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School Committee to Propose a Third FY24 Budget

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

At the School Committee special meeting on July 26, the day after voters rejected the latest attempt at passing a FY24 budget, Michelle Littlefield was one of six people who addressed the committee during the time for public comments. The mother of two Gorham school children, she thanked the committee for their work and urged them to submit a budget to Town Council that “meets our students’ needs.”

Littlefield, who voted no on July 25, said, “I do not believe this town is as polarized as it sometimes feels. We all want the same thing: an amazing education for our kids and consideration of the taxpayer burden. I ask that you and the Town Council work together to bring forward a budget that does not do such a disservice to our children.”

Littlefield said she apologized for the town not showing up in June when the proposed \$51.5 million budget was defeated, 956 to 660. On July 25, 3,785 came out and 2,742 voted to defeat a \$48.6 million budget approved by the Town Council, but not

endorsed by the School Committee.

After the voters rejected the second budget, the School Committee released a statement that said their job is “to create a third proposed budget that acknowledges all the important community voices we have heard to date. This third budget will strive to find that all-important balance our community seeks between the needs of our children and our taxpayers.

Although this second budget was defeated, the school department is required to operate with it until a new one is approved by the School Committee, Town Council, and Gorham voters. At the July 26 special meeting, they had to lay off four classroom teachers and Assistant Superintendent Brian Porter. Four ed techs also lost their jobs. Other reductions were for positions not yet filled.

Middle school athletics would still be eliminated, and high school sports would become “pay-for-play,” because the budget approved by the Town Council is still in effect. Currently, half of Gorham High School students par-

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GHS Seniors Earn Maine Career Exploration Badge

Gorham Times Staff from a press release by Craig Smith, JMG Communications Manager



In June, Aspire Gorham, a partnership with MELMAC Education Foundation, the Gorham School District, and JMG, proudly announced that 136 seniors had completed workplace learning experiences to earn the Maine Career Exploration Badge.

JMG's Maine Career Exploration Badge for Maine high school juniors and

seniors is an opportunity to participate in 40 hours of meaningful work experiences facilitated through an intentionally designed exploration and reflection process. Students were able to receive an academic award of \$500 upon completion.

Aspire Gorham, with the support of JMG, collaborated with more than 100 local businesses, organizations, and professionals to provide students with authentic work experiences aligned with their career interests. Experiences included traditional internships, job shadows, volunteer projects, and approved extended learning opportunities. These partnerships allowed students to gain invaluable exposure and fostered connections within their community.

“We are proud that so many of our Gorham High School seniors were able to earn the Maine Career Exploration Badge this spring through their internship experiences. This \$500 scholarship validates these important learning experiences for our students and demonstrates how a strong organization like

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60 Acres of New Land Preserved in Gorham

Gorham Times Staff

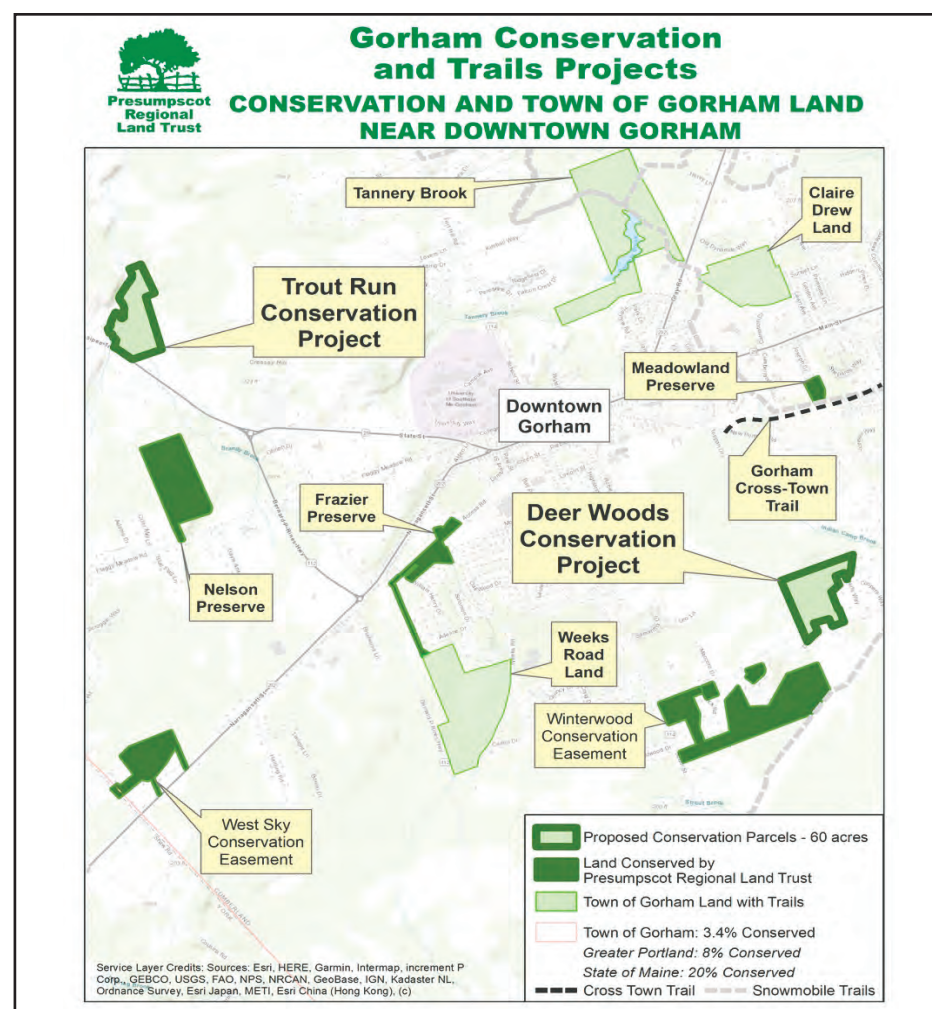


Photo credit: Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

A map shows local trails and the location of Presumpscot Land Trust's newest Preserves: Deer Woods and Trout Run.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (Land Trust) is growing again. The Land Trust has the opportunity to preserve 60 acres of land in two unique projects near downtown Gorham. While the town is blessed with many acres of open field and farmland, Gorham is one of the fastest growing communities in the state and has less than 4% of the land conserved and protected for future generations. By comparison, triple that percentage has been conserved in Cumberland County.

In a new Gorham Conservation Campaign launched this summer, the Land Trust will forever conserve 60 acres of land: Trout Run and Deer Woods Conservation Projects.

“The Land Trust has the incredible opportunity this fall to conserve two forested parcels of land, nearly a mile of Little River and stream shorefront and to create two new miles of trails that will be accessible to the many people who live nearby these projects,” stated Rachelle Curran Apse, Executive Director of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. She added, “While they are close to downtown Gorham, they still provide important habitats for a wide diversity of species from deer and hawks to quickly declining species of reptiles, fish, amphibians, pollinators, and migrating birds.”

Trout Run Conservation Project is just past the roundabout off Route 25, heading towards Standish, northwest of downtown Gorham. Gorham resident Julie Abbott has generously offered the

Land Trust the gift of 30 acres of forestland. This land is a priority for conservation because it includes over 3,500 feet of Little River and stream shoreline identified as Wild Brook Trout habitat. In addition, this parcel is part of one of the largest remaining undeveloped forest blocks (850 acres) near downtown Gorham.

Abbott said, “I would now like to



Photo credit: Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

A Trout Wildlife site on the Little River at Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's new 30 acre Trout Run Preserve with trails and public access.

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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.

Investing in Mainers at Every Stage of Life

Rep. Mo Terry, D - Gorham

Late last month, the Legislature concluded its work for the session and successfully passed part two of the biennial budget which made historic investments in Maine people.

Whether you're trying to start a family, caring for an aging parent, or need to take time off yourself due to illness, being forced to choose between taking the time you need and receiving a paycheck is an impossible decision. This year, we helped make those already difficult situations a bit easier by passing and funding Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML).

With the implementation of this policy, more Mainers will be able to spend those critical early weeks after childbirth or adoption with the new baby without the added fear and anxiety of missing a paycheck or having to choose which parent's income can be forfeited. More Mainers will be able to recover fully from an illness or an injury without worrying about how they will make their car or rent payments. And more Mainers will be able to spend time with a sick loved one without compromising their ability to afford groceries or school supplies. As Maine joins eleven other states with PFML policies, we demonstrate our commitment to the financial and physical health and well-being of our residents at every phase of life.

This session, we also passed Maine's very first fully refundable child tax credit at \$300 per dependent, which not only helps parents make ends meet but it has also been shown to lift children and families out of poverty and dramatically reduce rates of childhood hunger. After the success of the temporarily expanded refundable federal child tax credit in 2021, we saw an opportunity to implement a state policy that could deliver similarly transformational results for Maine families.

Additionally, the Legislature boosted the state child care affordability program, making it easier for income-eligible families to afford child care by increasing eligibility for the program from 85% to 125% of the state's median income. Access to child care is closely tied to economic well-being for families, businesses, and communities at large. Ensuring more folks can get child care and return to work is a worthwhile investment in the well-being of our state.

For older Mainers living on fixed incomes but facing the reality of fluctuating costs of living, particularly increasing property taxes, we also found ways to offer meaningful support. This session, we replaced the fiscally unsustainable and overly broad Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program with an expansion of two time-tested programs

proven to stabilize expenses for older Mainers. We increased the Property Tax Fairness Credit and expanded the Property Tax Deferral Program which will make it possible for more Mainers to age with dignity in their communities.

These were just a few of the programs we were able to implement or expand upon this session that will make a significant difference for Mainers. As your representative, I hope to ensure that you have what you need to pursue a dream, have a family, start a business or age in your own home. I am proud of the measures we passed this session, especially because taken together they constitute a powerful network of tools and resources that will empower more Mainers to be successful at every stage of life.



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.

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To the editor -

I am writing in support of Autumn and Ms Booth's letters that hoped another way could be found in the school budget that doesn't cut theater. I'm an out-of-stater. But I taught theater for over 35 years, Middle School, High School and College.

To say Theater is an "extra" curriculum activity is just wrong. The skills that theater kids learn fit into the curriculum. The play or musical they are rehearsing requires knowledge of history. What's the time period? What events were impactful? What were the roles of men and women in society?

Try building a set without having math skills. Communication is a skill you'll use in life and your profession. Number one phobia after fear of death, public speaking. Theater kids have that one beat. You have to communicate with an audience and your fellow performers. Tech kids are also developing life skills from carpentry, painting, and sewing to working with the cast and interacting with their audience.

Talk about teamwork, I had jocks who were coaxed into theater and they went, "This is just another kind of team." It's an opportunity to work together to achieve a goal, the best performance possible. Participation in theater was dependent on maintaining your grades. That proved a wonderful motivation.

I hope a solution can be found to keep theater (and really all arts) in school. Remember "The play's the thing."

Greg Hudson Cincinnati, Ohio

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TOWN OF GORHAM SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION ELECTION

Pursuant to MRSA, Title 21A, Sec 101, you are hereby notified that the Registrar for the Town of Gorham, Maine will hold the following office hours for the purpose of registering voters and making corrections to the voter list:

Tuesday, August 8 2023 thru Thursday, August 10, 2023, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Monday, August 14, 2023, 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

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participate in after-school athletics. All co-curricular activities, which include theater and music programs, would be eliminated as would other reductions required by the \$48.6 budget.

The School Committee will meet on Aug. 2 to create and vote on a third budget. They plan to bring it to the Town Council at a public meeting on Aug. 8. If the Council approves a budget on that date, it will go before the voters for a referendum on Aug. 15.

At the meeting on the 26th, Superintendent Heather Perry agreed that the community "wants us back to the table" and asked the committee to consider the next budget within the larger context. "What do we believe in and why; what is our target," she said, "We need to build a bridge between what we need for our students and our community's needs. It is not about looking back but moving forward."

She asked the committee members for guidelines in preparing a budget proposal for consideration on Aug. 2. The committee consensus was that they were looking for a reduction of no more than \$500,000 from the \$50,585,845 budget given to the Town Council on July 11. Perry said that she and the District Leadership Team would bring to the meeting a prioritized proposal with suggested reductions of between \$400,00 to \$1 million.

The School Committee's June 11 budget would have produced a \$.99 increase on the mil, which meant that the tax increase on a home valued at \$400,000 would have been \$396. There would have been a \$.30 increase on mil, or a tax increase of only \$122, on the same home if the budget rejected by voters on July 25 had passed. As one voter put it, we are looking for the Goldilock solution, the one that is just right.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Not Self, But Country

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



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Captain Raymond Barnes will retire after 26 years, more than 3000 flight hours, 570 carrier-arrested landings and 59 combat missions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria

The Navy's unofficial motto, "Not self, but country," accurately describes GHS '93 graduate and soon-to-be retired naval aviator, Raymond Barnes, Jr. Recently honored at a combined change of command and retirement ceremony, Captain Barnes has stepped down from serving as Commodore of Training Air Wing 2 (TW-2). Located in Kingsville, Texas, TW-2 is where the next generation of Navy and Marine strike aviators learn to fly jet aircraft.

In June, Rear Adm. Rich Brophy, the Chief of Naval Air Training, presented Barnes with the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving as commodore of the air wing, overseeing the safe completion of more than 55,000 flights and the qualification of 195 new Navy and Marine Corps aviators.

Captain Raymond "Pancho" Barnes will officially retire in November, marking 26 years of dedicated service to this country. His final posting was a fitting close to his career. Some of his last students were sons of his former squadron-mates and TW-2 is also where Barnes earned his own "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator in 1998.

Barnes was destined to join the Navy. "My father and both grandfathers served in the Navy, and I always had a strong desire to serve. Naval aviators have a reputation as the best pilots in the world, and from a young age, I wanted to be one of them," he said.

After graduating cum laude from Daniel Webster College in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation management/flight operations, Barnes was commissioned an ensign upon completion of Officer Candidate School in 1998.

In 2000, after completion of training in the F/A-18C Hornet he joined Strike Fighter Squadron 15 (VFA-15) in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He deployed twice at the start of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His impressive naval career includes 3,000 flight hours, 570 carrier arrested landings (traps) in the F/A-18 Hornet and T-45 Goshawk, on eight different aircraft carriers, and 59 combat missions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria in what Barnes described as challenging, long-range flights, mostly at night, with multiple in-flight refuelings.

After this deployment, Barnes was chosen as an F/A-18 demonstration pilot and performed in several air shows - a dream come true - because watching military airshows in Brunswick and Limestone as a child was how Barnes first became interested in flying.

In 2006, Barnes completed an Executive MBA with distinction from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and the Senior Course at NATO Defense

College in Rome, Italy, as the US Navy representative in 2017, before returning to the Naval Postgraduate School as military associate dean and director of the school's COVID-19 Task Force.

Barnes has served as Operations Center Director for Joint Interagency Task Force South which conducted counter-narcotics operations in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean, and also served as operations officer for the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

For anyone considering a military career, Barnes said, "The military is a great place to learn skills, get an education, and do meaningful work with excellent people." He stressed the importance of physical fitness and a strong academic record.

Barnes recognized two GHS faculty members who helped him build skills he needed to become a successful naval officer. He said, "Ed Willett challenged me academically and encouraged me to think about the world in different ways - these skills were helpful throughout my career." His cross-country and track coach, John Wilkinson, "Pushed me to do things I never thought possible, helped me build a strong work ethic and taught me to welcome honest feedback," he said.

Barnes has moved 19 times since joining the Navy. He hopes that his family's recent move to Colorado Springs, Colorado will be their last. Barnes earned an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate from the FAA last year, and began three months training with United Airlines in July.

After settling into their new home, Barnes and wife, Angel, are looking forward to golfing with their daughters Presley (12) and Callie (8), as well as hiking, camping and skiing in the Rockies.

Barnes can be reached at ray.barnes.jr@gmail.com

He is the son of Cheryle and Raymond Barnes, Sr. His sibling, Chris, graduated GHS '97



Photo credit: U.S. Navy/Cheryle Barnes

Captain Raymond Barnes, Jr. and his wife Angel and daughters Presley and Callie

Military Callsigns



Photo credit: U.S. Navy/Cheryle Barnes

Every Navy pilot is given a special name as a rite of passage which is painted on their jets. Callsigns started in World War II as a way to identify specific planes and ships. During the Vietnam era, individuals were given a call name to identify a specific person.

Captain Raymond "Pancho" Barnes explained that these names are carefully chosen to highlight an attribute or characteristic of each pilot. Some humor might be involved like when a very tall pilot is given the call name "Tiny."

Barnes' call name has historic significance. In the 1920s, "Pancho" Barnes was legendary female aviator Florence Lowe "Pancho" Barnes, who broke Amelia Earhart's air speed record and started the first movie stunt pilots' union. She raced in the Women's Air Derby and later was known as the owner of a bar in southern California that catered to test pilots. Her life and personality were portrayed in the 1983 film, "The Right Stuff".

Modern Rug Ribbon Cutting

By Kevin Jensen, Economic Development Director



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

From left to right in the picture are Lee Pratt, chair of the Town Council, Seven Siegal, Town Councilor, Kevin Jensen, Gorham Economic Development Director, owners Nikki and Aaron Cort, Moderne Rug employees, and Peter Mason, Economic Development representative.

On Thursday, July 27, Moderne Rug Cleaning celebrated the opening of their new rug cleaning plant (605 Main St.) with a ribbon-cutting event. The new location allows the family-owned business to expand their cleaning services, while adding an all new Rug Vault for clean, temperature-controlled rug storage.

Established in 1949, Moderne Rug Cleaning has been in Gorham since 1970, and has been owned and operated by Aaron and Nikki Cort since 2010. Recognized widely for their excellent customer service and quality work on all types of rug repair and alterations, the new location fulfills a dream of Aaron and Nikki to construct a new building that fully meets their business and customer needs.

"We are excited to continue doing business in Gorham with our new rug cleaning plant, located just down the street from our old location," says Nikki Cort. "From restoring your favorite handmade piece to creating custom area rugs, we have multiple options to find the perfect fit for you and your space."

Moderne Rug Cleaning is located at 605 Main Street, across the street from Shaw Cherry Hill Farm. Hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact: (207) 854-5311 or email info@modernerugcleaning.com.

Moderne Rug Cleaning still offers the same great cleaning services for all types of rugs. Pick-up and delivery is available or drop off your rugs for a 20% Cash & Carry discount!



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Take Steps to Prepare for a Long Retirement

Ed Doyle, Contributing Writer

How long will you live? Of course, your longevity is somewhat unpredictable. But it may be a good idea to plan for a long life — and the financial issues that go along with it.

It's reasonable to think you've got a long way to go. In fact, 72% of retirees now think they will live longer than their parents, according to a recent survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones. Their optimism may be justified: A 65-year-old woman can expect to live almost 20 more years, while a 65-year-old man can anticipate about 17 more years, according to the Centers for Disease Control. These figures are just averages — if you're healthy at 65, you could spend two or even three more decades as a retiree.

To help maintain the resources necessary to pay for these years, you may need to take several of the following steps:

Seek income and growth from your investments. Once you're retired, you'll probably need to rely more heavily on your investment portfolio to help pay for your cost of living. That means you will need a mix of investments that provide income — to supplement your Social Security and any pensions you might have — and growth — to help keep you ahead of inflation. You might also consider specific investments designed for longevity, such as a fixed annuity, which can provide you with a regular income stream you can't outlive.

Establish a reasonable withdrawal rate in order to maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate — the percentage of your portfolio you take out each year. As a general rule, many people start out in retirement by designating a 4% annual withdrawal rate, but your individual figure will depend on a variety of factors, such as your age, the size of your portfolio, other sources of income and so on. And keeping an emergency fund on the side can help you with unforeseen costs that could otherwise cause you to withdraw more than you'd like. Unsurprisingly, the goal of choosing the appropriate withdrawal rate and

monitoring it throughout retirement is so you don't outlive your portfolio.

Consider adding some earned income. Once you've formally retired from your career, you might consider working part-time or doing some consulting. The added income can improve your cash flow and take some of the pressure off your investment portfolio. Keep in mind that your income level in retirement will determine what tax rate you pay on your Social Security benefits. If you take Social Security early and are earning above a certain amount, your benefits could be temporarily reduced.

Don't underestimate health care costs. Even with Medicare or Medicare Advantage, your out-of-pocket health care costs can be considerable. Upon first retiring, it's often a good idea to budget between \$4,500 to \$6,500 per person annually, though depending on your health, prescriptions and supplemental insurance, your costs could certainly be higher or lower than this range. And these figures don't include the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous and aren't typically covered by Medicare. To help protect yourself — and your family — from long-term care expenses, you may want to work with a financial professional, who could recommend insurance strategies or other techniques.

A long life can certainly be rewarding — and even more so when you're prepared for it.



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share my land with the community by donating it to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, allowing more people to have the opportunity to enjoy nature just like I did in my childhood."

Deer Woods Conservation Project is near the farm pond along Day Road, just southeast of downtown Gorham. Kathleen Ashley has generously offered the Land Trust the gift of 30 acres of forestland. This land is part of the largest remaining undeveloped forested block (300 acres) east of downtown Gorham to the coast. These lands have been important deer wintering lands for decades.

"For over 40 years, this land has been an unfailing source of pleasure to us and our neighbors. It contributes to Day Road's reputation as a scenic route. I would now like to gift this land to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust to help preserve the natural resources and wildlife habitat in Gorham, providing a means of sharing our enjoyment with a wider public," said Kathleen Ashley, Gorham resident.

According to Apse, the trails that will be built on these two projects also have the possibility of connecting to downtown Gorham.

Discussing funding, she said, "These projects cost nearly half a million to conserve, and the great news is that the Land Trust has now secured 85% of the funds needed to protect both projects." The Trout Run project received a \$10,000 grant from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP). She added, "We hope to raise the final \$70,000 for these two projects this summer from individuals and

families for trail building, project management, and long-term stewardship."

Once the project funding is final, Apse said the Land Trust can conserve both projects by this fall, begin building trails next spring, and have project grand openings next summer.

The Land Trust was also awarded a \$25,000 CBEP grant for separate costs associated with a third project in Westbrook: Rivermeadow Nature Conservation Project, which will conserve 44 acres near downtown Westbrook, including 3,300 feet of shoreline on the Presumpscot River.

To learn more about these exciting Presumpscot Regional Land Trust projects or to donate, go to <https://www.prlt.org/2023-conservation-projects>



Photo credit: Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

Deer Run Preserve encompasses 30 acres on Day Road which will have walking trails open to the public

I'll Be cc'ing You

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

We've come a long way from symbols carved on cave walls or clay tablets marked with a pointed stick, and from scribes who spent years meticulously hand-copying written work to make a duplicate.

In the days of modern computers, we take for granted the ability to easily "copy" friends or co-workers on emails by using the cc function. One of those c's obviously stands for copy but many may not realize that the full phrase means carbon copy, a term that predates the arrival of electronic email by many decades.

Our need to record information and to communicate, and with more than one person, seems innately human and has led to a long history of invention and innovation in how we disseminate information.

According to research, China was printing paper money in the late 13th century, well before the Gutenberg Bible was printed on a press in Germany in 1455.

Carbon paper, invented and patented in 1806 by Englishman, Ralph Wedgwood, actually pre-dated the invention of typewriters by a few years. By inserting carbon paper between regular sheets of paper, it was possible to create

a copy (or two) of the original handwritten and later typed work, in one sitting.

More and more copies were needed. Next came mimeograph machines. People of a certain age will remember sniffing the distinctive chemical aroma of classroom handouts. Photocopiers, dot matrix printers, laser printing, color printers, and now 3-D printers quickly followed.

At any rate, during the carbon copy phase, it became common practice to list the recipients of copies next to cc so everyone would know who else had received it. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the first known reference to the abbreviation is from a 1936 secretarial handbook.

Bcc stands for blind carbon copy. In today's email versions, the original sender of a blind carbon copy would know the names of other recipients, but the other recipients would not know any copies had been sent.

These days, courtesy copy is sometimes cited as the expression behind cc, rather than carbon copy. While it may not be historically correct, it is an accurate alternative for a custom that no longer involves actual carbon paper.

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JMG can work hand in hand with business owners and public schools to develop and strengthen our future workforce in Maine," said Gorham School District Superintendent Heather Perry. "Our Gorham High School students had learning experiences that will last a lifetime and built skills that will serve them well in their future success as a result. Thank you to JMG for sponsoring such an incredible opportunity for our students."

These dedicated students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and enthusiasm in pursuing diverse career paths, showcasing their preparedness for future success. Their career exploration journeys have laid a strong foundation for lifelong learning and personal growth, instilling a sense of purpose and direction in their chosen paths.

Congratulations to all of the students for their successful participation!

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Notes from Public Works

Kelly Meslin, Gorham Department of Public Works

We hope everyone is getting out and enjoying these sunny days after weeks of rain.

There will not be any changes to trash in the coming weeks. Please continue to put trash curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Please keep turnarounds free of vehicles and equipment. This hinders Casella getting in and out of roads safely and efficiently. If you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage please call the office at 222-4950.

Upcoming/In Process projects: Vortex will begin cleaning basins around Town starting 7/31/23.

Concrete work for the South Street Pedestrian Improvement project will start soon. Glidden Paving & Excavating will be the contractor used. This includes bump outs and concrete islands from the intersection of Main St & South St to Weeks Road.

The Plummer Road culvert project will begin on July 31 and will include replacing the old culvert with a new box culvert. This project will last approx. 4 weeks. Gorham Sand & Gravel will be the contractor used for this replacement. Detour maps have been posted on the Town's Facebook page. The first phase will be install-

ing crane mats over the Wescott Bridge to be able to get equipment and trucks onto Plummer Road safely. Breezy Meadow Way to the intersection of Plummer Road and Wescott Road will be closed to install the crane mats.

Wescott Road culvert project will follow the Plummer Road culvert project. Shaw Brothers will be the contractor used. More information to follow.

The Saco Brackett Intersection Improvement project is nearing its finish. This project, completed by RJ Grondin, included the widening of Saco Street to include a left turn lane & widening Brackett Road to include a right turn lane.

Cressey Road and Lovers Lane are currently being worked on by DPW, and Elm Street will be up next for road work. Abutter notices have been sent but please call the office with any questions-222-4950.

Roadway striping will begin at the end of July and will last 1 week.

Portland Water District in conjunction with Gorham Sand & Gravel will be replacing the water main on Sebago Lake Road from Huston to Justice Way. The project will last approx. 4 weeks. Expect traffic delays.

Town Manager's Office Report

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

The Special School Budget Validation Election was held on July 25. The Budget was not approved.

July 21 was Parks and Recreation Professionals Day, to celebrate the dedication of the Department in providing high-quality experiences and opportunities for all and for keeping our parks clean, safe, welcoming, inclusive, and ready for use by the community.

Public Works Work was completed on Mighty Street; base pavement was put down

on Middle Jam Road, work was begun on Cressey Road/Lover's Lane. Six benches were placed around the village, crosswalk painting has begun and will continue as weather allows.

The Public Works Garage is doing ongoing summer maintenance on buses as well as installing child restraint seats on many buses.

The Brackett Road/Saco Street project is progressing with paving expected to be completed shortly.

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GORHAM \$689,900 - This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home features a sunlit open first floor plan with 9-foot ceilings. The 2nd floor offers a spacious primary bedroom with multiple closets, two additional bedrooms, one with its own walk-in closet. Tucked away on a dead-end street at the end of Maplewood Dr.



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Maine Lobster Bowl Classic 2023

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Hayden Battaglia #55 in action during the lobster bowl All-star game

Photo credit: Kelly Battaglia

The 33rd annual Lobster Bowl, the East-West All-Star Football Game took place at Don Roux Field at Lewiston High School on July 15. A very athletic group gathered and the excited atmosphere and energy did not disappoint again this year. Two recent grads represented GHS; Hayden Battaglia (offensive lineman) selected for the West All-Star Team and Morgan Cole for the West Cheer Team roster.

This event is special and the platform of this event provides players to come together from across the state to play together for a great cause. Over 140 All-Star football players and cheerleaders from over

60 high school programs across Maine are nominated as high school seniors and selected by the Maine Football Coaches Association to participate in this prestigious event. Since 1990 athlete fundraising (from the Lobster Bowl Classic) has provided Shriner's Children's Hospitals with donations of nearly \$750,000.

Each player has the opportunity to raise money for the Shriners through their own donation sites. In addition to the game day event, there is an awards banquet and also a golf tournament open to the public on a different weekend separate from the banquet and game day. The golf tournament is in its 18th season.

Battaglia (GHS '23) was selected for his outstanding play and leadership skills as a member of the Gorham Varsity Football program. Battaglia was part of a squad of 49 players chosen from all of western Maine area high schools in all classes v. 49 players out of the east. In addition to the players, cheerleaders are also part of the much-anticipated event for High School athletes. Congratulations to Battaglia and Cole for representing Gorham in this big event.

Bretton a Unanimous SMAA first-team pick

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Amber Bretton dialed in for the Rams

Photo credit: Janice Drew

Amber Bretton, Gorham junior, pitcher/utility player for the Varsity softball team was selected to the All-state team. Bretton hit .500 during the regular season, slugged .952, scored 21 runs, drove in 22, and had three home runs among her 10 extra-base

hits. She also went 6-4 with a 3.93 ERA and 102 strikeouts in 68 innings. Bretton was a unanimous SMAA first-team pick. She has committed to play at UConn. Congratulations to Bretton. GHS is fortunate to have Bretton back for another year; her senior season.

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If you are interested in knowing more about why we made this change or just about who we are as a church, please contact us at 207-839-3111 or email us at: crdcc.office@gmail.com



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Sodexo Dining Services Provides Work Experience for GHS Students

By Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Tyler Stinson is the food services manager for Sodexo, the campus dining service at the University of Southern Maine. In his first summer working for the company, he was approached by Darcy Brockman, the business account manager/youth employment consultant for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the State of Maine. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, also known as "VR," is a Department of Labor program that helps people who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities to get and keep a job. She informed him that the previous manager had started to work with their program with students from Gorham High School and help them learn what it was like in the food service industry. Stinson met with Brockman, then met the students, and the program began.


Stinson said, "I could tell that they were very excited about the opportunity to work with us and wanted to learn as much as they could. As someone who is very passionate about food service and our community this excited me greatly. The program ran through the summer, providing the students with their first experience with food service and they were able to earn a paycheck for their work."

This summer the program has expanded to include four students. The students work three-hour shifts, three days a week, performing tasks that are typically front of house jobs, utility jobs, and kitchen jobs. These include stocking, cleaning, assisting in the Dish Room, prepping vegetables, and learning safety and introductory kitchen skills.

Stinson is excited to extol the success of the program: "In my opinion, I see the greatest benefit of this program being the real work experience. It was something I wished that I was able to do when I was learning about the workforce and what it was like to have a job. I think it is a real great opportunity for these students to come in and learn skills that they may not learn every day in a classroom. Selfishly, I benefit personally from the program by doing what I love to do and teaching those who share the same passion as me, and seeing their interest in the industry and the things I do every day grow and turn into enjoyment. I often have the students find me on their way out for the day and make sure they say goodbye or give me a fist bump and make sure they let me know they will be back the next day."


PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that Commercial Paving, LLC d/b/a Shaw Brothers at 341 Mosher Rd Gorham 207-839-2552 intends to file an Air Emission License application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A., Section 590 on 08/04/2023. The application is for the 10-year renewal of our Air Emission License at 341 Mosher Rd Gorham. According to Department regulations, interested parties must be publicly notified, written comments invited, and if justified, an opportunity for public hearing given. A request for a public hearing or for the Board of Environmental Protection to assume jurisdiction must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted by the Department as complete for processing. The application and supporting documentation will be made available for review by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-7688; during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation may also be available at the municipal office in Gorham Maine. Written public comments may be sent to DEP Project Manager, Jane Gilbert at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333



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OF INTEREST

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m. for our annual Burger Burn. For information contact the post at vwpost10879@gmail.com.

Join Gorham Rec. for two upcoming events. On Friday, Aug. 25 at Shaw Park is the Glow in the Park Run/Walk & Dance Party, and Thursday, Aug. 31 is Gorham Community Night at the Portland Sea Dogs. Learn about these activities and more at <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/activities/>

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.

YARD SALES

On Saturday, Aug. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

North Gorham Public Library will host a local author talk with S.R. Clark discussing her book, "Mrs. Robinson: The Inspiring Story of a 20th Century Muse" on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Baxter Memorial Library hosts a Nature Scavenger Hunt for all ages at Shaw Cherry Hill on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. for up to 1 hour. Bring water, sunscreen, and bug spray, and meet in the parking lot. That evening there will be a Trustees meeting. On Monday, Aug. 7 at 10:45 join the Family Discovery Time for ages 2 to 5, featuring books, music, movement, and a hands-on activity on the lawn. Bring a chair or blanket. On Tuesday, Aug. 8 join the Honey Exchange (all ages) as they share information about bees and the honey collected in Maine. Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. all ages of fans of the Star Wars galaxy can come and talk original movies, shows, characters, and more. Art in the Park for all ages takes place on Thursday, Aug. 10 from 10:30 - 12 p.m. Bring snacks and a blanket, everything else is provided. On Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 10 - 10:45 join Rn Hawkes on the Library Green for Family Yoga for ages 5 - 10. 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. For more information visit baxterlibrary.org, or call (207) 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, the Youth Ensembles at the Osher School of Music will hold auditions for the 2023/2024 season in the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra, Portland Youth Junior Orchestra, and the Portland Young Peoples String Consort for middle school and high school musicians. Registration is required. Learn more at <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>, or call (207) 780-5265.



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On July 28, the Gorham Times held an appreciation dinner for its volunteers at Moody's Event Room. Twenty-plus volunteers attended and enjoyed treats that were donated by the Gorham House of Pizza, Sebago Brewing, Gorham Hannaford, Nappi Distributors, and Moody's. Maynard Charron, founder of the Gorham Times, spoke about the importance of local newspapers and their value to the communities that they represent.



WESTBROOK- Patricia J. Elwell Wilson, 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family and beloved cat, Lizzie, on July 18th, 2023. The family was Blessed with the care and guidance from Hospice of Southern Maine. She was born June 25th, 1943 in Portland, Maine to Stuart Elwell and Beatrice Cook Elwell. Patricia graduated from Westbrook High School in 1961 and from there attended University of Maine in Orono where she received a degree of elementary education and graduated in 1964.

Patricia married her lifelong sweetheart Robert Wilson Sr. in August of 1964. They met in grade school and their love grew from the moment they met. Patricia was a selfless woman, always putting her family, students, and her community before herself. Her faith was important to her, as she and Bob were beloved members of the Westbrook-Warren Congregational church for many years, being involved in the fellowship there. She and Bob took on the responsibilities of advisors for the church youth group before their own children were born. In December 2000 she founded the popular Festival of Trees in Southern Maine, which takes place at the church. She created this festival in honor of her mom, Beatrice Cook Elwell. When her children were young she was involved in Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts as a group leader. Being beautiful inside and out, Pat competed in and was crowned Miss Cumberland County in her young adult years. After Bob passed away, Pat struggled with her free time and purpose in life. She found the need for volunteers at the Westbrook Community Center and volunteered for many years in Cornelia's Closet and the Westbrook Food Pantry. In August of 2021, Patricia won a Community Citizen Award.

She taught in the Windham School District for 33 years. She enjoyed working with the children and their families, and was still connected to many of them up to her passing. Even in her own struggles, Patricia stayed true to her love of community and education starting a stroke support group and newsletter after her husband suffered a stroke in 1985, and after his passing, a grief support group. Patricia loved and adored Robert, embracing the role of caregiver was not a problem for her. When recently asked what her biggest accomplishment in life was, she replied, "Bob". They enjoyed the outdoors together and brought up their children with the love of the outdoors and animals. They immersed their family in canoe trips, Hobie Cat regattas, snowmobile trips to Jackman, climbing mountains, camping, traveling and visiting family from afar during school vacations. Traveling the world was a large part of their life. They shared their love of the world not only with their children but also their granddaughters. During her free time she enjoyed reading, gardening, nurturing the nature around her and loving her pets. She was proud of her pets, and was successful in passing on that love to her family.

Patricia is predeceased by her beloved husband; Robert David Wilson Sr. and her parents; Stuart Elwell and Beatrice Cook Elwell. She is survived by her son Robert David Wilson Jr and his wife Tara Greene Wilson and her daughter Keira Greene of East Baldwin; Daughter Kathleen Wilson Kanhai-Singh and her husband Vincent Kanhai-Singh of Gardiner; Granddaughters; Kassie Wilson Smith and her husband Jacob Smith of Gorham, Katelyn Jane Burkhart and her partner John Sanders of Hudson, NH; Great Grandsons Gavin and Connor Smith of Gorham; Cousins Marilyn Hoyt Wood and her husband Sonny, Linwood Hoyt, and Everett and Peggy Nason. Patricia also leaves behind many friends, including, Toby Leconte of Boothbay, Ellie Doughty of Gorham, Margaret Harrison and her partner Susan Brendel of Hollis, Pat and Al Little of Westbrook, and John Corbin of Westbrook. And of course, her beloved kitty, Lizzie.

Patricia left a lasting impact and will be missed by many.

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Thursday, August 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Shaw Cherry Hill, 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

Buxton Center Baptist Church Yard Sale, 932 Long Plains Road, Buxton, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Annual Burger Burn, 5:30 p.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Honey Exchange, 6 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9

Baxter Memorial Library, FANDOM: Star Wars (all ages), 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park (all ages), 10:30 – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15

Baxter Memorial Library, Family Yoga (ages 5-10), 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, August 16

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Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

the blotter

Shaw's Mill caller reported a neighbor was riding a dirt bike around the house and would not stop. They were also revving up a car in their driveway and would not stop doing that either. Officer advised Police could only take action if the dirtbike was being ridden in the roadway or if the vehicle was not registered or inspected. She was told to call if that happened.

Suspicious people on School St were USM students taking a walk.

Woman came in to drop off some mail she found in the road on Old Dynamite Way.

Officer conducted a property check at Cressey Road Methodist Church. There was an open door in the back of the church. The Minister was getting things ready for the opening.

Young man sleeping in his car on the side of Fort Hill Rd told the officer he was napping and just needed a few more minutes until he was good to continue driving.

Officer responded to an ongoing civil dispute on Shaw's Mill Road. Officer advised the homeowner that he needed to evict these people if he wanted them gone.

School St caller wanted to see if there were any restrictions on owning an exotic animal in Gorham. He was advised to contact Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Animal Control Officer showed a Files Road caller how to set a live trap for a groundhog and to relocate the groundhog at least five miles from his residence. Groundhog was successfully captured and relocated.

School Street resident received a call from scammers asking him to go to Walgreens

to buy gift cards. She did not buy any.

Officer spoke with a woman on Pine Street who advised she had permission to leave her car there and walk down to the brook. Neighbor advised she had been on their property and they were not comfortable with that. Officer issued the woman a verbal trespass warning.

Suspicious person waiting on Main Street was waiting for the bus.

Queen Street caller wanted a criminal trespass order for his residence as there had recently been causing issues there.

Highland Ave. caller was upset that he might be in violation of a court order. He had made proper arrangements to get his belongings from the house but she was still there. Officer made contact with both parties and she had left the property and wouldn't come back until he was gone.

Finn Parker Road caller reported an older teen was riding a kid's bike and had chucked it into the woods. Caller was concerned that the bike might be stolen. Neighbors told Officer that the bike had been on the side of the road for free.

Caller reported an empty stroller in the area of Main Street and Gray Road and thought that was weird. Officer checked the area but did not locate the stroller.

Officer was driving on Libby Avenue when he saw a vehicle parked in the middle of the road and cars backing up behind the vehicle. Officer made contact with the driver who had stopped to grab a few things from a yard sale. Officer told her she could not park in the road and obstruct traffic. She was warned and she left.

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