
Summer Thursdays Food Trucks at Little Falls Rec. Area, 4 - 8 p.m.
Cressey Road Church free Brad White concert followed by refreshments, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 22

The Originals "A Picasso" by Jeffrey Hatcher opens at Saco River Theatre. 5 performances, <https://sacorivetheatre.org>, 207-929-6473.

Monday, July 24

Baxter Memorial Library Family Discovery Storytime (ages 2-5) 10 to 10:45 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library Book Club discusses "The Golden Egg" by Donna Leon, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25

Baxter Memorial Library Face Paint Party (all ages), 10 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 26

Baxter Memorial Library
4-H Science Workshop (Grades 2-6), 10 - 11 a.m.
FANDOM: Zelda (all ages) 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27

Baxter Memorial Library
Art in the Park (All Ages), 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Cosplay Workshop (teens and adults), 6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 29

Southern Maine Junior Music Academy final concert, 2 p.m. on the lawn at Corthell Hall. Bring lawnchairs or a blanket.
Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m. \$10/\$5/\$20.

Monday, July 31

Baxter Memorial Library Family Discovery Story Time (ages 2-5), 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, August 2

Baxter Memorial Library
Big Blue Blocks (all ages), 10 - 11 a.m.
FANDOM: Table Top Games (all ages), 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

the blotter

Morrill Avenue caller reported a vehicle blocking his driveway. The vehicle was not blocking the driveway at all.

Weeks Road caller wanted to make police aware of dirt bikes on the trail. Officer did not respond as he was tied up on a priority call.

Caller reported suspicious activity at the end of Winding Brook Way. Officer found out that another resident on Winding Brook had a car delivered from Maryland.

Officer performed a traffic detail on School St. and Campus Ave. There were no vehicle stops but there was a noticeable reduction in vehicle speed.

Railroad Avenue caller reported she was being harassed and it was an ongoing issue. Officer issued trespass paperwork.

Officer observed a vehicle with its headlights on parked in front of a closed business. Vehicle belonged to a contracted pest control worker checking on any past problems.

Marion Street caller noticed that her exhaust was laying on the ground. It was from a vehicle they do not use. She was concerned that her catalytic converter had been taken and will call to confirm when she gets home and can take a look at it.

Woman at the call box at the Police Station wanted to report a confrontation she had at Hannaford's parking lot.

Officer received a call from someone wanting information on how to become a police officer. He was directed to the Gorham Police Department website as well as to the Maine Government website for standards for testing and fitness.

Wight Lane caller was concerned as he had seen a social media post regarding a suspicious car in his neighborhood. He

was advised that it belonged to a woman whose car had broken down. He was glad to know it was not a theft in the area.

Driver of a car pulled over on the side of Ossipee Trail leaned out the window and said he had pulled over to sleep and that he had been there about an hour and would move along.

Woman was having a disagreement with her ex. She followed him to Queen Street and they had an argument. She was asked to leave by the homeowner and she left.

Shaw's Mill Road caller wanted information on how to get rid of an unwanted guest who has been living there a few months. She was advised to seek a civil eviction notice.

Caller had left his debit card in the ATM and wanted police to call him if it was turned in.

A very intoxicated man got out of an Uber and fell at the door to his residence. A Gorham Fire Department Officer assisted him into the house and into a chair.

Man called police about a bill from Spectrum Mobile. He was referred to Spectrum Mobile.

Caller was complaining about vehicles doing burnouts at the intersection with County Road and Deering Road in the middle of the night. Caller was advised to call when this activity was happening, not seven hours later.

Caller reported a dog in a car parked on Sanford Drive. All four windows were down about 3 inches. The vehicle was parked in the shade and the dog did not appear to be in distress.

Winterberry Drive caller reported his laptop was in his vehicle but the keys were 4.5 hours away and would have to be mailed to him. Officer attempted to unlock the vehicle but was not successful.

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- Southern Maine Orthodontics in Scarborough will be opening a satellite office in downtown Gorham this August to address the absence of one in this growing community.



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