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Shaughnessy Offers Update on River Restoration Activities

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of FOPR

Friends of the Presumpscot River board president Michael Shaughnessy speaks at a recent FOPR event.

Michael Shaughnessy, board president at the Friends of the Presumpscot River, gave a talk at the Baxter Memorial Library on the evening of Tuesday, July 8. Shaughnessy is a professor emeritus at USM and is also a member of the Westbrook City Council. He updated the audience on recent developments regarding his organization's efforts to promote the restoration of the

Presumpscot River, which includes its entire length from Sebago Lake all the way to where it flows into Casco Bay at Martin's Point near Falmouth Foreside.

Since the 2021 completion of the long-anticipated removal of the Saccarappa Dam near downtown Westbrook, the FOPR group has been focusing its attention primarily on the two dams which are next upstream, Mallison Falls Dam

and Little Falls Dam, which are located between Gorham and Windham. Shaughnessy pointed out that the Little River (which drains much of the central and northern sections of Gorham) flows into the Presumpscot about a mile south of Mallison Falls, meaning that the Little River and tributaries are now accessible to ocean-run fish.

He added that, after several years of FOPR advocacy, the State of Maine is now stocking the Little River with blueback herring. This species of herring is considered a signature species, as large numbers of bluebacks indicate that a river or stream is a viable location for other species of ocean-run fish, such as alewives and salmon. When Mallison Falls and Little Falls were most recently relicensed, a legal agreement was reached which provided that the owners of those two upstream dams would be required to install significant fish passage infrastructure to both dams, once it was documented that at least 24,000 bluebacks per year were returning to the Little River, which Shaughnessy estimated could happen in four to five years. He added that both dams have not been producing any hydro power for some time, so no federal approval would be needed for their removal.

Shaughnessy then pointed to another important recent occurrence, the

unplanned draining of Dundee Pond (upstream from Dundee Dam) during part of 2024. This apparently happened due to the failure of one of Dundee Dam's sluice gates during repairs. This event temporarily restored part of the original flowage of the Presumpscot for about four months during the spring and summer of last year, before the sluices were repaired. Shaughnessy mentioned the rapid emergence of grasses growing along the old riverbanks, as well as the renewed flowing of adjacent streams and waterfalls. He cited these as examples of the Presumpscot valley's potential for rejuvenating itself into a more diverse natural ecosystem once all or most of the dams are removed at some future time.

At another point in the talk, Shaughnessy stated that the average age of a hydro dam in the United States currently is 61 years, and that the current estimate for the appropriate lifespan of a hydro dam is 100 years. (The Dundee Dam is 112 years old, as it was constructed in 1913.) Shaughnessy also mentioned that the current daily electricity output of all the dams on the Presumpscot is approximately eight megawatts when all the active dams are online, which he said is considered low compared to other hydroelectric projects across the country.

Gorham Pride Celebration

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Ben Dyke

The Gorham Pride celebration took place in the Shaw Gym on Saturday, June 28. The well-attended annual event included the participation of a number of craft vendors and community nonprofit organizations. There were also several music and dance performances. From left to right the four performers in this photo are: Thorn, Letta the Queen, Angel-Dionne Money, and Heather Lynn.

Scammers Targeting Gorham Planning Board Applicants

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Applicants who have submitted proposals to the Gorham Planning Board have received bogus emails and invoices stating that approvals are conditional on making a wire transfer payment to the town of Gorham. This is a scam.

These emails are not from Thomas Poirier, director of Community Development, the department that includes the Gorham Planning Division. Recipients should not reply to the email address for instructions on how to make the bogus invoice payment.

Poirier said that anyone receiving an email of this nature should report it to the Town office. People who had proposals on the July 7 Planning Board agenda received emails sent before the Board meeting.

The scammers seem to have access to any public document posted online. Similar emails may be going to people who made applications to any Town of Gorham committee, board, or department.

Although Mr. Poirier did not send the emails, they are signed Thomas M. Poirier, Planning Board Director, which is not his correct title. The scammers included very detailed descriptions of the applications the recipients submitted to the Planning Board, and the email address could appear to be legitimate.

One detailed invoice was for \$4,900. But the request for a wire transfer is an absolute giveaway that the invoice is bogus and a scam. "The Town of Gorham never asks for a wire transfer," Poirier said.



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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 108 and House District 109 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 on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

Diverse Voices Strengthen Our Communities

Sen. Stacy Brenner

June 20 marked World Refugee Day, a day that recognizes the dignity of those fleeing violence, natural disasters or persecution and their right to seek safety. I was proud to join fellow legislators in cosponsoring a Joint Resolution that recognized this important day and reaffirmed Maine’s commitment to the well-being of refugees and displaced people around the world. But these days, it appears the rights and safety of these folks and other new Mainers who make valuable contributions to our communities and economies are at grave risk. Many concerned constituents have reached out to me with concern and worry regarding federal immigration authorities operating with seemingly little regard for due process. Consequently, many refugees and asylum seekers, who are following the letter of the law, are anxious while navigating the mandated court hearings and hesitate to go about their daily lives, worrying they will be deported. Just last month, my office heard from a constituent who was nervous about driving a relative to an appointment at the federal courthouse for fear he would be arrested and detained. It is an extremely troubling trend that

turns its back on the long-held American value that, as a nation of immigrants, the people who come here legally and work hard are integral parts of our communities. It is a value that I believe Maine should continue to hold fast to. I am hopeful that the legislature will advance proposals that seek to clarify the relationships with federal law enforcement agencies operating within our state ensuring that any potential cooperation with local law enforcement is clear, accountable and aligned with Maine’s commitment to civil liberties and community safety. As of this writing, the legislature has passed one effort to ensure local law enforcement can focus on public safety and not divert time and resources to solely investigating immigration status, regardless of whether or not a person has engaged in any criminal conduct. Notions that immigrants are inherently responsible for an increase in crime are baseless. In fact, national research highlights that as immigration increases, violent crime either decreases or there is no effect at all. I appreciate that communities like Wells have adopted a “wait and see” approach, holding off on enter-

ing into partnerships with federal immigration authorities and allowing the legislature to consider how the State wants to approach this important issue during an uncertain time. It is my fervent belief that refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants deserve due process rights and an opportunity to contribute to our communities, economies and entire state. Extreme rhetoric and action around immigration does nothing to strengthen our communities. All it does is stoke division and incite fear over people simply trying to build a life for themselves. I know the character of Maine, and I know we can rise above such baseless division.



As always, I am a resource for you, your family, and our community. If you need assistance or have questions for me, please reach out at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my Senate office at (207) 287-1515. I will do my best to help.

PRLT 2025 Summer Trail Challenge

Gorham Times Staff

Get ready for a summer of adventure with the 2025 Trail Challenge, sponsored by REI Co-op of Westbrook Maine, Westbrook Community Center, the City of Westbrook, Portland Water District, Windham Parks and Recreation, the Town of Windham, and Gorham Parks and Recreation. The community-wide challenge invites you to explore five popular natural sites and rewards you for doing it. The challenge runs from July 1 to Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. This self-paced summer adventure is open to all ages whether you’re looking to hike, bike, or walk your way through some of the region’s most scenic trail systems. Featured Trail Destinations include:

White Mountain Overlook – East Windham Conservation Area, Windham Mill Brook Overlook – Mill Brook South Preserve, Westbrook Diamond Trail Boardwalk – Black Brook Preserve, Windham Snake Pond – Part of the Sebago to Sea Trail, Standish (Please note: Snake Pond is located on Portland Water District land. All visitors must register at kiosks located next to the parking areas.) Gambo Preserve Mill Ring – Gambo Preserve, Gorham Register for the challenge at <https://tinyurl.com/3de9m5hs>, then pick up your passport at Gorham Parks & Recreation or several other locations.



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TWO CORRECTIONS:

Changes in Latin Awards at Gorham High School as published in the last Gorham Times:
Abigail Capponi - Magna Cum Laude
Madisson Willey - Cum Laude

We make the following correction to the Farms article that appeared in the June 19 issue of the Gorham Times. While Gorham Rec. holds events at Cherry Hill Farm, it is Shaw Brothers Construction and the Shaw Family Foundation who maintain all the trails.

Public Works Truck Driver/ Equipment Operator Position

The Town of Buxton is accepting applications for a full-time Truck Driver/Equipment Operator in our Public Works Department.

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Kevin Kimball, Public Works Director, at 207.929.4400

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Baxter Memorial Library Summer Fest

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

It was a family affair at the Baxter Memorial Library “Spring Into Summer Reading” festivities on June 18. There were hotdogs, chips, shaved ice, and popcorn all made and served by Gorham Municipal and Library staff. Long lines of excited children and parents lasted throughout the afternoon to go inside CHUNK, a lifesize inflatable Humpback Whale. Even though the skies were cloudy no rain fell on this yearly lead into summer fun at the library.

Cherry Hill Farmers Market Features New Vendors

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: John Ersek

Hadeel Al Najjar is one of the vendors at the Cherry Hill Farmers Market. She is the head chef of Amira Cuisine.

The Cherry Hill Farmers Market continues its summer season through September, every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a number of new vendors participating this year. The market is located at 616 Main Street, in a parking lot adjacent to Sebago Brewing. Not all of the listed vendors participate every week:

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- Ruff Pine Dog Treats
A variety of locally made dehydrated dog treats
- White Pine Tallow
Personal care products made from tallow

New Light on the VFW

JoAnn Leib, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Peter Taylor, Department of Maine VFW Photographer

Amy Meuchel

Incoming State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and first woman to achieve that rank, Amy Meuchel, 44, is a fifth-generation veteran in a family that dates its military heritage back to the American Revolution. She has seen four deployments following her enlistment in the Navy in 2001 after the 9/11 disaster and has served on nuclear-powered aircraft carriers USS John C. Stennis, USS Carl Vinson and USS Abraham Lincoln. Meuchel became involved with the VFW as a student at Southern Maine Community College and later rose through the ranks or what she calls, “the chairs,” to become the first female Commander at Deering Memorial Post 6859 and District 10 in 2017. To become the State Commander she was voted in by her peers on June 21, 2025. If you recognize Meuchel from the accompanying photo, however, that may be because she is also a Gorham Fed Ex Express driver who likes to chat up her customers on the ongoing achievements of the Maine State VFW program. Meuchel says, “the VFW is a world-wide voice for veterans, with posts in Korea, Guam and Germany, to name a few, with 42 posts in Maine alone, including those in Gorham, Windham, Yarmouth, Harrison, Portland and Fryeburg. Meuchel wants veterans to connect with the comradeship of other veterans and to know that their certified service officers will help veterans at no cost to file their VA claims. Meuchel says she wants, “the families of veterans to think of the VFW,” when their loved ones who have served need some support themselves. Folks aren’t always up to date with these


features of the newly robust VFW offerings. “No one does more for veterans than the VFW; the VFW and its auxiliary have 1.4 million members, and yet we can feel like the best-kept secret!” Aside from driving, Meuchel is an ambassador for the VFW. She points out that healthcare is available at the National Historic Landmark Togus VA Medical Center in Chelsea, ME, near Augusta, and community-based outpatient clinics in Bangor, Calais, Ft. Kent, Houlton, Lewiston, Lincoln, Portland, Presque Isle and Rumford can be researched for appointments and more information online at VA.gov. At the other end of the age spectrum, the VFW reaches out each year to high school students, since the group sponsors a \$35,000 nationwide essay competition highlighting themes related to the national spirit of Americanism. Although the history of the prize dates back to the 1940s. Charles Kuralt, the CBS news journalist, won the award as a teen, as did a former Miss America winner and former U.S. Attorney John Ashcroft. There is also a Patriot Pen essay competition for middle school students. Meuchel, a parent herself, knows what that kind of financial support can mean during the growing years. In connecting the generations, she says, the VFW has the entire family in its heart. You can find the entry forms on the VFW.org website. Meuchel is looking forward to a productive year with her team and the members in making a positive impact. She hopes to raise money for the Commander’s Special Project: Honor Flight Maine to sponsor as many guardians as possible to accompany their veterans to Washington DC. They will spend a weekend viewing memorials created in their honor. If you have questions or interest in joining, please reach out to VFWME.org.

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Second-Hand Dog Ownership

Linda Mulski, Contributing Writer

Veterinarians are often questioned concerning the behavior of family pets. I have shared my home(s) with six dogs, from puppy through senility. Usually there have been well thought-out decisions concerning when to get a dog: what breed would best thrive within the confines of my changing family; how best do we train the pup and associated humans (given their age-related skill sets); my children have left to practice adulthood; schedules are mostly cleared of school events; the remaining dog was increasingly deaf, senile, and lonely. I fell into an opportunity...

I tell friends that I have a new German exercise buddy who is shepherding me to better health. My new friend is a 16-month-old, large, male, fluffy German Shepherd from a very conscientious breeder. He was recently returned because one member of his two-person family passed away, and a mature dog bullied him mercilessly. The previous owner wishes to remain anonymous and declines contact. It has been intriguing to try and figure out what this dog does and doesn't know.

House training was solid (Praise Be!). Crate training was reasonable. Respecting humans definitely needed work. Response to his name was initially negligible. Treats are not really very exciting, praise is more rewarding. Understandably, he aggressively responds to other dogs trying to push him around. He told me that "STAY" was completely irrelevant, but a firmer tone reminded him that his health record mentioned a board and training session. The working definition of "He dogged the cat" is acted out daily, and said cat has started encouraging the sessions... a basis for eventual friendship? Training to accept urgent, necessary grooming, while shedding heavily, is interesting. Realizing what HE thinks may be an appropriate chew toy can be surprising. The biggest chal-

lenge is convincing him that his belief in "Look Visitors, so NO RULES!" is the antithesis of the desired behavior. Watching his reactions leads me to deductions concerning his previous life.

I'm gratified by the depressed introvert's gradual discovery that life can be fun, that feeling like a good dog is rewarding, and that behaving in a socially acceptable manner can expand one's horizons. He has reminded me of the joy that young, fit dogs and people share on routine walks, regardless of the weather. My physician is now proud of my daily step count. Exercise has become a personal need rather than an unwelcome obligation.

The age, breed, size, abundance of hormones, and exceptional amount of coat have all added to my challenges with this particular dog. The 24/7 problem-solving has definitely increased my empathy towards rescue owners. So many wonderful people adopt mature dogs, inviting them into their homes and coping with difficulties. I am so grateful for all of the hard work that goes into your pets. Know that you are not alone. Veterinarians, their staff, local dog trainers, and a variety of medications can all help address problems.



Linda Mulski, VMD, has worked in Maine for the past 33 years. She and her husband, Tom Niedermeyer, VMD, own the Animal Hospital of South Gorham where a wide variety of pet species are welcome. They have raised six daughters, all proud "Maineiacs."

Summer Shoe Wear

Mike Smith, Contributing Writer

It appears that Maine's summer weather has finally arrived. Despite the 12 or 13 straight Saturdays of rain (snow if you count the end of March) most of us could not wait for this spring and summer to get out and do yard work, walk, hike or go to the beach. And what we put on our feet does make a difference. Many of us need to upgrade and get new sneakers for our daily walks or runs. That should be an annual rite of spring. I have written in previous articles about how important the correct running shoe is in keeping our feet, knees and hips and back healthy.

Fortunately, or unfortunately (depends on your cash flow), we need different shoes for different activities. Yard work requires good work boots for most of us or the old banged-up sneakers. The sneakers however can have some limitations in terms of becoming slippery on wet grass or hills. A good pair of work boots or muck boots are the best bet. They are more supportive and safer especially for mowing the lawn or digging flower beds. A boot with good support and some cushion will be the most comfortable.

The flip flop, Birkenstock, hiking sandal or straight sandal that everyone loves in the summer are easy to slip on and fun to wear. However, in my 30 years, I have treated many patients who have sprained, torn up or broken toes, feet and ankles and knees by wearing the "summer slip on." Patients have often caught a toe on a curb or slipped on the grass while chasing their kids or dog. I have done the same as my "Birks", which I love, have lost their grip and I step out on the slippery deck to grill. A sharp hamstring strain or quick pain in the low back is often the result. Some

injuries are easy to recover from and others like an ankle fracture are not.

Another common ailment I often see shows up after Labor Day for many who have worn the very unsupportive flip flop all summer and then develop a good case of plantar fasciitis. Most of us can relate to the unintended walk around Portland or Ogunquit with friends while wearing flip flops or a sandal and a good case of Achilles tendinitis or shin splints ensues.

Ofcourse,sometimesaccidentsjusthappenandthetypeofshoe-wearisirrelevant.

A question that often comes up is whether to go barefoot in the yard during the summer. That often depends if someone may have some prior foot problems. Most of us should spend time barefoot. If you remember when you were a kid, most of your summer days were spent barefoot walking on fields and dirt roads or the beach. It helped many of us to develop strong feet and arches and maybe reduced the chance to have overuse injuries as we age.

Well, enjoy the summer which is precious in Maine. Think about your activity for the day and what should go on your feet. Much like having the correct tires on your car, your feet need the best shoe-wear. It is best to think ahead and avoid annoying injuries that can stymie your summer. And watch those infamous flip flops or at least get some with arches.



Mike Smith is a physical therapist and athletic trainer and owner of Village Physical Therapy on Main Street in Gorham.



Gorham residents on Robie Street have recently experienced nightly visits by several owls. For the last week, they have seen four of these each evening. They are believed to be barred owls. This photo shows three of them together (the most the photographer could get at one time) in a tree.

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July Town Council Meeting

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Chairperson Suzanne Phillips called the meeting to order. There were six members present. The council accepted the minutes of the June 3 meeting and the special meeting of June 17. (6-0)

During public comments, Gorham citizen, Charlie Hamlin read a statement urging the committee to closely monitor the dust levels and blast timelines of the two quarries in town, as well as the approved asphalt plant for the safety and health of all Gorham residents.

The town manager's report included a reminder that a permit is required for holiday fireworks and may be requested on the town website.

The committee voted 6-0 to amend the town ordinance on back lots requiring a 30-foot easement. This is slightly different from the previous 26-foot requirement and also added ownership as an option to easement.

There was a discussion about required parking spaces. The committee took a less restrictive approach to required parking, feeling that the market would dictate necessary parking for residences. They voted to reject the proposed change to one space from two spaces for one bedroom (5-1, Phillips) and for two bedroom from two spaces from one (4-2 Phillips, Lavoie) They also voted to strike the proposed requirement for parking for home occupations because they are probably already required

and this will be monitored by the town (6-0)

The town council then approved the amended changes to the land use and development code for the Mosher Road mixed use district revisions of standards for development as proposed. (6-0)

The committee voted 6-0 to set September 16, 2025 as a workshop date to discuss residential sprinkler system requirements. This is related to concerns that the cost of the sprinkler requirement adds to already expensive housing costs in town.

The council discussed an ordinance to ban certain pesticides from use on all municipal properties. This was forwarded to the Ordinance Committee, for review and recommendation.

After discussion regarding the lighting project at the Little Falls recreation area and the request to set aside 10,000 dollars to build a permanent batting cage on the site, it was determined that this action would be tabled to determine the amount of savings in the project before a decision should be made. (5-1 Seigel)

The council approved an order to authorize the town manager to enter into a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 340 beginning July 1, 2024. (6-0)

The town council then took action to go into executive session for personnel and economic development matters.

Matching Grant Program for Business

Office of Economic Development

The Town of Gorham has announced the 2025 Capital Expenditure ("CapEx") matching grant program to support Gorham businesses and farms seeking to expand and grow through a one-time purchase of a capital item, service or site expansion project. These single, one-time procurements will help grantees accelerate plans for growth, and create opportunities for expansion, innovation and job creation in Gorham.

The matching grant program provides up to 50% reimbursement of a total project with a maximum award of \$12,000 awarded to a single business.

The program will award grants to businesses in three distinct sectors using a competitive grant application process:

- Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agritourism
- Manufacturing and Skilled Trades
- Retail & Food Services

Detailed information (including eligibility criteria) and the application form can be found online at <https://gorhammaine.org/our-services/local-grant-programs/>

The application deadline is Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 5 p.m. Applications will be accepted either by email (preferred) or in-person to the Department of Community Development at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street).

For questions, or to discuss your ideas for grant funding, contact Kevin Jensen, or Nina Yelisseyev, in the Office of Economic Development, economicdevelopment@gorham.me.us, (207) 222-1620.

Grand Jury Indictments

Gorham Times Staff

Frederick L. Farrell, 46, of Gorham was indicted on one count of unlawful trafficking of scheduled drugs, two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (one poss Fentanyl powder), and violation of condition of release.

Jack Ivezic, 18, of Gorham was indicted for possession of sexually explicit materials.

Jeanette J. Kennie, 42, of Gorham, was indicted for domestic violence aggravated assault, domestic violence assault,

endangering the welfare of a child, and domestic violence criminal threatening.

Daniel W. Lahey, 42, of Gorham was indicted on one count each of domestic violence aggravated assault, obstructing report of crime or injury, and domestic violence criminal threatening.

Delia J. Seavey, 42, of Gorham was indicted on one count of unlawful possession of scheduled drug (poss Fentanyl powder)

July Planning Board Results

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

On July 7, the Gorham Planning Board took action on the following proposals, the first four after public hearings.

A Revision in the Home Occupations Standards to add provisions for roadside stands was approved with 6 ayes, 1 absent (Benson).

A proposal for a University of Maine Art Building, to construct a 3-story, 34,650-square-foot building and associated infrastructure at the corner of School Street and Campus Avenue was approved (6 ayes, 1 absent).

A proposal for a Master Site Development Plan for Mitchell Woods Condominiums to create a master plan to construct 30 units of multifamily housing with associated infrastructure on County Road, zoned South Gorham Commercial Corridor. The board moved to postpone master plan approval pending responses to remaining issues and revisions to the plans. (6 ayes, 1 absent).

Approval for a Preliminary Subdivision and Site Plan for Mitchell Woods Condominiums proposal to construct 30 units of multifamily housing with associated infrastructure on County Road pending responses to remaining issues and revisions to the plans. (6 ayes, 1 absent)

Discussion of Sketch Plan Review for 92 Day Road Subdivision removed from agenda at request of the applicant.

A Private Way Amendment proposed by Keira Duffy and Alix Kreder to dissolve a recorded private way on Tuscan Way to be replaced by a back lot driveway was approved (6 ayes, 1 absent)

A Subdivision Amendment proposed by Ali Omur and Carmen Schneider to amend an existing subdivision to create two additional lots at 79 Day Road was referred to the next available consent agenda. (6 ayes, 1 absent)



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School Committee Special Meeting June 25

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

On June 25, a Special Meeting of the Gorham School Committee was called to order by Assistant Chair. Nicole Yeo Fisher. Five members were present. The committee voted to add an additional .5 Modern Languages Teacher at Gorham High School for one year. Mr. Jandreau, GHS Principal noted that an additional 45 students had elected a Language class and that this could not be covered by GHS staff and other options such as USM. Mrs Perry reported that this would not have budget implications but that if continued for more than one year, it would need to be added into the 2026-2027 bud-

get. This was approved by a 5-0 vote. The committee voted 5-0 to approve the 4 year lease agreement with Apple for elementary devices which had been previously approved as part of the budget process. The committee by a 5-0 vote approved the bids on the Narragansett and Great Falls HVAC projects to be done this summer. The following personnel were approved (5-0): Alyyson O'Brien, GHS Health Keith Leonetti, GHS Math Heidi Topchik, Narragansett .50 School Counselor The School Committee then went into Executive Session.

Lost Coin Found 10 Years Later

Abigail Chamberlin '25 GHS Grad



Photo Credit: Lisa Curley

Lisa Curley after discovering the coin

10 years ago, on May, 2, 2015, Lisa Curley was watching her son, Kyle Curley, in his division semi-final tennis match for USM. Kyle Curley was a Gorham High School graduate, where he had won two state championships throughout his high school tennis career. Because this was a playoff match, an official was present to call the lines and enforce the rules, and he began the match with an official coin toss. The coin, a 1972 silver dollar, landed unfortunately and rolled into the hole under the metal bar where the center strap is clipped. The coin was irretrievable, which caused the official great sadness, as he explained that the coin had been his grandfather's and had meant a lot to him. From her seat as a spectator, Lisa Curley felt awful for the official, and vowed to herself, "I'll get it out of there for him." Curley is a special education teacher at Gorham High School, and has coached girls in high school volleyball and middle school basketball throughout her time at Gorham. Working at the high school and constantly seeing the tennis courts,

Curley says she "always remembered it." She said, "It always stayed with me that something priceless was lost in there." This past spring, Lisa Curley was in her classroom when she learned that the tennis courts were being torn up due to their reconditioning over the summer. Without hesitation, Curley sprang up from her classroom and ran to the tennis courts, where she climbed onto a bulldozer and found DJ, a man working for Shaw Brothers and helping to tear up the courts. Curly recalls saying, "This is a long shot, but there's something I'm looking for." DJ, who Curley describes as the "local hero" of this story, retrieved the coin and returned it to the front office, where Curley discovered it at the end of the school day. "It was a miracle and a dream come true for me," she explained. The mission did not end there; Curley set out to uncover who the official was and how to return the coin to him. She contacted Al Bean, the Athletic Director at USM, who put her in touch with an official in Massachusetts who often came up to work the matches. From there, she was directed to the match assignor from 2015, who gave her a potential name. Through many searches, references, and connections, Curley was eventually able to locate Larry Conway of Framingham, Massachusetts, the official who had lost his special coin all those years ago. Making the moment even more special, it just so happened that the day he learned of his grandfather's coin's retrieval was Father's Day. "Lots of people and pieces came together to solve the mystery," Curley remarked. Conway was overjoyed, and Curley, who loves to "fix things and solve mysteries," was fulfilled with this happy ending. "It only took me 10 years," she said, but "it was really satisfying to know that such a beautiful thing had happened."

Retiring Teachers From The Gorham Schools

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

As the school year came to a close, several of Gorham's experienced and dedicated teachers chose to retire from the teaching profession. These included Elizabeth Collins, Frank DeFrancesco, Anton Gulovsen, Rolande Paolino, Donna Pastore and Stacey Sawyer.



Photo Provided by John Caterina

John Caterina

Earlier this year, John Caterina retired from his position as a science teacher at Gorham High School. Mr. Caterina grew up locally and knew that Gorham was a great town and would be a great place to work. He taught in Gorham for 37 years serving as a high school chemistry teacher, a track coach, a volleyball coach, an assistant football coach and a Gorham Teachers Association building representative. He will miss the students, staff and athletes of Gorham and plans to travel with his wife and spend time with his children and grandchildren. Elizabeth Collins is retiring after 41 years, the last 23 in Gorham. She had worked at the middle school, the high school and finished her career as a math support teacher at Village School. She will especially miss her students and colleagues, particularly at Village the past 15 years. Frank DeFrancesco grew up in Saco and went to University of Maine at Farmington. He moved back to Maine from San Diego in 1993 to raise his children with his wife Julie, and began teaching physical education at Narragansett School. He relocated to Great Falls School when that school opened. He will miss all of the students and their families that he has met over the years and will forever appreciate how kind and supportive the Gorham community has been to him. Anton Gulovsen is retiring after teaching seventh and eighth grade science at Shaw School and Gorham Middle School for many years. Rolande Paolino taught fifth grade at Village School and Great Falls School specializing in language arts and literacy instruction. After completing her student teaching here in Gorham, Mrs. Paolino was hired to teach at Village School and then moved to Great Falls when it opened.

Donna Pastore moved back to Gorham in 1990 to raise her children, She was hired in 1991 as a substitute and then as a special education teacher at Village School. She remained at Village until the new middle school opened in 2003, where she became a literacy/ math lab teacher. For many years she was on the leadership teams at both buildings, as well as the Literacy Committee, the Steering Committee and has been Student Council advisor for 21years.



Photo Provided by Donna Pastore

Donna Pastore

After 30 years, Donna will miss the staff and students at the middle school, as well as all of the friends that she has made throughout the district. She hopes to travel and spend time with her family and friends. Stacey Sawyer is retiring from her position as school counselor at Village School. During her 26 years in Gorham, she has been an educational technician, a fourth grade teacher, a literacy specialist, an assistant principal, a social skills teaching counselor and a school counselor. Mrs. Sawyer says that: "I will miss the children. I've learned something new from students every day. I love their



Photo Provided by Stacey Sawyer

Stacey Sawyer

honesty and their humor." She is looking forward to spending time with her family. On behalf of the students of Gorham, we thank you all for your commitment and years of service to our community. The Gorham schools have been a better place because of you.

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Summertime: Gorham All-Star Games 2025

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

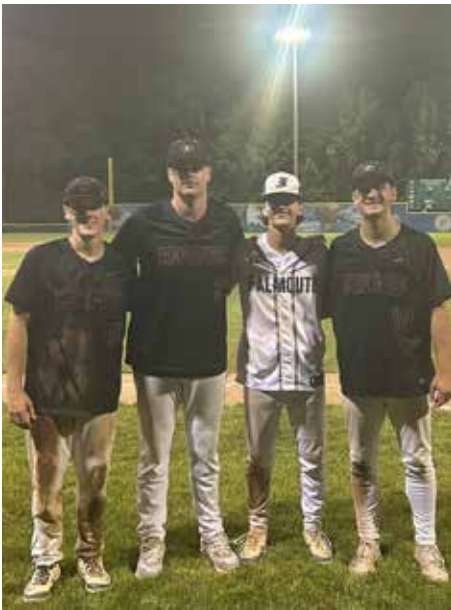


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From L-R; Mason Finck, Wyatt Nadeau, Josh Polchies and Jack Karlonas

Varsity Baseball North v. South All Star Game:
The annual senior all-star game for Varsity baseball was held at Saint Joseph's college of Maine in Standish on June 24, one of the hottest days in Maine on record. The north v. south all-star event had plenty of action despite the heat. Gorham had four athletes representing their community (all college bound to further their baseball careers); Wyatt Nadeau (Vanderbilt commit), Mason Finck (USM), Jack Karlonas (Husson) and Gorham native Josh Polchies (Falmouth Navigators and USM).
GYBSA Softball All-Stars U 8 -10 Softball District Champs:
Gorham's U 8-10 Softball All Stars defeated the GNG/Raymond team 15-0 on July 1 at Village school. The team moves on to play Saco in the Maine state championship tournament, held in South Berwick. Updates on the State tour-

ney will be available in a future edition.
GYBSA Baseball All-Stars:
Congratulations. For the first time since moving from the Cal Ripken league, Gorham Little League are District 6 champions. The team defeated Falmouth

winning in extra innings July 10. They finished the tournament with a 5-0 record. The team now moves on to the State championship which takes place in Machias. Updates on the State tourney will be available in a future edition.



Photo Credit: Emily Cote
Tyler Berthiaume (GHS teacher) with kids Lyla and Cade celebrating the District win.



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Gorham Little League team photo after defeating Falmouth to clinch the District championship
Photo Credit: Gorham Little League



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U 8-10 District champs team photo

Ashley Connolly, Gatorade Player of the Year

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Ashley Connolly winning a 50/50 ball

The Gatorade Player of the Year for girls soccer was announced on Wednesday, June 18, for the 2024 fall season. Ashley Connolly of Gorham was selected as the Gatorade player of the year and deservedly so. The Gatorade Player of the Year is in its 40th season and is the top honor for high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Connolly as Maine's best high school girls

soccer player. This honor is well-deserved through years of her hard work, sacrifice, skill, determination to this sport and dedication to to her academic studies. Connolly carried a 99 grade point average with an AP schedule at GHS. She is also a standout player in track and field.
In addition, Connolly was a four-year class officer with the GHS Interact Club and has volunteered as part of multiple fundraisers to benefit children's cancer research. She has also dedicated her time to the Animal

Refuge League and as a youth soccer coach.
As far as the statistics, Connolly, senior midfielder for the Rams scored 18 goals and six assists her senior season, leading the Rams (12-3-1) to the Class A state quarterfinals. A three-time Southern Maine Athletic Association Class A Regional All-Star, Connolly was the 2024 SMAA midfielder of the year. A United Soccer Coaches All-American honoree, she concluded her high school career with 56 goals and 24 assists.
During one of her Premier club team's National tournaments, she caught the attention of one of the coaches from the University of South Carolina for her exceptional talent and explosive speed.
Connolly is described by many as a gritty player and a top notch player at this sport. She ended her high school career playing against rival Scarborough in the Quarter finals. Scarborough head coach Mike Farley is quoted as saying, "She is devastatingly fast and powerful for her size. She's really good technically and is a lethal finisher. She was the one player that I specifically planned for." Ashley had some tough shots on goal during that game and Rinaldi (GK) made some remarkable saves. With 15:36 remaining Connolly subsequently ended her decorated high school career with an assist to teammate Logan Doughty.

Connolly is committed to play Division I at the University of South Carolina and will study exercise science. Best of luck to Ashley at SC - they are lucky to have her.



Photo Credit: Colleen Heal
Ashley Connolly goes up for a header v. Scarborough

Gorham Middle School 4th Quarter Honor Roll


6th Grade High Honors Abel Chase Kylie Delaney Nora Emlet Am'ellie Esmiller Mia Fisher Elizabeth Golden Scout Gulliver Benjamin Ho Chloe Matta Grace McHenry Harper Nash Corlyn Ogden Amelia Palme Reid Peck Charlotte Rochette Sophia Santiago Grace Schucker Julia Shaffer Ella Stuart Sophie Watson Luke Woods	Natalie Emerson Emma Halushchak Wesley Hamel Takoma Hansen Hadley Harriman Noah Haskell Connor Hatch Lyla Hatch Maxwell Hicks Taylor Hinkley Johann Hirwa Amelia Holston Abigail Hooper Olivia Hunter Olivia Johnson Samuel Jones Emily Karlonas Caroline Keith Caroline King Benjamin Knight Jasmine Koo-Kepka Lula Lacroix Mason LaPlaca Autumn Laughlin Bentley Levasseur Nora Littlefield Jackson Lord Gianna LoSciuto Andrew Lyford Kenane Lyoba Michael Makoci Adeline Mango Daniel Marks Zoe Marsh Braeden McAdams Saben McCormick Evelyn McDonough Chace McIntyre Stella Mclean Naia Mesires Nathan Corkum Jack Miles Makaria Miller Aryana Mills Sebastian Morawiec Tadhg Moriarty Graycen Morin Evelyn 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OF INTEREST

The Art Studio Group from the Lakes Region Senior Center at the old Little Falls School is having an Art Show / Sale at the Baxter Library the month of July. Come by and enjoy the multi-media work of local artists.

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Cressey Road Christian Church will host a free concert featuring two-time Grammy Nominee Brad White. Brad's performances use vocals, piano artistry, and the saxophone to bring humor, heart, and hymns of the generations together. Refreshments to follow. Wednesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. 81 Cressey Road. FMI https://cresseyrdcc.org/

The 50th Reunion of the Gorham High School Class of 1975 will take place on Saturday, August 30 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Red City Ale house, 8 Main Street, Windham. FMI: Contact Donna (207) 831-2203 or Diane (207) 756-3740.

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The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org

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"Summer Thursdays" Weekly Food Truck Festival is in Gorham at the Little Falls Recreation Area every Thursday from June 26 until Aug. 28 with a rotating weekly line up from 4 - 8 p.m. at 664 Gray Road in Gorham. Learn more at gorhammaine.org (207) 222-1620.


LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter House Museum at 67 South Street is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of June, July, and August. FMI: (207) 222-1190.


The North Gorham Public Library's morning Book Club will meet Monday, July 28 from 11 a.m. to noon. The group is reading "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood. All are welcome to join even if you weren't able to read the book. The Library is open Monday 3 - 6 p.m, Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Story Hour is every Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. FMI: (207) 892-2575.

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GORHAM \$179,900 -
This well kept 2000 doublewide is ready for the next owner. The master suite is in the back with double closets, jetted tub, separate shower & skylight. Propane runs the fireplace in the living room & gas range in the kitchen. The spacious kitchen is open to the living & dining rooms and has plenty of cabinets & glass door built-ins for displaying your cherished possessions. You'll find this home on a dead end street. The well groomed yard includes a large shed with electricity.




BUXTON \$825,000 -
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Lakes Region Art Show at Baxter Library

John Tiedje, Staff Writer



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View a group of local artists showcasing a variety of mediums at the Baxter Library, in Gorham, in July.

This month the Baxter Memorial Library is showcasing art from the Lakes Region Art Studio which is part of the Lakes Region Senior Center. The center can be found in the Little Falls Recreation Center off of Rt. 202. The studio is a drop-in group that meets every Wednesday afternoon around 12:30 p.m. It's open to anyone wanting to paint, draw, or construct in a visual medium. The artists bring their own material.

There, artists rub elbows with like-minded creatives in a supportive, casual atmosphere. The group has existed for several years, and accepts new members through the Recreation Program for \$40 per year. This show features a collection of art from the participants. You'll see watercolors, acrylic and oil paintings, collages, hand-made books and drawings. Almost all the pieces are for sale. So, drop by the library and get a good sampling from our local artists.

The Town of Gorham is once again offering a property tax assistance program to the town's senior residents, with a required minimum age of sixty five to apply. Homeowners and renters are equally eligible, and there is a requirement for proof of either property taxes paid or of rent paid in Gorham throughout the previous calendar year. The deadline for applications is August 1st. The forms are available at the town office, or at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2u4tksvm>

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CALENDAR

- Thursday, July 17**
Food Trucks at the Little Falls Recreation area, 4 - 8 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library
Book Group: Spoon River Anthology, 10:15 a.m.
STEAM Thursday, diving into science, tech, engineering, art, and math, 2 - 3 p.m.
- Monday, July 21**
Baxter Memorial Library presents Petite Picasso, exploring the arts. 10 - 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 22**
Baxter Memorial Library, Pirate RPG, for elementary-age and up, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Gazebo Concert from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23**
Baxter Memorial Library, Books and Bubbles (on the lawn), 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Cherry Hill Farmers Market, 2 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 24**
Baxter Memorial Library
Art in the Park, 10 - 11 a.m.
Author Event with Miriam I. Rimkunas discussing her new novel, "Survivor Concentrate: An Apocalyptic Fable." 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 28**
Baxter Memorial Library presents Petite Picasso exploring the arts, 10 - 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 29**
Baxter Memorial Library's Pirate RPG for elementary-age kids and up, 2 - 3 p.m.
Gazebo Concert from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 30**
Baxter Memorial Library, Books and Bubbles (on the lawn), 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Cherry Hill Farmers Market, 2 - 6 p.m.
Cressey Road Christian Church free concert featuring Brad White, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 31**
Baxter Memorial Library STEAM Thursday, diving into science, technology, engineering, art, and math, 2 - 3 p.m.
Food Trucks at the Little Falls Recreation area, 4 - 8 p.m.

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Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

the blotter

Dispatch received a report of a dog on the loose in the area of Beal's Ice Cream on Main St. Officer checked the area but did not find any loose animals. This later turned out to be because the caller had actually caught the dog and was bringing it to GPD. Officer subsequently met them at the station and took the dog into custody. He was a large, overfed, very friendly, but stubborn, brown-colored mix breed. The location was not near many houses, and officer did not find any dogs registered in the area. He was subsequently taken to the ARL in Westbrook.

Two officers participated in a family night at Village School. Officers ran a fingerprinting station. No issues with lots of people.

Caller wondered why officers were knocking on her door earlier. Gorham PD had not been at that address. Dispatch called Scarborough PD and their officers had accidentally gone to the Gorham side of Burnham Road and not the Scarborough side. Officer called the individual and made her aware and she was all set. These are the solar sales people again. They were GOA (gone on arrival).

Caller recently found a bulletproof vest while cleaning out a property. He was not sure what to do with the vest. Officer told him he could drop off the vest at the police department and we could dispose of it. Individual

will drop off the bulletproof vest at police department sometime this week. Update: the bullet proof vest is currently in a storage unit.

Officer was dispatched to an Attempt to Locate on a white 4Runner. Caller stated it was all over the roadway. Officer located the vehicle at the Nouria on Gray Road. The vehicle was at one of the gas pumps. Officer approached the vehicle's occupants who were pumping gas. Officer was notified that an individual was driving and had gotten her learner's permit less than two weeks ago. She showed Officer her Maine ID, and she showed a picture of her learner's permit. They were then released from the scene.

Main Street shop manager reported he found a shotgun shell on a shelf and didn't know what to do with it. Officer advised that the department did not need it for anything and it could be thrown away.

Officer checked on an older gentleman sitting on the bench in the upper parking lot. He introduced himself as being from Buxton and usually walks every day in various locations. Officer introduced himself and created a call for service. He was not causing an issue but Officer did ask that if individual saw kids out at class or recess to not walk through that area so as not to cause a disruption. He thanked me and continued his walk.

Summer in Gorham

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

Gorham summer weekly activities include, from top left clockwise, Tuesdays, Gazebo Concerts from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Farmers Market next to Sebago Brewing on Main St. from 2 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Food Trucks at the Little Falls Recreational area off the Gray Road from 4 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday the Farmers Market in the parking lot behind the library from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.. Enjoy!

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