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USM-Metro Deal to Expand Service

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METRO recently announced an agreement with USM to offer new expanded service for students and the public, including an Unlimited Access Transit Pass Program (U-Pass). The Transit West Project is expected to launch in August 2018 and includes public transit improvements in Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and South Portland.

According to METRO Board President John Thompson Jr., "this will be the most significant and exciting expansion of public transportation in the state of Maine since the Amtrak Downeaster launched in 2001."

USM President Glenn Cummings applauded the project, adding, "From USM's point of view, this is an absolute triple win," Cummings said. "This means better service, financial savings and environmental improvement. You can't get much better than that."

A new "Husky Line" bus route will be added offering a limited stop, higher speed transit service. The Husky Line will introduce transit service to the Town of Gorham, connect the USM Gorham-Portland campuses, and increase the level of transit service along the William Clark Drive/Main Street corridor in Westbrook and the Brighton Avenue corridor in Portland.

Additionally, the new USM U-Pass Program will provide an unlimited access transit pass program for the approximately 8,000 students enrolled at USM. The U-Pass program not only provides students access to the Husky Line and travel between the two campuses, but will allow on and off-campus students access to METRO's entire transit network for all trip purposes.

"As a community engaged university, USM is delighted that the Transit West project will not only provide substantial new benefits to our students, but also for people living in Gorham, Westbrook and other surrounding towns. This is a game changer for our university and for the entire region," added Cummings.

The Transit West Project is based on a partnership between METRO, the City of Westbrook, the Town of Gorham, the City of Portland, USM, the Maine Department of Transportation, and the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS). The major funding sources for the nearly \$4.5 million project include federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, USM U-Pass program revenue, new fare revenue from added ridership due

A Selfless Act Results in Repeat Win For Orach



Photo courtesy of Portland Press Herald

Jesse Orach, a 2012 graduate of GHS, finished first in the Maine Men's division of the Beach to Beacon race on August 5. This was the second year in a row Orach finished at the top of his division. His win came after a dramatic finish in which Windham resident Robert Gomez lifted Orach up and pushed him across the line after he battled dehydration and collapsed shy of the finish line. For complete Beach to Beacon results, see page 9.

Eyes to the Sky

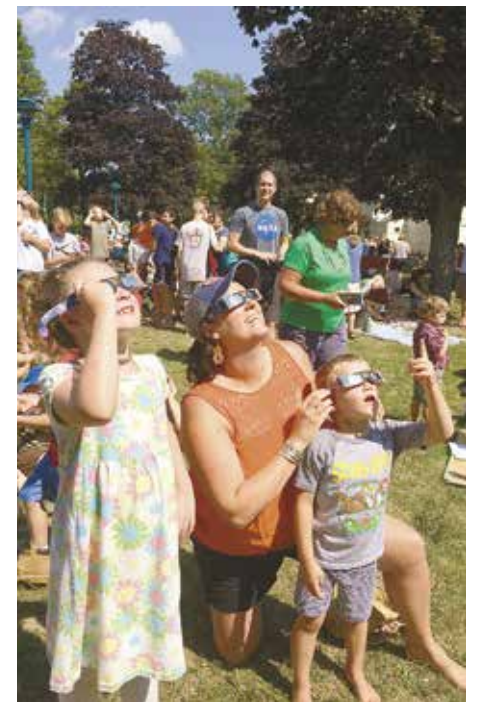


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Catherine Paul and her children Gretchen and Jude attended an eclipse viewing party at Baxter Library on August 21. The event included fun with sidewalk chalk, crafts, and free eclipse-safe glasses for the first 150 attendees. The solar eclipse, seen as a partial eclipse in Maine, was the first to cross the country since 1918. A total eclipse was visible along a relatively narrow band from Oregon to South Carolina. Those wanting to see a total eclipse in Maine will have a chance on April 8, 2024 when it is predicted to be visible in the northern part of the state.

New Assistant Principal Hired at GHS

BRIAN JANDREAU
GHS Principal

Gorham High School is pleased to announce that Christina Cifelli has been hired as an Assistant Principal at GHS. Cifelli replaces Kim Slipp who retired on August 1 after 39 years of service to the Gorham schools. Cifelli comes to Gorham from Edward Little High School where she served as a School Counselor for the past four years. Before ELHS, she served as a School Counselor at Oxford Hills High School for five years. Cifelli holds a Master's degree in School Counseling

from the University of Southern Maine.

Cifelli's desire to work in education and help young people began in college. She graduated from Edward Little High School in 2001 and was a first generation college student at Bates College. While she was in college she studied in South



Photo courtesy of Christina Cifelli

Africa. After graduating from Bates in 2005, she worked for a short period as an Education Technician while she earned her Master's degree in Counselor Education at the University of Southern Maine. Her first job as a School Counselor was at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. She transitioned back to Edward Little High School after five years where she has been actively involved in leadership opportunities in the Auburn school system for the past four years.

GHS is excited to welcome Cifelli to its team of highly talented educators in service to the students of Gorham.

Back to School Photos Wanted!

Please send us your back to school photos with: names of children in the photo (left to right), age, grade, and photo credit. Submissions requested via facebook.com/GorhamTimes or gorhamtimes@gmail.com.



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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.

End of the First Regular Session

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

On August 2, the Maine Legislature adjourned for the first regular session. While this session was challenging, there were many pieces of legislation that we passed that will benefit Gorham and the state as a whole. I'll mention a few of them here.

After the Legislature enacts a bill it is then sent to the governor's desk, and he has ten days to either sign the bill into law or veto it and send it back to the Legislature. He can also hold a bill for the full ten days and allow it to pass to become law without his signature. When the governor vetoes a bill and sends it back to the legislature, it can only become law if it receives support from two thirds of the House and Senate.

This year the governor vetoed a number of good pieces of legislation, and I'm happy to report that we were able to override many of his vetoes. One such bill aimed to add a deposit to miniature liquor bottles, or "nips", in an effort to encourage recycling of the bottles. This bill received bipartisan support throughout the committee process and in both the House and the Senate. Despite the objections of the governor, the Legislature was able to override this bill and several more that will have a positive impact on Maine:

LD 256, "An act to ensure continued availability of High-speed Broadband Internet at Maine's school and libraries," which will promote access to high speed internet access, especially in rural areas.

LD 182, "An act to protect fire-fighters by establishing a prohibition on the sale and distribution of new upholstered furniture containing certain flame-retardant chemicals," was overridden 123-14 in the House and 31-1 in the Senate. After Jan. 1, 2019, furniture containing flame-retardant chemicals cannot be sold in Maine, a measure designed to reduce the incidence of cancer in firefighters.

LD 905, "An act to Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham," a bill I sponsored and the first step in the eventual construction of the Turnpike Connector which will dramatically reduce traffic congestion in the 'Portland West' corridor.

LD 1108, "An act to restore public health nursing services" overridden 101-34 in the House and a 29-5 in the Senate, a critical investment in our public health system.

While we were able to override the vetoes of a number of important pieces of legislation this session, we again narrowly missed an opportunity to enact a comprehensive solar bill that had bipartisan support.

The Public Utilities Commission voted earlier this year to phase out 'net metering' by which homeowners with solar panels receive credit for 100 percent of the full retail value of excess electricity they feed back into the power grid. LD 1504 would have kept 'net metering' solar energy incentives in place. I will continue to advocate for passage of this legislation.

One of my proudest accomplishments of the session was fighting for and securing additional education funding. While the budget process was complicated and difficult, we were able to ensure an additional \$549,616 for Gorham students. It is past time for the state to pay its fair share of public education instead of relying on property tax payers to foot the bill. The Gorham Town Council has taken the lead and voted to use this additional funding to offset any increase in property taxes, a decision I fully support.

Over the last five years I have heard from you on the issues that are most important – property taxes, transportation, energy costs and being good stewards of our environment. This session certainly had some disappointments but we were able to make significant progress on many issues including property tax relief and legislation authorizing the new Gorham Connector. I am proud of the work we accomplished this year and hope that you will continue to remain in touch with your thoughts, concerns and questions about state government. I hope you are able to enjoy the rest of this summer with your friends and family.



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Around Town

Town Manager David Cole issued a 30-year service pin to Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre.

Normand Berube Builders, Inc. plans a 9 lot subdivision on Rt. 25 across from Jonathan and Daniel Streets.

Design Dwellings, Inc. proposes a 14 lot subdivision near the roundabout on Rt. 114.

Letter to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Editor,

As a Gorham resident and parent of young school aged children, I have become concerned with the continued growth our town has been experiencing. Your recent publication had two points that got my attention. The first is the fact that this past fiscal year Gorham added 82 dwelling units and 17 condos. That has to have a major impact on the enrollment numbers our schools are seeing. Something needs to be done to slow this down. While I also read the "Balancing Residential Growth" article, I would still suggest that there can be limits set on the

amount of new homes a town will allow per year. There are towns around us that do just that.

The other piece that I'm referring to is that while the School Committee is asking for seed money to get necessary renovations moving at our high school, members of the Town Council are questioning the need for expansion. I'm curious to know, have the members of the Town Council toured our high school during a school day? If not, I strongly encourage them to do so.

Concerned about our great school system and wonderful town,
Kate Livingston

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The Lady Stripper



Photo credit Roger Marchand, Kathy Corbett (inset)

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

If you open the door to The Lady Stripper store expecting to find a woman refinishing furniture, you will be surprised to see a room filled with a wide variety of items for sale instead. Located in the former Gorham Grind space, the store's offerings include unique jewelry, vintage glassware and linens, granite-ware, primitives, and interesting used clothing.

Lynne Wykes, who has 34 years of experience refinishing furniture, is the owner of this new business where vendors display merchandise. Currently 13 vendors rent space and keep the proceeds from their sales made in the group shop. In addition to managing the business, Wykes contracts to refinish furniture off-site in her Naples home.

Wykes married a long-time game warden for the Naples district and moved there from New Hampshire in 2015. She had learned furniture refinishing while living in Connecticut. A friend suggested she call her business The Lady Stripper as Jack the Stripper, another refinisher, was just down the street. She has used that name ever since.

Wykes does not do refinishing in her Gorham location because of limited space and the smell of her

materials. She will go to customers' homes, however, to give free estimates. If they fit in her car, she takes the pieces to Naples where she works on them during the first part of each week.

Wykes is teaching her husband the art of refinishing so he can help her maintain that business, although

they plan to leave Naples for a home nearer the store. One of her two daughters is a finisher in Lyndonville. Her son is serving in the Navy.

"The store has been busy ever since I opened," Wykes said. "We are filled to capacity and have a waiting list of vendors." Vendors such as Chris Veazie and his wife Katie, of The Pole Barn Furnishings, use The Lady Slipper as a retail outlet for their products and a place to showcase their work. Veazie, who custom makes home decorations and furniture, previously reached out to customers primarily through Facebook and email.

The Lady Stripper is located at 18 South Street and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 805-4039.



Local Grad Shines in Hamilton Touring Co.

CINDY O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

From a dance company in Los Angeles, to "Fiddler on the Roof" on Broadway, to "Hamilton," Andrew Wojtal (GHS '07) is seeing his dreams unfold and living them everyday.

For seven years after graduation, Wojtal was part of a Los Angeles concert dance company where he worked with both American and international choreographers while performing around the world. In May 2016, he joined the cast of "Fiddler on the Roof," one of the most beloved Broadway plays. This gave him exposure to larger audiences as well as the challenge of staying fresh for eight performances a week. In order to do this, Wojtal said that he had to convince himself that he did not know the work and that he needed to concentrate on each performance.

His preparation and performance did not go unnoticed. Shortly after joining Fiddler, it was announced that it would close on Broadway. At the same time, the Broadway touring company of "Hamilton" was being formed and Wojtal's agent sent him information about auditions.

While Fiddler is a classic, "Hamilton" is considered by many to be the best Broadway musical of all time. Ensuring quality is utmost in the minds of those responsible for casting. Auditioning for a part in "Hamilton" was highly competitive and grueling.

The first audition lasted all day with many cuts being made throughout the day. By the end of the day, Wojtal had made it through. A second and third audition call followed with the choreographer, music director and music team. After the third audition, he was invited to a weeklong bootcamp with ten other dancers. During that time they learned the music from the show and staged four of the larger production numbers.

It was another three weeks before Wojtal was asked to come in for one final audition call which included many people who had been through the same rigorous audition process around the country. Just before Christmas, Wojtal was notified that he had made the cut and would become a dancer in the touring show of "Hamilton."

In January 2017, Wojtal moved to San Francisco where the traveling show would premier. As expected, rehearsals were long and arduous, yet exciting. Once the show began in March, the

cast settled in to eight performances a week. "Hamilton" just wrapped up in San Francisco, to outstanding reviews, and has now moved to Los Angeles where it will play until

the end of December. After that, the 2018 lineup includes performances in Denver, Boston, D.C., and Atlanta.

Wojtal has continued to impress and was recently named the understudy for the part of King George III. This role will allow him to use his acting as well as dancing and singing skills. He will have nine minutes of solo singing and this part is certainly an audience favorite.

When asked to reflect on his experience in "Hamilton," Wojtal said, "There is something magic about it. It's almost incomprehensible how clearly a show this complex can explain American history through the many voices of America as we know it today." He added, "Lin-Manuel Miranda is brilliant in his understanding of history and how it is relevant and applicable to our current world. The music of the show is infectious and there isn't a day that goes by where I don't enjoy highlighting the important issues through this choreography and music with this particular group of people."

Wojtal also made it very clear how proud he is to come from Maine. He said, "For the first time in my life I've been describing my career as lucky. I have always worked hard for what I have accomplished, but there are times when you just happen to be in the right place at the right time, and I feel so grateful for the opportunity to be included in something this artistic, important and historic. Few things compare to looking around a room and seeing first hand the brilliance that is the American Dream."

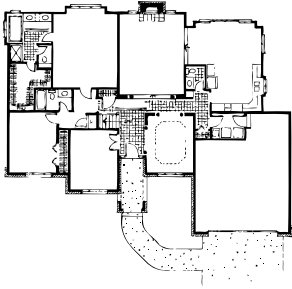
Wojtal is the son of Ann Withington and Michael Wojtal. Sister Emma, (GHS '04) is currently working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Jacobi Hospital emergency department in the Bronx.



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Where Are They Now Update

Sandra (Hansen) Miner (GHS '84), named the Maine Professional Association's Photographer of the year this spring, had four of her images entered in the Photographic Professionals Association's 2017 International Photographic Competition where she was named a Bronze Medalist. All four of her images merited, and one of them

scored as "Superior." Her images have been accepted into the PPA's General Collection and will be on display at the International Photographic Exhibition at Imaging USA, held in Nashville, TN in January 2018. Miner has recently retired to pursue photography full-time. Please see the full Where Are They Now article in the June 1, 2017 issue of the Gorham Times.



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THE ATHLETE'S CORNER

Early Specialization in Sports

STAN SKOLFIELD

In 1997, when Tiger Woods drained the final putt of a record-setting performance at the Masters, millions of parents, coaches and educators watched in awe. By age 21 he was the most formidable force in the sporting world. His success galvanized the early specialization movement. Best-selling books such as "Outliers," "The Talent Code," and "Bounce" are wonderful accounts of the grueling ascent to expertise. However, their message may also create as much trouble as inspiration if parents and coaches stress early specialization in one sport above the value of diverse movement and, more importantly, the value of "play."

Tiger joined a list of young phenoms like Mozart and Bobby Fischer; people who got in their 10,000 hours at a remarkably young age. The message is loud and clear to many parents and sport coaches: start your kids young.

However, I think the real lessons are distorted. When I think of starting young, the intent should always be on developing the fundamentals that can apply to all branches of a discipline. For Mozart, that's developing pitch and scales; for Bobby Fischer it's reading people and strategies; for athletes, it is developing fundamental patterns of movement.

It is not about sending your kid to pitching camp at age 9. It is about playing football or soccer in the fall, basketball or wrestling in winter, and track or lacrosse in spring. It is about learning how to run, rotate, lunge, skip, and pivot.

What can be developed is fundamental to athleticism: acceleration, deceleration, rotational power, read and react, etc. No one sport corners the market on these skills. Likewise, no one sport should dominate the lives of children or even young adults.

Before you send Suzy off to summer camp, understand that collegiate coaches value athleticism. They want their players to be athletes first and that is best developed by a wide

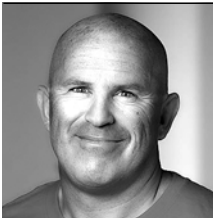
range of sports. Early specialization can accomplish this but it can also lead to burnout and overuse injuries as it did for athletes like Tracy Austin, Jennifer Capriati and Ty Tryon (there are many more) who all reached notoriety at a very young age, and subsequently slipped due to injury and burnout.

Research has clearly shown that the body will accomplish an assigned task with little regard to correct movement mechanics. So if a 12-year old is pitching eight months a year, the task remains the same but the movements will change due to fatigue. This can lead to overuse injuries, which statistics show are on the rise.

The same holds true for any posture specific to a single sport. It is why swimmers have a hard time with good shoulder mechanics and tennis players struggle to hip hinge. It is precisely why baseball and softball athletes should pick up a soccer ball.

Let's be clear: there is nothing wrong with sending a child to summer soccer camp. Problems occur when a child plays the same sport year-round. There is no suggestion to drop the concept of hard work or "deliberate practice." Simply put, a child's 10,000 hours should be spent moving in all kinds of environments and being a part of different sport cultures; aka playing.

What comes of this is a group of athletes who are less likely to burn out, more capable of adapting to a new coaching style (a highly underrated piece of the puzzle), less likely to be injured. These players will look like athletes and work in whatever sport they end up loving. So feel free to work on those 10,000 hours, but don't drive by the playground on your way to Jimmy's "elite" summer hockey league. Stop the car and let him go play.



Stan Skolfield is a Certified Athletic Trainer and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

USM Metro Deal

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to the expansion, advertising revenue, and local contributions from Gorham, Westbrook and Portland.

The Gorham Town Council voted to make a three-year commitment to a trial program. The estimated annual cost to Gorham is \$162,719, but the annual cost to Gorham dur-

ing the three-year trial period is \$33,000. Town Manager David Cole said, "This new METRO bus route is innovative and will provide more transportation options for Gorham residents, especially over time, as people become more aware and start using it."

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Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council chose to forward an ordinance that would prohibit retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

An Optional Program for Local Building Plan Review ordinance was adopted by the Town Council that will allow a developer's building plans to be reviewed locally rather than having to be submitted to the State Fire Marshall.

The Town Council accepted a bid of \$167,704 for a tandem axle dump truck to replace a 2003 dump truck. A \$142,651 bid was also accepted for a 6-wheel dump truck to replace a 2004 dump truck.

The Town Council decided to retain a used rescue vehicle as a backup for use when one of the Town's two front-line rescue vehicles is unavailable.

The Town Council voted for the slate of officers for the Maine Municipal Association as presented.

Staff was asked to develop a Senior Property Tax Assistance Rebate Ordinance, similar to the ordinance

es developed in Cumberland and Scarborough. The Town Council will consider the ordinance when it is prepared.

\$1,420, which was seized in a criminal case (Docket No. CR-16-4344) will be transferred to the Town of Gorham and the Town Manager is authorized to sign the approval form on behalf of the Town.

The Town Attorney has been asked to begin removing any deed restrictions - as well as any other regulatory legal restrictions - that may restrict the Town's use of Robie Park.

A Municipal/State agreement for improvements to the intersection of Libby Avenue and Main Street (Rte. 25) was approved.

Town Council approved the transfer of \$5,018 seized in a criminal case (Docket No. CR-15-760) to the Town of Gorham. The Town Manager is authorized to sign the approval form on behalf of the Town.

The Town Council went into executive session to discuss labor negotiations with firefighters.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

Police Host Kids Cop Camp



Photo courtesy of GPD

The Gorham Police Department held its first annual Kids Cop Camp on July 31 through August 4. Twenty-five children in grades 3-5 attended the five day camp centered on public safety professions. The youngsters learned about fire and EMS services, met Gorham police K-9 Sitka, watched a demonstration on bicycle safety, toured the new public safety building and had visits from the Maine State Police Crime Scene Unit as well as the Portland Police Bomb Squad. The week wrapped up with a trip to the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook and the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center in Windham. A camp highlight was a helicopter demonstration by the Maine Forestry Service, pictured above.

AUGUST 7, 2017

Planning Board

• 60 Hutcherson Drive, LLC's request for approval to construct two buildings with multiple units to lease for general commercial and industrial uses on property located at 61 Hutcherson Drive in the Gorham Industrial Park was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

• Maine Coast Kitchen's request for approval to construct a 7,150 square foot condo-plex including parking, access ways, sidewalks and landscaping on Little Wing Lane on property off New Portland Road was moved to the September consent agenda.

The Planning Board recommended adoption by the Town Council of a

revised zoning map in order to rezone Olde Canal Industrial Park to a new Olde Canal Industrial District.

• The Planning Board discussed and postponed pending responses to remaining issues plans by National Attachments for a new commercial development at 29 Olde Canal Way on property in the Olde Canal Business Park.

• The Planning Board discussed and referred to ordinance committee for review and recommendations an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to revise the definitions of Day Care Home and Day Care Centers to allow adult day care.

Real Estate Transfers January 2017

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219 BURNHAM ROAD	ROBERTS, JAMES L	ROBERTS, JOHN	\$140,000
61 HUTCHERSON DRIVE	60 HUTCHERSON DRIVE LLC	RIVERSTONE PROPERTIES	\$350,000
241 NARRAGANSETT ST.	QUATTRUCCI, ANTHONY	CHASE, JOSHUA & CHRISTINE	\$522,500
12 CONNOR DRIVE	MCDONALD, TROY & DAWN	SUSAN DUCHAINE LLC	\$327,858
12 CUMBERLAND LANE	ALLEN, GEOFFREY & JESSICA	ROBIE CONTRACTING, INC.	\$296,275
16 CUMBERLAND LANE	CARON, DWAYNE & KATHRYN	ROBIE CONTRACTING, INC.	\$354,870
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18 DUNLAP ROAD	MOLLER, JOHN & AMY	DESIGN BUILD ASSOC. OF MAINE	\$400,000
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April-June Arrests

The Gorham PD made the following arrests between April-June 2017:

Mitchell Hill Road man, 28, was arrested for failure to appear.

Saco woman, 31, was arrested for OUI.

Autumn Brook Way man, 68, was arrested for failure to appear after bail.

O'Brien Drive man, 29, was arrested for failure to appear after bail.

Standish woman, 32, was arrested for violating conditions of release, failure to notify police of Motor vehicle accident and OUI.

Lewiston man, 34, was arrested for violating conditions of release and violating an order of protection.

Buxton man, 28, was arrested for failure to pay a fine.

Primrose Lane man, 22, was arrested for failure to pay a fine.

Great Falls Road man, 18, was arrested for aggravated assault.

Lewiston man, 22, was held for another agency.

Westbrook man, 36, was arrested for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug and operating while license was suspended or revoked.

Main St. man, 33, was arrested for criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

Portland man 53, was arrested for operating after revocation, OUI and refusing to sign a summons.

Westbrook man, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release and violating a protective order.

Westbrook woman, 43, was arrested for operating after suspension.

Springvale woman, 36, was arrested for operation after suspension

Buxton man, 24, was arrested for doing 30-35 mph over the speed limit and OUI.

Portland man, 19, was arrested for operating on private property without permission.

New Mexico woman, 20, was arrested for illegal transportation of liquor by a minor.

Sanford man, 27, was arrested for operation without a license.

Settler's Way man, 23, was arrested for OUI.

Flaggy Meadow Road man, 20, was arrested for OUI.

McLellan Road man, 29, was arrested for OUI.

Naples man, 39, was arrested for criminal mischief and assault.

New York man, 20, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license.

Raymond woman, 44, was arrested for OUI.

Buxton man, 36, was held for probation.

Main St. man, 28, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Westbrook man, 49, was arrested for failure to notify office of a concealed firearm. He was arrested again three hours later for OUI (drugs or combination) and had two priors.

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Third Gorham Citizen's Police Academy Begins Sept. 19

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to perform a high-risk traffic stop? Make a split-second use of force decision? Experience what goes on behind the scenes of a 911 call? Observe Gorham's K-9 unit in action? Those attending the Citizen's Police Academy have been very impressed with the professionalism and scope of what Gorham's officers respond to as part of their job. Brian Jones, who attended the second Police Academy, commented, "If the readers will attend a Police Academy class in Gorham as I just did with Chief Dan Jones, Sergeant Ted Hatch and company, that respect will likely increase to awe, as in 'I had no idea' about the training, professionalism, procedures, complexities and stress as well as the risks, oh and paperwork. Despite of and because of these 'awes' the camaraderie among our Gorham Police officers is awesome and heartening." The next ten-week course begins on September 19 and will run every Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Academy is to expose citizens to the functions of the Maine Criminal Justice System and to introduce and maintain a working knowledge of the Gorham Police Department. Attendees have an opportunity to extensively learn from, interact with, and question the experienced professionals of the Gorham Police Department. Applications are available at the Police Department or on the Town's website under the Community Programs tab in the Police Page section. Attendees must be at least 21 years old, live in Gorham or be employed by the Town of Gorham, have no prior felony arrests (or misdemeanor arrests in the last five years), and must agree to a basic background check. Sgt. Ted Hatch who runs the program noted that the feedback has been extremely positive as people learn how the Police Department operates and what people have taken away from the program with comments such as "remarkable, a truly worthwhile experience, almost like being in real situations."

Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in June:
Gorham woman, 22, was indicted on two counts of theft and two counts of forgery.
Gorham man, 50, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taken by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.
Gorham woman, 32, was indicted

ed for theft by unauthorized taking, and violating conditions of release on charges brought by South Portland PD.
Gorham man, 31, was indicted for three counts of gross sexual assault and one count of sexual misconduct with a child on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Service Organizations Support Village School

JACQUIE LORTIE
Literacy Specialist at Village

Village Elementary School was very fortunate this past school year to be the recipient of support from various community organizations who value literacy education. During the last week of school, Village students who attended the Reading Room were each given a new book by the Altrusa Club of Portland. This organization has a special focus on literacy and provides non-profits with books for children. Martha Donahue, a member of Altrusa who taught at Village for many years, delivered the books. These gifts will help to avoid the summer slide, a time when students lose skills over the summer. In addition, the Reading Room students once again have access to the website, Big Universe. This website provides online, leveled ebooks that students can access on computers, tablets, or phones. A bookshelf is set up for each student, stocked with ebooks at the student's reading level. The subscription was purchased last spring through a grant from the Gorham Educational Foundation. Finally, during the school year, five




Photo credit Jacquie Lortie

Martha Donahue, representative of the Altrusa Organization, presented books to Cheryl Fotter, assistant principal of Village Elementary School. members of the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club volunteered their time once a week to be reading buddies to first and second graders and listen to the students read. This developed the students' confidence and provided practice with their reading skills. The students loved the time they spent with their reading buddies. Village is very appreciative of these organizations and their support of literacy education and their students.

North Yarmouth Academy Second Semester Honor Rolls 2016-17

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HEATHER PERRY
Superintendent of
Gorham Schools

Our schools are excited to welcome you and your children to another tremendous school year here in Gorham. There are a lot of outstanding things happening at our schools so be sure to check out the school websites, keep an eye on your mail and email, and watch for flyers and other materials that will be sent home with your students the first few days of school to let you know about many of these exciting planned events.

You can also check out my blog, which is updated monthly, to help parents stay informed about the various things going on in our schools. We are also active on social media, so you can check us out on Facebook or Twitter, all of which are linked from our webpages.

Our schools are also eager to welcome parents to Partners In Education (PIE). Each of our three elementary schools has a PIE group who work tirelessly to help our schools and the children we serve. Both Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School have parent groups that would love to see more participation.

There is a direct correlation between the level of parent involvement in your child's education and the academic achievement of your child. As parent involvement increases, student achievement also increases. We want you to be involved and there are lots of ways (both little and big) to be involved, so don't be bashful.

As we get ready to open a new school year, we want to draw your attention to the importance of school attendance. As you know, our schools have focused on improving attendance over the past few years and we continue to work hard to make sure our students attend school regularly, but we need your help.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss two to four days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school during the year.

Poor attendance can influence

whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade. By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school. Finally, research shows missing 10 percent of the school year (or about 18 days in most school districts, which defines chronic absenteeism) negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days per month.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both in school and in life. When you help us make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school ready to meet all that life's challenges may have in store for them successfully.

We also want to remind all parents/guardians of our incredible volunteer program. Last year, we had well over 2,000 hours donated to our schools by our awesome volunteers. In order to continue to keep this program vibrant and strong, we need everyone who wishes to volunteer in the Gorham Schools to first register at www.gorhamschools.org, click on the "Human Resources" tab and click on "Volunteer Program" and you are there. You may also inquire at your school's Principal's office for more information.

The Gorham School's staff continue to work hard to make our schools a place where students want to come each and every day to challenge themselves, to socialize, and to achieve all that they can achieve as learners. Our schools are lucky to have this talented staff and we are also lucky to have a strong community and our supportive parents. Together, we all care deeply about the success of our children and our schools care deeply about our community and its success as well.

We are all so very proud to be Gorham Rams and look forward to another great year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns at heather.perry@gorhamschools.org or 222-1012.

Recent Graduate Sends Message to 'Arrive Alive'

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Recent Gorham High School graduate, Jamie Carter, won first-place in the 13th annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest sponsored by the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein. The contest asks students to come up with a creative message about the dangers of drinking and driving and/or distracted driving.

Carter was chosen as one of five first-place winners and received a new laptop computer for her essay depicting how the decisions drivers make can both positively and negatively impact their lives. The Gorham native was honored among the top 20 winners statewide at an award ceremony on June 14.

The Arrive Alive Creative Contest is open to graduating high school seniors in Maine who may enter a creative project of their choice. First-place winners receive a new laptop, second and third-place winners receive a new iPad, and every student who enters receives fun prizes from the law firm. Since 2004, over 750 graduating seniors have entered the contest from 115 Maine high schools.

Other 2017 GHS grads Cameron Holmes, Adam Peterson, and Julia Roy finished in third place, along



Courtesy of the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein

Recent GHS grad Jamie Carter was a first-place winner in the annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest.

with nine other students, each receiving a new iPad.

A complete set of rules and all past winning entries can be viewed online at: www.arrivealivecreativecontest.com. In the past 13 years, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has given away over \$120,000 in prizes to help educate teenagers on the risks of dangerous driving.

Have a new grad? Gorham Times subscriptions make a great gift!



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Grad Continues to Soar



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Padraic Owens, who graduated from GHS in June, earned his private pilot license on July 26. He will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University this fall. Owens started flying at age 13 after receiving a lesson as a birthday gift from his pilot grandfather. He became more serious about attaining his private license during the past 18 months by completing 42 hours in the air and three hours of ground school.

Gospodarek Named National STEM Scholar

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Ten middle school science teachers from eight states across the country recently participated in the prestigious National STEM Scholar Program, a unique professional development and networking program to provide advanced training for the teachers of aspiring middle school scientists nationwide.

In 2016, the National Stem Cell Foundation partnered with The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at Western Kentucky University to fund competitive scholarships for science teachers motivating students at the tipping point of life-long science interest: middle school.

By “training the trainers,” the program seeks to inspire the next generation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) innovators and pioneers.

The 2017 National STEM Scholar class was hosted by The Gatton Academy in June at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This year’s National STEM Scholars were selected from applicants in 25 states and included Gorham Middle School science teacher Angela Gospodarek, the only representative from Maine.

According to Dr. Paula Grisanti, National Stem Cell Foundation Chairman, “The STEM Scholar program directly influences middle school science teachers who will interact with students and colleagues for many years to come. Building excitement and opportunity insight for children in this age group has been shown to significantly impact ongoing STEM interest and engagement.”

“Research shows that children in middle school who become excited about science are the ones who will pursue STEM courses in high school and major in STEM subjects at the college level,” said Grisanti. “Focusing our efforts and resources on reaching this influential group of teachers will bear fruit now and into the future.”

During the week-long program, National STEM Scholars engage in

hands-on, minds-on science activities, connect with speakers and thought leaders in STEM education, train with skilled science educators and develop a creative Challenge Project for classroom implementation. Each Scholar receives a Chromebook to facilitate ongoing collaboration and a generous stipend for Challenge Project supplies and materials.

“In Kentucky, I met some amazing educators and participated in a lot of hands-on activities,” said Gospodarek. “I think everyone in any profession should be able to spend a week like this...so much excitement and activity that I can’t wait to bring back to my classroom.”

Mentoring is provided throughout the year by Gatton Academy faculty. In addition, National STEM Scholars will share midpoint progress with their colleagues while attending the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) annual March conference.

All expenses, including travel costs, materials, mentoring and Challenge Project supplies are covered by a grant from the National Stem Cell Foundation. The National STEM Scholars Program is in its second year of a five-year grant provided by the National Stem Cell Foundation.

“I had an amazing week of learning and brought back lots of great ideas for my classroom,” said Gospodarek. “The project I will be getting funded through this opportunity is an aquaponics system that will engage students in sustainable farming in my classroom. My goal is to excite and engage students in their local environment and explore current issues in today’s changing world.”



Photo courtesy of Angela Gospodarek

Gorham Middle School teacher Angela Gospodarek was one of 10 middle school science teachers in the nation who participated in a unique professional development program recently.

GMS Students Take Part in Youth Leadership Forum



Photo credit Deirdre Anderson

Three sixth graders, Jude Huckaby (left), Jonah Doucette (center), and Hayden Anderson (right), were nominated to attend a week long STEM program called Envision in July.

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Outstanding middle school students from across the nation recently took part in a unique academic development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM, at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. The forum’s mission was to inspire scholars to explore career possibilities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Three Gorham Middle School sixth graders, Jude Huckaby, Jonah Doucette, and Hayden Anderson, were nominated by their sixth grade teacher, Mr. LaViolet, to attend the week-long STEM program.

“STEM fields are the fastest growing areas of study, and STEM professionals are in high demand in the United States and throughout the world,” said Jan A. Sikorsky, Ph.D., Vice President of Education for NYLF Explore STEM. “These students, who have already proven themselves academically, are challenged to apply math and science skills as they work on real-world, student created projects, to bring their studies to life.”

Students who attend the program participate in a broad range

of interactive simulations, hands-on workshops, and educational site visits to discover the work of today’s professionals in fields such as engineering, health care, and environmental science. Scholars of the program also learn to develop critical success skills such as time management, conflict resolution, information analysis, collaboration, and public speaking.

During the week, the boys created, programmed, tested, and presented a rover to navigate the terrain of Mars; designed and built a successful 3D colony to live on Mars; and handled trauma scenarios for astronauts and Mars colonists.

Additionally, they had to design and present a prototype of a space helmet that would provide life sustaining functions for the colonists like oxygen, generation, radiation, protection, monitor life signs, and handle body waste. Leroy Chiao, a former NASA astronaut, spoke about his missions to Mars and his 229 logged days in space.

Envision programs are designed to help students develop the leadership, scholarship, and career skills needed to succeed in today’s competitive college and career landscape. For more information about NYLF Explore STEM, visit www.envisionexperience.com.

Beach to Beacon Results

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

On Saturday, August 5, nearly 7,000 runners crossed the finish line at Fort Williams in the annual Beach to Beacon 10k Road Race. Gorham was well represented, in both participation and performance. Among the 5,861 Maine registrants were 165 town residents, including Jesse Orach, with a repeat win among all Mainers, and Robert Mountain, repeating as the oldest competitor. In between were a number of solid performances, some names familiar and some first timers, donning the proud title of B2B finisher. An oppressively humid day on the coast would impact all, and likely served as the catalyst for a national news story surrounding a rare act of sportsmanship.

Spectators in Cape Elizabeth witnessed a thrilling finish in the men's open race, as Stephen Kosgei-Kibet (27:55) broke the tape before Ben True who finished second by maybe a second on the clock (27:56). No one could possibly have anticipated the drama to follow as Orach collapsed shy of the finish line and was lifted and pushed across the line by Robert Gomez of Windham. Both runners were clocked in 31:31, with Orach get-



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

Anna Slager and Iris Kitchen turned in impressive performances during the Beach to Beacon High School Mile race on August 4. Slager came in 3rd and Kitchen finished 7th. The High School Mile is a showcase for Maine's top high school athletes with graduation dates of 2018-2020.

ting gold and Gomez silver. Gomez received kudos from Orach, as well as national media and a social media storm for his selfless act.

The following is a list of First-Finisher-From-Gorham by division, and their place within the top-100 in that division:

Division	Place	Name	Age	Chip Time
F 14 & Under	32	Annie Frey	13	1:00:36
F 15-19	21	Peyton Morton	15	47:08
F 20-24	45	Samantha Peters	24	52:19
F 25-29	79	Amber Mann	27	49:35
F 30-34	36	Vanessa Cutter	31	46:12
F 35-39	30	Elizabeth Jamieson	37	45:07
F 40-44	16	Anne Lapierre	42	46:01
F 45-49	27	Laurie Nicholas	49	48:19
F 50-54	48	Julie Martin	54	52:26
F 55-59	12	Kathy Hepner	57	49:35
F 60-64	29	Linda Whitten	60	59:29
F 65-69	35	Dana McNamara	68	1:12:59
F 70-74	18	Merrill Henderson	70	1:34:40
F 75-79	None in top-100			
F 80-99	None in top-100			
M 14 & Under	12	Calvin Cummings	13	50:17
M 15-19	14	Anthony Chase	17	36:14
M 20-24	1	Jesse Orach	23	31:31
M 20-24	25	Ben Foster	20	37:16
M 25-29	None in top-100			
M 30-34	35	Andrew Cutter	30	42:37
M 35-39	77	Nicholas Jewett	36	47:49
M 40-44	59	Philip Bartlett	40	49:22
M 45-49	18	John Burke	47	42:05
M 50-54	35	Greg Hughes	51	46:42
M 55-59	13	Ron Adolf	56	45:53
M 60-64	6	Dick Graves	62	45:47
M 65-69	30	William Nason	66	1:00:12
M 70-74	None in top-100			
M 75-79	None in top-100			
M 80-99	6	Robert Mountain	89	1:58:56

Mountain Showing No Signs of Slowing Down



Photo courtesy of Tammy Woodbury/Beach to Beacon

Robert Mountain was joined by his three granddaughters and a great granddaughter at the finish line of the Beach to Beacon.

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

Gorham resident, Robert Mountain, age 89, was awarded the John Kelly award for the oldest fin-

isher in the Beach to Beacon race, just edging out an 88 year old for the award.

Mountain ran the Beach to Beacon for the first time at the age

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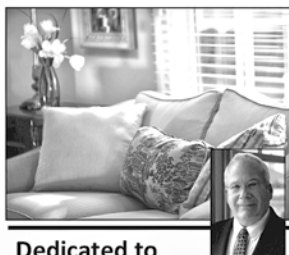
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SPORTS

Up Close with Carter Landry

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Approximately 1,800 Maine boys play high school lacrosse per year. In June, only eight among them received the honor of being named an 2017 High School All-American Player. A single goalie, Carter Landry (GHS '17), the son of Megan Landry and stepson of Scott Cook, appeared on the list of the best. Landry also goes into the books as Gorham's first Lacrosse High School All-American.

Landry headed to Widener College on August 22, a college program that provided him with a summer conditioning and nutrition program, as he wanted to "bulk up a little" in preparation for the college game. In addition to, or in spite of, his summer job with a moving company, he also worked out at a local gym. But he lit up when talking about his summer play in adult pickup and organized lacrosse leagues as well as shooting around with teammates informally.

His teammates have obviously been integral to his life in Gorham, and not many sentences were spoken between mentions of Mat Anderson, Cam Wright or Alex York, with whom he's played, socialized and attended school. GHS varsity coach Dan Soule was also mentioned often. Soule told the American Journal, "Carter wasn't a great player coming into high school, but he was a strong athlete." The All-American and his mom affirmed that assessment.

Megan Landry shared, "Carter's athletic talent came from my late husband who died when Carter was one. Carter was raised by his stepfather and I. While we have supported his strong athletic ways, we are not a typical 'athletic' family." She added, "We have to learn the sports he plays. I often

wish for a 'Lacrosse for Dummies' handbook so I can understand the sport."

He played everything, including hockey, soccer, football, and golf. He began lacrosse in 7th grade at Gorham Middle School under coach Tom Talbot but he was still playing in high-level hockey programs as a freshman. Soule told the American Journal, "He was a hockey kid that was fully invested in hockey. The challenge for my coaching staff and I was selling him on the fact that he had the raw ability and potential to be one of the best goalies in the State—if he committed to the game and put in the work required to develop his skillset."

What makes Landry a rare, elite lacrosse goalie? He said, "I get adrenaline going taking shots and I don't feel it—my right thumb is always swollen." Advice for kids? "You can't be afraid. You have to have super hand and foot speed. I'm flexible. I can contort my body and lay it out."

As for Widener University, in Chester, Pennsylvania, his visits just "felt at home." Widener is a school of 3,600 undergraduates, with a similar number of graduate students. It competes in the MAC Commonwealth Conference, Division III, and Landry wants to have fun with lacrosse. He hopes to get the starting role, but with an All-American already in net there, he knows he gets to play with, "a program on the rise, with some great players and a goalie mentor."

Landry plans to major in finance, and nearby Philadelphia should offer some great internship opportunities. If he approaches those college opportunities similarly to his extraordinary goalie save percentage (he has a good number of 20-plus save games), he won't let much pass him by.

Sports Etc.

The Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship fundraiser 5K Run/Walk will be held on September 10. Free online registration is available at www.running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=121 through

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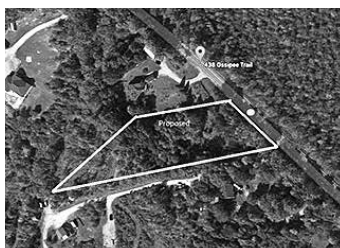


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Mountain Showing No Signs of Slowing Down CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

of 80 and has run every year since. His daughter, Tammy Woodbury, had run the race and suggested he give it a try. The first year he participated, Woodbury ran with him and kept telling him to “pick it up.” Mountain said he wished he had listened to her because he lost out being the top finisher in his age division by only a few seconds.

Over the years Mountain has finished first in his age division several times. (There are no age divisions after the age of 85.) When asked why he does this, he said, “It’s a fun time for me. There are over 6,000 people at the starting

line and everyone is jovial and positive. You get to meet people from all over the U.S.” He also enjoys running the race with his family. This year, he was joined by his three granddaughters and a great granddaughter.

Mountain believes the adage, “If you don’t use it you lose it.” He visits the Fitness Center at USM five mornings a week to work out, and on Saturdays, he runs on the roads. On the Saturday one week before this year’s Beach to Beacon race, he did two loops around the Baxter Boulevard trail (7 miles) in Portland as a warm up.



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The recent paddle on the scenic Presumpscot River, sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, was a big hit with paddlers of all ages.

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Katie Tucker (GHS ’14) was recently awarded the 2017 Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association Zag Sports Division I Academic Honor Roll at Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY.

West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, will have a public bean supper on September 2. Come for 3 kinds of beans, hot dogs, chicken pie, American chop suey, casseroles, salads, homemade pies, coffee, and punch. Serving starts at 5 p.m., ticket sales start at 4 p.m. \$8/adults; \$3/children under 12.

Gorham Health Council (GHC) is looking for new committee members. Meet others in the community, listen to speakers talk about various health issues at lunch meetings, and help volunteer at the Gorham Medical Closet. The commitment is three lunch meetings a year where everyone brings a dish to share. No medical experience necessary to join although it is a plus. FMI, leave a voicemail for GHC President Gerry Day at 839-3859.

Gorham resident and artist Kristine Biegel, who recently wrote and illustrated a children’s book called “I Love You To Ten,” will be holding a reading and book signing on September 6 & 7 at 10:00 a.m. during Toddler Time at Baxter Memorial Library.

On August 24 at 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., will hold an Author Event with Bruce Coffin, a retired detective sergeant with more than 27 years in law enforcement. Coffin’s second book in his Detective Byron series, Beneath the Depths, was written at Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

The pickleball court at the North Gorham Fire station, 2 Standish Neck Road, is available for anyone wishing to play pickleball or basketball. FMI, John Labrecque, 892-6217.

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.

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. Fresh produce drop off hours are every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning July 5 through late-September. For regular updates of items most needed, visit www.facebook.com/Gorham-Food-Pantry-Friends.

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

Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on September 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, brown bread and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 423-5851.

Join a confidential family support group through NAMI Maine for family members, friends and individuals affected by mental illness challenges. The group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main St., Waterboro. FMI, Call or text Dan, 298-0664.

Windham Historical Society, 234 Windham Center Rd., Windham will hold a talk with Greg Cuffey about the creation of the sleighs and carriages at Skyline Farm Museum. FMI, Linda Griffin, 650-7484.

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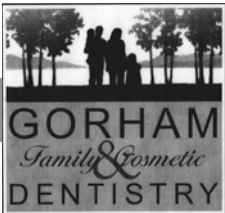
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phone numbers so that people will answer the call.

Suspicious male at Village Mall was told to leave the area and go home.

Officer checked property on Spiller Road in response to a noise complaint. A live band was playing for a fundraiser and fire-works were planned for 10:00 p.m. Officer requested that resident try to make music quieter.

Suspicious male on Main St. was warned for criminal trespass after harassing customers for money.

Officer responded to Gray Road after a 911 hang up was determined to be a disturbance. Caller did not want police. Officers went to home, located all parties. They claimed it was just an argument with finger pointing and “he said, she said” claims. One party left.

Caller reported a dog stuck under a shed. Owner could feel dog but it would not come out. Officer called to dog, it came out and was returned to owner.

Caller reported a flashing light at Leaha Lane residence. Officer determined porch light was malfunctioning. No police action was needed.

Subject stopped on side of Gray Road was confused about the detour. Officer helped her to find her way.

Disturbance on Standish Neck Road was a verbal dispute over money.

Officer removed dead porcupine from Sebago Lake Road.

Officer checked on pedestrians on Fort Hill Road. They were looking for a place to fish that had been described to them. Officer told them about a brook up the street and the need to obtain permission to fish if on someone’s private land.

Narragansett St. caller caught a blue parakeet in her yard. She agreed to keep the bird for the night. Owner was located through Facebook.

April-June Arrests CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Homeless Gorham woman, 25, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Standish man, 23, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violating conditions of release.

Portland man, 29, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Saco man, 25, was arrested for reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and attempted terrorizing.

Westbrook man, 38, was arrested for violating conditions of release and unlawful possession of heroin.

Standish man, 28, was arrested for violating conditions of release and failure to appear.

College Ave. man, 21, was arrested for OUI.

Fort Hill Road man, 43, was arrested for OUI.

Wintergreen Drive woman, 21, was arrested for OUI and violating protection from abuse order.

School St. man, 30, was arrested for domestic violence abuse and criminal mischief.

Patio Park man, 67, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Rhode Island woman, 23, was arrested for obstructing governmental administration.

Buxton man, 30, was held for failure to appear and for probation.

Portland man, 23, was arrested for OUI.

Copperhead Road man, 28, was arrested for obstructing governmental administration, OUI (1 prior) and reckless conduct.

New Portland Road man, 32, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Clinton man, 29, was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo).

Caribou man, 46, was held for another agency.

Main St. woman was arrested for violating conditions of release and violating a protective order.

Buxton man, 25, was arrested for operating after suspension.

Wilson Road man, 60, was arrested for OUI.

Buxton woman, 24, was arrested for operating with a suspended or revoked license.

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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More Changes in Village



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After receiving final approval in June to move forward on plans to construct a new two story 2880 sq. ft. building with two common areas on the first floor and two residences on the second floor, the existing structure at 18 Elm Street was razed on August 10. Owners Holly and Doug Carter have hired Great Falls Construction and are working toward a grand re-opening of Carter's Green Market, a specialty grocery store, in the spring of 2018.

A Big Ol' Catch



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Reed Henderson, an incoming freshman at GHS, caught a fish of a lifetime. After an hour-long battle with loosening and tightening his drag and a near-miss for landing the fish on the boat, Henderson reeled in a 63 pound, 57-inch-long halibut. Henderson was fishing with his father, Nathan Henderson, off Jefferey's Ledge, 30 miles south of Portland Headlight.



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