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## Voters Approve FY24 School Budget

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

According to unofficial results issued by the Town of Gorham at the time of this printing, Gorham residents passed the FY24 \$49.6 million school budget during the Aug. 15 election by a total of 2235 to 1431 votes.

On Aug. 8, the Town Council passed the \$49.6 million revised budget as submitted by the School Committee. About half of the people crowding into the Council Chamber supported the budget by wearing Gorham Schools colors, burgundy tee shirts bearing the slogan, No More Cuts. Of the 25 people who spoke at the hearing, only one-third opposed it, citing the burden of increased taxes. A Gorham taxpayer with a house valued at \$400,000 will see a \$313 increase in their property tax.

The approved budget was \$651,000 less than the \$50,585,845 budget the School Committee submitted to the Town Council on July 11. At that meeting councilors had made a reduction of \$2 million. On July 25, voters rejected the resulting \$48.2-million budget. The \$49.6 budget that

was passed this week was a third attempt at funding the F24 school year.

Before the Aug. 8 meeting, Council members had received and read 381 emails about the budget from Gorham residents. They spoke again about their concerns for both the school children and the taxpayers prior to taking the vote. As Virginia Wilder Cross said, "We all care about our kids. Compromise stinks because there is always going to be someone who thinks they lost."

Councilors Cross, Seven Siegel, Rob Lavoie and Ron Shepherd voted for the budget as presented by the School Committee as a compromise they could accept. Council Chairman Lee Pratt was recused because his wife is employed by the School Department. Counselors Philip Gagnon and Suzanne Phillips voted against the budget. They believed the School Committee and the Town Council should work more closely together during the budget process as a goal toward long-range planning, a sentiment expressed

by other council members as well.

Passage of the \$49,637,530 budget will ensure that the athletic, theater, and music programs will function as before, although supplies will have been reduced. All but four of the positions eliminated will be restored, including the assistant superintendent.

Before the budget discussion, Counselors Siegel and Shepherd expressed confidence in Hollis Cobb, the finance director for School Department, who had made a data entry error in the budget voted on in June and had publicly apologized for the mistake at a Town Council meeting.



## Is This a Legitimate Phone Call?

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Government agencies do not initially contact you by phone. So, if a call is received and purported to be from, say, the Internal Revenue Service (who are about to say you need to send them money, or else), Medicare (who are currently asking if you have received your new plastic Medicare card—there's no such thing), or any other Government agency, and you did not initiate the call, just hang up. Government agencies will send you a letter outlining the issue and may offer you a telephone number to call. Recipients can always check the mailing address to verify this is a legitimate letter.

No government agencies text for personal information. Be guarded about sharing financial information such as about bank accounts. Ask questions: What is the name of the person who is calling you? These callers are hoping to reach people who are unfamiliar with how social media works and are looking to exploit you. Be sure to update your address if you move so that someone else does not receive your financial information in the mail.

Many people rely on cell phones, which may or may not show that a call is suspicious. Most suspicious numbers can be blocked on cell phones. Traditional phones do not offer that option, although newer models may warn about possible spam calls.

As the number of people with landlines decreases, the number of spam calls to landlines does seem to increase. If your phone rings, you are not required to answer it. If it is a spam call, it can be reported to the police but there is little they can do to investigate these issues. Returning the call to the suspicious number may open you up to additional spam calls.

Computers have brought about a major change in communication but also have increased the possibility of malfeasance. Remember, you are not required to answer your phone, especially if you don't recognize the number. If it is a legitimate call, they will leave you a message.

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## GHOP Begins Commercial Distribution of Signature Salad Dressing

Patrick and Cindy O'Shea, Staff Writers



George Sotiropoulos with GHOP's House Dressing, now on sale

Sometimes in life it takes patience and persistence, in addition to skill and knowledge, to develop an idea and see it come to fruition. That is exactly what it took for George Sotiropoulos of Gorham House of Pizza when he decided to take one of GHOP's most popular items and make it available on a large scale.

Many readers will know that the dressing on the very popular chicken salad is one of GHOP's five most pop-

ular items. Thirty gallons are made each week. Customers often requested this dressing and had it shipped to such places as Florida and Michigan.

Six and a half years ago George had the idea that GHOP should bottle and sell this popular salad dressing. As he found out, this was not going to be an easy task. Finding a co-packer, a distributor, and maintaining the integrity of the product all were issues that needed to be worked

through. Also, along came the pandemic right in the middle of this process. With persistence and the help of the Food Lab at UMO, the first production run of 975 bottles of the product took place last month.

In the first 12 days that the product was on the market, 675 bottles were sold. You can find the salad dressing in a cooler at GHOP. A bottle is \$6.99 or a case of six sells for \$34.95, in effect that is equivalent to buying five and getting one free. Sotiropoulos' goal is to have it distributed to larger supermarkets such as Hannaford and Market Basket as well as smaller retail outlets.

George and Angelo, GHOP's founder and beloved community member, work side by side. Angelo continues to make the dough and sauces daily. Angelo has been a fixture at GHOP for forty-two years and developed this recipe while working in Danvers, Massachusetts, at Jimmy's Allenhurst Restaurant. The recipe remains the same to this day. To honor Angelo, George made sure his likeness is on the bottle label.

When asked what might be coming in the future, George said that bottling and selling the chicken marinade, the pizza sauce, and the spaghetti sauce are possibilities. George emphasized that nothing will happen unless the quality of the product is maintained.

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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.

# PFAS is Still a Problem

Sen. Stacy Brenner

PFAS is still a bit of a mystery. Forever chemicals have been found on close to 60 farms across the state, but it's not just farms that are affected. The chemicals move through the soil to the groundwater and as a result, well water has been contaminated for neighboring properties. Firefighters have been forced to use and wear products that have PFAS incorporated in them. Airports across the state have become hotspots for PFAS contamination. As a farmer, learning the extent of the PFAS crisis hit close to home. Therefore, I want to do my part to address this issue to help all Mainers.

PFAS, or forever chemicals, is an umbrella term for over 9,000 different chemicals that cannot be broken down by water or other solvents. These chemicals are not only indestructible but are also toxic. Yet, PFAS can be found in many products, from Gortex clothing and non-stick pans to firefighting foam used at airports. Forever chemicals are everywhere. Over time, these chemicals build up in our bodies through bioaccumulation. Studies have shown that certain levels of forever chemicals may lead to health risks such as cancer, fertility issues, and pregnancy complications, decreased effectiveness of vaccines, adverse developmental effects in children, and a reduced ability to fight off infections.

In Maine, there are many PFAS hotspots across the state where farms were given what they thought was safe and free fertilizer. More than 700 sites were licensed to spread wastewater sludge and septage where PFAS accumulates, meaning that PFAS contamination is likely widespread. Unfortunately, there is currently no way

to remediate PFAS contamination in soils, so we are working to prevent further contamination, help affected farmers, and conduct more research to develop a better understanding of the extent of the crisis.

This year, I sponsored two bills targeted at helping those most affected by PFAS contamination. First, I sponsored a bill to require private health insurance carriers to provide coverage for PFAS blood testing. This is the only way that any individual can figure out how much PFAS is in their system. A recent study from the Center for Disease Control found that about 97% of Americans have forever chemicals in their bodies. Those individuals who have been highly exposed are the most at risk for long-term adverse health outcomes. Early detection of PFAS-linked diseases is crucial to knowing what health risks someone faces. However, these blood tests can cost an average of \$600 per person, annually. I will continue working to get this legislation passed next year to ensure all Mainers have access to the screening and preventative care they need, so they can live longer and healthier lives.

Second, I have been working on legislation to help farmers rebuild their livelihood after their land had been destroyed by PFAS. I merged my bill, LD 1591, with a bill from Sen. Vitelli, D-Arrowsic to help farmers simultaneously repurpose contaminated land and also further Maine's renewable energy goals. This can be seen as a form of land use planning, prioritizing PFAS-contaminated farms over other farm sites. This new and improved bill will help farmers build solar farms on their contaminated land. Farmers will be able to apply for a procurement contract

through the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). All farms with contaminated land will be eligible under this proposal. While we have not found a way yet to remove forever chemicals from soil, LD 1591 helps affected farmers capture some potential income and give Maine 25-40 years of time for the research to evolve around remediating contaminated soils with the ability for these farms to be reclaimed with the removal of the panels at the end of their useable life.

However, these bills are only the beginning of what needs to be done to address this crisis. Currently, we are lobbying the federal government to include Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act in the next Farm Bill. This next step is crucial but is certainly not the end. I aim to build on this work moving forward by holding chemical manufacturers accountable, supporting infrastructure to filter and ultimately destroy PFAS, and helping our wastewater treatment facilities remediate PFAS and other emerging contaminants in our biosolids.



*If you have questions, ideas or comments throughout the legislative session, please feel free to contact me at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. You can also follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner for frequent updates.*

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To the Editor:

The purple cloud that issued from the smokestack at the ecomaine facility in South Portland last week was striking. The strange magenta color got widespread attention and raised concerns about harmful chemicals being released in the air and the potential of serious health impacts.

The problem was attributed to higher concentrations of iodine that somehow entered the waste stream and was burned in the incinerator. Concerns were raised about the toxicity of emissions, its impact on humans, and the potential for future release of toxic chemicals. The source of the iodine has not been identified but the company and Maine DEP are investigating. The Eco Maine website lists materi-

als that should not be recycled and be treated as hazardous waste. It is critical that we are all aware of how we recycle waste products to prevent further harm to the environment and people.

Bruce Webb

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## Around Town

**USM move-in days in Gorham are:**

- Friday, Aug. 25 – Gorham New Student Move-in, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 27 – Gorham Returning Student Move-in, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We can expect increased traffic during those times. Welcome back to Gorham, USM USM students, faculty, and staff

**Saito Kitchen** opened Wednesday Aug. 16 at 14 School Street, in the location of the former Jan-Mee 2. The menu features sushi and various wok-cooked items.



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# Veterans Celebrated at Gorham House

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



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## Gorham House Veterans

Twenty-five Gorham House residents along with three staff and one volunteer were celebrated and thanked for their service at a Veteran's Stroll held on a festive August morning at Gorham House.

The morning was filled with plenty of smiles and a few tears as the veterans enjoyed reminiscing with many family and friends in attendance. One vet spoke about finally getting a new uniform after seeing months of battle. He said his trousers were so filthy they stood up on their own when they were leaned against a tree.

Bagpiper, Albert Delaney, of Standish, began the parade, followed by Grand Marshall, Fred Bliss, rid-

ing in a controvertible. Bliss, age 98, served as a WWII Army Signal Corpsman. Stationed in Europe, his unit laid cable for communications.

American Legion members from many posts in the area, including the Windham Color Guard, escorted the veterans who rode in style in wheelchairs brightly decorated by the Gorham House Activities Department. Children who attend the Gorham House Day Care program also happily marched in the parade, dressed in patriotic colors.

Army veteran, Robert Snyder, of Gorham, attired in a WWII paratrooper uniform, shot a loud salute periodically during the parade.



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## Getting ready for the parade

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An army Jeep and an antique car were also part of the celebration.

After the parade, each veteran was individually introduced with the branch in which they served, their specific posting, and years of service. In addition to a warm welcome by Donna Davis, the Gorham House Activities Director, speakers included Mo Terry, Maine House Majority Leader, and David R. Tanguay, Commander of District Two of the American Legion in Windham. (see Side Bar)

A concert by a small group named "Patriotic Winds" played the theme song of each of the five branches of the military



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

## The Patriotic Winds



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

## State Representative Mo Terry

in a sing-along. A luncheon followed.

The event was organized by Donna Davis and her activities staff. Davis has worked at Gorham House for almost 30 years and is passionate about supporting veterans and recognizing their sacrifice and service.

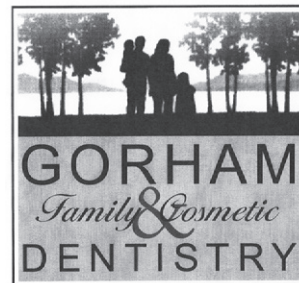
## Gorham American Legion

David R. Tanguay, American Legion Commander of District Two, working from Field-Allen Post 148 in Windham spoke at the Gorham House Veterans Parade about gauging interest in reviving Gorham's American Legion Post 60 Smith-Wagoner. Gorham's American Legion Post 60 was one of the original posts which were formed in 1919. Post 60 formally closed in February of 2012 due to dwindling membership. Its meeting place, the old Robie School in Little Falls, was given to the town, and now is used as a community center.

According to Tanguay, the Gorham charter is still open. Permission from the State office of the American Legion has been given and will be finalized in September to re-open American Legion Post 60 Smith -Wagoner using Gorham House as its new location.

American Legion is an advocacy organization whose duties include assisting veterans with obtaining medical care and other benefits. They also lobby for better pay for active-duty military.

For more information about the American Legion and plans for Post 60 to re-open, contact David Tanguay at dtanguay46@aol.com or call (207) 892-1306



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# Car Care: Brakes

Doug Carter, Contributing Writer

It doesn't matter how well your vehicle is running. If your brakes aren't functioning at their best performance, you can't drive safely. The basic operation of the brakes is hydraulic pressure: when you step on the brake pedal a piston pushes brake fluid through the steel brake lines to the calipers. Calipers have pistons that push on the brake pads that rub on the brake rotors and slow the vehicle.

Older vehicles used drums and brake shoes. All vehicles now have disc brakes on the front and rear, although some vehicles still use drum brakes in the rear. All passenger vehicles sold in the US today have anti-lock brakes. This system detects the wheel speed of all four wheels. If one or more of the wheels lock up while braking, the ABS system takes over the hydraulic pressure and pulsates the pressure to the locked-up wheel. This allows the driver to better handle the vehicle, rather than losing control. In snowy, slippery wet conditions the braking distance will be extended but you can maneuver the vehicle better than if the wheels were to lock. There are also dynamic control systems on some vehicles that will actually apply the brakes for you if there is an object in the road that could cause an accident.

Brake pads wear out over time, usually lasting 40,000 to 60,000 miles for an average driver clocking 15,000 miles a year. But there are several other issues that cause problems with brakes. Corrosion is the biggest problem. The brake pads are held in place with a cast iron bracket. The brake pads have a steel backing plate that fits into the bracket. When the brake pad holder

corrodes, causing the brake pad to stick, it can stay applied causing excessive wear, and can cause the brake rotor to overheat. Most brakes will be 150+/- degrees after a normal drive. A stuck brake can cause the rotor to heat up over 400 degrees and can cause the rotor to warp. When this happens you'll feel a pulsation or vibration when braking.

You would assume your brakes would last longer if you didn't drive much. But it can almost be worse for the brakes to sit unused. After a drive, the brakes are warm, 150+/- degrees. As the vehicle sits and the brakes cool down, condensation will form on the rotor. Combine that with road salt and everything starts to corrode. Rust forms on the rotors which can cause noise and poor brake performance. Caliper slides and pistons seize, and brake pads and pad holders seize.

Your brakes should be looked at every time your oil is changed. You can see most of the brake rotor and the caliper without removing the wheel. Just spinning the wheel while it's on the lift can tell you if the brakes are dragging. If any problems are detected with that quick inspection the wheels should be removed for a closer inspection. Having a dragging brake is not only unsafe, it will also affect your fuel mileage.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Ward 1-2 voters cast ballots at Great Falls Elementary School. Voting in a third election, a total of 3866 Gorham residents went to the polls on August 15.

## Vegetable Salad Crunch

- 2 cups broccoli, chopped & cooked al dente (remains very crispy)
- 2 cups cauliflower, chopped & cooked al dente (remains very crispy)
- 2 cups carrots, chopped & cooked al dente (remains very crispy)
- 1 cup chick peas (drained)
- 1 cup edamame
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 bag vegetable slaw
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion (Optional)

Mix all ingredients, season with salt & pepper. Drizzle olive oil & champagne vinegar (equal parts) to taste, toss.

A yummy way to mix it up...add sunflower seeds, pepitas or sliced almonds.

## Tomato Mix-up

- 5 or 6 large tomatoes (yellow and red), sliced
- 1 container of cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 pack of fresh mozzarella, cut into bite size cubes
- 4 tablespoons basil, chopped (I like to add more!)
- 2 tablespoons mint, chopped
- Salt & Pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoon seasoned rice wine vinegar

Mix tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and cherry tomatoes (you can leave whole). Salt and pepper generously. Place artfully on a plate. Mix remaining in ingredients and toss gently. Place artfully on a plate.

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at [btsme21@gmail.com](mailto:btsme21@gmail.com)



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# Town Council Meeting Aug. 1, 2023

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Four members of the public voiced their concerns about the school budget cuts and hoped that the Town Council and the School Department could come to an agreement that would benefit both the schools and taxpayers.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that the Ordinance Committee discussed the proposed Contract Zone for the Village Expansion Plan. The Council considered items from the Ordinance committee regarding pedestrian improvements, curb cuts on arterials and designated collectors and stream protection.

Gorham Village Alliance will sponsor Art on South St. on September 9 from 10-2 on the Preble St. Common next to Robie Gym. People interested in exhibiting their work at the event should contact gorhamvillagealliance@gmail.com.

The Husky Line will be extended from Gorham to the Old Port at the end of August. Councilor Cross highly recommended the storybook and wood carvings on the trail at Cherry Hill Farm, especially for young children. Councilor Cross also thanked Public Works for installing benches in the Village.

Councilor Phillips reported that the Farmer's Market at Cherry Hill will be open from 2-6 p.m. through September. The Capital Improvements Committee met to discuss the Chick Master Plan and hope to meet once in September to discuss roadways for the property.

Councilor Gagnon reported more than 60 people attended the July 12 Robie Park Steering Committee Community Charette. The next meeting will be in late September.

Chairman Pratt attended the ribbon cutting at Moderne Rug and praised

the scope of the rug cleaning process.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded residents of the Plummer Road culvert construction which will be starting soon and will continue for four to six weeks. The Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program has been repealed by the State. Two new programs will take its place. For more information go to Maine.gov website or contact the Town office. Summer food trucks at Little Falls are still going strong on Thursdays from 4-8. The Town's bond rating is at its highest and Paraschak congratulated the Finance Department on doing a wonderful job.

School Committee Chair Sarah Perkins reported bus routes will be published in the Gorham Times on Aug. 17 and on the school website. The first day of school for grades 6, 9 and pre-kindergarten will be Aug. 28. The first day for grades 1-5, 7-8 and 10-12 will be Aug. 29. The first day of kindergarten will be September 5.

Two votes on the School Budget have failed to pass. A third vote is scheduled for Aug. 15th. If this budget does not pass, last year's budget will be used until a new budget has passed. The School Committee is committed to improving the budget process and overall collaboration with the Town Council to provide the best possible education to the children of Gorham while keeping taxes as low as possible for residents and business owners alike.

The Council voted 7-0 to amend the Land Use and Development Code to require underground utilities for any new subdivisions, private ways or site plans.

The Council voted 6-1 (Gagnon) to recommend that the Planning Board develop a long term plan for pedes-

trian improvements, consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Council voted 6-1 (Gagnon) to recommend that the Planning Board revise standards for curb cuts on arterial and designated collectors, consistent with the Town's Comprehensive plan.

The Council voted 7-0 to use a recommended list of real estate brokers for a two year period: Josh Plowman of Plowman Realty, Peter Mason of Pogo Realty, David Willis of Willis Real Estate, Julie Chandler of Pogo Realty and Keith Nicely of eXp Realty.

The Council voted 7-0 to forward a recommendation to increase the stream protection sub district.

The Council voted 7-0 to authorize the release of \$20,000 from the Transfer District Overlay Account for the conservation of 30 acres of land off Ossipee Trail for the Trout Run Conservation Project.

The Council voted 7-0 to authorize the release of \$20,000 from the Open Space Impact Account for the Deer Woods Conservation Project.

The Council authorized an election Aug. 15th for a vote on the special school validation election.

The Council voted 7-0 to accept 2150 feet of Olde Canal Way as an Industrial/ Commercial Road.

The Council voted 7-0 to instruct the Capital Improvements Committee to work with staff to evaluate options for a site planning study of 80 Huston Road and make recommendations to the Town Council.

## Planning Board Aug. 7, 2023

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow Outdoor Storage as accessory use in the Roadside Commercial Zone was discussed and moved to refer to the Planning Board Ordinance Committee for review at the Sept. 11 meeting was approved 6-1 (Burows absent).



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## Arrests June 2023

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Rochester, NH male, 53 was arrested for reckless conduct, domestic violence stalking and aggravated assault.

Windham male, 20 was arrested for operating after suspension, violating conditions of release and failure to appear.

Biddeford male, 30, was arrested for OUI and violating conditions of release.

Windham female was arrested on four counts of failure to appear.

McLellan Road female, 36, was arrested for OUI.

Western Avenue male, 59, was arrested for violating conditions of release, disorderly conduct-loud noise.

No. Waterboro male, 30, was arrested for OUI (alcohol).

Stagecoach Lane male, 29, was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo) no test, three priors, violating conditions of release, and possession of scheduled drugs.

Steep Falls male, 38, was held for two other agencies, violating conditions of release, operating without a license, and two counts of failure to appear.

Buxton female, 50, was arrested for OUI (alcohol), no test, one prior, violating conditions of release, and operating after suspension.

Biddeford male, 43, was arrested for operation while his license was suspended or revoked for failure to appear.

Portland male, 32, was arrested for oper-

ating without a license.

Woods Road male, 38, was arrested for burglary and domestic violence assault.

Auburn male, 45, was arrested for operation after registration was suspended, operating while license was suspended/revoked, and violating conditions of release.

Auburn male, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release and operating after suspension.

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Village Woods Circle male, 20, was arrested for OUI.

Limington male, 20 was arrested for domestic violence terrorizing.

McLellan Road female, 36, was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child.

Florida male, 40, was arrested for OUI.

Westbrook male, 39, was arrested for two counts of judgment and commitment, and probation revocation.

Buxton male, 42, was arrested for OUI.

Standish male, 72, was arrested for OUI.

Utah male, 32, was arrested for operating without a license for more than 90 days.

Wood Road male, 31, was arrested for OUI, speeding more than 35 mph over limit, and failure to stop for police officer.

Main Street, male, 38, was arrested for criminal terrorizing.

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# Gorham School Superintendent Welcomes Parents and Students Back to School

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



In a letter to parents, dated Aug. 2, 2023, Superintendent of Schools, Heather Perry expressed enthusiasm and excitement for the new school year. “We can all admit it has been a long and arduous summer thus far in dealing with our FY 24 proposed budget. To me, this is all the more reason to hurry up and welcome our students back into our schools! The work we do each day isn’t about the numbers, although no doubt numbers play a role. No, what we do is about children, and I am excited to see ours return to school!”

The first day of school for students in grades Pre-K, 6, and 9 will be on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. The first day of school for Students in grades 1-5, grades 7 and 8, and grades 10-12 will be on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

Kindergarten students will begin their first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, after having participated in screening activities the previous few days. Incoming Kindergarten families should have their screening appointments set. If you are the parent of a Kindergarten student and you do not know when your screening appointment is, please reach out to your school’s office and they can provide you with screening information and dates. Those office numbers are: Great Falls Elementary: (207) 222-1050, Narragansett Elementary: (207) 222-1295, and Village Elementary: (207) 222-1300. Regular school office hours began the week of Aug. 14, 2023. As parents, if you have questions about busing information, please

call the transportation office to speak with Judy Philbrick at (207) 893-2547.

School starting and ending times are as follows:

- Great Falls Elementary Start: 8:50 a.m. End: 3:10 p.m.
- Village Elementary Start: 8:50 a.m. End: 3:10 p.m.
- Narragansett Elementary Start: 8:50 a.m. End: 3:10 p.m.
- Gorham Middle School Start: 8:00 a.m. End: 2:20 p.m.
- Gorham High School Start: 7:50 a.m. End: 2:10 p.m.

Superintendent Perry continued, “Our schools are excited to welcome you and your children to another tremendous year here in Gorham! There are always lots of outstanding things happening at our schools so be sure to check out our school websites, keep an eye on your mail and email, and watch for flyers and other materials that will be sent home with your students the first few days of school! To stay in touch throughout the school year, you can also check out my blog (linked to our district webpage) or you can check us out on social media— all of which are linked from our web pages.”

The superintendent lists two ways to get involved with your child’s school. Each of the schools has a “Partners in Education” (PIE) Group, and details about each of these groups are available by calling the school’s office. In addition, the Gorham Schools welcome vol-

unteers both in person and from home. The process of volunteering requires registration. All the forms are available on the district website: (<https://gorhamschools.org>), by clicking on the “Human Resources” tab and clicking on the “Volunteer Program” tab.

In the letter, Superintendent Perry also stressed the importance of attendance to the academic success of students. Absenteeism at the beginning of the year is a predictor of poor attendance for the school year, as attendance issues in the early grades are a leading indicator for academic failure and dropping out of school. “There is no question that attendance has always been important, and it is now even more important than ever. Good habits developed now will last a lifetime. When you help us make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school ready to successfully meet all the challenges life may have in store for them. We need to work together to make daily school attendance a priority!”

Additionally, Superintendent Perry expressed pride in the staff and students of Gorham and their ongoing commitment to the Code of Conduct and the examples of respect, honesty, courage, compassion, and responsibility demonstrated daily in our schools.

Superintendent Perry concluded by encouraging parents to reach out to her with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have throughout the year. Her email is [heather.perry@gorhamschools.org](mailto:heather.perry@gorhamschools.org) and her office phone number is (207) 222-1012.

## Mountain Division Trail Moves Forward

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

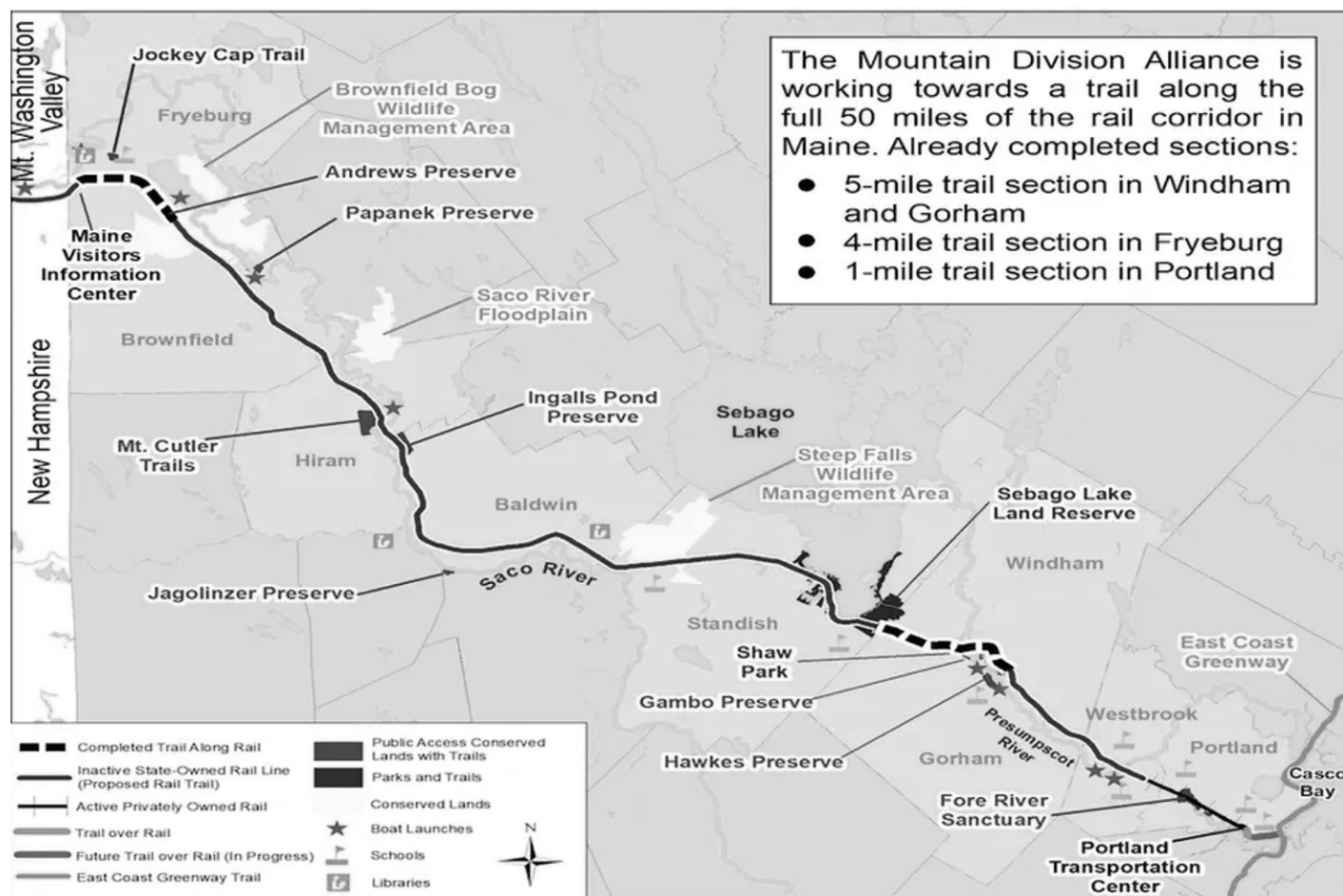


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The 2 segments in dotted blue, near Fryeburg and in Gorham are the finished sections of the Mountain Division Trail. The new Bill (LD 404) concerns the segment running in between which roughly follows the Saco River and passes through a number of already protected scenic preserves and wildlife management areas. Read the story on page 12.

Imagine getting on the Mountain Division Trail in Gorham and biking to Fryeburg for lunch, or maybe

just to Steep Falls, or Westbrook or Portland, if you want to pedal at a slower speed. That dream moved another

step closer to reality when Governor Janet Mills recently signed LD 404. The passage of the Bill lays the

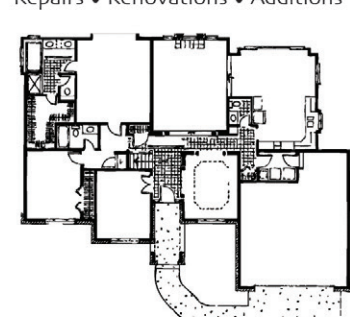
groundwork for the transformation of 31 miles of unused rail bed running from Otter Ponds in Standish all the way to Fryeburg, into a 10-foot-wide paved walking and biking trail, known as the Mountain Division Trail. This will have a big impact in Gorham.

The passage is also the culmination almost 30 years of dedicated

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# Gorham Baseball Wins 2023 Wood Bat Championship

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor

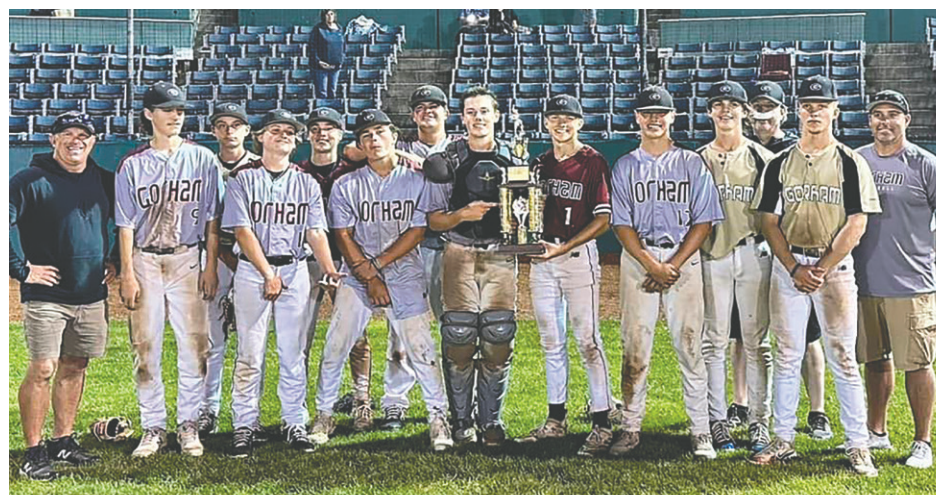


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Post-game team photo

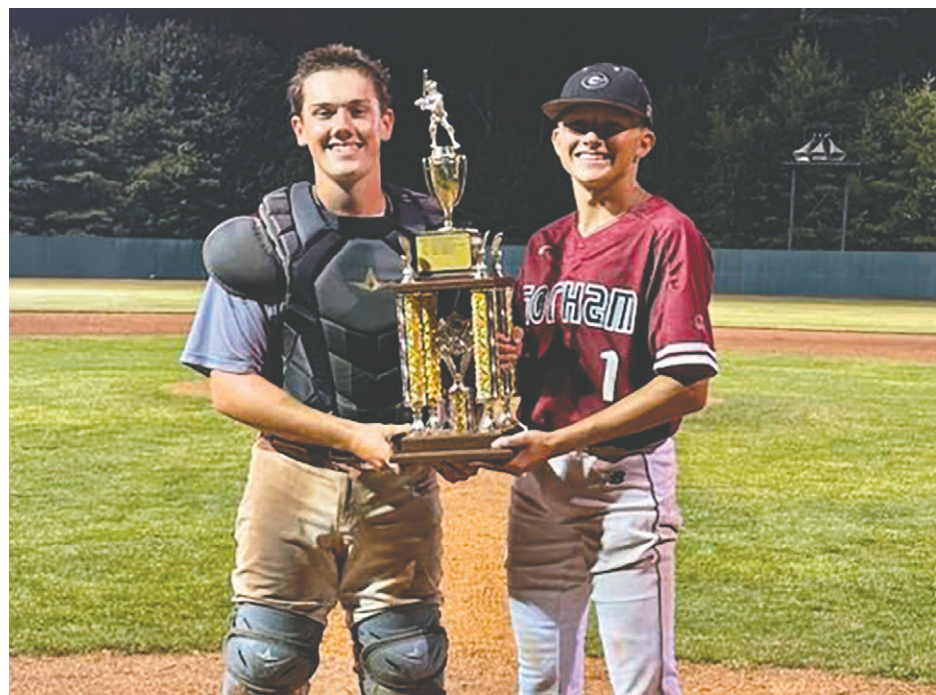


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Mason Finck and Miles Brenner holding the trophy

The Gorham Varsity Boys Wood Bat Baseball team went into the playoffs as the #3 seed. The Rams played

two games on July 24 (due to thunderstorms the previous Friday) - to clinch this year's Wood Bat Championship. The

team made it to the championship game last year but lost. This summer was the icing on the cake for the Rams to beat the same team they lost to one year ago.

In the first game, Gorham took on the Cheverus Stags in the semi-finals at Gorham's home field at 4 p.m. Chances for the Rams started clicking in the 3rd inning after Gorham left runners on 1st and 3rd. In the following inning, Mason Finck got the Rams going with a lead-off single scoring teammates Thomas Curtis, Miles Brenner, and Casey Skolfield. Skolfield, who was on the mound for the Rams, secured the win pitching a one-hitter. Centerfielder Colton Jewett was also solid in the field. The Rams then hit the road to The Ballpark, in Old Orchard Beach to take on South Portland who defeated Yarmouth earlier.

Sophomore Miles Brenner got the start on the mound for the championship game. His dominant performance on the mound included a complete game shutout, with just 3 hits and 11 strikeouts- holding South Portland to no runs scored and 3 hits.

The Rams scored 5 runs on 7 hits while the Riots made two errors. Mason Finck led the way offensively with 3 hits, scoring a run, and 1 RBI driving in his brother Hunter for the game's first run in the 1st inning. In the 3rd inning, Finck singled with two outs which started a two-run inning that opened up the game. Casey Skolfield and Andre Dube each had one hit and one RBI apiece.

Congratulations to both teams this summer who played in countless delays (including the championship game) and make-up games due to storms, and especially to the Rams for their championship win over the Red Riots.

# Nash Gagnon Represents NE at Dressage Championship

By Charlie Gagnon, Community Contribution



Photo credit: Jenny Gagnon

Nash Gagnon, a resident of Gorham and recent graduate from Greely High School, has qualified to compete on the Region 8 Team representing New England at the 2023 FEI North American Youth Dressage Championships being held the second week of August in Traverse City, Michigan. Pictured above is Nash and his horse Eros who have hopes to win the championship.

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# More GHS Teams Making Waves this Summer

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



GHS soccer team post win

Photo credit: Coach Penley

## Girls Soccer:

The Girls Varsity team won the Northern NE Challenge Cup in Yarmouth on July 29, 2023. Congrats to the team winning the cup this summer.

## Field hockey:

Congratulations to the GHS Varsity Field Hockey Team on winning the Turfs up Tournament. The team won 5 straight games played at Thomas College on July 21, 2023 to clinch the win.



GHS Field Hockey team post win

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**GORHAM \$565,000** - This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home offers over 2000sqft of living space with a 2-car garage on a 4.96-acre parcel. The mudroom entrance is a perfect drop zone which leads into a sitting room with gas parlor stove. The cherry kitchen with granite counters includes a breakfast bar.



**STANDISH \$444,900** - Come see this 1642sf Saltbox on a private lot on Royal Pine Dr. This home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with new laminate flooring throughout. Low maintenance with new windows-doors & metal roof. Partially finished basement with woodstove for a 2nd heat.



**GORHAM \$599,900** - This barn-minimum is a perfect mix of living space and workshop/garage space. Built in 2017 with a 14'x14' overhead door & 16' ceilings that will accommodate not only many toys but toys of any size. The main living space is privately located in the back on the second level.



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# Happy 29th Birthday, Gorham Times



## Community Newspapers in the News

John Ersek, Staff Writer

A recent article in the Washington Post described the importance of a nonprofit weekly newspaper in a rural Virginia county with less than 8,000 full time residents. It described the key role that local newspapers can play in helping to keep small communities all across the country held together by bonds of mutual trust and cooperation. The writer, Dana Milbank, pointed out that newspapers like the Rappahannock News in Virginia provide essential information to their readers, with articles about the controversy surrounding a small firehouse whose volunteers hardly ever responded to fire calls, zoning violations by a dog obedience trainer, and an extortion letter about a stolen tractor.

Milbank also maintains that communities maintain a sense of cohesion through sharing information about events that many newspapers no longer cover. By contrast, the "Rapp News" still publishes stories about wedding anniversaries, rice pudding recipes, a new memorial bench, and an appreciation luncheon for the staff of a childcare center, even reports on people who recently returned home after enjoying their vacation.

This type of hyper-hyper local story may not make a comeback, but small-town newspapers across the country are recognizing that their strength is in keeping communities closely knitted together through sharing unique information that is not available elsewhere.

On the upper end of the size spectrum, the recent sale of the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram and twenty-one of its sister publications to a Denver-based nonprofit local news foundation has highlighted the growing importance of nonprofit newspapers in America's media landscape. The group of twenty-two former Masthead Maine publications, which are now owned by the National Trust for Local News, now stands out as one of the largest nonprofit newspaper chains in the country, especially because several of the publications are dailies.

Although the exact number of nonprofit general interest newspapers in Maine or in the United States is uncertain, a great deal of anecdotal evidence indicates that the number of such publications is growing across the country, spurred on by the tremendous difficulties which contemporary newspapers and magazines face due to internet news sites taking away so much ad revenue.

Although the Gorham Times has a far smaller operating budget than the Press Herald or any of the other daily newspapers recently purchased by nonprofit foundations, there are more small-town community nonprofit newspapers around the state and country that are similar to the Gorham Times than many people might realize. Just in southern Maine, two examples of small nonprofits are the Cape Courier in Cape Elizabeth and the Harpswell Anchor in Harpswell. However, Gorham Times stands out even from these two because of its complete reliance on staff who are either unpaid volunteers or who receive modest stipends.

In the words of Gorham Times writer and former editor Sheri Faber, "As a founding member of the Gorham Times, I am incredibly proud that we have been able to continue to "Bring the news to all of Gorham since 1995. We are able to keep our community informed about what our local government is doing, and recognize students, athletes, businesses and others."

Faber continued, "I have been reading a daily newspaper since I was a teenager. Newspapers provide information about our communities and residents that is not always available elsewhere, with more information about local issues," adding, "Here's to the next 40 years."

Besides special interest publications such as those sponsored by religious organizations and labor unions, Maine is also the home of unique nonprofit publications like AmjamboAfrica (focused on recent immigrants) and The Working Waterfront (focused on some of Maine's more remote coastal communities).

## Mountain Division Trail CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

work by the the Mountain Division Alliance and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine as well as several Land Trusts, including Gorham's which oversees the Sebago to the Sea Trail, a part of which runs concurrently with the Mountain Division Trail.

For many years, folks in Gorham have been fortunate to enjoy a 4.5-mile segment of the paved Mountain Division Trail which currently runs from Otter Ponds, in Standish, passing near the historic Gambo Fall area, to Rte 202 in South Windham. Surveying and pre-pavement work has been completed and the 4.8-mile segment is ready for the next phase, expansion from Rt. 202 into Westbrook.

The Mountain Division Trail will eventually travel 50 miles and will connect Portland to

Westbrook, Windham, Gorham, Standish, Steep Falls, Baldwin, Hiram, Brownfield and Fryeburg.

The cost to remove track along the 31-mile segment and replace it with an interim trail is estimated to cost 20.1 M. and will take years to complete. The Maine Department of Transportation is charged with doing the work, "subject to funding" and the completion of Municipal agreements with the various towns. Rail that is converted to trail is always considered "interim" until such time as rail were to become feasible again.

Grants and other funds will also be part of the economic mix. Experience has shown that recreational projects go hand in hand with business and tourism development, as well as providing health benefits for local populations.

## Our Town

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

This mid-August issue of the Gorham Times marks the beginning of the 29th year of bringing the news to all of Gorham. In a time when local papers are disappearing at a rapid clip, Gorham Times is holding on, going strong and working to make our town a great place to live.

The occasion marks 648 free issues featuring town and school news, arts and culture, and stories about our neighbors brought to you every other week by a few barely paid staff, many dedicated volunteers, and loyal, civic-minded businesses.

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town together. Imagine life without the Blotter and CryptoVerse, or fair and balanced news about school budgets, planning board news, and town council items. It acknowledges the good work of our churches and many other civic-minded organizations. Cheers for and celebrates our athletics teams, thespians and musicians, our talented, interesting neighbors and successful GHS graduates and our veterans.

Gorham is so much more than just a place to live, and the Gorham Times is so much more than just a newspaper. It draws us together and shows us, issue by issue, just how lucky we are. Despite our differences, or maybe because of them, we can all celebrate our wonderful town.

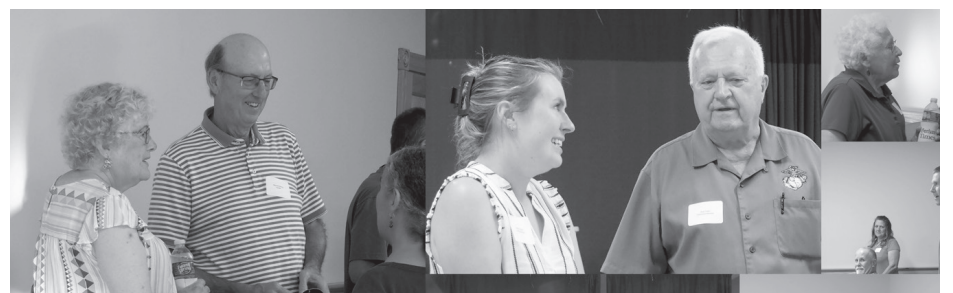


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The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

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### PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Face masks are optional, hand sanitizer is available.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. They will be reading "Save Me the Plums" by Ruth Reichl. Copies are available to pick up at the library. 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 must be an adult and 1 has to be a child). Passes can be reserved at NGPL, please check availability for the requested time and date. Library hours are Monday and Thursday, 3 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Rosalie Preble Barden of Gorham, Maine, passed peacefully at home on 29 July 2023, at age 96.

Rosalie was a renowned watercolor artist, teacher, singer, and traveler. She was born in Bath, Maine on September 22, 1926, to Clarence Appleton Preble and Grace Gertrude Shea Preble. She married Richard Thomas Barden, Gorham Pharmacist, on September 4, 1949. They were married 70 years before Richard passed in 2019. Rosalie taught art in the Gorham Schools and was an Associate Professor at USM and at St. Joseph's College. She was an active member of the First Parish Congregational UCC Church in Gorham since 1948.

She is survived by her three children, Michael Barden, Terrilynn Barden Dubreuil, and Gregory Barden; her half-sister Grace Ellen Preble Sawyer and her half-brother Clarence A. Preble ("Chip"), 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be held at the First Parish Church in Gorham on September 23, 1pm.

Baxter Memorial Library hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the library at (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 band and orchestra musicians. Registration is required. Learn more at <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>, or call (207) 780-5265.

### CLOSE TO HOME

Saco River Theatre at 29 Salmon Falls Road in Bar Mills presents, John John Brown, "Songs, Stories and Art: Lessons from Strangers" on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m., David Mallett on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Maria Muldaur's 50th Anniversary of "Midnight at the Oasis" on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for each show are \$15 General Admission. FMI: <https://www.sacrivertheatre.org> or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

## Rosary Rally in Gorham

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



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### Rosary parade crossing the road in Gorham

On Saturday, Aug. 12, a group of folks from St. Anthony's Parish of Westbrook, Gorham, and Windham marched from Gorham High School along South Street and down Main to the front lawn of St. Anne's Church. They carried a cross and held aloft a statue of the Blessed Mother. Curious folks watched from sidewalks, stores and houses and acknowledged the marchers with friendly waves and toots from passing vehicles. The

marchers were demonstrating their faith and important role it plays in their daily lives. Songs of devotion and prayers were part of the rally held at St. Anne's Church led by Bishop Robert Deeley, Bishop of the Portland Diocese, which encompasses the State of Maine.

Rosary rallies are held monthly at St. Anne's Church in Gorham from May to October. They commemorate the six appearances of the Blessed Mother to three children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The rallies began in 2017 on the 100th anniversary of the original apparitions.

The group, Maine Needs Fatima, works to bring Our Lady of Fatima's message to more parish communities around Maine. Rallies are planned for both Gorham and Gray on September 16, and in October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, rallies are scheduled in Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, and Gray on Oct. 14. For more information, visit <https://maineneedsfatima.org>.



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Gorham House day care children really enjoyed marching with the vets.

## CALENDAR

### Friday, August 25

USM New Student Move-in Day, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Gorham Rec Glow in the Park Run/Walk & Dance Part, Shaw Park, Pre-register at Gorham Rec. On-site registration 6 – 7 p.m.  
 Lecky Brown Senior Center, ARTrageous Seniors Open Studio, First Parish Church, 10 a.m.  
 Saco River Theatre, John John Brown, Songs Tories and Art: Lessons from Strangers. \$15, <https://sacorivertheatre.org>, (207) 929-6473.

### Saturday, August 26

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m.

### Sunday, August 27

USM Returning Student Move-in Day, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Monday, August 28

North Gorham Public Library, Book Club discusses "Save me the Plums" by Ruth Reichl. 11 a.m.

### Wednesday, August 30

Osher School of Music, Youth Ensembles Auditions, pre-register only for middle and high school band and orchestra musicians. FMI (207) 780-5265.

### Thursday, August 31

Gorham Community Night at the Portland Sea Dogs, gates to the ballpark open at 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 1

Lecky Brown Senior Center, ARTrageous Seniors Open Studio, First Parish Church, 10 a.m.

### Saturday, September 2

Saco River Theatre, David Mallett, \$15, <https://sacorivertheatre.org>, (207) 929-6473.

### Wednesday, September 6

Saco River Theatre, Maria Muldaur's 50th Anniversary of "Midnight at the Oasis" \$15, <https://sacorivertheatre.org>, (207) 929-6473.

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Presumpscot Ridge Drive caller said she had been told the police were at his house looking for her the previous night around 2200 and she wanted to know why. The Officer checked records for Gorham, Windham and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. There had not been any calls to that address.

Caller reported a turtle trying to cross Main Street. Officer checked the area but did not locate the turtle.

Caller reported a car burglary in the general location of Cherry Hill Road. Car window had been broken.

Man laying down in a parking lot on Main Street was identified. He told the officer he was on his way to Red Bank in So. Portland.

Paige Drive caller wanted to report someone was harassing her. She went on to say she had responded to the comments with a comment of her own. She was advised to cease contact and block that person.

Caller said there seemed to be a problem with ATVs in her area on weekends. She was advised to call when ATVs were present.

Vehicle lost a tire while on the bypass. A friend came and removed the vehicle. Officer went to Village Mall responding to

a call about two juveniles who had been told to leave and were refusing to do so.

New Portland Road caller reported the landlord had turned off her power from the garage. Caller indicated this was an ongoing problem and wanted to know what to do. Officer suggested she contact Pine Tree Legal Aid for tenant rights as this is a civil issue. She may call and ask for an officer to assist her in talking to the landlord.

Amber Way caller wanted to know how to contest a summons. She was referred to the BMV website.

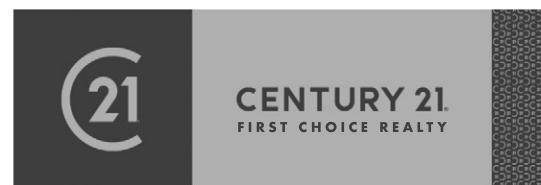
Citizen came to the Police Department to be fingerprinted after being charged with theft from the Gorham PD.

Caller was about to buy a Border Control ball cap and wanted to know if he could wear it in public. He was advised it was only illegal to impersonate law enforcement and wearing such a hat is not a criminal act of itself.

State Street caller reported a domestic assault in a parking lot on State Street and said the female was still in the parking lot. Officer checked the area but did not locate anyone and no one in the area had seen anything suspicious. When Officer called the complainant back, the line was disconnected.

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