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Community Mourns Officer Wayne “Pooch” Drown

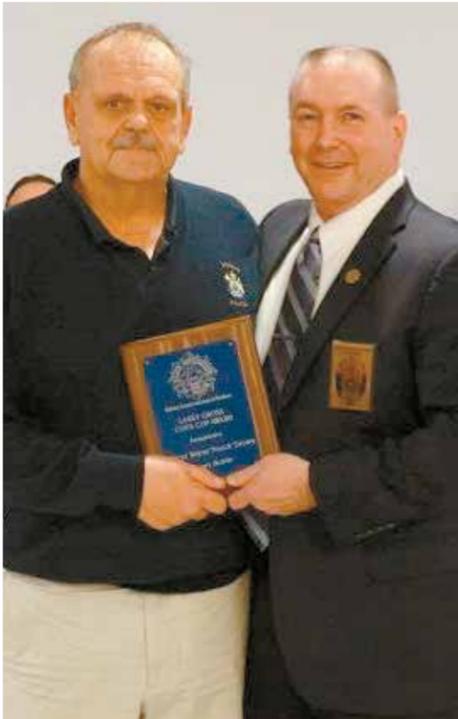


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Officer Wayne “Pooch” Drown was chosen as the recipient of the Larry Gross Cop’s Cop Award on January 26. The award recognizes a member not only for their commitment to the profession of Law Enforcement, but to their commitment to the fraternal nature of the Maine Law Enforcement community. Drown is shown (top left) with MAP President Sergeant Kevin Riordan of the Old Orchard Beach Police Department. Gorham fifth-grader, Hudson Banks, is shown (top right) with Pooch along the route of this past year’s Wreaths Across America trek.

TRIBUTES FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Pooch was one of the good ones... an advocate for all kids, a trusted colleague, a true professional, a pillar of the community, a diehard GHS fan, and a compassionate friend...he will be truly missed but certainly remembered with love. I so appreciate his loyal service and commitment to Gorham.

Luci Bowers

He found a way to be everywhere for everyone all the time. Pooch will be remembered as the ultimate example of someone who put their community first. RIP Pooch.

David Willis

Pooch was just a great guy. He was there for everybody. Whatever he did, he did for the good of the community. He was a really great SRO who would sit down, listen, talk and help young people sort things out and get to a solution. He put his heart and soul into it.

Ron Shepard,

Former Gorham Police Chief

Pooch had been a police officer in Gorham since before I was in high school. As his role evolved into an advocate for the students, this man truly shined brightly. The lives that he has touched are uncountable. My kids considered him a safe place and even my youngest, not in those schools yet, looked up to him as a rock star and friend. We will all miss you, sir, with lots of love and respect.

Jen Banks

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer
AND
LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

School Resource Officer Wayne Drown, universally known as “Pooch,” passed away suddenly on February 24 at Maine Medical Center from a heart attack.

Pooch was born and raised in Gorham. His career in public safety started in 1974 when he became a volunteer firefighter for the Gorham Fire Department. Pooch worked his way up to captain and in 1981 went to work for the Public Works Department before being hired as a reserve officer by the Gorham PD and becoming a full time officer in 1984.

In 1986 he was promoted to detective, and in 1992, he became the Gorham Police Department’s first School Resource Officer (SRO). A second SRO was eventually hired and Pooch was assigned to Gorham High School full-time where he remained until his untimely death.

As GHS Principal Brian Jandreau shared in a letter to parents, “There are not words that can do justice to how much Pooch has meant to our community. Personally, he has been a mentor, a father-like figure that I have learned so much from.”

Drown was heavily involved with Maine Special Olympics. He refereed basketball, and coached golf and softball for Gorham High School. He received many awards over the years for his efforts in community policing. Most recently he was recognized for the Cop’s Cop Award from the Maine Association of Police, a



Photo credit Albert Bean Jr.

More than 2,500 people came to pay their respects at Pooch’s Celebration of Life service on February 28.

lifetime achievement award.

Police Chief Dan Jones said, “Pooch could be all things to all people. I have worked with thousands of police officers during my career and I have never seen anyone who could connect with everyone the way he did. Even people he had arrested said he had been able to connect with them. His death is a tremendous loss to our community.”

Deputy Police Chief Christopher Sanborn remembered Pooch as “a true believer in the community policing philosophy. He really cared about the people he served. He leaves behind huge shoes to fill.”

Over 2,500 people attended Drown’s Celebration of Life at USM’s Field House on February 28 after the Gorham Schools closed for the day to honor him.

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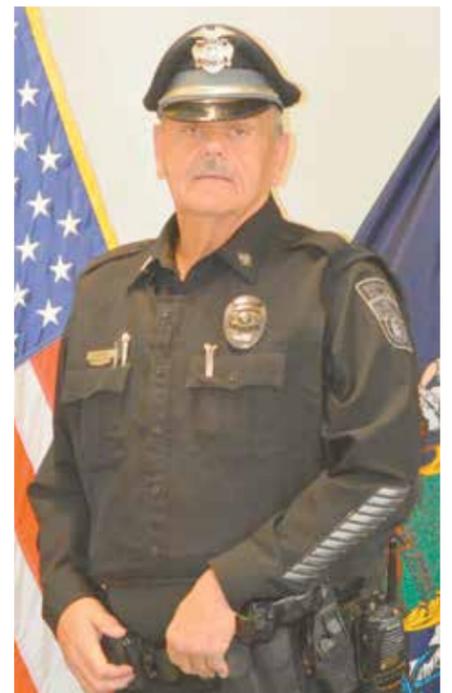


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Maine Needs Real Solutions for the Climate Crisis

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

A recent report by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change paints a bleak picture of the future. The report indicates that global temperatures have already risen about one degree Celsius, and that another half degree of global warming would bring about an increase in severe weather events such as droughts and floods; raise sea levels as much as a foot, threatening coastal communities; decrease the diversity and abundance of certain plant and animal species; put global food and water supplies at risk; and increase the occurrence of tropical and vector-borne diseases. If that weren't enough, the report says that to avoid these outcomes we must curb global carbon dioxide emissions by about 45 percent in the next 11 years.

In Maine we're already starting to see some of these harmful impacts. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have linked increases in the occurrence of Lyme disease with warming temperatures. The Gulf of Maine is warming faster than 99% of the world's oceans and becoming more acidic, which threatens our fisheries. Increased storm surges and coastal flooding also present an increasing threat to coastal communities across the state.

On the other hand, taking action on climate change by investing in clean energy represents a very real opportunity for Maine.

The mountains in western and northern Maine are home to one of the best wind resources in the region, and our offshore wind resource has led experts to say that Maine could be the "Saudi Arabia of offshore wind" if that resource is developed. We also have a very strong solar resource, particularly in York and Cumberland counties, and several promising sites for the development of wave and tidal power.

Simply put, there are many opportunities for Maine to be a regional, national and even global leader in clean energy development. Some Maine organizations and companies are already leading this effort, including the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center, which is developing a design for floating offshore wind turbines; the Oceans Renewable Power Company, based in Portland, which is piloting innovative tidal energy projects in Maine and across the globe; and Pika Energy in Westbrook, one of the leading energy storage companies in the country.

Supporting these efforts and ensuring a robust investment in clean energy would create good, high-paying jobs in Maine. In Massachusetts, 110,700 people work in clean energy, making up three percent of the state's overall workforce. This number has grown by 84 percent since 2010, in direct response to state-level policies encouraging the development of renewable energy, in particular solar power. A recent report from

the American Jobs Project showed that with the right policies in place, offshore wind could support 2,144 Maine jobs annually through 2030.

There are several bills being considered by the Legislature this session that seek to curb carbon emissions and invest in a clean energy future for Maine.

I am introducing a bill that would create a Maine-specific greenhouse gas reduction target of 80% below 1990 levels by 2030. Setting a target like this will encourage investment in clean energy and ensure our response to the climate crisis is proportional to its urgency. Other clean energy and climate change-related bills this session seek to increase incentives for solar power, increase Maine's renewable energy targets and invest in energy efficiency.

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be your state senator and aim to serve you to the best of my ability. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns.



Linda Sanborn is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She previously served four terms in the Maine House, and practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years. Senator Sanborn lives in Gorham with her husband, Jeff, a Gorham native. They have three adult sons and one granddaughter. (207) 287-1515, Linda.Sanborn@Legislature.Maine.gov.

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Dear Editor,

For the kindness of strangers: To the gentleman and his lovely passenger with the BOSS plow who stopped to clear the end of our South Street driveway. Thank you.

You noticed we were struggling with the oh so heavy snow and were so very kind to offer assistance.

Most Sincerely,

Lori Dombek and Anton Gulovsen

Dear Editor,

Hey Gorham, great news! Six months ago, Greater Portland Metro introduced a new bus line to Gorham called the Husky. I have been using this line since the

beginning and I am happy to write it is awesome! Everything I look for in transportation...punctual, fast, clean, and the very best drivers. The Husky Line isn't your grandfather's bus line. The buses have soft padded cloth seats and WiFi. I am always greeted with a smile and a kind word and then transported to Gorham or Portland in a flash. If you are sick of the traffic to and from Portland and then the lack and price of parking once you get there, my suggestion is try the Husky just once. I am sure you will be surprised then become a frequent pleased rider like me.

Tom Grant

Around Town

CBD American Shaman is now open at 18 Elm Street.

Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings at 102 Main St. will be closing in April so that owner, Stephanie Sands, can focus on her expanding design business.

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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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The Traveling Red Stone Monument



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The red stone monument has moved to various places in Gorham before settling in at its current spot near Baxter Library.

WILMA GOULD JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

In the year 1805, there was an article included in a warrant for a town meeting. The article requested the town to see if a suitable monument could be erected in an appropriate part of the town commemorating the time the town was first settled. It was voted that a stone be provided and the Honorable Stephen Longfellow took over leadership of the project. Fifty dollars was raised to defray the cost of the stone.

The inscriptions on all four sides of the monument commemorate the granting of Narragansett Township, Captain John Phinney, the first settler and incorporation of the town in 1764.

The monument was procured and set by the corner of what was then Capt. Robie's store, on what is now the corner of School Street and College Avenue. From there, it was moved across the street near the old Hatch store. After some time, it was moved back to its former location. From there it was again moved to the

corner of the Congregational Church platform.

In 1886, during the 150th anniversary of the town, it was moved to its long time location in front of the Congregational Church brick chapel. It remained in that location until the spring of 2012 when it was decided that in order to preserve the monument, which was beginning to deteriorate from road salt, it should be relocated to a more suitable location.

It was carefully removed from its base by Collette Monuments of Lewiston, a company that has taken care of the town's cemeteries and monuments for many years, and was installed in a new location on South Street, adjacent to Baxter Library and in front of the Municipal Center.

Here, it is enjoyed by people at town gatherings such as summer concerts, the Farmer's Market, and various library events. The landscaping was provided by Landmarcs of Gorham. Travis Emerson earned his Eagle Scout badge by making the interpretive signage for the monument.

Anyone with a question or more information may contact Wilma Gould Johnson at iamwilma@comcast.net.



The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

The *Gorham Times* established the **Martha T. Harris Memorial Scholarship** in memory of our founding member and long-time photographer, after her untimely death in February 2013. We are accepting further donations to keep the fund solvent and to ensure we continue to honor Martha for many years to come by presenting a scholarship to a deserving Gorham High School graduate.

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How The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Impacts You

EDMUND RICKER

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), a major piece of tax legislation passed in December of 2017, affects individuals and businesses alike. The bill contains over 2000 pages, so we will focus on the changes, positive and negative, that impact much of the American population.

Standard Deduction – The standard deduction increased to \$12,000 for single filers, \$18,000 for heads of household, and \$24,000 for joint filers. This means many people who used to itemize will now take the standard deduction because their total itemized deductions will be below the increased standard deduction.

Tax Brackets – There are still seven tax brackets, but they have been reduced from 10, 15, 25, 28, 33, 35 or 39.6 percent to 10, 12, 22, 24, 32, 35 or 37 percent, resulting in many taxpayers being in a slightly lower bracket than they previously were.

Personal Exemptions – Personal exemptions were eliminated by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for tax years 2018 and beyond. This will have the greatest impact on larger families with multiple children or dependents.

Child Tax Credit – The Child Tax Credit has doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for qualifying children under age 17, which may help to lessen the impact of families losing personal exemptions for children. Up to \$1,400 of the Child Tax Credit may be refundable, which means if you have no tax liability, the refundable portion could result in a refund check from the IRS.

Schedule A Deductions – Several deductions from Schedule A have also been modified or eliminated. The threshold for charitable deductions was increased from 50 to 60 percent of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Medical and Dental expenses are now deductible above seven and a half percent of your AGI. Previously the minimum was ten percent. Casualty and Theft losses, job expenses and other miscellaneous deductions above two percent of your AGI have been eliminated. If you suffer a Casualty and Theft loss in an area declared a federal disaster area, you would still be entitled to this deduction.

State and Local Taxes (SALT) – The deduction for state, local, sales, and real estate taxes has

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Help in covering final expenses– The proceeds of a life insurance policy can provide immediate funds at the time of your death to pay for your funeral costs, your debts and your final income taxes.

Transfer wealth (with potential tax advantages)– Some wealth transfer vehicles carry significant tax consequences. But the proceeds from life insurance are typically free of income tax, so if your death benefit is \$1 million, your heirs will receive the full \$1 million. Consult with your tax advisor about all potential tax consequences beneficiaries might face.

Provide charitable gifts– You can use life insurance in various ways to support charitable organizations. One option is to donate a policy you may no longer need. Either you or the charity would continue paying the premiums, but the

charity would become both the owner and beneficiary of your policy. Alternatively, you could purchase a permanent life insurance policy and donate it to the charity, which could then use the policy's cash value when you're alive and receive the death benefit when you die.

ONE OF THE MOST FLEXIBLE TOOLS IN YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNING IS LIFE INSURANCE. START THINKING SOON ABOUT HOW YOU CAN PUT IT TO WORK.

Help fund a revocable living trust– Depending on your situation, you might want to establish a revocable living trust as part of your estate plans. A revocable living trust helps you avoid the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate. And, among other benefits, a living trust allows you to distribute your financial assets over time, and in amounts that you specify – which may be quite appealing, if, for example, you'd rather not give your children a large amount of money at once. Life insurance can help fund your living trust – you just need to name the trustee (which may well be yourself while you're alive) as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. However, you will need to

consult with your legal advisor before creating and funding a living trust

Help cover long-term care costs– You may never need any type of long-term care, but if you do, you'll find it quite expensive. It now costs, on average, more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2018 Cost of Care Survey, produced by Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare typically pays little of these costs, so the burden will fall on you. To avoid using up your financial assets – or, even worse, having to rely on your adult children for help – you may want to purchase insurance. Some life insurance plans offer long-term care coverage, either through a special "rider" or by accelerating your death benefit, but you might also want to consider a traditional long-term care insurance policy.

One of the most flexible tools in your financial planning is life insurance. Start thinking soon about how you can put it to work.



Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article was written by Edward Jones.

Tax Cuts Impact CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

been capped at \$10,000. This will most negatively impact taxpayers in states that have high personal income taxes and/or taxpayers in states that have high property taxes.

Alimony – Alimony is no longer deductible by the payer and recipients no longer must claim alimony as income.

The (TCJA), also changed tax credits, expensing, deductions, and depreciation for businesses.

Qualified Business Income (QBI) – This new provision known as Section 199A, allows a deduction of up to 20% of qualified business income for owners of some businesses. Limits apply based on income levels and types of businesses.

Deductions for Meals and Entertainment Expenses – The (TCJA) eliminated the deduction for expenses related to activities considered entertainment, amusement or recreation.

Taxpayers can continue to deduct 50% of the cost of business meals if the taxpayer is present and meals are not extravagant. The meals may be provided to current or potential customers, clients, or other business contacts.

Expensing Depreciable Business Assets-Section 179 – The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased the maximum deduction to \$1 million and increased the phase-out threshold to \$2.5 million. It also changes the definition of Section 179 property to allow the taxpayer to include certain improvements made to non-residential real estate.

This is a simplified explanation of just a few of the many tax law changes that were brought about by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. How they impact individual business owners and taxpayers is very specific to their individual tax situation and circumstances. These changes open opportunities for tax planning to take advantage of specific portions of the tax code that can benefit you. If you are not tax savvy, reach out to a local tax professional who can help you navigate the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and use it to your greatest benefit.



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Over the last several days we've all heard the words – a champion, a leader, superman, an ambassador and other parallels attributed to this gentleman. As my friend, I'd prefer to say he is an "original." An original that always placed others before himself. Some say the greatest gift in life is friendship and we have received it. Whether volunteering within the community, the schools or any activity, there was no task too small or menial that Pooch didn't take on.

Pooch believed that the glass was always half full no matter how difficult the challenge. He certainly is one of the most positive people you'll ever meet. Pooch would ask for police assignments at home soccer, football and basketball games... it would always amaze me as you'd find him flipping burgers, or directly on the sideline talking to the players, officials, or maybe hinting something to the coaches. He was at his best when he could be with them. He didn't stereotype kids – through his actions and words he encouraged all students. His way of coming down on them was finding a positive action for change.

Legendary basketball coach John Wooden said, "Be true to yourself, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art." I am not sure Pooch read this but he lived it every minute of every day. Today each of us must remember to say thank you to someone and give a friend a pat on the back, or a fist bump, or words of encouragement because that is what Pooch would do. The thousands of miles he traveled have left an indelible impression on anyone who just met him once. Thank God you were the original Pooch – the one and only.

Gerry Durgin, Former GHS Athletic Director

Nothing I can write about my friend Wayne "Pooch" Drown will do him justice, but I would like to try. I was incredibly lucky to have Pooch as my assistant when I served as the coach of the Gorham High School Golf Team. Pooch was born to coach. He was passionate about getting kids involved with the game he loved. He knew that golf was more than a sport; it taught kids life lessons.

As he was teaching kids, he was simultaneously teaching me to be a better coach. Pooch taught me to listen to kids. He was a great role model for young people and his positive attitude left kids feeling better about themselves. He was happy when a player shot a great score and offered encouragement when a player was struggling. One of his favorite lessons to players was, "Playing golf isn't the Kentucky Derby. You need to slow your swing down in order to find your game." Well Pooch, I am going to take your advice and slow down to reflect on all the lessons you taught me. Those lessons have undoubtedly made me a better person. Rest in Peace my friend.

Rick Altham, GHS Golf Coach 2009-2016

Without question we have lost "Gorham's Finest." An extraordinary individual that dedicated his life to his family and our community. Pooch shepherded in the DARE program in the mid 90's. He also became Gorham's first School Resource Officer over 15 years ago when believe me not everyone was on board with an armed, uniformed officer in the High School. He recently was working on restorative justice to keep juveniles out of jail and on the right track. Pooch was a trailblazer in many respects. He loved the kids and he earned the trust and respect by always seeing the good and the potential in each and every one of them. We'll be forever grateful and appreciative to have had the opportunity to have a friend affectionally called "Pooch." They'll never be another...

Shawn Moody

Like many others, I've known Pooch for a very long time. We met while I was running Camp Ketcha and Pooch was looking for some programming to help kids learn how to communicate better and make better decisions. We ran a successful program together for many years. I learned much from him. He only ever cared about one thing...what was best for the student(s). He was resolute in ensuring the community understood that it does take all of us to create the environment where kids can be supported and succeed. What a huge loss for Gorham, not to mention Pooch's family. RIP Pooch. You will be sadly missed.

Dave Perron

Special Olympics Maine is heartbroken over the loss of our dear and long-time friend Poochie. Pooch has been a part of the Special Olympic Maine family since the very beginning and assisted our founder, Mickey Boutilier, in those early days to actually get the program going here in Maine. For about 20 years, Poochie's Barn was home to all of the Special Olympics Maine equipment and weekends were spent out there loading and unloading trucks to go to events. Pooch was also one of the original members of the annual Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and has made sure that Gorham PD stayed involved for the past 30 plus years. Pooch loved being part of the Torch Run, and participating in all of the annual fundraising and awareness raising events. He was a fixture at our annual local events banding out medals and ribbons to our athletes and reffed all of our local Unified Basketball games. Pooch loved our athletes and our athletes adored and looked up to him. We are completely heartbroken over this loss. He has left a huge void that I know the men and women of GPD will try to fill. He was a dear friend and we will miss him immensely.

Lisa Bird, Special Olympics Maine

In an announcement to the district several days prior, Superintendent Heather Perry shared, "Over the past 24 hours I have come to learn just how much a part of our K-12 'fabric' and 'family' Pooch has been. He has impacted the lives of so many families and so many children in Gorham in a positive way. Pooch's service to our school district as our School Resource Officer (SRO) and to the greater community of Gorham has been tremendous over the years. He loved working with children and he was passionate about protecting the community he cared so deeply about. He was an institution in Gorham, an individual who embodied our Code of Conduct in everything that he did. He was

cared for and loved by many of us and will be sorely missed as an integral part of our entire Gorham Schools Family."

The service was filled with reflections from those closest to Drown, and gentle reminders to fill your "dash" (the time between birth and death) with positivity. He was remembered for dedicating himself to the community and being a tireless supporter of kids. One speaker recounted Pooch's belief that, "All kids are good kids," while another said, "He made us all feel like we were his favorite."

Drown's life was cut short, but it is clear that he will leave a lasting impression on all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

For those who were unable to attend the service, Village Elementary teacher Kim Meggison suggested spreading acts of kindness after a conversation with her London-based daughter, GHS grad Kate Fasulo, who wished to do something in Pooch's honor. Several shared their ideas with the Gorham Times:

I will be honoring Pooch here in Stamford, CT. For me, I will always remember Pooch's unwavering optimism in people. This played out in many ways but most visibly in his respect, kindness and outreach to everyone he encountered day in and day out. So as I go through daily routines in grocery lines, etc., I will make a point to give everyone the respect, and genuine smile he gave us all.

Whitney Libby

I once lived in Gorham but never went to Gorham schools, however, Pooch was a dear friend of my father. To honor this hero and legend, I will always keep him in mind when I come across difficult patients and give them the benefit of a doubt. I will always see the best in them and help them at their worst. This is what he did every day of his life and this is the best tribute I can think of to him.

Jennifer Lynn

Pooch is my uncle and I want to do something in his honor. The plan that I came up with is that over the year I am going to knit bats for the Special Olympics as he had a big involvement with the Special Olympics. My goal is to knit at least 100 bats in his honor for the next winter games.

Katie Nicholson

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Shaping the Future of Gorham

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

Gorham Village Alliance (GVA), a group of volunteers leading the effort to create a more vibrant and economically viable downtown, is inviting the community to participate in a workshop focused on the future of Gorham Village.

The workshop will be held on March 11 from 6-8 p.m. at Gorham Middle School. All are welcome to attend the

family-friendly, interactive discussion. Food will be provided.

"We're excited to have the community join us at 'Vision for the Village' on March 11. GVA will be sharing a vision for Gorham's downtown area based on last fall's community survey and will be looking for input to guide the goals and strategies to make that vision a reality," said Kathy Garrard, GVA co-chair.

A snow date is set for March 13. For more information, call or text the Gorham Village Alliance at 207-233-2373.

METRO Invites Feedback at Public Meeting

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The Greater Portland Transit District (METRO) will host a series of open house meetings in communities where METRO bus service is offered to provide information and gather feedback on proposed changes regarding how riders pay to use the METRO service.

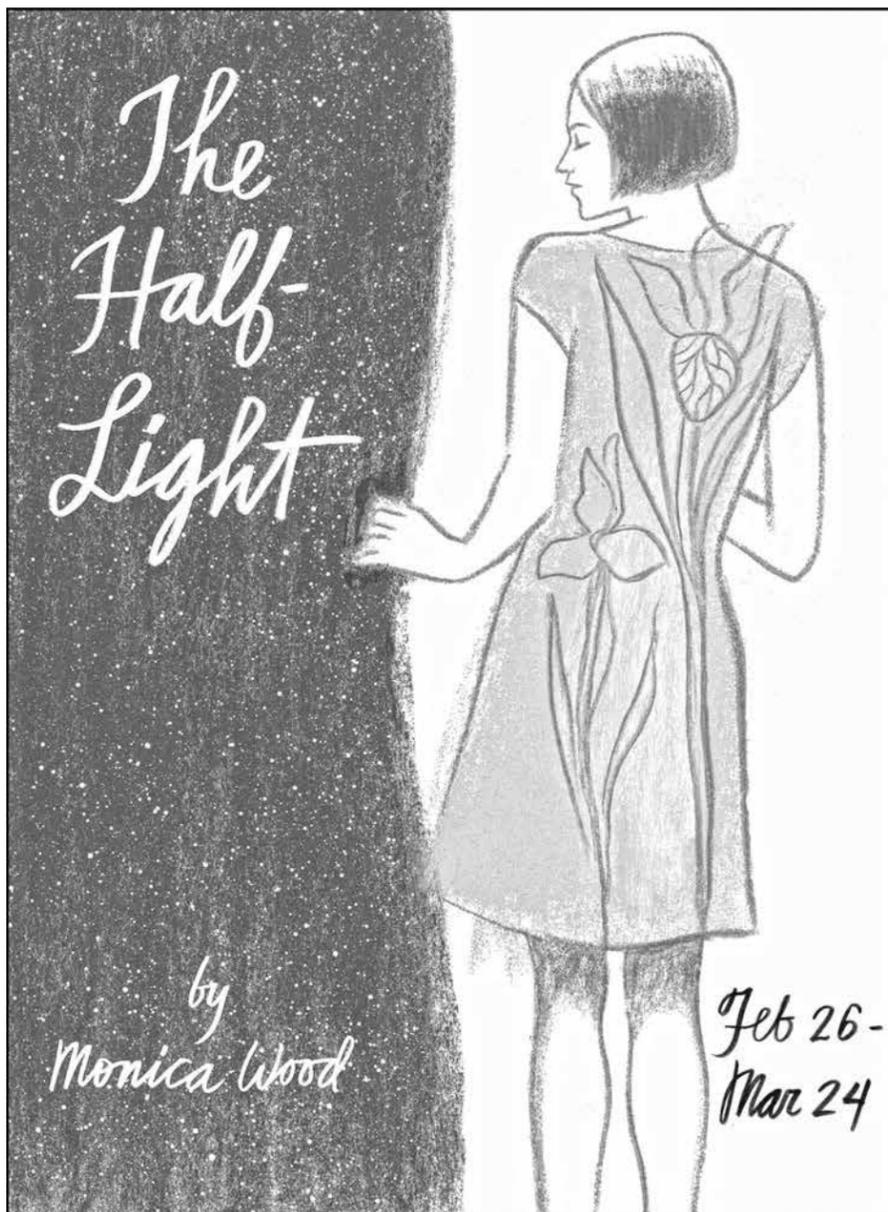
Those interested are welcome to attend METRO's public meeting at the Gorham Municipal Center on Tuesday, March 26, in Conference Room A, adjacent to the Town Manager's Office, from 5-7:30 p.m. to learn more and share input.

FEBRUARY 2019 Grand Jury Indictments

Parker Janelle, 26, of Gorham was indicted for reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and criminal OUI (one prior) on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Christopher McMahan, 24, of Portland was indicted for burglary, three counts of burglary of a motor vehicle and three counts of theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Travis Tapley, 30, of Steep Falls was indicted for OUI (one prior), possession of fentanyl (unlawful possession of scheduled drugs), and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.



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Spreading Hearts



Photo credit Jacqueline Durant-Harthorne

On Valentine's Day, Ms. Durant-Harthorne's kindergarteners spread hearts to staff all over Narragansett School as part of their daily STREAM projects which integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.

School Note

The GHS Building Committee has been hard at work creating an initial concept design for the renovation/expansion of Gorham High School (GHS). Visit the GHS Building Project link from the www.gorhamschools.org website to review the design in detail. Much of the approach to meeting the needs of GHS derived from input from the community last spring in a previous Thought Exchange (T.E.). For this T.E. the committee is seeking input once again. They want to know if they are on the right track. Does this design meet the needs of Gorham's students and staff? Are they missing anything? The committee asks for your thoughts and review and to rank the thoughts of others. The link to the T.E. is: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#450004770>.

Village School Creates New Sensory Movement Path



Photo credit DaraLyn McColl

Over February vacation, Village first grader Molly Penley and her dad, fourth-grade teacher Brian Penley, along with a team of creators, started painting a new sensory movement path inside Village School.

DARALYN MCCOLL
Alternative Education
Coordinator at Village

When visiting Village Elementary School next, don't miss the hallway that leads to the Ram's Cafe. In the hallway, one can choose to soar like an Eagle, scurry on logs like a mouse, use bear paws for wall push-ups, hop like frogs from lily pad to lily pad, swim like fish, duck walk along logs, slither like snakes in the marsh, or crab walk to the ocean where you can jump like whales.

Having done any or all of these movements, one would have completed the new sensory movement path designed and created by Village students for their peers.

Village's occupational therapist, Kristina Pontbriand, brought the sensory path idea to principal Dr. Porter, in hopes to create a safe space for students to access throughout the day, as needed, to have a true sensory experience in the school.

"The ability to move is a big part of our student's success and promotes executive functioning skills," said Pontbriand.

Pontbriand's sensory path vision provides not only special education students the ability to use this space

for self-regulation and movement that supports their functioning within the general education classroom, but to also provide all Village School students the opportunity to enjoy the path through unique movement suggestions.

In many elementary schools, when students are fidgeting, unfocused, or having trouble sitting still in class, teachers send them to a "sensory hallway" and through the path. This takes less than a minute, offering students an opportunity to burn some energy and return to class ready to learn.

Third graders Althea Webber, Tucker Curtis, and Connor McHenry, who were already working around enrichment academics, and fourth-grade teachers Brian Penley and Meghan O'Neil, helped with planning, designing, and implementing the project, thus helping to bring it to life.

The students measured the hallway and Penley took their work and created a grid to scale. The students also thought about how Maine animals move, lending to ideas for the sensory movement path. After many meetings and editing the plans,

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Gorham Middle School's Student Council recently made their annual trip to the Westbrook Animal Shelter, bringing along 14 bags full of community-donated food and supplies. Students also sold Mac's Popcorn to raise money for the shelter. They raised \$500 for the shelter, as well as \$500 for the local organization Helping Paws. Special thanks to all the community members who bought the popcorn or donated the supplies, the animals truly appreciate all the generous support. Students attending were: Back Row (left to right): Paige Perrault, Dakota Coyne, Lucy Dubail, Lydia Fluet, Ella Senatore, Abby Canty, Sophie Gunn, Madisson Willey, and Elizabeth Douglass. Front Row (left to right): Winnie Dubail, Julia Wareham, Mina Sayed, Violet James, Katelyn Cyr, Denali Tetrault, and Lucia Holloway.

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SPORTS

Gorham Dad Looks To Shed Light on Bullying in Sports

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Gorham author Thomas Dahlborg, Sr. began coaching because of his son Tommy. It wasn't because he had a passion for the sport; actually, he never played it. "The Big Kid... and Basketball...and the Lessons He Taught His Father & Coach" started as a journal about Tommy's experiences being shunned and bullied by peers, adults and coaches because he was "too big." Dahlborg wanted to share these experiences in hopes of shedding light on adult to child bullying.

At a recent seminar for coaches hosted by Gorham Recreation, Dahlborg shared what he believes it takes, not just to coach, but to be relatable and to understand each child on a team. He projected a quote on a screen that said, "Young people need models, not critics." (John Wooden, UCLA).

At one point Dahlborg asked the group to make an OK sign with their fingers and they did so. He then said, "Put it up to your chin" while he put the OK sign up to his cheek instead. Many in the room put the OK to their cheek instead of their chin. It was a powerful moment for me as I was one who followed what he did instead of what he said. "We are programed to respond. We need to listen to understand," he stated.



Photo credit Dahlborg Family

Thomas Dahlborg, Sr. (right) is shown with his son, Tommy, the inspiration for his newly released book about overcoming bullying in sports.

"The Big Kid...and Basketball" shares not only experiences he had with his son, but his own journey starting out as an inexperienced coach. Dahlborg shares what he learned from coaching; simple things such as encouraging communication between parent and coaches, knowing their philosophies, playing time and their values, and also building relationships with the children he coached.

The book is written from Dahlborg's perspective about what his son was going through. However, it is also about his journey from an insecure coach to one that had an impact on the lives of the children he coached. If you would like more information on Thomas Dahlborg, Sr. and his recent book release, visit tbkid.org.

Caterina Recognized as Coach of the Year

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

GHS Coach John Caterina was recently named 2019 SMAA Indoor Track and Field Girls' Coach of the Year. He has been coaching in Gorham for 31 years, with the last 18 years spent as the head coach for girls' indoor track.

Caterina said the honor is wonderful, sharing, "It is important to remember that it is as much a reflection on my fellow coaches (Jason Tanguay, Christina Stone, Jim Giroux and Jim Karkanes) and our fantastic athletes as it is on me and my coaching. We have a great track program at GHS that not only 'teaches' track and field, but we strive to make dedicated and well-rounded athletes."



Photo credit Janice Drew

In the Zone

Gorham Wrestler Hits Milestone: Nicco Pappalardo (GHS '19) hit the elusive 100 win mark in varsity wrestling at the Southern Maine Regionals on February 9.

Sports Etc.

Rookie Player of the Week: Grace McGouldrick (GHS '18) was recently named America East Rookie of the Week. McGouldrick is a freshman softball player for the University of Maine at Orono.

GHS Soccer Players Headed to Division I Schools

MARY DEWITT
GHS Student Intern

This fall, Gorham will have two graduates playing women's soccer at the NCAA Division I level. Emma Forgues will be playing for the University of Maine at Orono while Hallie Shiers is headed to Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. When deciding where to attend college, both were looking for the right fit as far as athletics and academics.

After a long process of visiting colleges throughout her high school career, Forgues met Coach Atherley at UMaine during her junior year and fell in love. She said, "It gave the homey feel that I had been missing." She said she knew it was the place where she not only wanted to play soccer, but be academically successful as well. Two weeks later she committed to play soccer there.

Last summer, Shiers had narrowed her college choices down to three schools, with Merrimack being her top choice. However, the college did not offer her intended major of nursing. She continued to look at other schools because she felt that academics should come before athletics, but she kept coming back to Merrimack, its soccer team and its coaches.

"They were just short of checking off all my boxes because they didn't offer nursing as a major," she said. However, she soon learned that Merrimack would be adding a nursing program in the fall of 2019. "After hearing this I figured it was just meant to be, and I wanted to go there. After staying in contact with Merrimack through the spring of my junior year and a bit during the summer, I called Coach Mejail at the end of August and committed," she shared.

Forgues predominantly played midfield, and Shiers played mostly in the forward position over the course of their soccer careers at Gorham. They were both instrumental to the offense and key to goal scoring, especially in big games. Both were named to the All Conference and All State teams, and Forgues was chosen as an All New England player this season.

Forgues and Shiers both have fond memories of playing soccer

while growing up. Forgues said, "My favorite memories are being able to meet some of my best friends and getting to play with them for so many years. It made soccer that much more enjoyable for me." She has had the opportunity to travel to Florida, Colorado, Virginia, and California to play the sport.

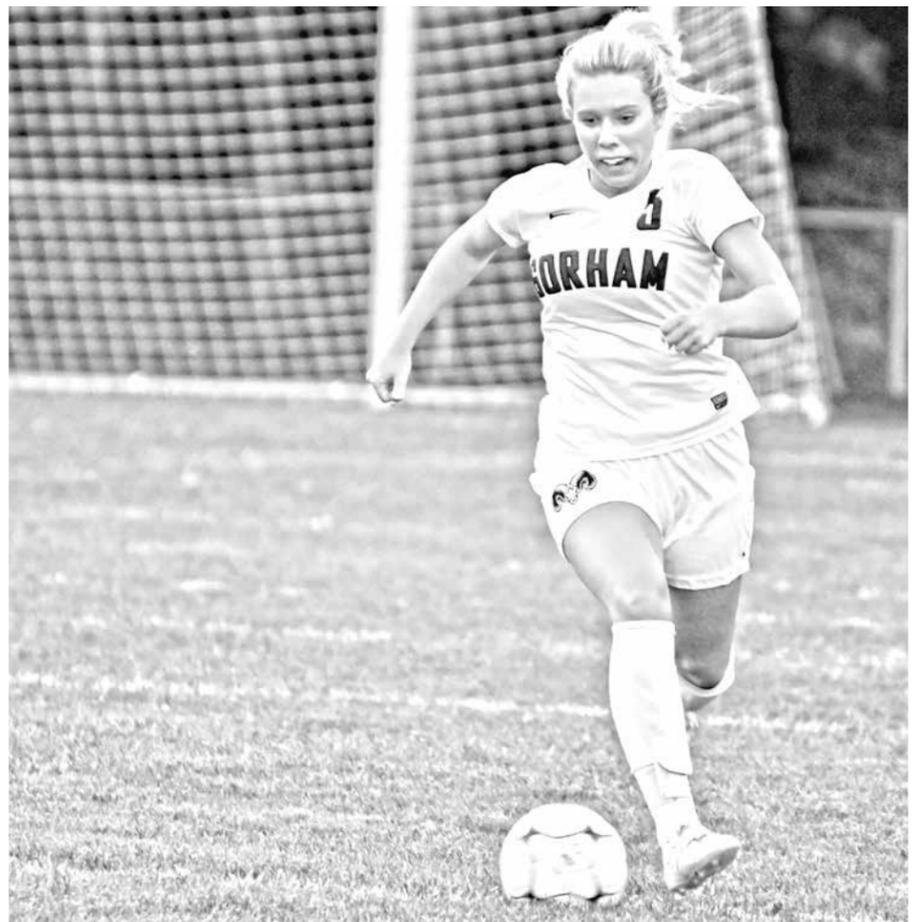
Shiers' favorite memories stem from going to the state finals her freshman and sophomore years, and playing soccer as a child. She said, "I have been lucky enough to play with Emma and some of our other teammates for the past 10 years, from GYSA all the way up through high school. Getting to watch everyone grow, improve, and succeed the way they have is so exciting and sentimental to me. I have become friends with people that I probably never would have if it weren't for soccer. I have had coaches that have made huge impacts on my life and been extremely influential mentors that I will always look up to and respect."

They have each had many inspirations that got them to where they are today. Forgues' biggest inspiration has been her teammates. "I absolutely loved being able to watch my teammates especially as I got to be an upperclassman; being able to see them grow over the years on and off the field. They inspired me to work harder," she said.

Shiers said her biggest inspiration has been her mom. "She is the hardest working person I know and has done so much to support and encourage me. All the times that I wanted to give up on something, she has found a way to push me to keep me going and working hard. I can't thank her enough for everything she does to make sure that I have a good and successful life," she said.

They are also looking forward to what comes next for them and are both excited to start a new chapter of their lives doing something they love. The only nerve-wracking part is the enhanced level of physicality that comes with playing a sport at the college level.

Forgues said she is most excited to play with the girls on the Maine team as they are so nice and welcoming. She is also looking forward to playing



EMMA FORGUES



HALLIE SHIERS

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Bowers Inducted into Maine Basketball Hall of Fame

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COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Gorham resident Jeff Bowers was recently inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Bowers graduated from South Portland High School in 1982 where he was a second team All-Maine selection. Following high school, the 6' 6" guard/forward accepted a scholarship to Boston University.

His basketball journey eventually brought him to USM and reunited him with coach Bob Brown. While at USM, Bowers was a two-time honorable mention All-American, averaging 20.3 points and 6.4 rebounds to help the Huskies win their only Little East Conference Championship in 1989 and advance to the NCAA Final Four.

He was selected as the Little East Co-Player of the Year, the ECAC Division III New England Player of the Year, and earned first team all-star accolades from the LEC, ECAC, and UPI New England and Maine College Coaches and Writers Association.

Bowers still ranks among USM's career leaders in points (1257), scoring average (17.2), field goal percentage (.524), three point percentage (.476), and free throw percentage at .855.



Photo courtesy Bowers Family

Jeff Bowers (left) is shown with his wife Luci, and their children Mackenzie and Carter.

Bowers was honored to have been selected for induction into the Hall of Fame and become part of a group of people that he has admired for their contributions to the game that he has always loved. He played basketball his whole life and has enjoyed watching others play the game as well. His favorite part of the sport has been meeting some amazing people through his

basketball experience in terms of teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, and diehard basketball fans.

Bowers enjoyed sharing his love of the game while coaching his two children, Carter (GHS '12) and MacKenzie (GHS '15), in the Gorham Rec basketball programs and youth travel leagues.

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OF INTEREST

The Gorham Lions Club will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114). New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

Visit Baxter Memorial Library to read to an animal from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (dog, cat or critter!) on March 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This program will give less confident readers in grades K-6 the chance to practice reading with an attentive and furry listener. It will also give shelter animals a field trip and the opportunity to meet lots of new people. To sign your child up for a 15-minute time slot, stop by the library or call 222-1190.

The Greater Gorham (Winter) Farmers Market runs the first and third Saturdays of each month through April from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department.

Mainly Worm Bins of Gorham was recognized by ecomaine with a Business Award for its outstanding efforts in sustainability, waste management, and "green living."

West Gorham Union Church is hosting a Bluegrass concert with Erica Brown & the Bluegrass Connection on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. The concert will benefit the church's Lift Project to make Fellowship Hall handicapped accessible. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Advance tickets available at West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, on Sundays between 9-11:30 a.m.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Come join the Lakes Region Senior Center, located in the Little Falls Activity Center, Gorham, for a traditional St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Monday, March 11. There will be special entertainment by the DayTime Players featuring Peter Allen, as one of the actors. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. with program to follow at 12:15 p.m. \$8 for members/\$10 for non-members.

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

Senior Meal Site will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Cost is \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857 or 222-1630.

The Lecky Brown Center for Seniors, located on the 3rd floor at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., is offering weekly events as follows: Tuesdays Handchimes 1 p.m.; Wednesdays Originals 10 a.m.; Thursdays Church Street Writers 10:30 a.m. - Obituary writing Workshop; Fridays ARTrageous Seniors 10 a.m. FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379.

Join the Lecky Brown Center on Thursday, March 21, at 10 a.m. for Let's Talk, with Bill Jenks. Discussion topic varies each month. FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St. is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. FMI 839-3859, 839-2484, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3494, 839-3630. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call.

USM NOTES

The USM Department of Theatre and the School of Music are collaborating to present a free theatrical family concert, "Peter and the Wolf" on Saturday, March 9, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Russell Hall on the Gorham campus. Admission is free, but seating is limited and reservations are recommended. To reserve your free tickets call USM box office at 207-780-5151.

The USM Department of Theatre and the School of Music will present "Unlock'd," a new musical from creators Derek Gregor and Falmouth native Sam Carner, through March 10 at Russell Hall in Gorham. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 207-780-5151 or usm.maine.edu/theatre.

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 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

CLOSE TO HOME

A local support group for Crohn's Disease and Colitis will meet at Roots Café in Westbrook the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. The Ostomy support group will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Roots Café. Groups are free and open to the public. The group will meet in the conference room which can be accessed by a separate entrance from the café in the book area. FMI kaymayparsons@yahoo.com.



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for Coach Atherley. Her goal in playing at UMaine is to be able to compete at a level that will challenge her and continue to develop her skills as a soccer player. "I know Coach Atherley will do that," she said. Forgues has spent a lot of time in the gym getting ready for that level of competition and she is focused on staying in shape and getting stronger but also keeping her foot on the ball as much as she can.

Shiers shared, "I feel fairly confident in my soccer ability but I have always been a little on the weaker side when it comes to physical strength. Just watching the women's soccer games, I can see that it's much faster and more physical. I will have to go into it with a very mentally tough attitude because we will be put through a lot of weight lifting, running, and workouts that I am not used to."

There is no doubt that both athletes will be ready for play at the next level. Jeanne Zarrilli, GHS girls' soccer coach said, "They will each bring a passion for the game and an excellent work ethic to their respective college teams. They also lead by example and support their teammates on and off the field."

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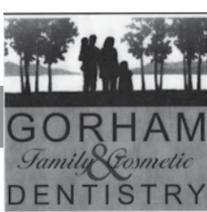
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BAD DAY FOR DOG OWNER

Officer listened to barking dog on Patrick Drive for 15 minutes. Dog was tied up to a trampoline but had no shelter. Officer made contact with the homeowner who said he would be home shortly and would take care of the situation. Officer gave him a verbal warning for a barking dog. Later, Patrick Drive caller reported neighbor's dog had gotten into his chicken coop. Dog eventually returned home. Owner was issued a summons for animal trespass.

Officer responded to a report of a disturbance on Kayla Way. Caller said her father and her ex-boyfriend were fighting. Ex-boyfriend was charged with OUI, assault and violating conditions of release.

Unruly female was reported at Main St. residence and was asked to leave for the night. She was outside the house and upset but calmed down after she spoke with officer. At manager's request, officer issued two summons for assault and disorderly conduct.

Bramblewood Lane caller received a harassing call from a taxi driver requesting money she owed. Woman was nervous as she was home alone with her kids. Officer stayed on watch from his vehicle but did not see anyone come to the residence. Woman was told to call if something didn't seem right.

Weeks Road caller reported his daughter had lost the keys to her vehicle and it would be parked in the school lot overnight.

Fort Hill Road woman reported a vehicle had rolled down the hill in her driveway. She was slightly injured due to having been dragged a short distance.

Caller reported an erratic driver on Gray Road. Vehicle was pulled over to the side of the road when officer arrived. He was not impaired. He was having an issue with one of his contact lenses.

Officer spoke with three people on the ice on North Gorham and Middle Jam Roads. They said they had plenty of ice and knew where not to go. They had fishing licenses. Officer spoke to them from the shore.

Officer checked on a man standing behind a pillar on Main Street, looking into the windows of a business at closing time. He was waiting to walk his girlfriend home.

Day Road caller reported a light in the woods. Caller was concerned it might be someone who needed help. Officer determined it was Christmas lights.

Officer stopped a vehicle on Ossipee Trail that reportedly was driving all over the road and at varying speeds. Officer located the vehicle on Main St. going 35-45 mph and hugging the yellow line. Officer activated his emergency lights and the vehicle jerked to the side of the road. The 79 year old operator was heading to work. She admitted being a little tired but was medically okay. She had not been drinking nor taking any medication or illegal drugs. Officer released her to go to work.

Officer advised Main St. woman her license was suspended. She was going to make some calls to the State to try to get it back.

Driver on New Portland Road was warned for distracted driving as he was changing music on his cell phone.

Dow Road caller reported a dark colored Jeep drove through his yard, hit a snowbank and drove off but then drove back by at a high rate of speed. Vehicle was not located.

Suspicious vehicle on Lincoln was a man dropping off phonebooks at each house in the area.

Officer was dispatched to assist on an emergency in Buxton. Only issue that officer found was that there had been deer all over the yard. Homeowner was relieved.

Twenty-year-old driver went down the embankment at Brandy Brook Hill. He was not with the vehicle and was vague about his location. Officer advised him vehicle needed to be towed. It was towed but he did not speak to officer.

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THURSDAY MARCH 7

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Book Club discussion of "Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree" by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY MARCH 9

- Legislative Office Hours: Gorham Delegation, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY MARCH 11

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY MARCH 12

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

- Folded Flyers (7-12 yrs), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Read to Animals with ARLGP (Grades K-6), 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY MARCH 14

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY MARCH 16

- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gorham Recreation Department

MONDAY MARCH 18

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY MARCH 19

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY MARCH 21

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Book Club discussion of "How to be a Good Creature: A Memoir of Thirteen Animals" by Sy Montgomery, 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
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Fun with Harry Potter at Baxter Memorial Library



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Baxter Memorial library held a Harry Potter event on February 7. Visitors were encouraged to wear robes, bring wands, and any other unusual things, and follow in Harry Potter's footsteps to explore the shops of Diagon Alley. Stops were made at Gringotts Bank, Flourish and Blotts, Madam Malkin's Robes For All Occasions, Ollivanders and the Leaky Cauldron for refreshments such as cauldron cupcakes (bottom right). Pictured top right with Dumbledore are Gorham third graders (left to right) Isabel Hamann, Abigail McCrillis and Sophie MacIsaac. The staff of Baxter Memorial Library who made the event possible are (left to right) Front row: Barbie Taylor and Heidi Whalen. Back row: Tara Brown, James Rathbun, Deborah Buker, Julia Hoisington, Carol Robinson, Rebecca Sladen, and Danielle Grady. To watch a short video from the evening, courtesy of GoCAT, visit <https://vimeo.com/317540900>.



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