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New Shade Pavillion at Gorham's Lavoie Pump Track

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor



Donors, town employees and members of the public mingling and enjoying the new Shade Pavillion on the sunny day of the ribbon cutting.

On June 23, the Greater Portland Board of REALTORS® (GPBR), along with numerous stakeholders and community leaders, hosted a ribbon cutting to mark the official opening and completion of the shade pavillion at the popular pump track near Gorham Middle School at 141 Weeks Road. GPBR donated over \$16,500 to the Town of Gorham for the construction of the project.

The first question some might have

is, "what is a pump track?" A pump track is a bit like an obstacle course for bikes, with rolling bumps and banked turns. Riders generate momentum by shifting their body weight. Pump tracks are designed for bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades. (Google search).

The shade pavillion offers essential shelter for riders, families, and spectators in all weather conditions, encouraging greater

outdoor recreation and community use. The funds included a \$7,500 placemaking grant from the National Association of REALTORS® and matching donations from local realtors.

Spokesperson for the GPBR was Aaron Chadbourne of Demetria Realty and former president and board member of the Gorham Times.

The event was kicked off by Cindy Hazelton introducing Town of Gorham staff present, and several others. She talked a bit about the attractions of the area, the importance of the pump track as an attraction, and trail enhancements. She mentioned a Gorham volunteer, Chris Cyr, who prompted the town to add something for "the littles," who now have their own little nature trails for little bikers. She said, "you can come out here any day, any time, any season, and you're going to find somebody out here. You're going to find they're not all from Gorham," adding that it launched several other things like the trail enhancements and things for all ages.

Hazelton then turned the microphone over to Chadbourne to address the crowd, who told how the project came about. He said the GPBR was looking for a Greater Portland project to fund and asked fellow realtor and Gorham Town Councilor, David Willis, if there were any projects in Gorham that would "get left on the cutting room floor if not funded without the help of some private match."

They identified the project, found a grant, and then challenged the real estate companies that market Gorham to double the grant.

Chadbourne said, "I just want to say, 'thank you, colleagues.' He added, "my competitors, my friends, my associates got



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Left to right: Kerry Lee Hall, Chelsea Torrey, Bill Trask, Keith Nicely (partially obscured), Yvonne Myer, Aaron Chadbourne, Melanie Crane, Trevor Ross, Peter Mason, and Cindy Hazelton, cutting the ribbon.

\$16,000 ready to help defray the cost from the Gorham taxpayer, so we're very excited to have been a part of finding this project and to making it happen."

Chadbourne said, "I think it's a great example of how realtors can get involved in the community and how private philanthropy and private sponsorship can help real public spaces come to life," adding, "it is an exciting part that says who realtors are and what we do."

Site work for the project was done by Gorham Public Works. Funding for the Pavillion was by the Town of Gorham through the capital budget.

The following companies, many with offices in Gorham, were among the sponsors: Cates Real Estate, Century 21 First Choice Realty, Demetria Real Estate, Dream Home Realty, Elevate Maine Realty, King + Miller Real Estate, Maine Real Estate Experts, Plowman Realty Group, PoGo Realty, The Maine Real Estate Group, and Willis Real Estate.

My Reflections On Graduation 2026

Brian Jandreau, Gorham High School Principal



Photo Credit: Heather Perry

As a high school principal, you quickly learn to accept that you cannot control everything, especially a New England weather forecast in June. When the clouds rolled in and the first raindrops began to fall right at the start of our outdoor commencement ceremony, I looked out

at the Class of 2026 and thought about how incredibly special this afternoon was going to be. I knew right then that the rain wasn't going to dampen the day; it was going to make it an absolute blast, creating a completely unique, unforgettable memory for our graduates and their families.

This sense of shared adventure is what defines this class. Writing this column for the Gorham Times gives me a welcome opportunity to reflect on who these seniors really are. Having gotten to know them over the past four years, I can say confidently that they are a group that navigates a challenge with grace and resilience.

Gorham is a town that consistently shows up for its youth, and this class eagerly invested that energy right back into our community. While GHS requires a baseline of 20 community service hours to graduate, these seniors completely crushed that standard, logging a staggering 9,178 hours, which is roughly 48 hours per graduate. That drive to engage with the real world is stitched into the very fabric of this class, represented by individuals like Aiden Cahill, who has expanded his own landscaping business since age 12, and Matt Crowley, who has braved the open waters as a commercial lobsterman since he was 8. We see it in Ayden Hale mastering heavy industrial farm machinery, Gavin Devine training for his private pilot's license, and Izzy Phinney student teaching at Great Falls Elementary. Our students excelled

on every stage imaginable, from Haley Vickery serving as Chief Supreme Justice at Dirigo State, to Shane Morrison competing in 16 regional and state athletic championships, to Gavin Monkiewicz bringing big band music to local nursing homes with the Saco River Jazz Ensemble.

As the rain fell, the words spoken from the podium beautifully captured this collective journey. Class President Stella Moores reminded her peers that growing up doesn't mean losing who you are, noting that "our growth was never a matter of leaving our childhood behind, but carrying it along with us." Salutatorian Eleanor Morgan gave us a masterclass in vulnerability, sharing her own fear of the unknown and charging her classmates to embrace uncertainty: "Say 'yes,' not for the final outcome, but for the experience that will help you grow." Valedictorian Kayleigh Bauer moved the crowd by sharing how she overcame the shadow of her older brother's legacy – and her old nickname, "Dollar Tree Bauer" – reminding us that high school is a place to find your own identity. "Success isn't a single straight path," Kayleigh shared,

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The Hands That Feed Us

Sen. Stacy Brenner

As a farmer myself, I know that farming has never been easy – on any scale, in any year. But today, Maine’s farmers face a perfect storm of pressure points that make building a stable life off the land exceptionally challenging. Among the suite of complexities Maine farmers now face are unpredictable growing conditions. Producers have long relied on steady weather patterns to effectively manage their lands, but with a warmer world comes increasingly severe and frequent flooding, drought and untimely frosts and thaws that threaten Maine harvests. Last summer’s drought, among the worst on record, resulted in millions of dollars of crop losses among Maine farmers. Economic uncertainty wrought by federal political decisions falls on top of these ecological pressures, compounding the financial strain on Maine producers. The war in Iran sent the cost of critical inputs like fuel and fertilizer skyrocketing just in time for spring planting, when farmers’ need is high and income low. These wartime price hikes hit Maine farmers in the wake of an exceptionally costly and uncertain year, as federal funding cuts and retaliatory tariffs threatened to drive up the

price tag of infrastructure improvements and necessities like grain and fertilizer. Together, environmental challenges, economic uncertainty, soaring land values and development pressures are pushing much of Maine’s fertile farmland out of production, particularly as our agricultural workforce ages. Farmland conversion is occurring faster than conservation can respond, with more than 82,000 acres of agricultural land falling out of production between 2017 and 2022. Our working lands and its cultivators are the driving force behind Maine’s local economies, food security and cultural heritage. In the face of so many overlapping challenges, they deserve our investment. This session, LD 2094 represented an important recognition of that fact. LD 2094 proposed a \$45 million bond to build up our agricultural, food and forest economies, giving farmers and foresters the resources they need to thrive in 21st-century conditions. The package included funding to help farmers build resilience by improving soil health and protecting crops from drought. It would have directed funding to Maine’s Working Farmland Access Protection Program, leveraging voluntary,

market-based conservation easements to ensure Maine’s most productive farmland remains available for commercial agriculture. It sought to ensure farmers can afford to make the key infrastructure investments needed to keep cultivating their land and feeding their communities. Ultimately, LD 2094 did not garner the breadth of support it needed to pass, held back by disagreements on the bill’s funding mechanism. Still, the conversation it sparked in Augusta reflected a firm belief across party lines that agriculture is infrastructure, and it deserves our investment in a time of stark need. The 133rd Legislature will bring another critical opportunity to meaningfully act on this consensus to uplift our food economy and the hardworking people who keep it running every day.



As always, you can contact me at Stacy. Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or (207) 287-1515 for help navigating state services or to share questions, comments and concerns.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Please take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a public meeting at the Gorham Municipal Center, Conference Room A, 75 South St. #1, Gorham, Maine, on July 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Department to receive public comments regarding the proposed Amazon facility.

Amazon.com Services LLC filed a Site Location of Development and Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the Department on February 17, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A—480-KK and 481—489-E. The application was accepted by the Department for processing on March 11, 2026.

Amazon.com Services LLC is proposing site development for a warehouse and distribution facility, 146,280 square feet in size. The proposed project includes the construction of three site access points from Main Street, drives, walks, landscaping, lighting, associated parking, van parking, loading areas, docks, trailer spaces, box truck stalls, stormwater management features, and other associated site improvements. The proposed project is located along Main Street in Gorham, Cumberland County, Maine, and is further identified on the town of Gorham’s Tax Map 30 as Lot 1.

The application and supporting documentation are available for review at the following link: <https://mels.maine.gov/nsite/DEFAULT/map/help>. In the MELS Site Explorer, the location of the proposal is known as L-030283.

If interested persons wish to provide additional written comments at a later date, they may do so until a decision is rendered on the application. Written public comments on the application may be emailed to Jaime Taylor at jaime.a.taylor@maine.gov or sent to Maine Department of Environmental Protection, ATTN: Jaime Taylor, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017.

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Gorham Landmark Honors Roots After Bank Transition

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor



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Standing with the new plaque are Becky Winslow, senior vice president, director of community relations & foundation; Dan Willett, former GSB board chair; and Steve deCastro, president and CEO.

Following the transition of Gorham Savings Bank to Maine Community Bank, leadership has unveiled a permanent tribute to the community where its legacy began. A newly installed bronze plaque at the historic Gorham branch serves as an enduring symbol of appreciation for the town and the generations of relationships built here. The installation is designed to celebrate the bank's deep roots while signaling an optimistic future for community banking across Maine. Gorham Savings Bank was founded in 1868 in the Town of Gorham, Maine. A pillar of the Southern Maine economy for over 150 years, it was

founded by local leaders tired of the 12-mile horseback trip to Portland. It was founded as a mutual savings bank, a bank that is owned by its depositors rather than by outside shareholders. The bank successfully navigated the Great Depression and the 2008 housing crisis. By the 2020's, it grew to 13 branches. In January of 2025, the equal merger of Gorham Savings Bank and Biddeford's Maine Community Bank was finalized, creating the largest mutual savings bank operating exclusively in Maine. The combined Maine Community Bank continues the legacy of mutually owned banking.



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The newly installed bronze plaque at the entrance of the Maine Community Bank serves as an enduring symbol of appreciation to the Town of Gorham and the generations of relationships built here.



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Turning the Page: The Kerwins Retire After 37 Years in Gorham

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Dr. Kerwin
Dr. Joseph Kerwin and his wife Deb with their two grandchildren.

After 37 years of dedicated service to the Gorham community, Dr. Joseph Kerwin and his wife, Deb, locked the doors of Kerwin Chiropractic and Nutrition one last time on the evening of Feb. 27, 2026. While finishing their final round of office work, the couple was surprised by a knock at the door around 6:30 p.m. When they opened it, they were greeted by the smiling faces of their daughters Leigha and Kristi, their son-in-law, Brandon, and their two-year-old granddaughter, Haley, who had driven from Massachusetts to surprise them for this monumental occasion. Kelsie, their youngest daughter, who lives in Spain, also helped orchestrate this moment and was there in spirit. The visit served as a fitting reminder of exactly why the Kerwins decided it was time to retire. Their decision had not been abrupt. Over the last few years they'd shortened their work week and begun closing their practice for a few weeks each year to relax and recharge. Dr. Kerwin notes that everything fell into place seamlessly, offering clear affirmation that they were heading in the right direction. Their only remaining concern—ensuring their patients would continue to receive exceptional care—was resolved when Riley Ferrigan, a neighbor of the Kerwins during her childhood, interned at their practice last year while completing her Doctor of Chiropractic degree. The serendipitous internship paved the way for Ms. Ferrigan, now “Dr. Riley,” to take over the established practice, now called Next Chapter Chiropractic. Dr. Kerwin's connection to Maine began when he attended Colby College. Though his major was environmental science, that shifted when he secured a position as a student athletic trainer under the direction of the legendary Carl E. Nelson. After graduating from Colby, Dr. Kerwin obtained his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Western States Chiropractic

College in Portland, Oregon. His brother's untimely death brought the Kerwins back to the East Coast, where they would eventually settle in Gorham. On Feb. 6, 1989, Kerwin Chiropractic officially opened their doors at 352 Main Street in Gorham. The Kerwins spent their first nine years at that location, during which time they also welcomed their three daughters. One day, following a routine adjustment, a patient who worked as a local realtor told the couple she had found the perfect location for them. As fate would have it, the family soon relocated to 164 Main Street. It was there that they continued to build their thriving practice, raise their family, and help residents of Gorham and beyond maintain their health and nutrition goals. The new home also featured a 900-square-foot studio where Deb, a professional dancer, taught ballet lessons through the Gorham Recreation Department for more than 10 years. While nutrition is a cornerstone of overall wellness, it was Deb's personal health crisis in the early 2000s that inspired Dr. Kerwin to get retrained in Nutrition Response Testing—a method of muscle testing to analyze organ function and dysfunction that proved to be beneficial to Deb in her recovery. Kerwin Chiropractic went on to host monthly community nutrition classes for many years, successfully turning a personal health challenge into another component of their healthcare practice. Dr. Kerwin's impact also extended far beyond his local practice. Deeply active within professional organizations, he served as president of the Maine Chiropractic Association in 2000 and also served on its board of directors, worked on the testing committee for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and spent multiple years on the state licensing board. Reflecting on their journey, the Kerwins describe their life as profoundly blessed. “The ability to have spent nearly 40 years in a career where helping others has been the cornerstone has been nothing short of magical,” Dr. Kerwin said. With the recent birth of their second grandchild, Jack, the couple is ready to embrace the greatest gift retirement has to offer: time. They look forward to spending more hours with family, relaxing, and diving into hobbies—reading and walking for Deb and hiking and cycling for Dr. K...and much more. They will trade Maine winters for Florida's warmth and spend summers on the lake at their home in New Hampshire. Gorham extends its warmest wishes to the Kerwins as they begin their own next chapter.



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The Hidden Danger of Investing Too Cautiously

Submitted by Jim Flagg

One of the most significant risks investors face isn't losing money in a market dip; it's failing to reach their long-term financial goals. Many people focus heavily on short-term losses in the stock market and try to protect their savings by investing conservatively or avoiding stocks altogether. But that runs the risk that their savings won't grow enough to keep up with inflation or support future needs.

Understanding what investment risk really means helps you make smarter financial decisions, considering the following three key aspects: Risk tolerance describes your emotional comfort with risk. If you'd want to pull your money out of the market during a downturn, that reveals something about your tolerance. Many financial advisors use questionnaires to help clients understand how they might react in different market conditions.

Risk capacity refers to how much risk you can afford to take. Your timeline matters. A 35-year-old saving for retirement has decades to ride out market swings. A retiree drawing income from their portfolio doesn't have that same cushion.

Required risk describes how much risk you may need to take to reach your financial goals. Higher returns generally come with higher risk, though higher risk does not guarantee higher returns. If you need strong growth to retire comfortably, you may need to accept more short-term volatility.

Sometimes these elements don't line up. You might be uncomfortable with risk but need strong growth to meet your goals.

Balance and diversification matter: Finding the right balance matters more than you might think. A small difference in your annual rate of return, from 5% to 7% for instance, doesn't just add up a little. It multiplies. That's the power of compounding — returns earning their own returns, year after year, building on an ever-growing base. Over 30 or

35 years, that can become significant. You needn't choose between playing it so safe your money barely keeps up with inflation and taking on more risk than you're comfortable with. Instead, a balanced mix can fit your comfort level and still help grow your money over time.

The age factor: You'll want to adjust your approach to risk as you get older. If retirement is years away, your portfolio may lean toward growth investments like stocks and stock mutual funds; you have time to absorb short-term losses and benefit from long-term gains. Lower risk investments like bonds still play a role because they can help smooth out changes in your portfolio's value.

As you near retirement, your portfolio may shift toward a more even mix of stocks and bonds to limit exposure to large market swings. The goal is to protect what you've built while still generating enough growth to fund a retirement that could last decades.

Investing well isn't about eliminating risk; it's about taking the right amount of it. Too little risk can be just as damaging as too much. A financial advisor can help you find the balance that matches your comfort level, your financial situation and your long-term goals.

Investors should understand the risks involved with owning investments, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. The value of investments fluctuates and investors can lose some or all of their principal.



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Combating Osteoporosis

Mike Smith, Contributing Writer

Several patients in the last few months have asked about weight lifting and its effect on osteoporosis or osteopenia. Osteoporosis is the slow demineralization of bone that occurs with age and with other factors such as poor diet. One of the main dietary issues is the lack of vitamin D, which is needed for the uptake of calcium from food. Calcium is the main substance of our bones. Most physicians and dietitians agree that in Maine we don't get enough vitamin D from the sun even in the "dog days of summer." Most of us would need to take a supplement or to eat a bale of spinach a week.

It has been well documented in news and scientific reports that one of the effective ways to combat osteoporosis is with exercise. Like many 60-second sound bites the specifics are left out and people with good intentions join a gym or start a workout that may or may not be effective. And many times, they end up in my office with an injury like a sprained back or sore hips.

Generally, the focus of the reports is on women above the age of 50 who are either pre- or post-menopausal. This demographic tends to be the most vulnerable to large bone injuries at the hip and pelvic region as well as the thoracic spine. However, one in four men will also have osteoporotic changes above the age of 60.

Most people will not know they have osteoporosis until after a fall and a fracture has occurred. Testing can be done, but it is usually done after the injury has occurred and the person falls into a specific demographic. Insurance companies are reluctant to pay for a test. There is some strong evidence that osteoporosis has genetic undertones and is hereditary. So, if you have family members who have had issues with osteoporosis getting tested is not a bad idea once you get into your fifties.

Fosamax is a well-known medication that has been on the market for 40-plus

years and has been the gold standard to take if you have osteopenia (the early signs of osteoporosis). Although effective, research recently has suggested Fosamax as well as some of the monthly injectables alone are not as effective as these medications AND weight-bearing exercises.

Our skeletal system requires the effects of gravity to keep it strong and less prone to fracture. That is why even after a fracture, patients are encouraged to start weight-bearing exercise after initial healing has occurred.

Weight-bearing exercises do not necessarily require weights. Simple squats, lunges and step-ups for lower body strengthening may be adequate enough to make bones stronger. For the upper body, wall push-ups may be helpful, or 3-to-4-pound dumbbell curls. Going to the gym and starting 100-pound dead lifts may not be the best choice if you have never done them before, or even if you did 10 years ago. Heavier lifting does not reduce your chances of osteoporosis necessarily, but it could increase your chance of injury. As I explain to my patients, one set of exercises or a specific protocol does not fit everyone's needs. Many individuals have unknown underlying musculoskeletal issues and going too heavy with weights can cause an injury. So even with good intentions it is best to start with basic light weight exercises. Being active, eating well and keeping moving, and working on your balance may be the best ways to combat the effect of osteoporosis and reduce the risk of falls that can cause a fracture.



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

Poison Ivy

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Poison ivy is becoming more virulent. According to scientists, it loves warmer temperatures and the CO2-rich air caused by climate change. Found in every state but Alaska and Hawaii, it adapts to a variety of settings like fields, forests, beaches and mountain tops. It prefers moist woodland environments, creeping along fence rows, pastures, and pretty much anywhere birds and deer visit and deposit the seeds.

The oil found on its "leaves of 3 let it be" is a danger to many people who are sensitive/allergic to it, causing horribly itchy blisters and welts. Called urushiol, it is found in every part of the plant, including the stem, leaves, roots and berries. Even when the leaves turn red in the fall or die in the winter, they contain oil. Their flowers appear in spring and berries ripen to a grayish-white in late summer and last into winter.

Need to get rid of it? You can simply keep cutting poison ivy back to remove it. Continually removing the above-ground portion will eventually kill the plant, but you must be persistent — and handle it carefully, wearing gloves. It

may take several seasons. You can also diminish the growth of poison ivy in your garden by covering it with black plastic for several months during the hottest months of the growing season. This method deprives the plant of sunlight and the high heat effectively kills it. After removing the plastic carefully, check the area for any remaining growth and remove it as necessary.

When working to eradicate poison ivy, cover all of your skin. Wear waterproof gloves. Safety glasses are a good idea, too. Closed-toed shoes and long socks are also a must.

Stay on task. Be careful not to touch anything else so you don't transfer oils to other parts of your yard or body. Do not rub your eyes or touch your face while working.

Wash clothing and tools. The oil from the poison ivy plant can transfer onto anything it touches, even your pets and clothing. Be very careful when removing your gloves, shoes and garments, and wash them immediately.

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Town Meeting News

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, June 18, with all three committee members present. Opening the meeting, committee chair Lou Simms acknowledged the several members of the public who were in attendance in response to the discussion at the prior meeting regarding parking at Gorham High School. It was noted that the committee would continue its discussion of the parking plans at its July 16 meeting, so as to allow appropriate staff members, including the Director of Public Works, to be present. Nevertheless, before moving to current business, the committee allowed comments on the parking item. A member of the public voiced several traffic and safety concerns on behalf of area residents and expressed opposition to having a large parking lot in the neighborhood. Under current business, the committee reviewed the latest findings and updated designs of the wayfinding signage project and voted unanimously to send the wayfinding signage designs to the full Town Council for review. Also on the agenda was discussion of strategies for updating Gorham’s zoning map to promote higher-value development that generates more net positive property tax revenues, particu-

larly in areas along Main Street from the Industrial Park to the Village Center, as well as other growth areas such as the Little Falls Village area. The committee agreed to continue reviewing this item at a future meeting, pending the timing of the Village Master Plan. The Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 6, with four members (Benson, Frank, Delaney, Nichols) present and three (Hager, Walsh, Crisafulli) absent. On the agenda was review of a sketch site plan related to a proposal by the Southern Maine Community Recreation Center for expansion of the Gorham Sports Center site, located at 215 Narragansett Street, zoned Narragansett Mixed-Use Development (ND). The plan, which involves expansion of the existing recreation center site by adding a paved access road, two all-purpose athletic fields, and covered bleachers, as well as a land swap with an abutting parcel, was discussed. An additional Planning Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Center. Amazon.com Services LLC will present its revised application for construction of a 146,280 square foot “last mile” warehouse facility on Main Street (Route 25), east of the town center. This agenda item is designated as a public hearing.

Real Estate Transfers, June

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17 SHIERS MEADOW DRIVE	MEGHAN DUQUETTE	DEREKA COYNE	730,000.00
139 HARDING BRIDGE ROAD	SHELLY E. STEWART	NANCY K. ACHORN	710,000.00
81 QUEEN STREET	MICHELLE MARIE CHAISSON	ALIM QAJALLIU	705,000.00
282 SOUTH STREET	CHRISTOPHER S. WAGNER	KEVIN FRANCIOSE	700,000.00
36 VILLAGE WOODS CIRCLE	BRIAN P. RANCOURT	JUSTIN RALPH ORTELL	675,000.00
6 SAMUELS WAY	DENNIS CROWE	BRIAN SING	670,000.00
708 FORT HILL ROAD	KRISTOFER DERIK DEHAAN	DIANA DIXON	665,000.00
146 FALCON CREST DRIVE, UNIT 1	BARRY A. COLLINS	ANNE V. CAMPBELL	665,000.00
37 WEEKS ROAD	DAVID S. KUCZEWSKI	SARAH F. SMALL	660,000.00
21 FAIRWAY COMMON DRIVE	FAIRWAY COMMONS LLC	BRITTANY O'HORA	655,000.00
252 OSSIPPEE TRAIL	BROOKE A. BILLING	DOG HOUSE ENTERPRISES LLC	655,000.00
22 WOODS EDGE DRIVE	PAMELA F. WARK	THE LEO JOHN KELLER II AND DEBC	645,000.00
195 FALCON CREST DRIVE #34	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	ROGER SLAYTON	631,900.00
14 HILLVIEW ROAD	KATHERINE HILL RENG	BRIAN E. CRONIN	627,000.00
193 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	ROBERT DANA	626,900.00
8 ELLIOTT ROAD	KELL-RAE L. O'KEEFE	ALEXIS BARLOW	620,000.00
15 DOGWOOD LANE	WHITNEY L. GLENCROSS	KATHARINE R. DUCHETTE	599,000.00
166 FALCON CREST DRIVE	PHILIP R. AFTHIM	PAMELA A. MERCIER	593,000.00
16 RICHARD ROAD	ANN M. SMITH	ATHENA PERRY	590,000.00
29 BAXTER LANE	J. BROWN INVESTMENTS, LLC	ROEBUCK HOLDINGS, LLC	575,000.00
77 WOOD ROAD	BARBARA A. MARTIN	ALBERT J. BRACUTI JR. LIVING TRU	568,000.00
12 NATALEE DRIVE	DANIEL THEBERGE	DIANE L. BROWN	556,000.00
24 SHYANNE'S WAY	CYNTHIA M. CAMPBELL	JENNIFER DENNISE SANCHEZ	555,000.00
32 WAGNER FARM ROAD	SHEYLA KROLIKOWSKI	MICHELLE ROBERTS	550,000.00
370 MAIN STREET	DEANNA KIZER	ALEXANDRA M. SCOTT	510,000.00
10 STANDISH NECK ROAD	CHELSEA E. DIAMOND	KIRSTEN L. DESILETS	510,000.00
32 LAWN AVENUE	BARBARA J. YANKOWSKY	VICKIE MARIE THIELE	476,000.00
20 WILLOWDALE DRIVE	NANCY D. FRIE	PETER Q. NGUYEN	475,000.00
17 CHRISTOPHER ROAD	RHIANON ELERI SWAN	ROBERT GREELEY	466,000.00
42 NARRAGANSETT STREET	MARIA C. MCINNIS	KENNETH COLES	460,000.00
50 CANAL STREET	RONALD HENRI ST. JOHN	JUAN MOLINA	437,000.00
37 GREAT FALLS ROAD	ALICIA H. STONE	ALICIA H. STONE	432,800.00
36 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE	MAUREEN MCMANUS	THE REBECCA FOREMAN JANJIC TR	400,000.00
151 MAIN STREET	ESTATE OF CHRISTINE F. SAWYER	PONET MEAS	360,000.00
9B BURNHAM ROAD	FIVE STAR HOLDINGS, LLC	LOGIE BEAR HOLDING LLC	214,000.00
37 GREAT FALLS ROAD	ALICIA H. STONE	ALICIA H. STONE	49,500.00

Ernie's Way: New Trail Expands Open Space Access

Sally Fay, Staff Writer



Ernie Wells, and views on the trail.

Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

The Field of Dreams–inspired adage “If you build it, they will come” is currently playing out in Gorham Village. With little fanfare but loads of hard work, a new ¾ mile trail has emerged on town land between the Village area and the Tannery Brook Preserve — and outdoor and nature enthusiasts are already taking notice. The trail, dubbed Ernie’s Way, is the culmination of nearly a decade of planning and two years of hands-on efforts spearheaded by the Gorham Conservation Commission. Responsible for the care and supervision of the town’s public parks and trails, the seven-member commission strives to foster the positive use of open space and connectivity between Gorham’s various trail networks. “Ernie’s Way is one of the biggest construction projects the Conservation Commission has ever had,” notes GCC chair Bill Moreno. The multipurpose trail, which runs from the end of Grove Street to the Tannery Brook trail head at Wentworth Drive, includes two spans of boardwalk totaling nearly 800 feet over marshland. The trail’s name is a nod to GCC member Ernie Wells, who, says Moreno, “really got the ball rolling, and then kept it rolling.” In early 2024 Wells made the commission’s case for the creating the trail and got the town’s buy-in. Since then, he’s devoted countless hours leading and coordinating volunteer efforts to construct it. Given Wells’ unflagging dedication to the project, “I started calling it Ernie’s Way without checking with him,” Moreno confesses. “But they say if you name something after someone, you have a volunteer for life, so I know this trail is in good hands.” Although all of the boardwalk construction and most of the trail building was done manually by volunteers, the GCC brought in a local trail builder, Sanctuary Trail Works, to finish off the

section of trail between the longer boardwalk and Wentworth Drive in order to better situate it with respect to fencing around the adjacent solar farm. The project also benefited from assistance from Gorham Public Works, who Moreno says was a big help in sourcing materials. For Wells, the project exemplifies the successful implementation of one of the Conservation Commission’s guiding principles. “Connectivity is our most important watchword,” he says. “Linking the Tannery trail system to Gorham Village neighborhoods adds to the accessibility of open space for residents of Gorham and those who visit from elsewhere.” Wells also represents the GCC on the Gorham Open Space and Trails Master Plan Committee, part of a concerted effort to provide the town with tools to mindfully preserve and enhance its open space resources. A few planned items and enhancements are still to be completed, including marking parking spaces and better delineating the Grove Street trailhead, but people have been exploring the trail ever since the first segment was in place. Users should note that Ernie’s Way is designated for pedestrian and non-motorized bicycle use; no gas or electric (e-moto) dirt bikes or ATVs are allowed. Furthermore, for safety, cyclists are requested to dismount when encountering walkers on the boardwalks. Moreno cites the support Ernie’s Way has received as an example of the value Gorham places on outdoor recreational space. Over the past decade, he says, Gorham parks and trails have “gone from a small thing to a feature that defines the town and offers something for everyone.” He adds, “I can’t stress enough how thankful we are for all of the volunteers on the Conservation Commission and in town that worked to make this trail happen.”



Ernie's Way showing boardwalk structure.

Photo Credit: Dennis Boyd



A viewing spot overlooks the marshlands on Ernie's Way trail.

Photo Credit: Dennis Boyd

Town of Gorham Transitions to Automated Curbside Collection, Fall 2026

Kelly Meslin, Department of Public Works

The current contract with Casella (the Town's Waste Hauler) is a manual collection method where the helper on the back of the truck hops off the truck as it drives down the road and manually throws trash and recycling into the hopper. The new contract will shift away from manual collection due to many factors such as labor, safety, efficiency, and contractor requirements. With the new system, a truck equipped with a mechanical arm will lift trash and recycling carts provided by the Town. Transition will begin in the fall of 2026. What this means: Each eligible residence will receive two (2), 65-gallon carts, one for trash, and one for recycling. These carts are expected to be assembled and delivered to each residence beginning mid-August to early September. The Pay-As-You-Throw Tag Program will stop once all carts have been delivered, and the new system starts; however, you will be required to use tags until the time of transition. The cost of the collection service will be built into the property tax base moving forward. Single sort recycling will remain the same (all recyclable materials will be combined in one cart to be sorted at Ecomaine) and trash will be bagged in a trash bag of your

choosing, tied and placed in your trash cart. The Town's current schedule is a four-day collection week, Monday – Thursday. This will be changing to a five-day collection schedule, Monday - Friday. More information to come as Casella and Town staff work through these schedule details. You will still be required to have trash and recycling curbside by 7 a.m. on your day of collection. You can download the Casella App called: Recycle 101. The app (available for both Android and Apple devices) will allow you to see your scheduled collection day and important information regarding collection to include holidays or weather delays. You can receive reminders about your collection day, special collection events, learn how to dispose of items not accepted at the curb, report missed collection and any other issues you may encounter. As more information becomes available, we will post it on the Gorham Public Works Facebook page, Town Website (gorham-maine.gov), and articles in the Gorham Times. Please reach out to the Public Works office with any questions you may have; we are happy to answer them, by phone, (207) 222-4950, or by email, dpw@gorham.me.us.

Town Council Meeting July 7

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham Town Council met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7. Chairperson Suzanne Phillips called the meeting to order and all seven members were present. They approved the minutes of the June 2 regular meeting (7-0). Five members of the public addressed the board. One questioned why the board treated a local business so poorly, questioned why seniors needed to show identification to apply for tax relief but not to vote and encouraged the preservation of rural land. Three spoke in opposition of the proposed Amazon warehouse project and one spoke in opposition to the quarry expansion that was voted on last month. One also spoke favorably about a recent visit to the Baxter Museum in town. Each council member was provided the opportunity to provide community updates. Councilor Simms spoke about the recent public meeting with the DEP concerning the Amazon project. Councilor Siegel spoke positively about the Spring Into Summer event at the Baxter Library and the Gorham Pride Event, thanked Gorham Public Works for their painting projects around town and congratulated the state champion GHS baseball team. Councilor Hamblen mentioned the work of the Presumpscot Land Trust and the importance of preserving land in Gorham. Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reminded the public of the transition to trash carts from totes that will be occurring at the end of the summer, and also mentioned the progress on Robie Park, the sidewalk work that has started on South Street, the food trucks at Little Falls on Thursdays beginning at 4 p.m., and that beginning on July 21 the town offices will be open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The council voted (7-0) to issue two renewal Special Amusement licenses to Benjamin Smith for SideCar and Junction Bowl. They also approved (7-0) a charitable gambling license application for the Reed Allen Community Fund for an event at Junction Bowl on Nov. 14.

The council voted (7-0) to authorize the removal of \$98,425.69 in uncollectable ambulance billings effective June 30 for a 2-year period. The council voted (7-0) to write off \$66,500 in taxes from four campers no longer located in Gorham and considered to be uncollectable. Two members of the public spoke about the Open Space and Trails Master Plan for the Town of Gorham. One spoke in favor; the other questioned why their input was not accepted and questioned spelling and grammatical errors in the report. The council voted (7-0) to refer this item to a public workshop. After a long discussion, the council voted (7-0) to refer the discussion of the possible removal of the fire suppression requirement to a public workshop meeting in August and then to the Ordinance Committee in September. The council voted (7-0) to coordinate a workshop with MDOT regarding the Portland West Transportation Study. The council voted (7-0) to release up to \$30,000 in TIF Funds to study possible future uses of Narragansett and Village Schools for potential municipal reuse in the event that one or more is ever replaced, consolidated or relocated. The council approved (7-0) a referral to the Planning Board for public hearing and comment the proposed creation of a university district. This would assist the university in their implementation of their master plan, while protecting neighbors. The council approved (6-1, Siegel) the recommendation of the Capital Improvements Committee on the adoption of a wayfinding signage standard as approved by BETA Group. They did vote to use the Town Incorporation date rather than the settled or founded date. (Founded date rejected 3-4, Siegel, Simms, Kuech, Hamblen) For a complete account of the meeting, a copy of the minutes and a recorded video of the meeting may be found on the Gorham Town Council website.



Upcoming Meetings

7/16 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

7/20 Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

7/21 Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

7/22 DEP Public Meeting, re: Amazon Proposal, Municipal Center Conference Room A, 6 - 8 p.m.

7/23 Special Joint Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.



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Eighth Grade Celebration

Gorham Times Staff



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8th Grade Car Parade

On Tuesday, June 16, Gorham Middle School celebrated their eighth grade class before they transitioned to the high school. During the school day, the school hosted their annual eighth grade cookout. Afterward, students gathered in the auditorium to receive a special gift bag containing a celebration T-shirt, a summer reading A list of all transitioning eight graders:

- Ava Aceto

Nola Albert

Avery Allen

Grace Allen

Jacob Allen

Zaynalabidin

Almukhtar

Ashley Esperanza

Perez Andres

Cirrus Arlet

Cash Baker

Price Baker

Ethan Barney

Daisy Bean

Cole Bennett

Helen Bernier

Logan Berry

August Bischof

Mason Bodkin-

Rubino

Benjamin Bordeau

Noah Boucher

Auroralyn Bragg-

Malloy

Rhilynn Brant

Aubree Breton

Michael Brockman

Robert Brockman

Silas Burr

Lawren Burton

Ethan Butler

Andrew Cabral

Priya Cameron

Daphne Capponi

Avery Carignan

Teodor Carpenter

William Carriere

Isabelle Castillo

Max Castonguay

Madelyn Chaisson

Angel Chhoeung

Devi Clark

Jackson Coffin

Vante Conant

Cameron Connolly

Anthony Costa

Liam Coughlin

Bruce Cousins

Ryan Craig

Quinn Cuneo

Eleanor Damon

Leah Dargie

Jenna Darling

Isabella Davenport

Aerilyn De Los

Reyes

Matthew DeRice
- William DeVinney

Eli Dobson

Kelton Doucette

Bailey Dubois

Ava Duchaine

Connor Duchaine

Moaeen Elnimier

Benjamin Emerson

Tessa Emery

Ryder Engelter

Lyla Exley

Tessa Farnham

Ryan Faulkner

Emily Feldhaus

Lexi Finck

Braelyn Finoia

Ava Fiorito

Mackenna Flagg

Minjee Flanders

Lila Fortier

Mae Foster

Dacodah Garcia

Graysen Giguere

Sophia Gill

Lillian Gilman

Julia Gordon

Malachi Gossen

Camryn Gowler

Maggie Greenlaw

William Haase

Charlotte Hahn

Bennett Hall

Emilee Hamblen

Kloud Hamlin

Philip Hanken

Oliver Harriman

Chloe Hatch

Lana Hatfield

Graham Hebert

Anna Herlihy

Fiona Herrick

Kiannah Hinkley

Houlton Hofmann

Evan Holland

Thomas Holland

Mason Hopkins

Emma Howe

John Hutchins

Arianna Jordan

Nina Joy

Vega Kaldrovich

Keegan Karcanes

Boden Kennedy

Hannah Kimball

Andrew King

Annabelle Klipple

Audrey Krebs

book, their Certificate of Completion and a numbered sign for the evening car parade. After-school events included a car parade and an eighth grade dance and celebration. It was a wonderful day celebrating the culmination of their GMS career and their transition to Gorham High School. Congratulations Eighth Graders!!!

- Hadley Kuntz

Bayleigh Lamb

Kylie LeMay

Christine Leo

Cecelia Lewin

Cephas Lincoln

Charles Littlefield

Charles Livingston

Cayden Lowberg

Tristan Mackenzie

Palmer Madden

Makaela Malloch

Reece Marchand

David Marks

Bella Mason

Matthew Mason

Tyler Mathews

Keegan Maxim

Fayol Mayifuila

Kloey-Ann Mazerolle

Lia Mazza

Quinn McAdams

Clara McBride

Lillian McCarthy

Adeline McCrillis

Pierce McDermott

Greta McDowell

Grace McPherson

Ryson Meas

Benjamin Miller

Hunter Miller

Reid Minichiello

Addison Moller

Wesley Moody-

Bickford

Leela Morris

Evelyn Morton

Ava Moulton

Cameron Mower

Kerrigan Nadeau

Adriahna Napolitano

Reagan Nash

Travis Neily

Maven Nguyen

Tenley Normand

Piper O'Keefe

Samuel Otis

Charlie Paradis

Hayden Parenteau

Ian Pasquerillo

Alanna Pellegore

Molly Penley

Joshua Perez

Owen Perkins

Ashlyn Perreault

Avery Peters

Riley Peters
- Kylie Plaud

Maci Pratt

Lincoln Prunier

Brianna Quang

Evelyn Quinn

Samuel Rioux

Elijah Ritz

Brooklyn Roberts

Alden Rofe

Deklyn Rollins

Jayne Rowles

Jillian Roy

Glicinia Ruben

Dakota Sagastume

Tyler Sampietro

Caroline Sargent

Zoe Scarborough

Jenna Schlicher

Christopher Scott

Michelle Shaw

Rosie Simpson

Finleigh Sirois

Alistaire Smith

Gabriel Soler

Charlotte Soule

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Spiller

Reid Stevens

Colton Stormont

Rose Stover

William Sundik

Elliot Talbot

Kellen Taylor

Jattana Thach

Cameron

Thompson

Liahm Thompson

Ella Todd

Mollie Towns

Shylah Tracey

Cassiella Veliz

Brady Walker

Brooklyn Walker

Maddilyn Walker

Sawyer Walker

Wyatt Walker

Simon Wallace

Henry Walsh

Gus Weeks

Atticus Wells

Caleb West

Luke Williams

Nathan Williams

Gracie Woodman

Riley Young

Gunner Yuelle

Thank You Retiring School Personnel

Gorham Times Staff

- Heather Alden-Paredes – Multi-Language Specialist, GMS, GHS – 26 years

Fran Alves – Grade 1 Teacher, Great Falls School – 30 years

Terry Bryson – Grade 1 Teacher, Great Falls School – 37 years

Susan Cataldo – Grade 5 Teacher, Narragansett School – 25 years

David Chidsey – Grade 8 Teacher, GMS – 26 years

Peggy Dean – Educational Technician, Narragansett School – 27 years

Sue Huff – Benefits Specialist, Central Office – 27 years

Karen Meserve – Educational Technician, Great Falls School – 15 years

Rocky Meyers – Physical Education Teacher, GHS – 38 years

Mary Ridge – Grade 6 Teacher, GMS – 45 years

Cynthia Smutz – Educational Technician, GHS – 30 years

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY!

School Committee Special

Meeting June 24

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 24. This was the last scheduled meeting of the school year and all seven members were present. The committee approved for a second reading the following policies: Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices in Schools (JICJ), Athletics (JJI), Tobacco Use and Possession (ADC) and Field Trips and Excursions (IJOA). This action resulted in the schools having a “bell to bell” cell phone ban in place by Aug. 1 as required by the passage of the state budget. The School Committee authorized Superintendent Heather Perry to engage in conversations with the town manager and Town Council about a possible referendum request to be included on the November ballot (7-0). The proposal would include five items: GHS portable replacement- replace tan portable (4 classrooms) and white portable (2 classrooms), GHS parking and sidewalks ADA access and drainage, GHS window replacement, GHS door replacement and GHS brick veneer. The committee authorized the superintendent to pursue a lease on an available property for the relocation of Adult

Education Offices (7-0). She was granted the opportunity to negotiate a 3-year lease pursuant to a one-time budget allocation of \$56,000 and a yearly rate of \$33,000. The committee approved (7-0) the following personnel for the 2026-27 school year: Luke Shultz as Band/Music Teacher at Gorham Middle School, Halloran Chase as 8th Grade ELA/SS Teacher (1-year position) at Gorham Middle School and Sandra Muehle as Elementary Alternative Programming Teacher at Great Falls Elementary. The committee authorized the superintendent to issue teacher contracts during the School Committee’s summer break and to inform them at the first meeting of the year of any issued contracts. Currently, there are four open positions within the district: three in special education and a GHS math teacher. The committee went into executive session to consider the annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Returning from the executive session, the committee delayed taking action on any proposal. Superintendent Perry will continue to work through her current contract (which is good through 2028).

Poison Ivy CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Wash your gardening tools and gloves with rubbing alcohol or hot soapy water to remove the plant's irritating oil. Goats can help rid unwanted poison ivy, but require special handling. The ingested urushiol oil is destroyed by acid in the goat’s stomach, so their milk is still safe to drink. NEVER burn poison ivy, oak or sumac, or wood with these plants on it. Even dead or dried vines release urushiol, which can cause seri-

ous respiratory distress if inhaled, or even fatal airway swelling. According to the Mayo Clinic, the fastest way to treat poison ivy is to immediately wash skin with a degreasing soap (like Dawn) and cold water to remove urushiol oil, followed by applying hydrocortisone cream and taking oral antihistamines such as Benadryl or Claritin to curb itching. For severe reactions, a doctor-prescribed steroid (prednisone) is the fastest cure.



Mrs. Stein's Students Participate in Arrive Alive Writing Competition

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo Credit: Lucinda Stein, GHS English Teacher
The GHS students at the Arrive Alive Awards Ceremony. Fourth from the left: Claudette (white top), Aubrie (red dress) and Ali (next in line but back row) were in attendance at the awards ceremony for Arrive Alive. Abdul was out of the country.

On June 11, 19 Gorham High School students attended the Awards Ceremony of the Arrive Alive Writing Competition, sponsored by The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein. In the past 23 years, the Arrive Alive Creative Contest has received more than 1,700 entries from over 125 Maine high schools. The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein are proud to have helped educate so many Mainers in their most formative driving years and salute these creative seniors. It is their hope that these entries continue to influence drivers of all ages for years to come. During the 23 years of this contest, Gorham High School has had seven first-

place winners, 10 second-place winners, and 32 third-place winners from Ms. Lucinda Stein's English classes. First-place winners receive a new laptop while second- and third-place winners receive a new iPad. The following seniors from Mrs. Stein's writing class were recognized this year: Aubriana Cossitt - First place Abdul Baset Hamidi - Second place Ali Abdulzahra - Second place Claudette Wesse - Third place A link to their writing located in the winner's gallery may be viewed at <https://arrivealivecreativecontest.com/winners-gallery/> Select 2026 to view this year's winners.

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Gorham Baseball Team Wins States in a Thrilling Duel with Bangor

Katie Brown, Sports News Editor



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2026 State Champs

The Gorham baseball team won its first ever Class A baseball title on June 20, Father's Day weekend in Augusta, in high-stakes fashion. This was Gorham baseball program's second state championship game match-up with the Bangor Rams since 2018. This year's team is described as a very "gritty" group by head coach Ed Smith, in his third year as varsity head coach for Gorham. The team did a lot of little things right both offensively and defensively. Strong pitching (many players are moving on to pitch in college) and phenomenal defense were also difference makers for this 2026 group. Another signature trait for this team was their playlist for away games, which kept things on the "loose" side. One of their bus drivers shared, "The team gave me their playlist and it was made up of songs that you would hear at weddings." Looking back, it seems fitting for the team's

mindset of a fearless attitude and lightheartedness to get through some tough games, especially during their playoff run. In the first round, Gorham defeated Falmouth 3-0 at Old Orchard Beach Ballpark in a game that was moved due to rain the day before. Next stop, the Rams would need to get by a very strong Thornton Academy team. The team would defeat TA in a heart-pounding semifinal game in Gorham, 4-3, to move on to the Regional final. The Rams played their Regional final at the University of Southern Maine's Flaherty Field, taking down Noble 7-2. The State game would prove to be another tenacious test, which ended up going into 11 innings. Miles Brenner and Wyatt Washburn shared all of the pitching duties. Brenner pitched 7 outstanding innings, scattering 4 hits and racking up 6 strikeouts. Washburn, entered in relief, throw-

ing 4 scoreless innings to secure the victory. Both teams scored two runs apiece in the 6th inning. The game remained at a standstill until the top of the 11th when Hunter Finck blasted one to opposite field, an RBI game-winning single. This clutch hit scored teammate Cooper Whitehead, sealing the 3-2 victory and securing Gorham's first-ever Class A State Championship. Congratulations to the 2026 State champs.

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Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

6th Grade High Honors	Malloy Reid Brenner	Cullen Mayo Natalie McCurdy	Sophie Allen Aidan Berthiaume	Evangeline Ciampa Madelyn Cohen	Jacob Philbrick Jordy Pigeon	Reagan Nash Piper O'Keefe	Thomas Holland Mason Hopkins
Lucas Alden	Madison Burleson	Deacon McDevitt	Tamsen Burton	Alexander Croteau	Evelyn Plowman	Samuel Otis	Emma Howe
Eli Baer	Eli Bustard	Keegan McGonagle	Greta Caiola	Jack Cuneo	Sophia Santiago	Molly Penley	Jack Hutchins
Eleanore Beal	Karl Cajuste	Elise Merritt	Lillian Cary	Savannah Curran	Evelyn Scherb	Riley Peters	Vega Kaldrovich
Yaseen Bob	Jayden Chatelain	Mila Milijas	Kylie Delaney	Addison Davis	Nolan Schmoyer	Reid Stevens	Keegan Karcanes
Christina Bolland	Eleanor Cole	Sofia Millett Ojeda	Laura Eaton	Payton DiCenso	Grace Schucker	Nathan Williams	Hannah Kimball
Chandler Chabot	Benjamin Conklin	Mehdi Nasser-Miremadi	Amellie Esmiller	Flynn Doyle	Troy Schuehle	8th Grade Honors	Annabelle Klipple
Rowan Connor	Mariella Conway	Jenna Nguyen	Elizabeth Golden	Nora Emlet	Christopher Shaw	Jacob Allen	Audrey Krebs
Amelia Cote	Henry Coughlin	Sophia Nguyen	Scout Gulliver	Mia Fisher	Emily Spagnoli	Cirrus Arlet	Hadley Kuntz
Fiona Damon	Holly Curran	Jack Nickerson	Kenzie Hart	Noah Haskell	Jack P Sprague	Cole Bennett	Kylie LeMay
Claire Dargie	Attean Dahlin	Charles Orcutt	Benjamin Ho	Nola Higgins	Delaney Stacy	Auroralyn Bragg-Malloy	Charles Littlefield
Shaye Exley	Vera Dhamo	Fletcher Peck	Kayden Irish	Taylor Hinkley	Jacob Thorne	Michael Brockman	Charles Livingston
Neve Gammon	Cordelia Downes	Brady Peters	Emily Karlonas	Amelia Holston	Patrick Vanmeter	Daphne Capponi	Matthew Mason
Parker Gill	Annaliese Dudley	Livia Plowman	Ella Knight	Abigail Hooper	Elise Varney	Isabelle Castillo	Keegan Maxim
Hannah Howe	Peyton DuEst	Isaac Poulin	Jasmine Koo-Kepka	Olivia Hunter	Lucinda Vo	Cameron Connolly	Pierce McDermott
Oskar Krebs	Adelyn Dyer	William Reynolds	Chloe Matta	Olivia Johnson	Austin Webb	Eleanor Damon	Greta McDowell
Travis Levesque	Abigail Espejo	Evelyn Rodstrom	Grace McHenry	Samuel Jones	Everett Wells	Isabella Davenport	Addison Moller
Michael McCarthy	Emory Farnham	Keira Roy	Harper Nash	Caroline Keith	Ada White	Aerilyn De Los Reyes	Leela Morris
Naomi McGee	Scarlett Farrin	Roy Ryan	Sylvia Ouellet	Lula Lacroix	Jacques Wichmann	William DeVinney	Kerrigan Nadeau
Tyler McPherson	Brynn Faulkner	Gabriella Saldivar	Amelia Palme	Autumn Laughlin	Sawyer Woodbury	Kelton Doucette	Hayden Parenteau
John Mulkern	Brynnleigh	Levi Shaw	Reid Peck	Gianna LoSciuto	Emily Woods	William DeVinney	Lincoln Prunier
Madeline Musser	Friedlund	Evelyn Smith	Orion Provencal	Michael Makoci	8th Grade High Honors	Ava Duchaine	Brianna Quang
Amelia Pennell	Gwen Garland-Morris	Charlotte Rochette	Taylor Schools	Adeline Mango	Nola Albert	Moaeen Elnimier	Evelyn Quinn
Emma	Milena Gartner	Julia Shaffer	Cora Sparks	Evan Marsh	Grace Allen	Tessa Emery	Jayne Rowles
Scarborough	John Gilman	Ella Stuart	Edison Steward	Zoe Marsh	Ethan Butler	Tessa Farnham	Jillian Roy
Kieran Standefer	Quinn Goff	Peyton Warner	Aryana Syafarudin	Braeden McAdams	Devi Clark	Ava Fiorito	Tyler Sampietro
Abbott Strange	Henry Herlihy	Sophie Watson	Sloane Taaffe	Evelyn McDonough	Quinn Cuneo	Lila Fortier	Michelle Shaw
Clara Tanguay	Jace Higgins	Jackson Zinchuk	Keegan Tate	Stella Mclean	Leah Dargie	Graysen Giguere	Rosie Simpson
Maeve Whitaker	William Hughes	Grace Wallace	Colton Walker	Lowell Messer	Benjamin Emerson	Sophia Gill	Paysleigh-Jean Spiller
6th Grade Honors	Eleanor Jones	Maia Weeks	Elliot Arturo	Makaria Miller	Maggie Greenlaw	Maggie Greenlaw	Rose Stover
Brynn Allen	Finnegan Kenny	Annabel Welton	Samuel Blake	Aryana Mills	William Haase	William Haase	Ella Todd
Elizabeth Backman	Jack Kenny	Riley Whitehead	Avery Britton	Tadhg Moriarty	Charlotte Hahn	Charlotte Hahn	Henry Walsh
Declan Bacon	Jacob Kindler	Evelyn Willett	Brady Carlson	Graycen Morin	Philip Hanken	Philip Hanken	Atticus Wells
Hawksley Barr	Cameron Klipple	7th Grade High Honors	Lucas Carlson	Venna Nelson	Chloe Hatch	Chloe Hatch	Luke Williams
Samuel Beaucage	Sadie Larrabee	Mays Alhamadani	Paige Charland	Liam Norton	Lana Hatfield	Lana Hatfield	Gracie Woodman
Zachary Bennett	Lucas Loveless		Abel Chase	Corlyn Ogden	Graham Hebert	Graham Hebert	Riley Young
Finley Bisson	Jackson Maloney		Renee Cherry	Solomon Olney	Fiona Herrick	Fiona Herrick	
Colton Bragg-	Eli Marquis			Avery Passmore	Evan Holland	Evan Holland	

Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 9 High Honors	Aylah Boucher	Lukas Romano	Larissa Asali	Aliza Rickett	Seamus Bailey	Nicholas Sallinen	Logan Brassard
Eva Alden	Elizabeth Bradshaw	Lucien Roy	Aspen Blair	Jackson Rousseau	Fatima Beshir	Jack Sellick	Miles Brenner
Sarina Alden	Maddox Brant	Brittney Sabine	Jacob Braziel	Aaron Samara	Preston Brown	Nevaeh Spiller	Benjamin Brown
Matilda Arturo	Magnus Brown	Charles Sands	Clover Brown	Brody Sargent	Gracin Bunch	Abigail Stevens	Abigail Buckelew
Finnegan Bailey	Taylor Chadburn	Leila Schmoyer	Skye Bryant	Finnegan Senatore	Lillian Burgos	Carter Taiani	Donovan Caiazzo
Jason Bennett	Quaid Cossitt	Ava Scott	Jared Burt	Sophia Soule	Kimarah Cajuste	Owen Todd	Eli Castles
Carter Bourgoin	Parker Cyr	Ellis Scott	Myka Bush	Dexter Vance	Kayleigh Carlo	Alexander Tukey	Cole Chasse
Carson Brown	Daniel Deprez	Ethan Shaffer	Zackary Carlson	Wyatt Walker	Piper Cathcart	Annabelle Vail	Jocelyn Clark
Addison Bunch	Addison Dougherty	Carter Sprague	Ty Caron	Cooper Warner	Harvey Crider	Isaac Vail	Grayson Cole
Brianna Carlo	Kaleb Dyer	Dominic Steller	Haley Chandler	Peightyn Waterman	Chloe Cyr	Charlotte Wallace	Lena Cooley
Lauren Chadburn	Kayden Edwards	Aloe Swanson	Lyllyanna Cook	Ryleigh Wing	Bennett Deveaux	Kaitlyn Wallack	Aubriana Cossitt
Abigail Cyr	Josephina Faria	Amara Vincent	Camden Curtis	Dominic Woods	Hazel Dolley	Eva Wandell	Gavin Devine
Quinn Dougherty	Colby Fernald	Loretta Vo	Tucker Curtis	Grade 11 High Honors	Maia Downing	Corbin Wilson	Ava DeVinney
Briggs Downing	Ella Ferrante	Elijah Waterman	Oliver Dennis	Zachary Bourgoin	Colby Drew		Mia Dodd
Lauren Drenski	Layla Forastiere	Tristan Wells	Beckham Dezdel	Luna Button	Lindsay Farquhar	Grade 12 High Honors	Lauren Dunbar
Gabriella	Andrew Fortier	Zoe Whitehead	Luella Dolley	Sheila Casco	Baxter Flag	Hope Barney	Kylee Durgin
Friedlund	Braden Foster	Harper Winkley	Grant Emerson	Harrison Crider	Jordyn Fotter	Bria Bush	Griffin Gava
Kaleigh Garand	Emelia Frederick	Caleb Yaeger	Alexander Fernandez	Jack Cyr	Abby Freeman	Andrew Collins	Brooklyn Giroux
Bradley Genovese	Benjamin Fredette	Jacob Young	Clara Fioia	Antoine Dube	Annabelle Gilman	Delaney Coyne	Charles Hall
Logan Hall	Violet Gain	Grade 10 High Honors	Abrie French	Alvar Garcia	Eli Gow	Grace Cunningham	Jeremy Hansen
Alia Herrick	Anabelle	Bryn Cunningham	Gianna Gakunzi	Suarez	Eddie Grimard	Zoe Dellinger	Madison Hatch
Timothy Hodgdon	Gasbarrone	Charlotte Deveaux	Bailey Grimard	Lucas Lane	Abdulhalim Hakizimana	Logan Doughty	Kristan Hirwa
Mia Johnson	Matthew Golden	Velina Doucette	Husna Hamidi	Brandon Levesque	Bavin Hakizimana	Logan Doughty	Behar Hodgkin
Natalie Kenny	Evelia Gonzalez	Jesse Doyle	Neve Hanley	Larissa Moore	Evan Hall	Kasey Downes	Isaiah Irish
Damona Kim	Abigail Gow	Owen Eling	Nicholas Harrington	Elsie Moreno	Isaac Hunter	Quinn Drake	Colton Jenkins
Lillian King	Ashyr Herrick	Oliver Emerson	Kayleigh Hatfield	Ishami Munyaneza	Everett Hurder	Isaiah Eling	Emma Mathews
Rebecca Lewis	William Hjort	Anna Faatz	Eligh Head	Mariana Nascimento	Anna Johnson	Laurel Emerson	Isabella McBrady
Jessica Loiselle	Nolan Hurder	Julia Giguere	Henry Hofmann	Saboia De Castro	Claire Kennedy	Alexandria Gossen	Rylyn McInnis
Annie Lorfano	Daniel Koo-Kepka	Wyland Herrick	Sydney Ireland	Anna Nichols	Daniel LaBarge	Elle Hanley	Mia Messina
Sophia Marquis	Breanna Lampen	Nara Holland	Toren Johnson	Molly Peters	Gillian Lachance	Tabitha Lavigne	Maya Moores
Tessa McBride	Alexia Lowell	Shania Isimbi	Nathan Kelly-Schadow	Salomé Richard	Madelaine Lampron	Tamia Lema-Santellan	Stella Moores
Madison Milligan	Brody Marchand	Luke Jones	Madelyn Leeper	Lauren Roy	Destiny Lewis-Keller	Hanna Logan	Jessie Moreland
Grace O'Hora	Kaidan Marchand	Madelyn Leeper	Abigail McCrillis	Adriana Russo	Audrey Livingston	Eben Lorfano	Winni Moreland
Jayden Olson	Samuel Martin	Carter McGonagle	Connor McHenry	Madison Sampietro	Hannah Manchester	Derek Luo	Cory Nadler
Mya Rego	Cerys McCormack	Drew McManus	Benedito Moco	Milo Saucier	Hannah Martel	Lorisse Matta	Liam O'Hora
Chloe Schuehle	Mason McDonald	Jaffar Rabbani	Jesse Doyle	Isabelle Smith	Kylie Martorano	Eleanor Morgan	Jacqueline Parenteau
Taylor Schutte	Harper McManus	Alina Senasy	Olivia Mason	Lola Vance	Emily McLean	Rebecca Neumann	Cabot Peffer
Caroline Shaw	Naomi Medd	Sawyer Wheaton	Jennifer Miner	Isaiah Whitehead	Logan Mills	Isabel Phinney	William Provost
Emma Spiller	Declan Mulcahy	Trent Whitaker	Isabella Moxcey	Grade 11 Honors	Rataj Nasr	Gracen Roberts-Locke	Kassidy Quimby
Samuel Springer	Jaydn Murphy	Tessa White	Mitchell Neff	Daniah Al Asadi	Haylie Nicely	Shawn Rumery	Terra Rioux
Hannah Symanski	Abdalla Nasr	Sadie Woodman	Kian O'Sullivan	Fatimah Almukhtar	Lucas Perez	Elizabeth Springer	Addyson Simcock
Emily Watson	Yoan Kent	Grade 10 Honors	Abe Palme	William Andreasen	McLeod	Haley Vickery	Ruby Soule
Sophia Webster	Ndayishimiye	Ahmed Abdulzahra	Connor Pellegore	Rigel Arlet	Kyle Petrin	Shane Webber	Rebekah St John
Kate Woods	Matthew Nguyen	Nicolas Andrade	Nolan Plummer	Ryan Bachner	Jacob Pike	Claudette Wesse	Graham Staples
Grade 9 Honors	Samantha Page		Sophia Proulx		Keaton Pollard	Grade 12 Honors	William Sturm
Benjamin Albrecht	Jacob Palmer		Jackson Prunier		Sydney Quimby	Abigail Baker	Adia Wezowicz
Joshua Allison	Dominic Peyton		Katelyn Pyle		Jasmine Radjabova	Preston Baker	Lillyan Woodcock
Audrey Arsenault	Emma Plummer				Rowen Reed	Kaleigh Bauer	Elle Woodman
Keagen Beaulieu	Ezekiel Provencal				Madison Rogers	Gianna Berthiaume	Stella Wu
Emma Bennett	Mia Rand				Everett Rovin		
	Gavin Reed						

Crescent Moon and Venus in Conjunction

By Trevor Basner, Staff Writer

On July 17, look to the sky above Gorham for a beautiful sight. The crescent moon will be joined by the bright shine of the planet Venus. The gleaming pair will appear close together in the sky—as close as three finger-widths. Astronomers call this near approach a conjunction.

Although the moon and Venus will seem to be separated by only a few inches, they are actually tens of millions of miles apart. A conjunction is an illusion of perspective. As the celestial bodies move through the solar system, sometimes they appear to occupy the same area of sky from our viewing point on Earth. This occurs because the solar system is a relatively flat disk. The Earth and the other planets orbit the sun, the moon orbits the Earth, and all of these orbits occur on a roughly similar plane. Because of this similarity, the moon, sun, and planets all seemingly travel along the same path through our sky as the Earth rotates each day. Astronomers call this imaginary line the ecliptic. On July 17, these cosmic motions will conspire to bring the thin crescent moon and luminous Venus to nearly adjacent positions from our perspective.

No equipment will be needed; the cosmic event will be plainly visible to the naked eye. For best viewing, look above the western horizon shortly after sunset. Don't wait too long though: they will dip below the horizon approximately two hours after sunset. After that, the moon will continue its orbit around Earth and won't appear as close to Venus the next night. But the moon's orbit only takes about twenty-seven days, so it moves rapidly across Earth's sky, making moon-planet conjunctions a nearly monthly phenomenon.

For more information about conjunctions, check out <https://www.planetary.org/articles/what-is-a-planetary-conjunction>.

If you are reading this after July 17, check the Gorham Times website for photos, <https://gorhamtimes.com>.

Narragansett Students Chosen as Finalists in Art Contest

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



Photo Credit: Tracy Burns, Grade 3 Teacher, Narragansett School

Third graders Nora and Alby were finalists in the annual Casella Calendar Art Contest. Their pieces of art focusing on sustainability, reducing waste, reusing items and recycling were selected to be featured in the official 2027 Casella Calendar.

Graduation

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"but something we define as we go." Then came our keynote speaker, beloved English teacher Dave Patterson, who delivered a profound message on what it means to work for your dreams. Echoing the sentiment of the afternoon, he reminded the seniors that the obstacles they face are exactly what forged them. "Who you are is defined by what you're willing to struggle for," Mr. Patterson said. "Struggling for what you want is not a burden; it's a gift."

And then, just as the speeches concluded, the most extraordinary thing happened. Right as we transitioned to the presentation of diplomas, the storm broke. The rain stopped and the sun

flooded in. Under blue skies, the seniors sang their class song, "The Best Day of Our Lives" by American Authors. It was a breathtaking transition from the storm to the bright futures ahead. By the time the final diplomas were in hand, the stadium was sun-drenched. The graduates flung their caps and made their triumphant exit to the soaring guitars of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird," a fitting anthem for a class finally taking flight. Long after the music faded, families remained spread across the green grass under a perfect sky, taking beautiful, radiant pictures together.

To the Class of 2026: you weathered the storm, you earned your sunshine, and you have made us all incredibly proud.

Gorham Rec.'s Tuesday Evening Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

By Roger Marchand, Staff Photographer



Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

Saco River Jazz, a non-profit big band serving the Greater Portland area opened the Summer Concerts at the Gazebo on Tuesday, June 23. Alto sax: Steve Manchester, Bailey Sawyer; tenor sax: Peter Lord, Nick Freeman; baritone sax: Gary MacWhinnie; trumpets: Ross Bertran, Patrick Crockett, Raymond Levesque, Gavin Monkiewicz, Ian Smith; trombones: Georgia Humphrey, John Kreutzberger, Glenn Babakian, Bob Gervais; rhythm section: Brian Labanowski, piano; Michal Slawiec, guitar; Lori Arsenault, double bass and vocals; and Jim Hoy, drums.

The Gorham Recreation Department Summer Concerts at the Gazebo was kicked off by the big band sounds of Saco River Jazz. This 16-piece big band played before a large gathering on the lawn next to the Baxter Memorial Library. The band played music from the swing era right up to present times. It also featured Gorham Times managing editor Lori Arsenault on bass and vocals, Community Access Media manager Georgia Humphrey on lead trombone, as well as many local musicians. The Summer Gazebo Concerts will continue over the next six weeks, rain or shine, on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Plenty of room for relaxing and listening, so bring a chair or blanket, some food, and enjoy the music.

St. Hyacinth Cemetery Project

By Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor

Last year while attending an event at the St. Hyacinth Cemetery at 296 Stroudwater St. in Westbrook, Andy Levesque of Gorham, came across a patch of land with unmarked graves dedicated to newborn and young babies. During WWII, the State Department requested metal for the war effort. St. Hyacinth Cemetery removed and donated almost 300 cast iron crosses that were placed over both adult and baby graves. The graves were not subsequently re-marked, and throughout the decades no effort was made to show where these babies were buried.

Levesque has started a project to restore dignity to those that were buried on these sacred grounds. A completed list of all the names of people that were assigned a metal cross as well as a list of dates and ages with some detail of why they died has been finalized.

In the preliminary task of determining the location of any metal on site, 30 locations were found. So far nails, workshop items and one iron cross with some pieces have been unearthed.

Levesque said, "At present, I am at a phase where I need to determine if any of the babies can be detected using Ground Penetrating Radar. I have a couple organizations willing to help in this discovery work. Once it is determined that the individual graves can or cannot be detected, my next phase would be to place a small foot-stone over each known grave."

He continued, "However, many of these graves are dated in the late 1800's and early 1900's so it is highly unlikely that

we can find the individual babies buried there. If that is the case, I would cor-don off the plot and erect a monument at its center with the names of all the deceased individuals inscribed in stone."

Levesque has met with a stone distributor that wants to help with the foot-stones, and was given the name of a person that does stone engraving. He is also working with a memorial company in Lewiston who will help erect a monument listing all the names.

Presently, many people are parking their cars and trucks over these graves as they visit loved ones at the cemetery. Levesque asks that we try to avoid this in the future.

To help with this project, donations can be sent to Cemetery Project, Roger Roy, 37 Samantha Drive, Gorham, ME 04038. For more information, contact Andy Levesque, (207) 523-0299.



Photo Credit: Andy Levesque

Sample of metal cross.

A Continuation of Care: Meet Dr. Riley Ferrigan

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Riley Ferrigan

Riley Ferrigan

As she considered college, Riley Ferrigan was certain of only one thing about her future: Her guiding force was “to help people.” After graduating from Gorham High School in 2019, she took her first steps toward that goal by enrolling in the pre-med biology track at the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF). Early in her studies, Ferrigan discovered UMF’s accelerated “3+3” program, a fast-track pathway that partners with in-state and out-of-state universities. And, with that, she set her sights on becoming a chiropractor.

A self-professed homebody, Ferrigan knew her “next chapter” would push her beyond her comfort zone. After completing her studies at UMF, she moved halfway across the country to attend Logan University in Missouri. Her hard work paid off when she graduated in December 2025 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree—becoming the first student to complete this 3+3 degree program.

Interestingly, the foundation for her future practice as “Dr. Riley” was laid during Ferrigan’s first year of college—on the streets of Gorham. Her stepfather, Dave, happened to run into Kerwin Chiropractic’s Deb Kerwin out in the community. When the conversation turned to Ferrigan’s pursuit of becoming a chiropractor, the ball was unknowingly set in motion. When Ferrigan entered her final year at Logan University, she contacted the Kerwins about an internship. In May 2025, she returned home, continued her studies online, and gained hands-on experience under the Kerwins’ guidance until her graduation that December. Ferrigan and the Kerwins

both describe the next steps as “falling easily into place.” Around November, the Kerwins and Ferrigan had conversations about possible transitions, including a collaborative partnership or a takeover of the practice. According to Ferrigan, the decision to purchase the practice and patient base made sense. And, in February 2026, the Kerwins closed their chapter and Dr. Riley opened hers—Next Chapter Chiropractic and Nutrition.

Because she had connected with many patients during her internship, the transition was seamless. Although businesses often expect to lose about 30% of their base when ownership changes, Ferrigan says that has not been the case. “I feel I built confidence and trust with the patients through the internship,” she said of the smooth transition, adding, “The Kerwins’ compassion and care for the people of Gorham and surrounding communities drew so many. They often mentioned that the goodness you put into others will return to you tenfold. It’s truly been a wonderful experience stepping into this practice—and I feel so fortunate that so many have trusted me to continue to provide that same level of care.”

Ferrigan is managing every aspect of her new business, ensuring it begins with the level of care and vision she intended.

When she is not helping and empowering patients, Ferrigan enjoys reading and writing. She even hinted that she may write a book down the road.

Next Chapter Chiropractic and Nutrition is accepting new patients and is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Two Local Students Awarded Casco FCU Scholarships

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Courtesy of CFCU

Left: Benjamin Gammon of Bonny Eagle. Right: Kassidy Quimby of Gorham High School. Both local students receive scholarships from Casco FCU.

With the support of the local high schools, Casco Federal Credit Union (CFCU) has awarded two \$2,000 scholarships to local students to help them further their education during the upcoming academic year. The team at CFCU expressed gratitude to everyone who applied for the 2026 Casco FCU

Scholarship, saying, “We were inspired by the outstanding applicants and are proud to announce this year’s recipients: Benjamin Gammon of Bonny Eagle High School and Kassidy Quimby of Gorham High School. Congratulations, Benjamin and Kassidy! We wish you continued success in all that lies ahead.”

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COMMUNITY

GRADUATIONS

Jillian Feyler graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Double Major: Spanish and History from Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts

Quentin Wise graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy from the Patterson School of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi in University, Mississippi

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OF INTEREST

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10879 is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's combat veterans while assisting combat veterans and their families through advocacy, camaraderie, and service. They take pride in preserving the memory of those who served, promoting patriotism, and giving back through community involvement. They are especially grateful for the continued support of the community, whose generosity through donations, volunteerism, and participation in our events makes it possible for them to carry out their mission. Your support allows them to better serve veterans and ensure that no veteran is forgotten. VFW Post 10879 remains steadfast in its commitment to the values of honor, duty, and service, continuing to strengthen both our veteran community and the greater Gorham community for generations to come. Their meetings take place every 2nd Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every month at the Gorham Fire Department 270 Main Street for interested veterans that have served in foreign wars. For any questions please contact Jake Bauder at (207) 607-0370, Quartermaster, Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars

PUBLIC SUPPERS

United Church of Christ at North Gorham is having a bean-hole bean supper on July 18 from 4.30 - 6 p.m. Price is \$12 adults, \$6 kids. Standish Neck Road in Gorham.

Living Waters Church is having a Haddock Supper Buffet on July 25 at 5:00 p.m. Suggested donation: \$12 Adult, \$5 Child, \$24 Family. Takeout containers are available for those who don't want to come inside for seating. Parker Farm Road in Buxton.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment. The closet also accepts CLEAN donations. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. They are open Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Call Carol Robinson at (207) 400-7171 or Anne Murphy at (207) 671-5971 and they will assist you.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of spring and summer clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

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 <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org.

SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op meets weekly at 34 School Street in Gorham, Mondays at 10 a.m. for "Games and Puzzles," and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for "Coffee and Conversation." Seniors from Gorham and neighboring communities are welcome. For more information visit: <https://www.gorhamarts.org/seniorscoop>.

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library - The Baxter House Museum is open through August on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and encouraged. IT: Ask Me Anything! is held every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 with Cody in the Schneider Room. Check the calendar in this issue for what's coming up at the library, or visit the library in person or online at <https://baxterlibrary.org/events/> to see what's happening. Children under the age of 8 require adult supervision. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

North Gorham Public Library is now running the six-week Summer Reading/Nature Program for grades 1 - 5. It takes place every Tuesday through July 28 from 10:30 - 11:30, facilitated by former teacher Paula Boyce, who has lots of experiences lined up for the children. A Story Hour for pre-schoolers will continue, as usual, throughout the summer. Every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30, Claire Steeves reads a story and introduces the children to a fun, creative activity, a little music, and movement. The library now offers free one-day passes to the Portland Museum of Art for up to two adults and six children. Also available are free tickets to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens again this year. From May 1 to October 18, the library can provide tickets each day for two adults and up to 10 children (escorted by the adult(s). Come in or call (207) 892-2575, or email northgorhampl@gmail.com if you are interested. The NGPL supports North Gorham and Standish, and is open Monday 3 - 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Donate books anytime (please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers Digest condensed books). FMI: email libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us. Sign up for the library's email weekly newsletter: northgorhampl@gmail.com, or call (207) 892-2575. Check out What's Happening, the Events Calendar on our website, or our Facebook page for weekly updates.

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BUXTON \$725,000
Set on 1.1 acres with over 400' of owned river frontage, this property offers an expansive, gently sloping lawn that meanders down to the water's edge--perfect for soaking in the beauty of Maine's natural surroundings. This charming farmhouse blends timeless character with thoughtful updates, including newer roof shingles, heating system, heat pumps, pellet stove, windows, electrical improvements, new baths, and beautifully refinished wood floors. The home's warm & inviting layout is highlighted by a stunning glassed sitting room and dining area that captures sweeping river views.



GORHAM \$624,900
This inviting 4 bedroom, 2-bath home offers the perfect blend of privacy and convenience--just minutes to town, schools, and everyday amenities. Set on a picturesque 1.38-acre lot, the property is surrounded by beautifully maintained grounds featuring lush lawn space & an array of flowering trees, bushes & perennials that create a truly special outdoor setting. Inside, you'll find 2,295 sf of comfortable living space designed for both everyday living and entertaining. The kitchen looks into the dining area, which flows into the welcoming front living room highlighted by a cozy pellet stove.



LIMERICK \$139,900
Incredible opportunity to own a massive 3.15-acre waterfront property consisting of 6 combined lots! This beautifully surveyed parcel offers a rare level of privacy and space, featuring 2 potential building windows to design your dream retreat. Enjoy full access to all the highly desirable amenities of the Lake Arrowhead community, including beaches, clubhouses, pools, and boat launches. Bring your builder and your imagination to this pristine waterfront escape!



BUXTON \$465,000
Beautifully maintained home set on a picturesque 1.13-ac corner lot w/ a lush lawn, mature landscaping and exceptional outdoor living. This property is truly a private retreat, featuring a 16x32 in-ground pool, pool shed, and an additional wood shed. Inside, the home shines w/pride of ownership throughout. The main level offers 1,194 sf of thoughtfully designed living space, including an inviting eat-in kitchen w/ gas range, a front living room, and 3 bedrooms. Hardwood floors flow seamlessly throughout the 1st floor, complemented by a full bath & tiled mudroom that connects to the oversized 2 car garage.



HOLLIS \$549,900
Experience the ease of one-floor living in this desirable ranch set on a peaceful 3-acre lot on a quiet private road. Offering 1414 square feet of sunlit living space, this home features a welcoming front living room with a soaring cathedral ceiling that flows seamlessly into the open kitchen with center island and adjoining dining area--perfect for both everyday living and entertaining. The primary suite includes a private ensuite bath with double sinks and an oversized walk-in shower, while a second bedroom enjoys direct access to a full bath.



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Church Custodian/Maintenance Worker- part time with flexible hours due to event scheduling-30-35 hrs./wk.-no benefits-. For more Information Call Doris at (207) 590-3742

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 16
Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park, 10 - 11 a.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Book Club, 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, July 18
United Church of Christ at North Gorham bean hole bean supper, 4:30 - 6 p.m., \$12/\$6

Monday, July 20
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 - 11:30 a.m., (ages 2 and under)

Tuesday, July 21
Baxter Memorial Library, Creative Corner, 10 a.m. - noon, (ages 9 and up)
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22
Baxter Memorial Library, Mini STEAM, 10 - 11 a.m. (ages 5 and under)
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Department of Environmental Protection Public Meeting, re: Amazon Proposal, Municipal Center Conference Room A, 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 23
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Jam in the Park, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, July 24
Baxter Memorial Library, Reading Ramble: Nelson Preserve Trailhead, 10 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday July 25
Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Christmas in July Outdoor Market, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m. \$12/\$5/\$20

Monday, July 27
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 - 11:30 a.m., (ages 2 and under)

Tuesday July 28
Baxter Memorial Library, Creative Corner, 10 a.m. - noon (ages 9 and up)
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29
Baxter Memorial Library, It's all Fun and Games, 1 - 3 p.m. (all ages)
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30
Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park, 10 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 11
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10879, Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main Street, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

*Send calendar items, public service announcements and events to
Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: loriaam@gmail.com*



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the Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department blotter

Two officers placed a cone in an area noted by the deputy chief that was causing a traffic hazard. They also contacted the construction company to have them look at their project as soon as possible.

A citizen called in to ask if she could have car seats in the front of a single-cab pickup. She was advised that it is not safe.

Officer took a noise complaint for juveniles on dirt bikes/ATVs on the roadways in the area of Phinney Street and Tanglewood Drive. They have also been reported to be making loud and unreasonable noise. These events have occurred most frequently between 1430 - 1900 during the week, and anytime during the day

on the weekends. The complainants have requested more patrol when possible.

Caller was worried about driving her daughter's car to Windham after getting a ticket for an expired inspection. She wanted a transportation permit. She was advised that she was all set to drive it out there. If she was pulled over she should show them the ticket. Transportation permits are for unregistered vehicles that someone buys.

A citizen called in because a Ford Mustang was sitting on the side of the read with two males "being very suspicious." Officer checked the area and did not see the vehicle.

Town of Gorham Public Works Department Full-Time CDL Driver Operator

Do you hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and are you looking for a job with variety, stability, and great benefits? If so, consider joining the Town of Gorham Public Works team!

Driver Operators provide critical and essential services for our community. They are responsible for the safe, skilled, and efficient operation of a variety of light and heavy equipment associated with snow removal, repair, maintenance, and construction of Town of Gorham roads, sidewalks, parks, and cemeteries. Driver Operators also perform general laborer functions such as patching roads, raking hot top, mowing grass, shoveling, cutting brush, and directing traffic.

A full job description, along with qualifications and benefits package, is available on the Town of Gorham website. The pay range for this position starts at \$25.20 per hour. Salary depends on experience and qualifications. Successful candidates will be eligible for a \$1,000 sign on bonus.

Apply Online via the "Employment Opportunities" page of the Town of Gorham website. Cover letter and/or resume optional. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and the position will remain open until filled. Applicants without access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone may pick up an Application for Employment in person at the Town Manager's Office or the Public Works facility during normal business hours. Please email HR@gorham.me.us or call 207-222-1650 if you need assistance or have any questions about the application process.



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