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Ephrem Paraschak Selected as New Town Manager

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The Gorham Town Council is pleased to announce the selection of Ephrem Paraschak as its next Town Manager. Ephrem was previously employed by the Town of Gorham as a Compliance Coordinator from 2007 to 2008. He has a Masters of

Public Policy in Public Finance and Management from the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. Ephrem has nine years of Town Manager experience with the last three as Town Manager of Naples.

The selection process was very competitive and the Council was pleased with the number of qualified candidates that were interviewed.

Ephrem was selected from a field of 29 applicants in a national search which began in March with the assistance of Eaton Peabody Consulting Group.

The Council and Mr. Paraschak have reached a tentative agreement on a contract with a starting salary of \$110,000. The Council will vote on the selection of its Town Manager

and approval of a contract at its next regular meeting scheduled for July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Ephrem's starting date is September 1, after the departure of David Cole, who is retiring after 23 years as Town Manager of Gorham.



Photo courtesy of Ephrem Paraschak

Gorham Native to Run Chappies' Farm



Photo credit Patrick O'Shea

Emily Beagle stands in front of the farmland that she has been hired to manage.

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

Emily Beagle, a 2004 graduate of Gorham High School, has been hired to run a farm that is being developed on New Portland Road. Growing up in White Rock, Beagle is the daughter of Linda and Alan Beagle. She brings with her a vast amount of experience that will be helpful in developing a new farm.

When Beagle decided to become a farmer, she served an eight-month internship, learning everything about farming from seed to harvest.

After that she, her sister Elizabeth, and two friends won a large grant that allowed them to farm six acres in Oahu, Hawaii. There they raised a variety of vegetables and fruit trees. In addition to being a farmer, Beagle and her sister ran a bakery in California.

Shawn and Christina Moody, who purchased the property, remember growing up in Gorham when Hawkes Farm, Wagner Farm, and Chapman Farm were active producing food for the community. Moody said that by selling vegetables and

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Grads Foster Aspirations for Youth



Photo credit Neile Nelson

On Friday, June 9, Gorham High School seniors were given a special surprise. They were boarded onto buses taking them to each of the elementary schools and the middle school wearing their graduation caps and gowns in what is being called a "senior walk." The seniors were greeted by students and former teachers in kindergarten through eighth grade who were standing in the halls, clapping, holding congratulatory signs, and offering high fives and, in some cases, hugs. The elementary and middle school students were wearing t-shirts purchased through a MELMAC grant. The purpose of the t-shirts, which had each student's year of graduation on the back (i.e. kindergarteners had "Class of 2029") and the phrase "Pursuing our Future Story," was to build district-wide unity and to foster conversations about aspirations. GHS is hoping to establish this as an annual tradition for seniors. Pictured is senior Anne Kelly.

Sports Highlight: A Winning Duo



Photo credit Hal D'Amico

Entering the tournament as the top seed, recent GHS grads Delaney Burns and Avery Arena won the SMAA Doubles Championship on May 24. This was the highest achievement possible as the full Rams squad did not qualify for the Maine Principal Association's (MPA) state title final, and the MPA does not otherwise offer state doubles championship play. For full details on the double team's success, see page 11.

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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.

Putting Together the Highway Fund Budget

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Every two years, the Transportation Committee develops the Highway Fund budget. This budget is made up of state and federal sources, which are dedicated to road and bridge replacement and investments in our airports, seaports and rail lines. The Maine Constitution requires that highway funds are kept separate from the general fund and can only be used in this manner.

The Transportation Committee is unique in that it is the only other committee in the Maine Legislature aside from the Appropriations Committee that has jurisdiction over its own budget. It is widely known as the most bipartisan committee in the Legislature. In fact, members of the committee often refer to themselves as T’s and not R’s or D’s because our party doesn’t impact the work we do, but instead, our collective effort to improve transportation in Maine is what guides our work. My fellow committee members and I have spent many weeks together working the Highway Fund budget and ensuring resources are being used in the most efficient and effective manner.

This budget makes necessary investments in our roads and bridges that are crucial to our state economy. Included in this budget bill is funding for operations of the office of the Secretary of State, some public safety operations and Maine Department of Transportation funding, which comprises about 80 percent of the Highway Fund budget.

The Highway Fund budget includes \$1.3 billion in funding for Maine’s transportation infrastructure. While this sounds like a significant amount of money, this number is spread out over two years and goes to fund the Department of Transportation’s Maintenance and Operations, Highway and Bridge Capital, Multimodal Account and Local Road Assistance Programs. This funding builds our bridges, paves and plows our roads, provides businesses with critical rail links and helps fund our ports so that Maine can continue and expand its trade relations with foreign countries. Without a good transportation infrastructure, we don’t have a strong economy. People can’t move safely from place to place and businesses can’t get their goods to and from markets safely and efficiently.

While the DOT has proven to make each dollar stretch further than before, we still find ourselves with fewer dollars to invest in our roads and bridges each two-year cycle. About two-thirds of the Highway Fund revenue comes from fuel taxes. With newer vehicles having greater fuel efficiency, the revenue collected from the tax continues to drop. This is great news for our environment but leaves the state with less funding for infrastructure projects. This year, I submitted several pieces of legislation aimed at addressing the funding shortfall. Our committee was able to reach unanimous agreement on pieces of them and they were included in the

Highway Fund budget. While it was not the \$60 million dollars we need to fully fund our infrastructure repairs, we were able to put several million more dollars into the budget to begin the process of addressing the shortfall.

Another bill I put forward this session aims to find solutions to the funding gap we find ourselves with by establishing a commission to study transportation funding reform. This commission would assess the potential for an alternative to the gas tax system currently in place.

The Highway Fund budget represents all that is good about our state – the investments we make in people, places and businesses. Maine people know that our transportation system is critical to our economic success. They also know that it costs us money, but most people believe in the importance of these investments.

This is not an issue for one side or another on the political spectrum. It doesn’t matter if we come from Kittery or Madawaska. We don’t drive on Democratic roads or Republican roads, we drive on Maine roads. Maintaining our transportation infrastructure is too important to let partisanship get in the way.



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Around Town

David Cole recently issued a 20-year service pin to Scott Anastasoff of Public Works and a 10-year service pin to Eric Knight, the Fire Department Mechanic who splits his time between the towns of Gorham and Windham.

The Gorham Police Department graduated 14 new participants from its 10-week Citizens’ Police Academy program on June 20.

On June 27, the Town Council heard options for possible upgrades to alleviate overcrowding at Gorham High School. Funding a project would potentially fall on Gorham taxpayers as state money will likely be unavailable. The 58-year-old high school opened in the fall of 1959 and was renovated in 1994. Originally designed for 750 students, a study done by Oak Point Associates of Biddeford cited a projected high school enrollment of 955 students by the 2026-27 school year.

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CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Steve Girard is the owner and operator of a unique company called Xtreme Aerial View that uses small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS), or drones, to provide aerial footage for a variety of clients.

Although he is based in Gorham, Girard does work all over New England. About 85% of his customers are in the real estate industry, but he is also hired by hotels, golf courses, car dealerships, amusement parks, and campgrounds. He is often contacted to provide unique views of weddings as well.

He offers reasonable prices for individuals who might want a video or a still aerial photograph of their private property, too. In the future, Girard would like to expand the business into new areas such as inspections of road and bridges. "Unmanned aircraft equipped with infrared cameras can also be invaluable in search and rescue operations," he added.

From an early age, Girard was obsessed with flight and in his spare time, he enjoyed flying a remote control helicopter. One day, he and a friend decided to strap a phone to the helicopter. That experiment failed, but it sparked the idea for his business. He bought his first drone and camera for \$1000 online and began to reach out to a few realtors. In 2015, after an article

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Gorham Represents in Production of "Peter Pan"



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

Gorham residents involved in the Peter Pan production at Schoolhouse Arts include (Top row, left to right) Melissa Spicer, Taylor Price, Annikka Mocchiola, Kaylin Brown, Meghan Reidy, Cynthia Smith, Janet Littlefield, and John Littlefield. (Bottom row, left to right) Alex Tukey, Olivia Price, Molly Lemont, Ashley McBreairty, and Jeff McNally.

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Four thrilled Gorham kids will be flying on the set of "Peter Pan" and eleven more actors from Gorham will be in the cast when the musical opens at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish on July 13.

Based on the J.M. Barrie story of the boy who never grows old, this production will feature Peter and the Darling children actually soaring over the stage. Flying By Foy, a flying training company from Las Vegas, will outfit the young actors with special harnesses and train them as they did Mary Martin in the original 1954 Broadway production.

Traditionally played by a young woman, the role of Peter will be shared by Kaylin Brown and her understudy Molly Lemont. Both girls, dressed in Pan's green leafy costume, were eager to begin training and looked forward to playing the mischievous, free-spirit. Ashley McBreairty, cast as Wendy, sees playing the oldest Darling child as expressing the innocent, magical time of childhood. Annikka Mocchiola plays grown-up Wendy's daughter, Jane, who like her mother before her, makes a flying visit to Neverland.

Alex Turkey, Taylor Price and Olivia Price play boys who, after falling out of their baby carriages, became the Lost Boys of Neverland.

They defend Peter against Captain Hook and his pirate band, some of whom are played by Janet Littlefield, John Littlefield and Cindy Smith, who also plays Mrs. Darling. Smee, a member of Hook's crew, is played by Jeff McNally.

Indian residents of Neverland include Gorham's Meghan Reidy and Melissa Spicer, who plays grown-up Wendy as well. The script calls for the Indians to "let loose" in a spirited dance, something Reidy enjoys about the part. Because the script is so dated, however, director Zachariah Sterns substituted "warriors" and "braves" for references to "redskins."

Sterns was praised unanimously by the Gorham cast members for making rehearsals "like a game." His youth and enthusiasm, they said, "make him a great director who treats us like family." Actors, some of whom like Cindy Smith have been with Schoolhouse Arts Center for many years, are finding this one of their most enjoyable productions.

Sterns is from Maine and studied at USM, but now lives in Connecticut. He has been performing as an actor and comedian since he was seven, and even played Peter Pan as a child.

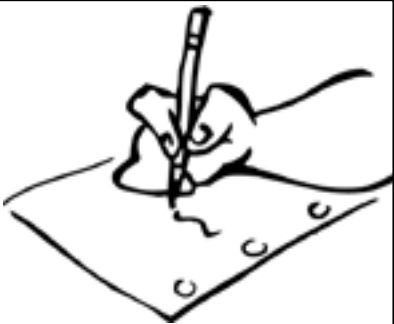
"Peter Pan" opens on July 13 and runs through July 30 at the Schoolhouse Arts Center on Route 114 in Standish. For more information about times and tickets, visit schoolhousearts.org.

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A Simple, Powerful Dementia Care Game

BILL JENKS

The Italian physician and educator, Dr. Maria Montessori, was one of the first in her field to understand the importance of one very simple fact: our brains learn by categorization. We understand, at a very early age, how to define our complex and complicated world by category. Our minds store the image of a puppy and the image of a truck in different places in the brain.

Dementia care pioneers Tom and Karen Brenner have used this knowledge to develop some powerful and simple word game exercises. While it may seem antithetical to give people living with dementia word games when many struggle with language, the Brenners have found that word

games can help in reaching and staying engaged with people who have dementia. These games emphasize thinking in and about categories.

The Brenners call the games “Category Sort.” For example, compile a list of things that belong in a purse (lipstick, wallet, brush, keys, etc.), and another list of things that belong in a tool box (pliers, hammer, chisel, screwdriver). Print these words on separate cards in a large font for ease of reading. For those who can no longer read, use pictures of these objects. The players then sort the cards into the appropriate categories.

The two categories – purse and tool box – are related: they are both containers. And they are different from each other in that they contain different

objects. Other examples of category sort could be: What clothes are worn in winter, what clothes are worn in summer? Things seen in a city, things seen in the country. What food tastes sour, what food tastes sweet? The possibilities are nearly endless.

The result can be long discussions about categories: does the cat belong in the house or the barn? Do the flowers belong in the garden or on the table? This kind of engagement is the goal. The games can be played by two people or by a large group. Children and grandchildren can play with their parents or grandparents. The object is to build a bridge to the person living with dementia.

These word games are scientifically proven to stimulate the brain, and they provide a positive way to reach and engage a person living with dementia. If you decide to try them, you might be surprised to find that those living with dementia can become enlivened and show capabilities in a way you thought was no longer possible. You may also experience a more joyful side of caregiving.



Bill Jenks owns Home Instead Senior Care, which provides non-medical home care for aging adults all over Cumberland County. He is also the board Chairman of the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Gorham Native to Run Chappies' Farm

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cut flowers, he sees Chappies' Farm acknowledging two former Gorham businesses, Hawkes Farmstead and Barrow's Greenhouses.

Beagle plans to create an inclusive environment at the farm and wants to collaborate with the community. The hope is to employ people who want to learn about farming, and perhaps serve as interns. She also envisions the farm as a place to volunteer or do community service projects. School groups will be welcome and workshops to engage children and the community will be developed.

Planting is underway and a farm stand will be constructed in the near future. There will be ample parking on site for customers and school buses. The Moodys and Beagle would like to see the 21 acre farm evolve over time. Because of Beagle's extensive background with farming and baking, perhaps there will be a baked goods or brown bag lunches available.

Being a farmer requires a strong work ethic and putting in long hours. These skills are valued by the Moodys and they hope Beagle's pride in her work will be a role model for others. Beagle would like community members to know they are welcome to drop in and see what is happening.

If you would like more information about the farm, contact Beagle at emilylbeagle@gmail.com.

GORHAM – John David Phinney, 74, of Gorham, passed away on June 14, 2017, at Maine Medical Center, surrounded by his wife and children.

John was the son of Raymond and Florence (Hatch) Phinney. A lifelong Gorham resident, he was born on July 21, 1942. He attended Gorham schools through his sophomore year of high school, transferring to Gould Academy as a junior. He probably shocked his Gorham High School teachers when he made high honors in the National Merit testing of his time. We know this because he kept copies of his National Merit honors certificate as well as his Gorham High School report cards. He graduated from Gould Academy in 1960, the University of New Hampshire in 1964, and served in the Army National Guard for six years.



He met his wife of 54 years, Rosamond Jude, of Ellsworth, Maine, in 1960, while she was a student at Gorham State Teachers College. He was so shy that he could barely speak to her for the next year. Fortunately for his children, he finally worked up the courage to ask her out, and they were married in 1963.

Much of John's life was devoted to running his family business, Phinney Lumber Company. He started working there as soon as he could walk (pretty much) and then barely spent any time away for the rest of his life. He began his workday by arriving at the retail store at the crack of dawn, and behind the scenes he managed timberland throughout southern Maine. He owned many woodlots in Cumberland and York counties, from which timber was harvested, sawn, and then sold in many forms.

Outside of work, he was a longtime and integral member of the Gorham Savings Bank board of directors, and he helped guide the bank as it grew from a single branch in Gorham into what it is today.

John was proud to be descended from Captain John Phinney, the first settler in the town of Gorham. His family roots and the town of Gorham were very important to him. He did a great deal of genealogical research, and he collected anything related to the history of Gorham. He donated the Gazebo to the town at its 250th celebration, funded the restoration the town clock at the First Parish Congregational Church, and served on the Gorham planning board.

He truly loved spending time in the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, walking his woodlots, caring for his large gardens, or just putting around his barn. He and Rose had a camp in Beaver Cove at Moosehead Lake, where they spent as much time as possible throughout the warmer months. Some of his favorite adventures were the hunting and fishing trips he took with lifelong friends, Nick Miller, Jim Miller, and John Marsh, and brother-in-law, Dick Jude.

Over the years he survived deep cuts from axes that went slightly awry, and a chainsaw that kicked back into his forehead (again, fortunately for his children), but finally succumbed to complications from a rare form of cancer called chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML).

Dad was a quiet observer, a fact-gatherer, a studier, a planner, a meticulous organizer, and an amazing proofreader (I hope there aren't too many grammatical mistakes in here, Dad). He was smart, but more importantly, he was wise. He hated the limelight, but he deeply loved his family, longtime friends, hunting, fishing, a cigar and a good single malt scotch, Beaver Cove, the town of Gorham, and the woods of Maine.

He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Florence Phinney, and a sister-in-law, Elaine (Jude) Hanson.

He is survived by his wife Rosamond Phinney; four children: Michael Phinney, Shannon Phinney Dowdle (Bob), Dana Phinney (Becky), and Scot Phinney (Sarah), all of Gorham; grandchildren: John, Sam, Matthew, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Isabel Phinney, and Coleman, Caroline and Robert Dowdle; sisters: Jenifer McCullough (David) and Sheila Phinney-Levine, both of Gorham; brothers-in-law: Dick Jude (Mary) of Lamaine, and Michael Hanson (Carol) of Limington.

The family especially wishes to thank Daniel DeAngelo, MD, PhD, of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, for his insight throughout John's illness, and the staffs at Maine Medical Cancer Institute, Maine Medical Center and the Gorham House for their help during the past few months.

Please visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com to sign John's online guestbook and to view his tribute page. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: The Reed Allen Foundation, 2 State Street, Gorham, ME 04038. The Reed Allen Foundation is a charity established in 2013 to help Gorham area people in times of crisis.

Remembering John Phinney

In the 1950s as young kids we spent summer evenings playing baseball in the neighborhood. We would recruit kids of all ages from up and down Flagg Meadow Road. John was often one of the first ones to call batter up at the nightly summer baseball games usually held either in the Treworgy or Phinney fields on Flagg Meadow. We would play until it was too dark to see the ball or until someone got mad because they were losing.

Linda Faatz

John's history with Gorham Savings dates back to 1975 when he became a Corporator, and then a Director from 1989–2014. During this period, the bank experienced significant growth under the Board's oversight. John truly understood the mission of the bank as an economic engine in supporting the financial needs of families and businesses, and in the end strengthening our community. His knowledge of Gorham and his experience in running a successful business provided strong leadership and stability to our bank. He cared deeply about our customers as well as the employees; a man of great integrity that would always do the right thing. He will be sorely missed by his Gorham Savings family.

Chris Emmons

On June 14, I lost not only my brother, but my Phinney Lumber "boss" of thirty years, and also my friend. Everyone referred to John as a

very quiet man, but he came by that naturally. John and Dad, Raymond Phinney, were both very quiet men. I attributed that to the fact that they lived in a house surrounded by three women: my Mom, Florence Phinney, and then John was sandwiched between two sisters, Jenifer and myself. So neither Dad nor John could ever get a word in edgewise.

Our younger days were spent outside. Summers included biking all around town or organizing neighborhood baseball games and participating in the annual fishing derbies at Alden's Pond. In the winter, we learned to ski on Gorham's first rope tow in the 1950s, took our quarters to a Saturday afternoon movie at the Gorham movie theater, and skated on Alden's Pond.

When I started my freshman year at college in Mass., John was a senior at UNH. I think he was concerned that coming from a small town like Gorham his little sister might be swallowed up in the college atmosphere. So on my first week at school, the girls in the dorm said there was a real cute guy in the lobby. I raced downstairs and there was John asking me if I would like to go out for ice cream. He must have guessed that I was a little homesick. He would drive over from UNH once a week during the first semester to take me for ice cream. I enjoyed it as well as all the girls in the dorm who thought he was a real "bunk." John, you are loved, deeply missed and were a wonderful brother.

Sheila Phinney Levine

Summer Music Series

Gazebo concerts began on June 27 and will continue through August. All concerts run from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy the show.

Delta Knights ~ July 11

Don Campbell ~ July 18

Jay Bragg ~ July 25

Tricky Britches ~ August 1

Don Roy Trio ~ August 8

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in the Press Herald and a segment on Channel 6 news, his business took off. He quit his job at U.S. Cellular's Gorham store and began working for himself full time.

Girard has graduated to a larger aircraft and camera that cost \$4700. He has also invested in high-end computer equipment and top of the line digital editing software to make his product the best it can be. He works hard to please each customer in a timely fashion.

Girard is FAA licensed and he prides himself on his professionalism. "Unmanned aircraft can be a little controversial, new things often are," said Girard, "but I want everyone to know that I always respect people's privacy and I always follow FAA rules." His advice for prospective clients is for them to research who they are hiring for aerial work, to make sure that company is insured, licensed and that they have the experience to do it safely.

Girard enjoys being his own boss and the flexibility that gives him. While he often works long hours flying, shooting and then editing the aerial footage, he is doing something he absolutely loves. Girard has an artistic eye that makes his work visually beautiful and appealing. He also enjoys working with people to

capture just the right shots to showcase a beautiful property or a romantic wedding. "I get to see some beautiful places, often during a stunning sunrise or sunset that take can take your breath away," he said.

Girard's personal life story is as unique as his business. He is multi-lingual, having been born and raised in a small farming town, Cornol, Switzerland, near the French border. It is home to a medieval castle that is listed as a Swiss heritage site of national significance. While growing up, he spent several summers visiting his Dad's cousin who lived in Portland. Girard fell in love with the area and decided to move here in 2005. He became a U.S. citizen in 2012, and then sponsored his mother who has now been in Gorham for four years and lives near Girard and his 10 year old daughter. Girard loves the rural nature of Gorham and enjoys spending time boating on nearby lakes and the ocean.

To see some of Girard's gorgeous photography and to learn more about his work, visit his website at www.xtremeaerialview.com. Check out the Gorham Times Facebook page or visit our website to see Girard's aerial photo of Gorham.

AT YOUR LIBRARY

Summer SurPRIZES at Baxter Memorial Library

JULIA HOISINGTON
Public Services Librarian

Big things are happening this summer at Baxter Memorial Library. Did you know that the library has recently acquired a freshwater fish tank? Easy Aquariums of Gorham is slowly populating it with an array of fish including cardinal tetras, neon tetras, angelfish, and corydoras catfish.

They have also generously donated supplies and expertise designing us an Amazonian themed tank with live plants. Later this summer Larissa and Jason from Easy Aquariums will perform a special fishy story time and help us with a fish craft.

With this year's Summer Reading Program, Build a Better World, we focus on STEAM, an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

The youth reading program is an eight-week whirlwind of activities, reading, and prizes. Visit the library to pick up a game sheet to record your reading. The goal is to complete sixteen hours by Labor Day.

What counts for 'reading' time? Listen to audio books, read cereal boxes and/or graphic novels, read stories together, and do any other

activities involving the written word. Most of all have fun with your reading.

For every four hours of reading we reward you with prizes including bookmarks, free Subway kid's meals, book of your choice from our prize cart, and lastly a small pizza from Dominos. Who doesn't like pizza?! Thank you to Gorham Subway and Gorham Dominos for donating these awesome prizes to support our Summer Reading Program.

Parents and children 2 years old & younger can also participate with our Wee Readers program that incorporates early literacy activities to do with your child.

Adults, we didn't forget about you. Stop by the library to pick up reading suggestions for all areas of STEAM, both fiction and nonfiction. Read a book from each category and submit your summer reading bookmark to enter our raffle for gift cards to local businesses. All participants will be eligible to receive a free book from our prize cart.

Check out our event calendar at www.baxterlibrary.org or call 222-1190 for up to date information on our programs throughout the summer. Exciting activities will include puppy story time, art in the park, toddler art, a readers' theater, shark day, adult crafts, author visits, and more.

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Gorham PD Adds Further Charges Against Gorham Man

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

It is a federal crime to possess child pornography. When Christopher Shepard's ex-wife reported that he had assaulted her daughter (his stepdaughter) and posted photos online, the Gorham Police Department (GPD) notified Homeland Security.

Search warrants were obtained for Shepard's computer and cell phone. Both contained photos of a number of underage girls as well as pictures of girls whose ages could not be determined. GPD presented their information to Homeland Security who did a further investigation and charged Shepard with production of child pornography. He faces a mandatory

minimum sentence of 20 years for each charge and is being held without bail in a federal facility in New Hampshire.

GPD conducted its own investigation of the sexual abuse charges related to Shepard's stepdaughter and charged him with three counts of gross sexual assault of a child, a Class A felony punishable by up to 20 years per charge. GPD expects that the charges they have filed will also be prosecuted, and if convicted, Shepard will have additional jail time added to the sentence he receives from the federal charges.

Shepard had been living on Rust Road for the past year but had not been reported to GPD as a sexual offender as past allegations of sexual abuse made to DHHS did not lead to any charges against him.

Online Burn Permits Under Scrutiny

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Residents seeking a burn permit in Gorham currently have two options. They can go to the Fire Department and get a permit, or they can order one online through burningpermit.com, a service started ten years ago by Matthew Scott, a 25 year veteran of the Gorham Fire Dept. Both options are free.

Gorham was the first community in Maine to issue online permits and has a letter from the previous Commissioner authorizing them. The Maine Forest Service (MFS) recently notified communities in Maine that these online burn permits are invalid and advised that they are the only ones who can issue them. There

would be a cost of \$7 per permit. MFS argues that only permits issued by the Director of the Maine Fire Service are valid and that private companies are not authorized to issue and enforce burn permits.

MFS states that any resident burning without a valid permit issued by MFS is committing a Class E crime and has told communities to discontinue issuing online permits. An emergency legislative bill to permit local communities to continue issuing burn permits is awaiting the Governor's signature. He has ten days to decide whether or not to sign it. If he does, it will take effect immediately. Given the strong support for the bill, if the Governor vetoes it, it is likely that the Legislature will overturn his veto.

Arrests: February 2017

The Gorham PD made the following arrests in February 2017:

Mosher Road man, 50, was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening, and obstructing report of a crime.

Whipple Road man, 29, was arrested as a fugitive from justice.

Portland woman, 20, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Maple Ridge Road man, 18, was arrested for criminal trespass.

So. Portland man, 21, was arrested for operating with a suspended license (OUI) and OUI.

George St. man, 50, was arrested for aggravated assault and domestic violence assault (priors).

Connecticut man, 24, was arrested for criminal mischief.

Fort Hill Road man, 43, was arrested for failure to appear.

Mosher Road man, 23, was arrested for failure to appear and failure to pay a fine.

Denmark woman, 39, was arrested for OUI.

Gray Road woman, 33, was arrested for three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and speeding 30-35 mph over the limit.

Glenwood Ave. man, 49, was arrested for two counts of judgment and commitment and two counts of probation revocation.

Scarborough woman, 29, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Portland man, 35, was arrested for OUI.

Waterboro man, 28, was arrested for OUI.

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.

JUNE 14, 2017

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

The June 14 School Committee meeting began by welcoming some fourth and fifth grade Ambassador students from Great Falls Elementary School. The students had successfully completed a community service project by buying and planting a tree. When Abby Chamberlin saw trees "being pulled out of the ground" she had enlisted other students to help her raise money for the project. They made and sold bracelets for one dollar, raising \$200.05 for the new tree they planted on the school grounds.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that there was to date no proposed state budget. She said that if no budget had been approved by the end of the legislative session, the Gorham School District had sufficient funds to meet obligations for several months.

She also announced that the district was able to purchase 60 used mini-iPads from another district which will not replace machines, but add to the program for special education students. She congratulated GHS principal Brian Jandreau on an impressive graduation and the successful Project Graduation event that gave graduates a safe place to celebrate.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Record gave a brief report on the fifth grade foreign language pilot project. Students attended classes one day a week with a Confucius Institute instructor. Although they learned about another culture and got a taste of the language, he said this was a short-term project and not a long-term solution to expanding the district language program. SC member Sara Nelson commented on the possibility of

engaging teachers from another country through exchanges.

Perry reviewed her annual State of the Schools Report, emphasizing what she believes to be the strengths of the district and the challenges it faces. She highlighted student achievement, the dedicated, effective staff, and parental and community support. Challenges included enrollment increases, facilities improvement, configuring the K-5 schools, increasing meaningful hands-on experiences for students, the expanding special education program, and finding ways to give students more "real world" experiences.

Chairs of standing committees and Ad hoc committees reported progress. The GHS Facilities Committee is meeting with the Town Council June 27 to review options suggested by the feasibility study. The School Day Committee reviewed a survey of sleep habits that showed 80 percent of students do not get the recommended 8.5 to 10 hours of sleep. They will be surveying parents and staff for their input.

The SC voted unanimously (6-0) to changes in the Immunization Policy to conform to State requirements. They approved appointment of nine elementary teachers and a K-5 counselor, and authorized 5 percent budget transfers between cost centers if needed. They also voted unanimously to authorize a memorandum of understanding with Westbrook for a vocational program at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC).

A proposal to make an exception to the Nepotism Policy was defeated (3-3, Libby, Phillips, Burns). Members who voted no said their concern was not with the people involved, but with setting a precedent in a case where other options were available.

GHS Senior Awarded College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Recent GHS graduate Samuel Roussel was awarded the National Merit Bowdoin College Scholarship for possible career field in mathematics.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced more than 3,200 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

This year, 182 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Sponsor colleges and universities include 103 private and 79 public institutions located in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

Esther R. Eaton, a homeschooled student, also received a National Merit Scholarship for Liberty University with probable career field in public relations. No further information was available at press time.



Samuel Roussel



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Alex Smith



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Cheverus

Gorham residents Erin Arey, Katelyn Gendron, Nina Greenwood, Abigail Longstaff, William Reidy, Alex Smith, and Katherine-Helene Sullivan graduated from Cheverus High School on June 5 at Merrill Auditorium.

Arey, daughter of Maureen and Sean Arey, was the recipient of the Elizabeth Gillis Ahearn & Leonard F. Ahern Memorial Fund Scholarship. She was selected to serve as the Baccalaureate Speaker. She will attend the University of Maine at Orono.

Gendron, daughter of Jessica Dascanio and William Gendron, was the winner of the 2017 Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarship (Silver Award) for excellence in Latin IV H and Theology, and the John J. Flaherty Prize in Classics. She graduated in the top 10 percent of her class, was the captain of the indoor and outdoor track teams, and her relay team qualified to compete in the national championship. She will attend Northeastern University.

Greenwood, daughter of Brian and Susan Greenwood, was the Class A diver of the year. She will attend Wheaton College.

Longstaff, daughter of Christopher and E. Hona Longstaff, was the recipient of the Adam Worth Sherlock Memorial Award and the Southern Maine Swim Officials Association Scholarship. She was captain of the swim team and is the school record holder in the 50 free and 100 fly, Southwestern champion in 100 backstroke, and was elected to the all-state team all four years and honored as the MVP for southwestern championship meet. She will attend American University.

Reidy, son of William Reidy and Gina Breggia-Reidy, will attend Roanoke College.

Smith, son of Ronald and Laura Smith, will attend Thomas College.

Sullivan, daughter of Michael and Anatoli Sullivan, won the Silver Award for academic excellence in Concert Band and Latin III. She was selected to perform the French horn in the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, selected for All National Honors Symphonic Orchestra, and was a recipient of The Catholic University of America Book Award. She will attend the University of Maine at Orono.

Photo credit Leah Haraden Photography (for Erin Arey)

Maine Connection Academy

Gorham resident Kaylee LaChance (photo not available) graduated from Maine Connections Academy (MCA), Maine’s first tuition-free virtual charter school for students in grades 7-12, on June 8 at an in-person commencement ceremony at the Augusta Civic Center to honor its third class of graduating seniors. LaChance was honored with the Early College for ME scholarship.



Photo courtesy of Tom Patterson

Mary Patterson retired from the resource program at Great Falls Elementary, having taught in the Gorham School District for the past 22 years.

Prior to teaching in Gorham, she was in special education for ten years in Falmouth and Cumberland, as well as West Hartford, Conn. Patterson has a B.S. undergraduate in Spec. Ed, Masters in Literacy, ESOL, and Early Childhood Certification.

The most rewarding part of her job has always been “teaching students to read and watching them grow to love it,” said Patterson. She will miss working with the students and her co-workers.

In retirement, Patterson plans to travel to New Zealand. She went there at the beginning of her career and taught a program, Reading Recovery, out of New Zealand for seven years. Now, she would like to return at the end of her career.



Photo courtesy of Anna Rudolph

Anna Rudolph retired after teaching in the Gorham School District for 32 years, most recently as a second grade teacher at Village Elementary.

During her tenure in Gorham, she worked for five different principals and five different superintendents. She has taught in all three elementary schools, teaching first, second, and third grades.

Rudolph took some time off when her children were small and did substitute teach a bit during that time at a variety of grade levels. She also shared a math Ed Tech position one year and job shared with another teacher for two years.

Waynflete School

Gorham residents Eleanor (Ellie) Chidsey and Elsie Parrot graduated from Waynflete School on June 9 at Merrill Auditorium. Chidsey, daughter of David Chidsey and Rachael Brown, will attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. Parrot, daughter of Steven Parrot and Nancy Martz, will attend the College of Charleston, South Carolina.

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She is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a double major in elementary and special education and received her master’s degree at the University of Maine in Orono.

“There are so many rewarding moments in teaching that it is difficult to describe just one,” said Rudolph. “Seeing children excited to learn something new and making connections through their reading to other subjects like science and social studies is very rewarding.”

She has also loved sharing field trip experiences with her students. They had the opportunity to share experiences learning about Gorham History as they visited historical sites all over town and they’ve been to the beach to study the tide pools and to the planetarium at Robie Gym. She will miss these special times. She will also miss some of the special class projects that she has done over the years.

“Mostly I will miss seeing so many sweet young faces each day and the wonderful friends I’ve made while teaching in Gorham. It has been a joy and privilege,” said Rudolph.

During retirement, she will look forward to babysitting her granddaughter and she will be planning another trip to Guatemala where she is a team leader for her church mission trip. This will be her fifth trip to the same village where she will be working with the school children and teacher in the community to improve literacy skills and will build on connections previously made with the women of the village.

She also hopes to volunteer at Village School, at her church food pantry, and at the Animal Refuge League. Her oldest daughter will be getting married in the coming year so she will be busy planning that. And finally, she hopes to have time for lots of walks with her Great Dane.

The Gorham Times would also like to acknowledge Barbara Keene who retired as an Ed Tech at the High School but was unable to be reached for comment.

Gorham Says Goodbye to Retiring Teachers

COMPILED BY ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

At the end of the 2016-17 school year, the following teachers said goodbye to the Gorham School Department after many years of employment. We wish them good luck in retirement.



Photo credit LifeTouch

Karen Carlson retired as a second grade teacher, having taught for the past six years at Village Elementary School.

She began teaching in Gorham in 1994 in a grades one and two, multi-age classroom at Narragansett School and continued teaching multi-age for a number of years and then transitioned into looping from first to second grade. After a bit, she settled into second grade permanently.

Carlson attended Gordon College in Wenham, Mass and finished her education at the University of Southern Maine.

“The most rewarding part of being a teacher has been building a classroom community with a wonderful group of boys and girls each year,” said Carlson. “I love discovering their gifts and talents, and working with them to share those gifts with others.”

She will miss the laughter and the hugs from the children, miss seeing students reach their goals as they learn to work hard and persevere, miss the visits from past year’s students as they make their way to their classrooms in the morning, and she will miss her wonderful colleagues who have become dear friends.

In retirement, she is looking forward to new adventures. She hopes that will include travel and visits with friends and family.

STUDENTS: What do you do on summer break?
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What’s Next for the Class of 2017 Graduates?

As listed on their graduation survey, Gorham High School’s Class of 2017 graduates indicated their future plans:

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen, St. Johns College, NYC
Mary Adams, University of Maine
Elsa Alexandrin, Goucher College
Jordan Allen, University of Maine
Matthew Anderson, Genesee Community College
Katherine Andrews, University of Southern Maine
Avery Arena, Yale University
Kelly Aube, University of New England
Sally Aube, University of Bridgeport
Georgia Barer, University of Maine
Brandon Baker, Gap Year
Jackson Banks, Working
Samuel Batchelder, University of Maine at Farmington
Trystan Bates, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Jake Bear, Jr. Hockey
Rachel Beaulieu, University of Vermont
Katherine Bennett, Southern Maine Community College
Hannah Benson, University of New Hampshire
James Benson, University of Maine
Sierra Bergeron, Southern Maine Community College
Amna Beshir, Traveling, Teaching and Tutoring in North Sudan
Noah Bird, Jr. Hockey, Cape Cod Islanders
Emily Blake, Gap Year
David Blattstein, University of Southern Maine
Nikolas Briggs, Army
Andrew Brown, Bryant University
Morgan Brown, University of Maine at Farmington
Raven Brown, University of Southern Maine
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Dean Carrier, Gettysburg College
John Carroll, Southern Maine Community College
Jaime Carter, Arizona State University
Nariah Cavarretta, Southern Maine Community College
Nikoles Charron, University of Maine at Farmington
Kathryn Christianson, Colby College
Benjamin Clark, Southern Maine Community College
Dennis Cloutier, Southern Maine Community College
Taelor Cole, Army
Seth Cook, University of Maine at Farmington
Sydney Coolong, Laselle, Montreal, Quebec
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Moir Corbett, Saint Joseph’s College

Cameron Coro, Southern Maine Community College
Timothy Cousins, Working
Jenna Cowan, University of New England
Callie Cullinan, Anna Maria College
Nathaniel Cupka, Working, Cedars Retirement Home
Kristen Curley, University of Southern Maine
Jordan Currier, Emmanuel College
Haylee Dahlborg, University of Southern Maine
Annmarie Dellasala, Going to Tanzania, then University of Maine
Brandon Desjardin, Bryant University
Noelle DiBiase, Southern Maine Community College
Sarah Dickey, Working
Hannah Distasio, Cosmotology
Nathan Dix, University of Maine
Kara Doane, University of Maine at Farmington
Alyssa Dolley, University of Maine at Farmington
Ethan Donnelly, Southern Maine Community College
Logan Drouin, Franklin Pierce University
Meredith Dvilinsky, Working
Drew Eid, Jr. Hockey
Kara Ellsmore, University of Southern Maine
Travis Emerson, Thomas College
Emily Esposito, Villanova University
Erin Esty, Mount Ida College
Jordan Falagario, Roger Williams University
Ryan Firmin, Wentworth Institute of Technology
Joseph Fisette, Gap Year
Abigail Flint, Endicott College
Alexander Fortin, Southern Maine Community College
Jackson Fotter, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Megan Fraley, Southern Maine Community College
Kortney French, University of Maine
Bennett Gasowski, Endicott College
Jordan Gaudreau, Washington County Community College
Brandon George, Working, Construction
Christopher Gillikin, Southern Maine Community College
Ronald Gillikin, Working, Cabela’s
Lucas Girona, University of Southern Maine
Sean Glasgow, University of Maine
Bligh Godin, University of Maine at Augusta
Christian Grass, Working, Apprentice at Portsmouth Shipyard
Dustin Gregoire, Southern Maine Community College
Mia Guimond, Undecided
Brooke Hall, University of Arizona
Grant Hamblen, Bentley University
Ryan Hamblen, University of Maine
Rhiannon Hatch, University of Southern Maine

Emily Hayward, University of Southern Maine
Sophia Hendrix, Saint Joseph’s College of Maine
William Hepler, Gap Year
Nickolas Hewes, Gap Year
Cameron Holmes, University of Southern Maine
Tyler Houston, Gap Year
Brandon Howard, Southern Maine Community College
Madeline Joyal-Myers, Gap Year
Ethan Joyce, Working, HVAC
Jamie Juskiewicz, Regis College
Anne Kelly, Gap Year
Abrianna Kennie, Gap Year
Allison King, Central Connecticut State University
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Diana Kolb, Stonehill College
Jason Komulainen, University of Southern Maine
Carli Labrecque, University of Rhode Island
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Maeve Pitman, University of New Hampshire
Lauren Poirier, Thomas College
Haley Poitras, Mount Ida College
Isaac Priest, Gap Year
Skylher Rawding, Southern Maine Community College
Kenneth Richard, Working
Tyler Richman, Roger Williams University
Brady Rioux, University of Maine
Benjamin Roberts, Undecided
Stella Rojecki, University of Maine
Noah Rollins, Southern Maine Community College
Samuel Roussel, Bowdoin College
Julia Roy, University of New England
Gabrielle Sandeno, Concordia University, Ann Arbor
Alexander Scholz-Lague, Studying Language and Culture Abroad
Caroline Smith, University of Maine
Emma Smith, University of Maine
Michael Smith, Central Maine Community College
Nathanael Smith, Working, O’Donal’s Nurseries
Molly Sposato, Elon University
Samuella Spurr, Simmons College
Raymond St. Cyr, Bentley University
Karen Stemm, Husson University
Cameron Stevens, Bentley University
Jacob Stevens, University of Maine
Dorothy Stickney, Becoming a Certified Make-up Artist
Kristen Stoddard, Southern Maine Community College
Alexandra Stresser, Suffolk University
Lakiesha Sullivan, University of Maine at Farmington
Connor Sweatt, University of Southern Maine
Benjamin Swift, University of Southern Maine
Erica Thibeault, Endicott College
Hallie Thomas, Endicott College
Amanda Thompson, Working
Justin Thompson, University of Southern Maine
Brittanie Tibbetts, Working
Lily Towle, Rivier University
Samuel Trautman, Columbia College, Chicago
Blake Wallace, University of Southern Maine
JennaMarie Webster, Saint Joseph’s College
Sebastian Webster, Working
Dylan Weeks, Maine Maritime Academy
Cody West, Working, Portland Yacht Services
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Rugby Rolled Out in Gorham

HAL D’AMICO
Sports Editor

The sport of rugby has officially come to Gorham. The Gorham Recreation Department, in partnership with Challenger Sports, the coaching and consulting company with an international presence in soccer and other sports, rolled out the Rookie Rugby program and kids ran and rolled in the grass for several Wednesday evenings in the spring. From August 21 through 25, there will be a weeklong camp with half and full day options for kids aged 7-14.

Ben Marshall, Gorham Rec’s Director of Programs, is working to provide the community with opportunities to learn about and participate in internationally popular, locally unconventional sports that are quickly growing in participants and fans throughout the United States. Futsol was introduced in the winter, with plans for an extensive program next winter, and ultimate frisbee also kicked off as a grassroots initiative supported by the department. Plans are in the works for a mini cricket program next spring.

The initial Rookie Rugby clinic had four boys and four girls participate, ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old. Marshall is confident that registration “could have been more but we created the program pretty late”

and then had to find an available coach. Marshall said, “It’s a growing game at college and I’m finding a lot of parents have played it and want their kids to learn about it.”

Rugby was founded in England in the 19th century. American football is derived from rugby. Examples of this are goalposts for kicking scores, the similar size and shape of the ball, and the line of “scrimmage” in football, where play begins, is from rugby’s “scrummage” commonly abbreviated to “scrum,” the method for interrupted play to start anew.

While there are modifications and variations, typically rugby is played in 15 v. 15-player or 7 v. 7- player formats, with layers of forwards and backs. Scoring is accomplished with “trys,” when a player grounds the ball in the end zone to put five points on the scoreboard, followed by a two-point conversion kick attempt through uprights, as well as three-point possibilities by drop goal kicks through the uprights during regular play or following a penalty.

Marshall explained, “Our Rookie Rugby programs are non-contact. Players practice and play a form of flag rugby. It is a fun, safe, team game that develops a range of ball handling, running and evasion skills.”

For more information on the summer rugby camp, contact Gorham Recreation Department: www.gorhamrec.com, 222-1630.

Arena/Burns Cap Court Careers with SMAA Doubles Title

HAL D’AMICO
Sports Editor

On May 24, the Gorham High School girls’ varsity doubles team of Avery Arena and Delaney Burns ruled the court and claimed the Southwestern Maine Activities Association title. Arena went into the match defending her 2016 top-spot trophy. The partners were the top-seed heading into the SMAA tournament, earning a first-round bye. They then played three same-day matches to earn a slot in the final. Their 6-2, 6-4 title win over the South Portland duo of Stanton/Henderson was sandwiched between the Rams’ successful regular season and the Maine Principal Association’s team postseason tournament.

Delaney, daughter of Robert and Tracy Burns, and Arena, daughter of Philip and Kim Arena, were quick to highlight the Lady Rams entire team, and its impressive season with Coach Nicole Bergeron at the helm. The team finished the regular season at 11-1, heating up along with the spring for a 10-win streak following a tough 3-2 loss in the April 28 opener against Thornton Academy. The squad was a #3 seed entering the playoffs, earning a bye in the preliminary round. They rolled to a 5-0 quarterfinal victory over Portland (#6 seed) on June 1, but dropped the semifinal against eventual state champ Falmouth (#2 seed).

Arena reflected on the Falmouth match, and said, “I would say we played the best we had all season at

the finals match. It felt like we had settled into the rhythm of playing together and it was my favorite match of the year.” Burns added, “I definitely agree with Avery in the sense that we played the best we ever had at the tournament. Going into finals I felt super energized. Falmouth was a tough match but I’m really proud of how we played together and put up a fight. Even though we lost to Falmouth I thought that we kept a really good spirit and good sportsmanship, just like we had at all the other matches.”

Coach Bergeron offered, “During the tournament, their enthusiasm and focus kicked up after each match and they were so much fun to watch. We’re all very proud of them.”

These seniors’ 2017 synergy certainly doesn’t come from a haphazard pairing. Avery said, “Delaney and I have been on the team together for several years, but this is our first year as doubles partners. We both played varsity doubles last year, so it was a natural fit to play together this year.” Burns complemented the thought with, “We had hit around together before. It felt really natural to play together, our communication was great.”

The near future for the two magna cum laude graduates? Arena will spend the summer working on various political projects and campaigns. She will be attending Yale University in the fall, where she plans to study political science. Burns will be working this summer, and is then headed to the University of Maine at Orono, where she will study graphic design.

Gorham’s Good-as-Gold Sightings

The Gorham Times is seeking readers’ stories exemplifying unusual displays of sportsmanship — occurrences where kindness, connection, and community spirit meet the fire of competition. Please submit your stories for consideration to Hal D’Amico: gtsportseditor@gmail.com

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Gorham Track Team Frontrunners for Coaches vs. Cancer



Photo courtesy of Jason Tanguay

The Gorham Track Team was recognized on June 1 for its contribution to the American Cancer Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer program. Brian Casalinova, Community Manager, Special Events of the New England Division of the American Cancer Society came to GHS to thank the team for a fundraising campaign that culminated at the Cumberland County Track Meet, held May 19. According to Casalinova, Rams Coach Jason Tanguay “was instrumental in setting up the effort,” with Gorham, Cheverus and several other participating schools raising over \$3,000 in a relatively brief push preceding the meet. Tanguay said, “Cancer touches everyone within a short reach,” and raised the possibility of introducing a similar effort during the cross-country season.

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COMMUNITY

BIRTHS

Lachlan Elizabeth McKinnon Tolman was welcomed on June 14 at Maine Medical Center by parents Kenneth and Alyssa Tolman, and big-brother James (age 1 year) newly of Gorham. Grandparents are Louise McKinnon of Windham, NH; Thomas and Valerie Maciejczyk of Melbourne, FL; and Mary Tolman of Marshfield, MA.



GRADUATIONS

Nicholas W. Matthews, Bachelor of Art, Magna Cum Laude, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

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Robert Campbell, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
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OF INTEREST

A class reunion for Gorham High School classes of 1970 through 1976 will be held on August 5 at the Fireside Inn, 81 Riverside St. Portland. Cocktail hour 6-7 pm, dinner 7 pm, DJ and dancing until 11 p.m. \$55 per person. FMI, Donna Aikins, djayne1954@gmail.com; Cathy Fraser Feeney, cfeeney1@maine.rr.com; or Paul McConnell, flattop36@roadrunner.com. Send checks to Judy Howe Porter, 8 Abington Rd., Danvers, MA 01923. Deadline for reservations is July 10.

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. \$40 pp. FMI, Holly Merriman Pride, hpri58@yahoo.com or Kim Bickford Goodrich, Kimberlygoodrich@gmail.com.

Each year University Credit Union (UCU) members and employees raise funds to help end hunger in Maine and support local food pantries. This year donations went to ten food pantries between Caribou and Portland, and the Gorham Food Pantry was one of these recipients. Local gardeners are encouraged to share their summer harvest with neighbors in need by dropping off fresh produce on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Pantry. Pictured are Tonya Pickering (UCU), Lesley Ridge (UCU), Heather Whitaker (Gorham Food Pantry) and Katie Gallant (UCU), presenting a check for \$875 to the Gorham Food Pantry.



Nature Play: Lynn Rutter M.A., director of Roots n Shoots Preschool, a nature-based childcare center in Portland, will lead children through a series of activities to simulate the building of a birds nest. Enjoy a story and activity focused on birds building nests, laying eggs, and chicks hatching on July 12 at 10 a.m. at the North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. This activity is appropriate for ages 2 through 6, and their caregivers. FMI, 892-2575.

Alex Fenderson, Husson University student intern at Gorham Community Access Television, recently won the Hometown media Award from the Alliance for Community Media. His video, one of hundreds of entries, was about vintage baseball.



Lakes Region Senior Center will hold their annual catered picnic on July 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. Spark's Ark will provide entertainment. Free for members; \$8 for non-members.

In celebration of American Flowers Week, O'Donals Nursery will assemble a grand floral swag beginning at 9 a.m. on July 1. The event is free and open to the public and will showcase locally grown flowers and plants.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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.

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Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

the blotter

JUST TRYING TO MAKE A BUCK

Officer spoke with a group of juveniles on Sebago Lake Road. They were going door to door looking for anyone to hire them to rake leaves.

Ledge Hill Caller requested a welfare check. It turned out to be a person from the water district doing meter readings.

Officer checked on a man standing at a street light on Gray Road for some time. He told officer he was fine and was talking on his phone.

Barstow Road caller reported a loose pony. Pony was back in the fenced area when officers arrived.

Officer checked on a disabled vehicle near the bypass. There were turkey decoys in the back seat and the vehicle was well off the road.

Officer assisted a caller from Mosher Road asking for advice about a protection from abuse order and landlord issues.

Officer spoke to subjects on Water St. about reported bad driving behavior.

Officer checked on pedestrian. Woman was walking to her sister's home.

Caller reported a disabled vehicle on the bypass. It turned out to be a woman who had pulled over to make phone calls.

Gateway Commons caller reported the ground was shaking. Shaking was being caused by blasting.

Truck on County Road lost a load of pallets. Officer was waiting until pallets were removed from the road.

A disturbance reported on Elm St. was a woman who was yelling at her dog which had been running around. Everything was calm when officer arrived.

Report of a disabled vehicle on the side of the road was actually a man using his cell phone.

Neighbors on Alden Road complained that man's music was too loud. He was very cooperative and turned it down.

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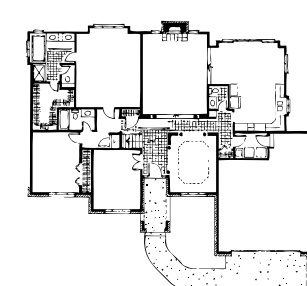
The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday

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.

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.

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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. Paint, brushes, supplies provided. This is a family activity. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, JUN. 30

- STEAM: Learn about circuits, measurements, microscopes, magnets, engineering, etc. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Lakes Region Senior Center Catered Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Little Falls Activy Center, 40 Acorn St. Free for members; \$8 non-members.

SATURDAY, JUL. 1

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- In celebration of American Flowers Week, O'Donals Nursery will assemble a grand floral swag beginning at 9 a.m. Free and open to the public and will showcase locally grown flowers and plants.

MONDAY, JUL. 3

- ST-ART: 30-minute class that introduces toddlers (18 months-3 years) to various art mediums. 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, JUL. 4

- Independence Day
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- 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.

THURSDAY, JUL. 6

- 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.
- Summer Journal: Make a journal from recycled materials to help you remember the summer fun of 2017. 10-11 a.m. Ages 8 and up. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, JUL. 7

- STEAM: Learn about circuits, measurements, microscopes, magnets, engineering, etc. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, JUL. 8

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, 10:15- 11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

MONDAY, JUL. 10

- ST-ART: 30-minute class that introduces toddlers (18 months-3 years) to various art mediums. 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, JUL. 11

- 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, 929-9182.

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 12

- Author Visit: Michelle Patch will read her children’s book “The Boston Terrier Who Thought He Was a Loon”. 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, JUL. 13

- 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.
- 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 Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet in the Gorham Fire Department training room, 270 Main St. at 7 p.m. All interested veterans are welcome.

FRIDAY, JUL. 14

- STEAM: Learn about circuits, measurements, microscopes, magnets, engineering, etc. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, JUL. 15

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Bean-Hole Bean Supper serving beans baked overnight in the ground, homemade pies and brown bread, hotdogs, coleslaw, potato salad. Serving from 4:30-6 p.m., UCC at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Rd.
- Nature Play with Lynn Rutter, MA (appropriate for ages 2-6), North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.

MONDAY, JUL. 17

- ST-ART: 30-minute class that introduces toddlers (18 months-3 years) to various art mediums. 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, JUL. 18

- 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, JUL. 19

- Fishy Story Time: Larissa and Jason from Easy Aquariums perform a special fish story time and help with a fish craft. 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, JUL. 20

- 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.
- Yoga with Gorham Yoga Co.: Join a child friendly yoga class. 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

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Gorham Sightings

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 15, 2017 edition is the entrance of the Gorham Trails path on Teran St - a short part that leads to the GHS baseball field.

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Starting Each Day with a Smile

Daniel Emery sitting in his rocker on the porch at Ridgewood at Village Square is a familiar sight to people traveling down School Street each morning. Known as the Gorham Greeter, Emery is a retired construction flagger and Vietnam veteran who grew up in Buxton. He enjoys waving to USM students, school buses, and anyone walking by. “It keeps me happy all the time,” he said. Emery’s daily greeting was brought to the attention of the paper by a Gorham Times reader who said, “During the morning commute this sweet man sits on the porch and waves to us as we go by. We wonder about his story and are grateful for his happy smile and wave each day!”

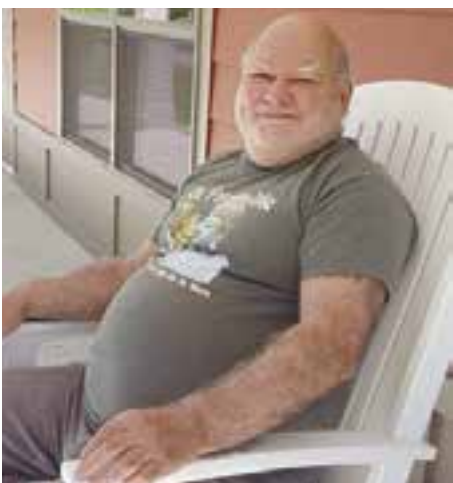


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Foodies Come Out for Annual Taste Walk



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Over 400 people attended the annual Taste Walk on June 4. While 11 businesses participated, MK Kitchen won the Golden Spoon Award with other local eateries very close behind. The funds raised will be used to send kids to Young Life Camp. Additionally, a \$500 donation will be made to the Gorham Food Pantry. The organizers would like to thank the restaurants for their donations of food, those that attended, and Suzi Phillips for spearheading the event. Pictured above, participants sample the food at School Street Pub.

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