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CONGRATULATIONS GHS CLASS OF 2017

Graduates Advised to Be Resilient and Persistent in Life

AVERY ARENA
GHS Graduate Intern

On Sunday June 11, the Gorham High School class of 2017 marched out of Merrill Auditorium with their diplomas in hand for the first time.

The graduating class marched in wearing their maroon, white, and black among the crowd of family and friends, led by the junior class marshals Saoirse Herlihy and Keltan Tanguay.

After the Gorham police presented the colors and the Chamber Singers performed the National Anthem, principal Brian Jandreau began with opening remarks to the class. He then introduced class president Emma Smith to address the graduates.

Smith recounted one of the pivotal memories of her recent trip to Italy: tasting the water. Remembering the chemical taste added, she told her classmates to slow down and appreciate the clear and crisp quality of the water that can only be found in the place where they grew up: Maine.

Salutatorian Thomas Matthews, acknowledging the challenges of trying to be original and inspirational as individual students who have not yet experienced the world, looked forward to the future accomplishments that this group of students had the potential to bring forth and how their work in the classrooms, stages, and fields would prepare them.

Valedictorian Samuel Roussel stressed the importance of community in the creation of this graduating class and the responsibility each graduate now held to give back and become part of that community that had helped to raise them.

This year's keynote speaker was Kayleigh Ballantyne, a 2010 GHS graduate. She spoke about the need for resiliency and persistence in life, especially when moving to a new stage in life. Through her own experiences with traumatic brain injuries as a child and being violently attacked outside her Boston apartment, she has learned to face adversity head on and overcome it.

Today, she advocates for efforts regarding random acts of violence and mental health, and she uses athletics to promote her cause. Ballantyne gradu-



ated from Bryant University in 2014 and played field hockey throughout her academic career.

Following Ballantyne, all of the seniors who participated in chorus and Chamber Singers during their time at GHS sang "Homeward Bound," then the diplomas were presented by Jandreau. Vice principals Kim Slipp and Ryan Watts, superintendent Heather Perry, assistant superintendent Chris



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Record, school committee members Dennis Libby, Daryl Wright, Stewart McCallister, and Kyle Currier, and senior class officers Emma Smith, Blake Wallace, Narissa Libby, and Molly Sposato congratulated each graduate.

Once everyone had received their diplomas, the group broke into their class song "Home," by Philip Philips, and the officers led the turning of the tassels. Class advisor Neile Nelson officially presented the class of 2017 graduates for the first time, and after brief closing remarks by Jandreau, the class recessed out into the streets to throw their caps and take photos.

Jandreau, with the class of 2017 being his first graduation as principal, was pleased with how the event turned out. "The students' speeches were awesome and I thought it was so meaningful to have one of Gorham's own come

back to give the keynote address. The best part was seeing the elation on the graduates' faces and pride on their families," said Jandreau.

The graduation festivities commenced with the class going on an overnight group trip to St. Joseph's College in Standish, hosted by Project Graduation. The trip, going until 5 a.m. the next morning, began with dinner at GHS, a police escort through the center of town, and included bowling at Spare Time before swimming, laser tag and hypnosis at St. Joseph's College.

The graduates have made plans for a variety of post-secondary options for the coming years. There are students attending two and four year colleges, entering the military, going on volunteer trips abroad, taking gap years, and beginning work.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with “News from Augusta.” We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Enjoying the Maine Outdoors this Summer

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

The weather is finally starting to warm up and we’re heading into everyone’s favorite season, summertime in Maine. If you’re anything like me and my family, you try to squeeze in as many fun trips and activities as you can. There never seems to be enough time to fit everything in.

If Maine’s parks and public lands haven’t made your summer to-do list yet, I hope you have time to visit parksandlands.com to see how you can work some of Maine’s 48 state parks and historic sites into your itinerary. If you’re looking for a great place to go camping, it’s hard to beat one of the 12 state parks that offer campsites, like Sebago Lake State Park, right in our backyard.

Of course, Maine is also home to Acadia National Park and the new Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. The National Park Service provides information about visiting our national and international parks at nps.gov.

Part of getting outside to enjoy Maine’s summer is being prepared. By now, we all know that means more than a raincoat, sunblock and a cooler full of food and drinks. With

the rate of Lyme disease, Powassen virus and other tick-borne diseases on the rise, we need to bring a good bug spray and the right clothing to repel ticks and a tick spoon or tweezers to make sure we can safely remove them quickly if they get past our defenses.

The UMaine Cooperative Extension offers lots of information on tick identification and management that can help you avoid tick-borne diseases at extension.umaine.edu/ipm/tickid/. Later this year, the Cooperative Extension will have a new lab that can test individual ticks to find out if they carry harmful diseases. This was the lab that voters authorized in 2014 with an \$8 million bond. Soon, people in Maine will be able to find out if the tick that bit them carried Lyme disease without having to wait for symptoms to appear.

On the topic of insects, they can go undetected in firewood that gets transported to camping sites. Moving infested firewood can spread insects for hundreds of miles throughout Maine which could greatly damage our forests. If you’re planning a camping trip this summer, please be sure to purchase your firewood at or near your campsite. Untreated firewood from outside Maine has been banned. Even within Maine,

the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry says not to transport firewood more than 50 miles. This can prevent the spread of invasive insect species and keep Maine’s woods beautiful and healthy.

If you prefer the water to the woods, Maine has nearly 6,000 lakes and ponds and almost 32,000 miles of rivers and streams. There’s something for everyone to enjoy, whether you’re looking for a good fishing stream or swimming hole. If you plan to take a boat out on the water this summer, please be sure you’re not bringing invasive species along for the ride. You can visit mainelakes.org to learn more about how to do your part to protect our inland waters.

If you’re interested in finding out more about staying safe and preserving our public lands and waters while enjoying the Maine outdoors this summer, feel free to contact me.



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Election Results

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

Voters living in Gorham’s three wards went to the polls on June 13 to vote on the 2017-2018 School Budget validation, a local referendum question, and a State bond issue.

The 2017-2018 school budget was approved 807 to 256.

Voters passed the local referendum, 861 to 237, authorizing the Town to issue bonds not to exceed \$500,000, for Gorham’s share of a State project to make improvements to South Street (Rt. 114).

The State ballot issue which asked voters to approve a 50 million bond for investment in research, development and commercialization to be used for infrastructure, equipment, and technology upgrades passed 724 to 389.

Mark Curtis was elected as a Portland Water District Trustee (uncontested race).

TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

To honor the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we will enjoy a short break after the June 29 issue. The paper after the break will be dated July 27.

Around Town

The latest update for the Deguio Mill Bridge indicates a closure for 90 days beginning July 10 through October 8 while the bridge is being replaced. During construction, Rt. 237 and Queen St. will remain open. Queen St. connects to both Rt. 237 and Rt. 202 south of the project area.

The Town of Gorham received a Safety Enhancement Grant of \$1,296 awarded by the Maine Municipal Association. This grant is used to purchase safety equipment or services that assist in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries.

The Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees held a brief ceremony on June 6 dedicating the new flower garden at Baxter Memorial Library in honor of Pam Turner, former Director of Baxter Memorial Library.

Gorham Sightings



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Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the June 1, 2017 edition is the outside beam at Sebago Brewing.

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How Sweet It Is



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Sweet Life celebrated its grand opening on June 3 with live music and ice cream specials. Owner John Krouse and his son, Tyler, joined employees (left to right) Julie Cooper, Shayla Harris, Sarah Jordan, Abby Enck, and Erin Wentworth for the big day.

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

Just in time for the summer heat, Sweet Life, previously Sweets 'N Eats, held its grand opening on June 3 after a soft opening the weekend before.

In preparation for re-opening, owner John Krouse, who took a small break from his job in the real estate field, spent months renovating the new spot for business. He gutted the inside of the building and refurbished it. Due to code changes since the business was last open, new plumbing and electrical updates were also necessary. The outside was updated as well and now boasts new landscaping, a re-striped parking lot, and a large seating area with outside lighting for patrons to enjoy their treats at night.

Sweet Life sells Shain's of Maine ice cream and offers several food choices such as lobster rolls and hot dogs should visitors arrive hungry. Soft serve ice cream will also be available soon.

Krouse moved to Gorham from San Antonio, TX six years ago. His children attend Gorham schools and are active playing hockey at the USM Ice Arena. Krouse said of Gorham, "We love the small town feel. I was fortunate to have gotten to travel and live in different places with my old profession. My family truly feels this is the best spot we've landed in and intend on staying put for awhile."

Sweet Life will be open through October, or perhaps longer, if the weather cooperates. Krouse is entertaining the idea of opening for seasonal times during the year, such as Halloween and Christmas.

Krouse added, "Although we have been open only for a few days, I have loved meeting a lot of new people. Hearing how much they missed the location being open, it makes it well worth the time and effort my family has put in to get it back to life."

Sweet Life is located at 680 Gray Road and is open 7 days a week. For more information, call 572-1314 or visit www.facebook.com/sweetlifegorham/.

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Raising Awareness and Support for Alzheimer's

BILL JENKS
Contributing Writer

Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease, currently totaling more than 5 million diagnoses. Alzheimer's is one of the fastest growing and most devastating epidemics worldwide. Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease that encroaches upon the nerve cells in the brain. The damage done manifests in many ways, including memory loss, thinking and language deficits, and behavioral and personality changes.

Chances are you or someone you love has been or will be affected by Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Unfortunately, even with the staggering statistics, Alzheimer's research continues to receive little federal funding compared to other leading diseases.

Locally, Home Instead Senior Care strives to help people manage this disease. The company works closely with those affected and their families to provide respite, support and care. Additionally, they provide community education programs like Family Dementia Training and the Alzheimer's Friendly Business Initiative.

For the past five years, Home Instead has sponsored The Alzheimer's Festival to raise awareness and funds for this devastating disease. All proceeds go to support the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's. Over the past five years, Home Instead has raised over \$60,000.

This year the Festival will be held on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the lawn in front of Home Instead office at 502 Main Street, and will be bigger and better than ever. The free event promises a lively, family-friendly experience. There will be fun activities for the kids, including a bounce house, a petting zoo, and face-painting, as well as relaxing games for everyone, from ladder ball to cornhole.

For those who are hungry, pulled pork sandwiches, smoked turkey sandwiches, and plump red dogs will be available for purchase. For those with a sweet tooth, there's a Bake Sale and a Cake Walk. Crafts, plants and flowers will also be on sale and the popular Basket Raffle will be back, each containing approximately \$100 worth of products.

For more information on the event, please contact Jacquelyn at the Home Instead Senior Care office at 839-0441.

GHS GRAD NEWS

If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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Preparing Your Yard for Summer

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

Summer is almost here. While the overcast, rainy weather has slowed planting and working in the garden, it has been great weather for dividing and transplanting perennials. The blooms on shrubs and bulbs have lasted longer than usual because of the cool temperatures. No watering has been necessary. Established lawns have grown faster and greener. Seeded areas are slow to grow as the ground temperature needs to be 60 degrees and above for grass seed to grow well.

Have you noticed how plants of all kinds respond much better to rain water than to water that is treated? That is why I use water from my rain barrel for watering my potted plants throughout the summer.

Interesting that weeds grow in the dark, when it is wet or dry, and especially when the sun shines, so be sure to get them early when they are little. Scuffle the soil and use an organic pre-emergent on weeds that are produced from seeds. If the weeds travel by roots then they have to be dug deeper to get the roots. A broken root means another plant.

After weeding, mulch helps so we do not have to weed every week. I have had lots of conversations with my friends about mulching and you probably have your own preference. Some kinds of mulch add to the health of the soil and plants. Others over time may not be so beneficial. If you have ample compost without weeds you can spread that around plants. Pine needles make good mulch. What I use with great success is finely ground maple leaves from the season before. Many people use finely ground bark. My friends who have used bark on their perennial beds find that it looks nice and does help to keep weeds at bay, but over time seems to pull nutrients from the soil. Perhaps you have noticed that your barked plants seem not to flourish over time.

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Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.

White Pine Blister Rust

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

When Nicoletta Dalton spotted the needles of half a dozen or so white pines in her yard turning light green and their branches starting to droop, she was concerned enough to call in a professional.

Aaron Bergdahl, a forest pathologist for the Maine Forest Service, came and examined her trees. His diagnosis was White Pine Blister Rust (WPBR), a serious disease that is killing white pines all across Maine, New England and as far away as Minnesota. Being neighborly, Dalton also sent a letter to the 73 homeowners in the association for Gateway Commons where she lives, to alert them to the problem.

White Pine Blister Rust is spread by members of the Ribes genus: Gooseberry, and red, white and black currants. While these plants can grow naturally in the wild, they are outlawed in Maine making it illegal to sell, buy or grow them. Spores from gooseberry and currant plants travel via the wind to the white pine, causing a fungus which will kill the tree if untreated. The spores then grow and mature on the pines, releasing spores back to reinfect the ribes.

"It is a vicious cycle," said

Bergdahl. "The only way to stop the disease is to not have ribes growing." To get rid of ribes, dig them up by the roots and allow to dry until dead or they can be burned.

In addition to the pine tree looking stressed, in the spring, you will be able to identify small orange pustules on the trunk which will grow and produce new spores, which can travel for miles, back to the currants and gooseberries, starting the cycle all over again.

Bergdahl's advice to homeowners is to seek professional help from a licensed arborist, a local state forester or from Bergdahl (his contact info is listed below), to confirm that it is WPBR and not some other disease or insect such as the white pine weevil attacking the tree. A professional will be able to determine if just the infected branch can be cut out. If rust is found on the trunk, most likely the whole tree will have to go.

For more information and to see pictures of the disease and also photos to help identify gooseberries and currants, visit http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/diseases/white_pine_blister_rust.htm or contact Aaron Bergdahl-Forest Pathologist/Maine Forest Service at aaron.bergdahl@maine.gov or 287-3008.

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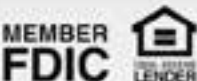
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Town Council

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council asked Staff to draft a contract zone for 135 Dingley Springs Road, to allow both buildings to be used as a body shop. The proposal will be sent to the Planning Board for Public Hearing and recommendations.

The Town Council voted to authorize a TIF (tax increment financing) district for Sebago Brewing Company which the Council has determined “will contribute to the economic growth or wellbeing of the Town and to the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the Town including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus constituting good and valid public purposes.”

The Town Council voted to adopt the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget with the following departmental totals:

General Government	\$1,535,289
Public Safety	\$4,086,816
Public Works/Solid Waste/Engineering & Insp Services	\$2,579,514
Health & Welfare and Social Service Agencies	\$60,600
Recreation/Community Center/Cable	\$523,180
Libraries and Museum	\$474,274
Development	\$75,866
Debt & Interest	\$1,888,671
Capital Items	\$166,533
Insurance and Employee Benefits	\$2,343,425
Other Town Services and Unclassified	\$317,500
Subtotal	\$14,051,668
Cumberland County Property Tax	\$1,113,546
Total	\$15,165,214
Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$6,590,021

Capital Budget Part II in the amount of \$1,394,848 will be funded from the town’s undesignated fund balance.

All taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable upon approval of this Order. One-half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on November 15, 2017 will begin bearing interest on November 16, 2017, and that the final half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on May 15, 2018, shall commence bearing interest on May 16, 2018 at the interest rate of 7.0% per annum until

paid and collected. The Tax Collector and Treasurer are authorized to collect and receive.

The Finance Director was authorized to accept prepayment of real and personal property taxes. The Town Council established an interest rate of 3.0% per annum to be paid on all real estate and personal property taxes rebated due to overpayment of taxes.

The Town Council also requires any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill. However, no such payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless a written approval from a taxpayer is received. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers.

The budget was amended to include four extra hours per week for three Deputy Clerks in the Finance/ Clerk’s office for a total of \$11,721. (5 years, 1 nay: Smith)

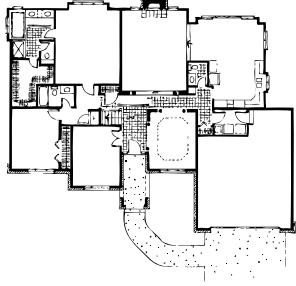
Nine hours were added to the ACO in the Police Department for a total of \$16,940.

The Assessing Department Budget was increased by \$26,027 bringing the total to \$167,000. The Employee Benefit Budget was reduced by \$37,000, which brings the total to \$2,149,425. The Public Utility Budget increased by \$3,000 to become \$83,000. \$800 was appropriated for the purchase of American Flags. Total

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Town Council Approves School Budget after \$300,000 Reduction

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

After voting to reduce the FY18 Gorham School Department budget request by \$300,000, the Town Council approved taking a \$37,375, 212 budget to the voters for validation on June 13. The impact of this budget on taxpayers was reduced from the original .85 mils to .65 mils.

The Town Council may not tell the School Committee specifically how to spend its funds, but Councilman Ronald Shepherd offered an amendment to the original request that would have reduced the budget by \$930,000 and stipulated an expenditure of \$630,000 allocated for capital improvements be approved jointly by the Town Council and the School Committee.

This amendment was defeated (5-1) and an amendment that limited the reduction to \$300,000 passed unanimously. Although the request was not binding, the Council recommended that the reduction

come from the School Department’s capital improvements budget. The council also voted that in the event that the District receives more money from the state than anticipated (and included in the budget), these funds would be used to reduce property taxes. Following the Town Council vote, the School Committee met. After much discussion, members voted unanimously to take the \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIPS) lines. Because the committee felt a need to maintain an adequate budget for capital improvements, they were reluctant to make this reduction, but did not want the reduction to impact any student programs. As a result, the budget cuts will postpone some upgrades to plumbing fixtures, lighting and HVAC systems, as well as improvements such as painting and flooring in some district schools. More details on the proposed budget are on the district’s website, www.gorhamschools.org by clicking on “School Committee” and then “Budget Information.”


Skateboarder Injured on New Portland Road

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

On May 30 at about 9:00 p.m., Ramon Saravia, 77, of East Waterboro, was driving westbound on New Portland Road, when he hit Tyler Cartwright, 24, of South Portland, who was skateboarding

in the middle of Saravia’s travel lane. Cartwright was transported to the hospital where he was in fair condition on June 1. Neither alcohol nor speed appeared to be factors in the accident. The road was closed for about an hour between Libby Ave. and Bartlett Road and the accident remains under investigation.

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TOWN OF GORHAM BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF MEETING JUNE 15, 2017

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

Acceptance of the May 18, 2017 meeting minutes as printed and distributed.
Election of a New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Board of Appeals.

Appeal #17-08 Variance from Zoning Space Standards. Laurie Simowitz, property owner and petitioner is seeking a 3.5 foot front yard setback variance for the property located at 23 Old Dynamite Way, Gorham (Map 30 Lot 18.025). The subject property is located in the Urban Residential (UR) Zoning District.

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budget reduction is \$7,173. (6 years) \$7,300 will be donated to the Happy Healthy Gorham Project. \$230,000 was eliminated from the Capital Improvement Part 2 Budget for the Rubber Canvas Sand Shed. The amount was instead placed in Supplemental Funds for Road Work. (5 years, 1 nay: Shepard) Amended Capital Budget Part II passed. The Town Council adopted a new cemetery ordinance, which will include the following cemeteries: Eastern Cemetery, Fort Hill Cemetery, Hillside Cemetery, Huston Road Cemetery, Little Falls Cemetery, North Street Cemetery, Sapling Hill Cemetery, Shaw's Mills Cemetery, Smith Cemetery, South Gorham Cemetery, South Street Cemetery and West Gorham Cemetery. The last ordinance has been in place since the 1980's and was in need of an update. The Town Council referred a proposal to rezone land owned by Shaw Brothers Family Foundation Inc. to the Planning Board for their public hearing and recommendation. The proposal is to rezone from Industrial to a new Industrial/Agricultural Zone that would add agricultural use, recreational use, food processing and retail use to permitted uses. The Town Council endorsed a PACTS application for intersection and traffic signal improvement. This

will improve the intersection of Main Street, New Portland Road, and Mechanic Street. Traffic signals for Gorham Village were also included in the application. Town Manager, David Cole, was authorized to begin the process of renewing the Town Cable TV Franchise agreement which is set to expire in 2019. The Town will retain Tony Vigue to provide consulting services for the renewal process and authorize the establishment of a temporary Cable TV Advisory Committee, with 3-5 members, to assist the Town Manager, Consultant and GOCAT Manager during the renewal process. The Committee will consist of one member of the Town Council, one member of the School Board, and up to three members of the Public. Jim Anderson's resignation from the Planning Board was accepted and will be effective on July 18, 2017. The Town Council expressed its appreciation for his service on the Planning Board and to the Gorham Community. A request to amend the Land Use & Development Code to allow Adult Day Care in the Suburban Residential Zone from Andrew Kull, Esq, on behalf of Samera Mohammad, was referred to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendations. Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

JUNE 5, 2017

Planning Board Minutes

Douglas Carter, dba Carter's Development, LLC received approval to construct a new two story 2880 sq. ft. building at 18 Elm St. with two common areas on the first floor and two residences on the second floor. Flagship Landscaping's request for a third amendment to relocate its landscaping business to 298 New Portland Road was approved. PTG Investment Trust's request for re-approval of three single family condominium units and two commercial units with second floor apartments off Main St. and Garden Ave. was approved. Steve Rich's request for a private way (Tiara Drive) to serve two principal residences on a single lot at 57 Hurricane Road was approved. An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code drafted by the Planning Board to allow agricultural special event facilities in the rural zone was sent to the Town Council with a recommendation that it be adopted. Shaw Earthworks' request to add storage, parking and additional drive areas to their existing shop location at 11 Cyr Drive was approved. Shaw Earthworks' request for a 6th subdivision amendment to the New Portland Parkway subdivision to revise the impervious area and wetland impacts at 11 Cyr Drive was approved. Shucks Maine Lobster's 28,800 sq. ft. lobster processing facility at 65 Olde Canal Way in the Olde Canal Business Park was approved. 61 Hutcherson Drive's request for two buildings with multiple units to lease for general commercial and industrial uses was postponed pending responses to remaining issues. LBMP, LLC's proposal for a five-lot subdivision (Douglas Estates) on 10.7 acres on Spiller Road was discussed. National Attachments' proposal for a new commercial development at 29 Olde Canal Way in the Olde Canal Business Park was discussed. Robert Hamblen's proposal for a five-lot subdivision off Libby Ave. was discussed.

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Ranked Choice Voting Result in Question

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

In November 2016, 55% of Gorham voters joined other Mainers in approving a ballot question in support of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). This May, however, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court issued an advisory opinion that the new law is unconstitutional in elections for governor and the State Legislature. This prompted state lawmakers to bring two bills to the Legislature.

One bill (LD1625) would repeal the new law in its entirety. The other bill (LD1624), submitted by RCV supporters, would amend the constitution to allow ranked-choice voting to be used in state general elections. Advocates of RCV are arguing for the constitutional amendment, but they also say it is not necessary for implementing ranked-choice voting in primary and federal elections in 2018, as there are no constitutional questions about using it in those races.

At a public hearing on June 3, Kyle Bailey, Gorham resident and lead spokesman for the RCV Committee, urged legislators not to repeal the bill, saying that support for the bill crosses party lines and represents the will of the people. Critics argue that voters would be confused by the two types of ballots, since the one for state offices would not ask voters to rank candidates and the other ballot would.

The Maine Constitution requires that the governor and state legislators be elected by a plurality, which means that the candidate with the most votes wins. The winner does not need more than 50% of the votes cast, only more votes



Photo courtesy of Kyle Bailey

Kyle Bailey spoke at the Ranked Choice Voting Rally in Augusta on June 3.

than his or her opponents. Ranked-choice voting requires candidates be elected by a majority and asks voters to rank them. If no one has more than 50% of votes cast, the one with the lowest number of votes is eliminated.

Voters who voted for the eliminated candidate would have their second-place choices added to total of the candidate they chose second. In a three-way race, that process would give one of the two remaining candidates a majority of more than 50% of the votes. If there were more than three candidates, the process would continue until someone had more than 50% of the votes.

This is the system Mainers voted for last November. They will use this process for primary elections and to elect members of Congress if the legislature votes to retain ranked-choice voting for the offices the Maine Constitution does not mandate be chosen by plurality. An amendment to the Constitution, which requires a two-thirds vote of the legislature and a majority of Maine voters in a referendum election, would permit RCV for state offices as well.

Flying the Colors at Fenway



Photo courtesy of Sergeant Ted Hatch

The Gorham Police Department did the Presentation of Colors on May 25 for the Red Sox-Rangers game at Fenway Park. Pictured from left to right is Sergeant Sears Edwards, K-9 Officer Nate Theriault, Officer Paul Dubay, Sergeant Ted Hatch and Officer Dean Hannon.



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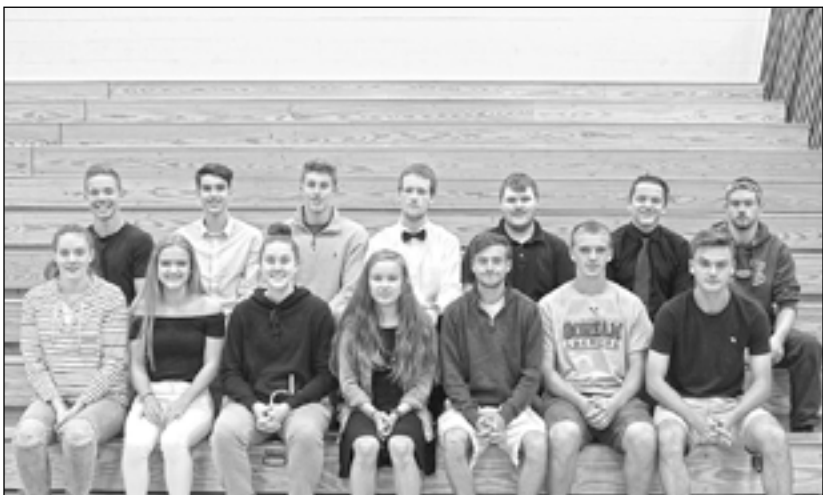
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Front Row (l to r): Marina Pappalardo, Jamie Juskiewicz, Alyssa Carey, Heather Woodbury, Brooke Hall, Logan Drouin, and Alex York. Back Row (l to r): Cameron Wright, Carter Landry, Andrew Brown, Mathias Anderson, Christian Grass, and Jacob Stevens.



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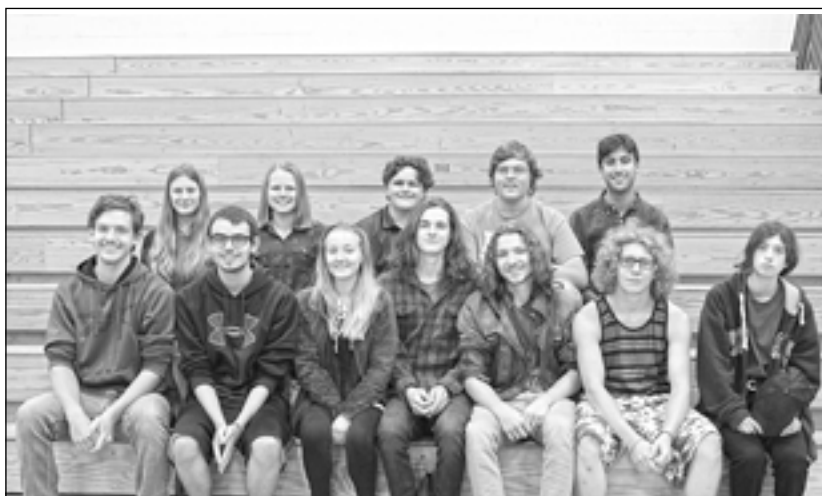
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Front Row (l to r): Kiesha Sullivan, Skylher Rawding, Ethan Joyce, Tess Buzzell, Brittanie Tibbetts, Juliette Roy, and Sebastian Webster. Back Row (l to r): Joseph Fisette, Maeve Pitman, Stella Rojecki, Karen Stemm, Miles Obrey, Allison Bunker, and Kortney French.



Front Row (l to r): Jenna-Marie Webster, Noah Rollins, Emily Blake, Sydney Coolong, Dorothy Stickney, and Elsa Alexandrin. Back Row (l to r): Kara Ellsmore, Dustin Gregoire, Alex Fortin, and Michael Smith.



Front Row (l to r): Brandon George, Logan Nelson, Bligh Godin, Benjamin Roberts, Jackson Banks, Tyler Houston, and Martin Fraley. Back Row (l to r): Gabrielle Sandeno, Katherine Bennett, Padraic Owens, Dennis Cloutier, and Trystan Bates.



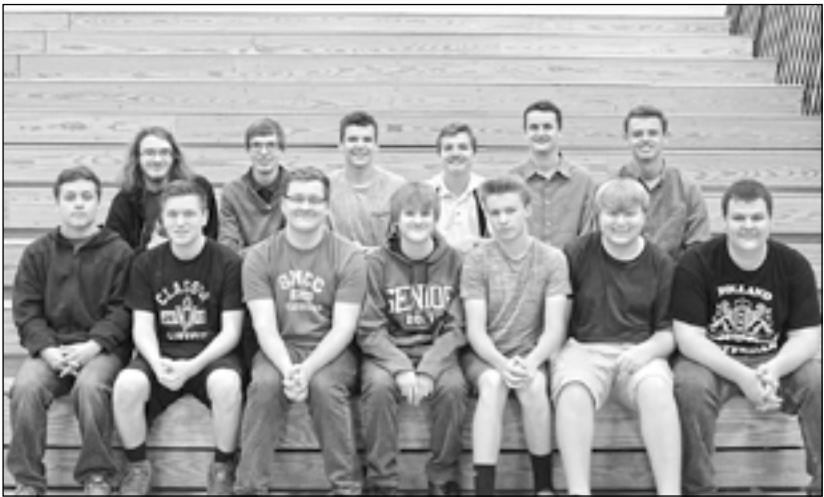
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Front Row (l to r): Taylor Nygren, Lily Towle, Mia Guimond, Haylee Dahlborg, Marc Yankowsky, Annie Acker-Wolfhagen, and Moira Corbett. Back Row (l to r): Jordyn-Marie Falagario, Audrey Perreault, Hannah LeBlanc, Delaney Burns, Athena Pappalardo, Erica Thibeault, and Erin Esty.



Front Row (l to r): Kara Doane, Alyssa Dolley, Noelle DiBiase, Jenna Cowan, Emily Yager, Abigail Flint, and Eric Lane. Back Row (l to r): Lauren Poirier, Sally Aube, Kelly Aube, Meghan Perrin, Caroline Smith, Annmarie Dellasala, and Jamie Carter.



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Front Row (l to r): Ronald Gillikin, Christopher Gillikin, Fiona Nee, Jordan Currier, Mary Adams, Carli Labrecque, and Ryan Firmin. Back Row (l to r): Tyler Richman, Brandon Howard, Justin Laughlin, Lucas Gironda, Cassie Marceau, and Sarah Dickey.



Front Row (l to r): Madison Butts, Brandon Baker, James Benson, Samantha Low, Kirsten Perry, Dean Carrier, and Morgan Brown. Back Row (l to r): Lindsey Caron, Kent Piazzola, Lucas Bryant, Brandon Pierson, Kristen Stoddard, and Nariah Cavarretta.



Front Row (l to r): Kyle Peoples, Jordan Allen, Nathan Dix, Jordan Gaudreau, Hannah Distasio, Madeline Joyal-Myers, and Georgia Baber. Back Row (l to r): Kayley Mason, Hannah Benson, Rhiannon Hatch, Sophia Hendrix, Anna Beshir, and Mae Fickett.



The following list of graduates are missing from the above photos:
Rachel Beaulieu, Sierra Bergeron, Noah Bird, Kristina Butenko, Taelor Cole, Timothy Cousins, Callie Cullinan, Ethan Donnelly, William Hepler, Abrianna Kennie, Allison King, Dylan Lockwood, Demitri Miner, Isabelle Muehle, Felixx Pease, Adam Peterson, Samuella Spurr, Samuel Trautman, Cody West

Gorham graduates of local private high schools will be featured in the next edition.

GRADUATION

Valedictorian,
Summa Cum Laude



Samuel Roussel
Son of: Richard and Kelly Roussel

Salutatorian,
Summa Cum Laude



Thomas Matthews
Son of: Peter Matthews and Mary Schultz



Magna Cum Laude



Mary Adams
Daughter of: Randall and Julie Adams



Avery Arena
Daughter of: Philip and Kim Arena



Delaney Burns
Daughter of: Robert and Tracy Burns



Kathryn Christianson
Daughter of: Earle and Shana Christianson



Kara Ellsmore
Daughter of: Keith and Joyce Ellsmore



Ryan Firmin
Son of: Scott and Michelle Firmin



Emily Hayward
Daughter of: Gerald and Kaaren Hayward



Sophia Hendrix
Daughter of: Donald and Rebecca Hendrix



Whitney King
Daughter of: Timothy and Elizabeth King



Hannah LeBlanc
Daughter of: Jason and Pam LeBlanc



Thomas Macomber
Son of: Tracy Macomber



Samuel Martel
Son of: Edmond Martel and Lisa Casher



Emma Smith
Daughter of: Frederic Smith and Kelley Skillin-Smith



Raymond St. Cyr
Son of: Raymond and Kristina St. Cyr



Karen Stemm
Daughter of: Barry and Nancy Stemm



Blake Wallace
Daughter of: Joseph Wallace and Kelly McInnis



Heather Woodbury
Daughter of: Georgianna and Julie Woodbury



Emily Yager
Daughter of: Stephen and Marcie Yager



2017 Graduate

Sally:

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2017 Graduate



Travis Emerson
Congratulations on your graduation from GHS!
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Love, Mom

2017 Graduate

Congratulations on your High School Graduation Krissy!

You have overcome so many challenges and have become such an amazing young lady!

We are so proud of you!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Katie, and Kimmy



2017 Graduate

Congratulations Emma!

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Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsey, Katie, Mike, Kyle, Nana, Papa and Gram and Gramp!



2017 Graduate

Kelly:

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Your beautiful smile will help you achieve all your goals in the future!

We love you, Dad, Mom, Molly, Sally and Maggy



Pre-K Graduate

Jaynie,

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Love, Mom, Meemaw, Popi, Auntie, Misty, and Rexie



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Elsa Alexandrin
Daughter of: Philip and Julie Alexandrin



Anne Acker-Wolfhagen
Daughter of: Roger and Nancy Acker-Wolfhagen



Georgia Baber
Daughter of: Paul Baber and Joyce Linden



Trystan Bates
Son of: Mark and Edwina Bates



Lindsey Caron
Daughter of: Grant Caron and Lori Caron-Nickerson



Jamie Carter
Daughter of: Doug and Holly Carter



Kristen Curley
Daughter of: John and Lisa Curley



Abigail Flint
Daughter of: Philip and Deborah Flint



Ryan Hamblen
Son of: Mark and Kathleen Hamblen



Diana Kolb
Daughter of: Thomas Kolb and Jean Gould



Carli Labrecque
Daughter of: Guy and Theresa Labrecque



Justin Laughlin
Son of: Todd and Tamra Laughlin



Narissa Libby
Daughter of: Dennis and Denise Libby



Sarah Lorello
Daughter of: Rick and Rebecca Lorello



Taylor Nygren
Daughter of: Kirk and Betsy Nygren



Miles Obrey
Son of: Richard Obrey and Jennine Cannizzo



Emily O'Donnell
Daughter of: Mark and Stephanie O'Donnell



Ethan Orach
Son of: Stephen and Brenda Orach



Padraic Owens
Son of: Ed and Heather Owens



Kyle Peoples
Son of: Gavin Peoples and Lori Files



Audrey Perreault
Daughter of: Corey and Donna Perreault



Lauren Poirier
Daughter of: Jeff and Celeste Poirier



Kenneth Richard
Son of: Walter Richard and Esther Reed



Samuella Spurr
Daughter of: Thomas Spurr and Amy Geren



Cameron Stevens
Son of: Scott and Catherine Stevens



Alexandra Stresser
Daughter of: Stephen and Linda Stresser



Connor Sweatt
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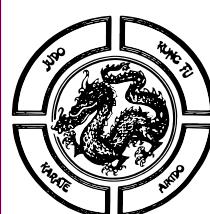
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GHS Spring Sports Awards

The following Gorham High School varsity student-athletes were honored at the annual GHS Spring Sports Banquet on June 7:

SMAA All Academic All-Stars (Seniors Only):

- Baseball:** RJ St. Cyr
Softball: Abigail Flint; Carli Labrecque; Tiril Wiig
Boys Lacrosse: Ryan Hamblen; Brady Rioux
Boys Track: Ethan Orach
Girls Track: Emily Hayward; Heather Woodbury
Girls Tennis: Avery Arena; Delaney Burns; Kathryn Christianson; Whitney King; Diana Kolb
Boys Tennis: Thomas Matthews; Connor Sweatt; Ryan Firmin
Girls Lacrosse: Audrey Perreault; Athena Pappalardo

SMAA All Conference All-Stars:

- Girls Tennis:** Avery Arena—1st Team Doubles, SMAA Champions; Delaney Burns—1st Team Doubles, SMAA Champions; Jocelyn Bolt—1st Team Singles; Whitney King—2nd Team Singles
Boys Tennis: Ryan Firmin—2nd Team Doubles; Dylan Weeks—2nd Team Doubles
Baseball: Ben Nelson—1st Team, Infield; Logan Drouin—1st Team, Pitcher, Edson Hadlock Award (SMAA Most Valuable Pitcher), 2nd Team, Outfield; David Drew—1st Team, Outfield; Kyle King—1st Team, Infield, All-Defensive Team, 3rd Base; Jason Komulianen—2nd Team, Catcher, All-Defensive team, Catcher; Nolan Brown—2nd Team, Outfield; Brogan McDonald—Honorable Mention
Softball: Grace McGouldrick—1st Team; Carli Labreque—Honorable Mention; Shayla Harris—Honorable Mention
Boys Lacrosse: Alex York—1st Team, Attack; Mat Anderson—1st Team, Defense; Carter Landry—1st Team, Goalie,

- SMAA Player of the Year; Cameron Wright—1st Team, Midfield; Ryan Hamblen—Honorable Mention
Girls Lacrosse: Athena Pappalardo—1st Team; Bridget Rossignol—2nd Team; Celia Begonia—Honorable Mention; Faith Dillon—All-Rookie Team
Boys Track: Carlos Monson, 1600 Racewalk
Girls Track: Hayley Bickford, 1600 Racewalk (SMAA Champion); Evelyn Kitchen, Javelin (SMAA Champion); Iris Kitchen, 3200 Meter Run; Anna Slager, 1600 Meter Run
Gorham Senior Athletic Awards:
Smith Award: Delaney Burns; Raymond J. St. Cyr
Outstanding Athlete Award: Emily Esposito; Jackson Fotter
Distinguished Athlete Award: Kaylea Lundin; Ethan Orach

Gorham Spring RAM Awards:

- Baseball:** Most Valuable Pitcher—Logan Drouin; Most Valuable Player—Jason Komulainen; Leadership Award—RJ St. Cyr
Softball: Most Valuable Player—Grace McGouldrick; Comeback Award—Shayla Harris; Rookie of the Year—Kiana Tracey
Boys Lacrosse: Most Improved Player—Ben Nault; Coach’s Award—Alex York; Unsung Hero Award—Ryan Hamblen
Girls Lacrosse: Coach’s Award—Kayla Stickney; Heart & Hustle Award—Bridget Rossignol
Boys Tennis: Coach’s Award—Thomas Matthews; Doubles Award—Ryan Firmin; Doubles Award—Dylan Weeks
Girls Tennis: Most Valuable Player—Whitney King; Most Improved Player—Delaney Burns
Boys Track: Most Valuable Athlete—Ethan Orach; Coach’s Award—James Benson; Coach’s Award—Alex Ousback
Girls Track: Leadership Award—Erin Esty; Leadership Award—Sarah Lorello; Leadership Award—Emily Hayward

Boys’ Baseball Team Captures SMAA Championship Title



Photo credit Hal D’Amico

The Gorham Varsity Rams baseball team, family, and fans spent June 3 at the USM baseball field, where they played two games to claim the Southern Maine Activities Association Championship Title. The late-afternoon 3-0 win over South Portland entertained a relatively small Gorham fanbase competing with one of the first sunny and warm days of the spring. By the fifth inning, one sensed a quiet confidence in the stands, with a State Tournament to look forward to. Pictured above, the Rams took a moment at the mound in the sixth inning to settle down and suppress any stirrings of a brewing SoPo rally.

In the Zone: A Ram’s Spring Update

In the midst of postseason play, the following is a brief varsity update as of June 9:

Baseball: The Rams are rolling following a big 3-0 win over South Portland in the SMAA Championship game on Saturday, June 3 at USM. The team is the #3 seed in the State Tournament, and had hot bats in the third inning, bringing four across the plate in their 5-0 win over #11 Sanford in the quarterfinals on June 8. Logan Drouin (10-0) pitched a masterful four-hitter. Coach Chuck Nadeau’s team brought a 15-2 record into their June 10 semifinal game against #2 Cheverus. The Rams ended the season with a 5-1 loss.

Softball: The Lady Rams finished the regular season at 9-7, which earned the graduating class its first over-.500 season. Coach Renee Whipkey said, “One of the key victories for the Rams was a win over Windham, who at the time was 10-1.” On June 6, the #8 seed team roughed up #9 Marshwood 8-1 in the preliminaries. Freshman third baseman Kiana Tracey drove in five runs, including a fifth inning three-run homer. Their great season closed out on June 8 in a quarterfinal loss to Scarborough.

Girls Lacrosse: The Lady Rams, coached by Mary Guimond, brought a #5-seed into

their 8-7 squeaker over Biddeford in a quarter-final game on June 7. They were underdogs heading into the June 10 semifinals, when they faced off #1 Massabesic, losing 4-1.

Boys Lacrosse: On June 7, the #4-seed Rams brought stick and speed home as it stormed to a 17-4 win over #5 Biddeford. The team faced cross-town-line rival—and #1 seed—Scarborough on June 10. Despite an early 4-0 lead, the Rams fell to the Red Storm 6-5.

Boys Track: Coach Jason Tanguay replied to a request for a highlight with, “The highlight for the season for me was watching senior Ethan Orach achieve a long-time goal of breaking two minutes in the 800. He did this in the last race of his high school career!” (1:59.78, 4th place, State Meet, June 3.)

Girls Track: The 4 X 800 meter relay team (Sarah Johnson, Kate Tugman, Anna Slager, and Iris Kitchen) set a new school record (9:48.70) at the State Meet on June 3. Tennis: The girls’ doubles team of Delaney Burns and Avery Arena won the SMAA title.

Look for full coverage of the girls’ doubles team SMAA championship as well as spring sports recaps in an upcoming issue.

Are you a Gorham resident actively and regularly participating in action or less conventional endurance sports?

Do you skydive, parasail, surf, run ultra marathons, cyclocross, get on the starting line at orienteering races, etc ... and more?

Do you know a Gorham athlete or group you think fits this broad category? Contact Hal D’Amico, Sports Editor at gtsportseditor@gmail.com.





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OF INTEREST



The neighborhood residents of Tannery Brook Rd., Tranquil Dr., Aslans Way, Queen St., and Libby Ave. (west of Route 202) recently gathered for an afternoon cookout in Tannery Brook Circle. Ken Overlock of Queen St., who first moved to Gorham 1961, was the longest residing neighborhood resident to attend the picnic. In all, over 70 people attended to event, which will now be an annual occurrence.

Comedian and GHS grad, Ian Stuart, will be performing at Bissell Brothers Brewing Company on June 23. 100% of ticket and bar sales will go to support Camp Sunshine. \$10 tickets are available at Bissell Brothers website.

Home Instead Senior Care, 502 Main St., will hold an Alzheimer’s Festival on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children’s activities, games, bake sale, food, and raffle baskets. Free and open to the public. FMI, 839-0441.

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Gorham High School Class of 1977 will hold their 40th class reunion on August 26 at 4 p.m. at Ocean Gardens Restaurant, 390 Main St. \$25 pp. To RSVP or FMI, Holly Merriman Pride, hpride58@yahoo.com or Kim Bickford Goodrich, Kimberlyagoodrich@gmail.com.

Gorham High School Classes of 1970 through 1976 will hold a class reunion on August 5 starting at 6 p.m. at Fireside Inn, 81 Riverside St., Portland. \$55 pp. FMI, Donna Aikins, djayne1954@gmail.com; Cathy Fraser Feeney, cfeeney1@maine.rr.com; or Paul McConnell, flattop36@roadrunner.com.

A Rosary Rally event will be held on the lawn of St. Anne Parish on July 16 at 1 p.m. In attendance will be John Horvat II, an international speaker, scholar, and the author of “Return to Order: From a Frenzied Economy to an Organic Christian Society—Where We’ve Been, How We Got Here and Where We Need to Go.” FMI, 615-0575.

We Love Gorham Day is being held on Saturday, June 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be various service projects around the town, including new special-needs accessible playground equipment at all three elementary schools. Online registration is closed, but you may still register to volunteer at Village School at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, visit www.welovegorham.com.

Janet Hodgdon was the 2017 recipient of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) Founders Medal of Honor for her service to HFMA and to the healthcare finance profession. Hodgdon, CPA, CPC, CRC, is director of healthcare development at Baker Newman Noyes



The Gorham Fire Department will host a Benefit Photo Exhibit featuring the works of Sandra Berry on June 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Gorham Art Alliance, 34 School St. Photographs will be available for purchase.

The Gorham Fire Department will host a “Berry’s Benefit Bash” dance on June 24 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School St. \$15 tickets are available at the Fire Department or on the night of the dance. All proceeds will go to Sandra Berry, the Department’s long-time administrative assistant currently battling cancer.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment during June, July and August. The museum has artifacts from Gorham residents and pieces from the Baxter family. Admission is free but donations are welcome. FMI, 839-3878.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne’s Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

CLOSE TO HOME

Fifth Annual Rick’s Ride Poker Run will take place on June 24 at the North Windham Veteran’s Center behind the Windham Mall. Registration starts at 9 a.m., the run starts at 10:30 a.m. \$25/per vehicle and driver (\$20 if preregistered), \$5 per passenger. Proceeds support the Rick Duncanson Memorial Scholarship Fund. FMI, rickduncansonmemorialscholarship.org.

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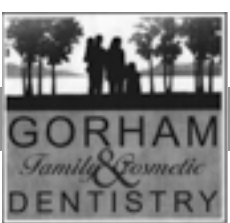
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Officer stopped a vehicle on Sebago Lake Road for erratic operation. Driver was not impaired. She was trying to open a CD and had a dog on her lap.

A suspicious person on Ossipee Trail turned out to be a person needing to answer a call who had pulled over. Subject was advised that it was not a safe place to pull over and was encouraged to go someplace else. He stated he was finished and left.

Libby Ave subject called in a suspicious person in a driveway. It was confirmed they were doing survey work.

Pine St. man was asked turn down loud music in his backyard.

Caller reported two horses running down New Portland Road. Owner was able to get them back in the stable.

Main St. caller asked for a wellness check on a female who had been drinking. She admitted to drinking but did not appear to be in any danger.

Officer issued a trespass notice to a man no longer welcome at a Main St. residence.

Suspicious woman at the Park & Ride was waiting for her daughter so she could pick up her grandchild.



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FRIDAY, JUN. 16

- Last Day of School

SATURDAY, JUN. 17

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- We Love Gorham Day, 8 am.-6 p.m., various locations throughout Gorham. FMI, www.welovegorham.com.

TUESDAY, JUN. 20

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 21

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne’s Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Spring into Summer event, Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 2-6 p.m. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with Mad Science of Maine and Touch the Truck featuring trucks from Gorham Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. Free hot dogs, snow cones, dancing, and more. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, JUN. 22

- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Benefit Photo Exhibit featuring the works of Sandra Berry, 4-8 p.m., Gorham Art Alliance, 34 School St.

SATURDAY, JUN. 24

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Alzheimer’s Festival, Home Instead Senior Care, 502 Main St., 8 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI, 839-0441.
- Berry’s Benefit Bash dance, 7 p.m. to midnight, Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School St. \$15. Proceeds to go to Sandra Berry, the Department’s long-time administrative assistant currently battling cancer.

MONDAY, JUN. 26

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.
- ST-ART (18 months-3 years old), a 30-minute class to introduce your toddler to various art mediums. 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, JUN. 27

- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, FMI, 929-9182.
- Puppy Story Time (all ages), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 28

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne’s Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, JUN. 29

- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- Art in the Park: Paint outside on the lawn, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, JUN. 30

- Blow off some STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) at the STEAM Station, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

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notice the bug activity around your blossoming plants. An unmowed area will also encourage wild flowers and grasses to bloom for all the pollinators that are so necessary for our ecology. The seeds from spent flower heads will often call special birds to your yard. Find something to cut and bring in for a living arrangement on your table. I am sure you will find much to photograph to keep as a winter reminder of the summer past.



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Best Wishes to Gorham Adult Education Graduates

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Gorham Adult Education

Gorham Adult Education would like to congratulate its 2017 high school graduates: Katie Bernier, Carrie Hansen, Eleanore Kusturin, Samantha Page, Nicole Sawyer (pictured), and Tim Hubner.

This was an unusual year for Gorham Adult Education as it saw its first graduate last July and the remaining graduates completed their programs at various times throughout the year. By the time graduation season arrived, all had moved on to jobs and college and opted not to have a ceremony this year.

Gorham Adult Education wishes them success in all their future endeavors.



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Nicole Sawyer was one of six Gorham Adult Education graduates this year.



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Man Cake - Pancake stuffed with Bacon or Sausage with Two Eggs, any style

Sausage, Biscuit and Gravy - Two Eggs, any style, and Home Fries

Dinner items include the following:

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