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Gorham 12U Softball Team Wins State Championship; Finishes Third in Regionals

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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Girls win Maine Little League state championship.

The Gorham 12U All-Stars softball team reached the later stages of the 2026 Little League New England (East Region) Tournament in Bristol, Conn., finishing with a 3-2 record.

The Gorham 12U Girls softball team started their state championship run at their home field, winning the

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Gorham Adult Education Celebrates Graduation

Bridget Kahn, Adult Education Director

The Gorham Adult Education graduation ceremony took place on the evening of June 15 at the Gorham Middle School auditorium.

This year's class of ten graduates ranges in ages from 17 to 41. They previously attended schools all over Maine and as far away as Ecuador. Some are parents, some are CNAs, some preparing for college and apprenticeships, and one special pair is mother and son.

For many of GAE's graduates, their HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) journey may have begun years before in

another state or at another adult education program. While stops and starts are not uncommon for adult learners, the courage to come back, to try again, to persevere cannot be overstated.

If it isn't already clear, adult education is special. These graduates are special. Not one of them was required to come to adult education. Not one of them earned their high school equivalency without a great amount of courage and sacrifice. But they chose to show

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Jayden Szady, GHS '26



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Richard Salvatierra-Ube, GHS '24

Honoring the International Sports Legacy of Horace S. Wilson

John Ersek, Staff Writer

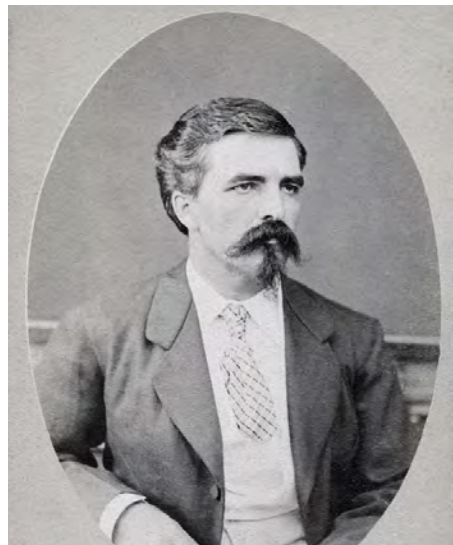


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Gorham resident Horace Wilson

The Town of Gorham, in cooperation with the Consulate General of Japan in Boston, is sponsoring an invitational youth baseball tournament at the Little Falls Recreation Area, which will take place beginning Saturday, Aug. 15, and continuing until Friday, Aug. 21.

The games of the double elimination event will be played at the Horace S. Wilson Field. The dual purposes of the tournament are to honor the ongoing baseball legacy of Horace S. Wilson, and to help strengthen cultural ties between the Town of Gorham and the people of Japan.

A number of Maine Little League District six teams are scheduled to compete, including teams from Gorham, Scarborough, Bonny Eagle,

South Portland, Gray/New Gloucester, and Cumberland/North Yarmouth. Before the first game, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of Horace S. Wilson. It will include an official from the Japanese Consulate.

As an added bonus, on Sunday Aug. 23, all participating tournament players will be honored during the Portland Seadogs game at Hadlock Field, as part of the Seadogs' Japan Day events. Local descendants of Wilson's Gorham family are scheduled to take part, including Theo Balcomb, who will throw out the first pitch.

Horace S. Wilson (1843-1927) was a native of the White Rock section of Gorham and a Civil War veteran. He is widely credited with introducing the

sport of baseball to the Japanese people in 1872, while he was teaching English at a government academy near Tokyo.

According to Wikipedia, around 1870 Wilson was hired by the Japanese government as an advisor on modernizing the Japanese educational system. He traveled to Tokyo, and became a professor at the Kaisei Academy, which later evolved into Tokyo Imperial University.

In 1872, Wilson decided to introduce baseball to the academy's students, as a way of encouraging them to become more physically active. Wilson taught his students the rules, positional skills, and procedures of the game, as well as

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Expanding Access to Higher Education to Strengthen Maine’s Economy

By Rep. Parnell Terry

On July 29, most of the laws passed by the Legislature earlier this year went into effect. This includes the supplemental budget, which makes two years of community college permanently free for Maine students. This program isn’t just about making sure more Mainers can go to college – it’s about ensuring the next generation of workers can build their futures right here at home. One of the biggest issues I hear from Gorham businesses is that they can’t find enough skilled workers to fill their job openings. Making free community college permanent will help more Mainers access good-paying jobs that are also in high demand right now. The Maine Free College Scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees for eligible recent high school graduates pursuing associate degrees or workforce credentials at Maine’s seven community colleges, including Southern Maine Community College – just 30 minutes from Gorham, which offers EMS and firefighter training programs, dental assistant and phlebotomy courses, nursing and precision machining degrees, plumbing certificates and more. The free community-college program began in 2022 and has reduced barriers for students who may not otherwise be able to afford higher education without taking on significant debt. Recent graduates are working in healthcare, manufacturing, construction and more. For more information, visit <https://www.mccs.me.edu/free-college/>. Expanded access to education supports

individual Maine graduates while developing our workforce statewide, training skilled workers in high-demand industries. Whether students use the program to gain hands-on skills in the trades or as a first, money-saving step toward a four-year degree, free community college helps connect Mainers with employers to find good-paying jobs. Last year, I also supported legislation that strengthens our trade workforce by expanding access to certified pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs. To reduce barriers that prevent more Mainers from working in the trades, LD 1117 provides grants to help cover childcare, transportation, training materials, membership fees and costs, tools and personal protective equipment expenses to facilitate attendance and participation in training programs. As the tradespeople we depend on begin to retire, both free community college and more accessible apprenticeship programs will help alleviate workforce shortages. For individuals who have already graduated with student loan debt, the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit can be claimed with their Maine state tax return to provide up to a \$2,500 reimbursement for student loan payments made during the previous year. Visit www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/student-loan-repayment-tax-credit to learn more. In addition to these recent workforce development measures, this year’s supplemental

budget includes measures to address the cost-of-living crisis, including funding to increase property tax relief, clear childcare waitlists and send \$300 affordability relief checks to eligible Mainers over the next several weeks to help cover essentials like gas and groceries. While there’s a lot more work to be done, I’m proud of these measures to increase opportunities for our young people to access good-paying jobs right here at home and support the industries that our community depends on. In all my legislative work, I will remain focused on fighting for measures that lower costs for working families, so more folks in Gorham can get ahead and stay ahead. I can best represent our community by hearing from you about issues both in our district and across the state. Please feel welcome to reach out to me at Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov if you have any questions or concerns about available state programs and tax credits, or need assistance accessing other support.



Rep. Terry is serving his first term in the Maine House and represents part of Gorham. Terry is a member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I am writing out of concern for my community. I have resided in Gorham for the last 30 years. During that time there have certainly been a lot of changes, but Gorham still manages to maintain its neighborly atmosphere. I have recently learned, as have many others in town, that this is about to change. We are in the process of becoming a megacentre for a 146,000-square-foot Amazon distribution center. If given final approval by the town board, this site will operate all day and all night, 365 days a year. At town meetings, Amazon representatives have reported to the board that there will be 3 daily shifts, and an estimated 3,000 daily truck trips, including 18-wheelers running mostly in the wee hours of the morning. I did the math. That’s an added 125 trucks on our roads each hour, every hour, minimum, night and day. Traffic concerns are only one of many. Others include community safety, proximity to schools and buffering neighborhoods and significant wetland, drainage, lighting and buffering issues. For more information, please check out the website for Gorham United No Amazon or find even more on Facebook! Donna Waterman, Gorham

To the Editor:

The sale of property on Route 25 in Gorham to Amazon LLC for use as a distribution warehouse is currently under the review of the Gorham Town Council, the

Gorham Planning Board, and State permitting agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Department of Transportation. According to an official at the MDOT, Amazon is not required to show a proposed route tractor trailer trucks would use to deliver from an exit on a highway to the warehouse at this time. The routes detailed in the Amazon TMP application are estimated. Amazon is required to consider multiple potential routes. If these trucks were to exit the Maine Turnpike at Exit 47/48 in Westbrook, the most likely route would be: across the exit to Larabee Road, across to Brighton Ave. to the Westbrook Arterial, continue on William Clarke Drive (Route 25), through intersections with traffic signals at Stroudwater St., Spring St., Mechanic St., Saco St. and at the junction of Rt. 25 and Main St., Westbrook, then continuing up Rt. 25 past Martin’s Point Healthcare to the warehouse. This route is some six miles and involves nine traffic signals (stop lights), with the possibility of three more traffic signals entering and exiting the warehouse. If this were the route Amazon delivery trucks would take, there could be significant impact to traffic movement, safety and road maintenance in the heavily traveled roads of Westbrook and Gorham. Any route these trucks could take would not be a “last mile” delivery route; in this case it’s a six-miles route. Jeff Christiansen, Gorham

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South Street Construction

Roger Marchand, Staff Photographer



Sidewalk and electrical construction on South St. have backed up traffic coming out of or going into Gorham Center for most of the month of July. The work will continue well into August, so look for other means of getting around town if you're in a rush.

All Knotted Up

Trevor Basner, Staff Writer



Close-up of Japanese knotweed stem.



Close-up of Japanese knotweed leaf.

A problem is growing and many Mainers have never heard about it: Fallopia japonica, Japanese knotweed. Knotweed is an invasive bamboo-like plant that is rapidly spreading across Maine. Knotweed pushes out native plants, destabilizes river banks, and its presence near a home can even reduce the value of the property. Collectors originally brought knotweed to the United States in the nineteenth century, favoring its swift growth and its power to sprout seemingly anywhere. Now those traits have become major headaches for homeowners and naturalists across the Northeast. The Maine Gov website labeled Japanese knotweed as “widespread” and “severely invasive.” Japanese knotweed is a tall plant and can reach as high as 10 feet. The stems are hollow, reddish and jointed, and its broad leaves grow on alternating sides of the stem. It grows in dense thickets. Fighting knotweed is difficult. After knotweed establishes itself in an area, removing it can take years. Knotweed’s rhizomes, part of the plant that grows underground, can extend more than fifteen feet in either direction and can sprout new growths. This means cutting or mowing alone is typically not sufficient to deal with knotweed. Laying a thick landscaping cloth over the area might smother the plant, but can take as long as a decade to be successful. Glyphosate, the ingredient in common herbicides, can be effective, but requires careful application. One of the best strategies is to combine cutting and herbicide. In early summer, when the plants have reached approximately three feet tall, cut them down. Then in the early fall, apply glyphosate into the stems. Repeat this process every year until the plant no longer grows. Be sure to follow all guidelines and regulations when using herbicides and to carefully dispose of all plant parts. To learn more about knotweed and how to safely remove it, check out: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/fallopia.htm.



Japanese knotweed growing alongside a street in Gorham





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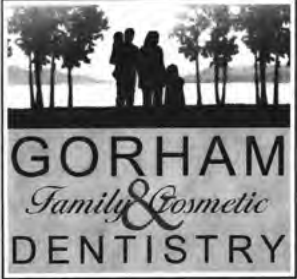
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Beat the Heat: Simple Habits for a Safe, Healthy Summer

Taryn Payne, Contributing Writer

As temperatures rise and days stretch longer, summer invites us all to spend more time outdoors. Whether you are tending your garden and yard, enjoying local parks, or heading out for a weekend barbecue, staying active outside is great for both physical and mental well-being. However, high heat and intense sun bring real health risks. A few simple, proactive habits can ensure you make the most of the season while keeping yourself and your family safe.

Master the art of hydration. By the time you feel thirsty, your body is already mildly dehydrated. Water is critical for regulating body temperature, especially when sweating. Aim to drink fluids consistently throughout the day rather than chugging water all at once. If you are active outdoors for more than an hour, consider supplementing with electrolyte-rich drinks or water-rich snacks like watermelon, cucumbers, and oranges. Try to limit sugary sodas, alcohol, and excessive caffeine, as these can accelerate fluid loss.

Use smart sun protection. Sunburn does more than cause temporary discomfort—it causes long-term skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 to all exposed skin about 15 minutes before stepping outside. Don't forget easily overlooked spots like ears, the back of the neck, the part in your hair and the tops of your feet. Reapply every two hours, or immediately after swimming or heavy sweating. Wearing lightweight, loose-fitting clothing, UV-blocking sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat add an essential layer of defense during peak sun hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Understanding the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke can save a life. Heat exhaustion is characterized by heavy sweating, dizziness, fatigue, a weak pulse, nausea, and muscle cramps. If you notice these symptoms, move to a cool or shaded area immediately, sip water, and apply cool, damp cloths to the skin.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Symptoms include a high body temperature, confusion, hot or dry skin (or heavy sweating that suddenly stops), rapid heart rate, and loss of consciousness. Call 911 immediately if you suspect heat stroke.

During the hot months, look out for kids, pets and neighbors. Children and older adults adjust to temperature changes less efficiently than younger adults. Never leave kids or pets inside a parked vehicle, even for a quick errand—interior temperatures can reach lethal levels within minutes. Additionally, take a moment to check in on elderly neighbors during intense heatwaves to ensure their living spaces are adequately cooled.

With a little planning and awareness, you can safely enjoy everything the warm weather has to offer. Stay cool, drink up and have a healthy season.



Taryn Payne is a doctor of physical therapy for over 16 years, and is now employed in higher education. She is also a mom, an avid reader and outdoor enthusiast.

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Clear Skin and Acne

Rachel Miller, Contributing Writer

As summer winds down and students begin getting ready for a new school year, many are also preparing to face something they didn't ask for—acne.

Whether it's a few breakouts before the first day of school or more persistent acne that's been around for months, it's one of the most common reasons I see teenagers in the office. What I want people to know is this: acne is incredibly common, and it is treatable. One of the biggest misconceptions about acne is that it's caused by poor hygiene. In reality, acne develops because of a combination of hormones, increased oil production, clogged pores and inflammation. Washing your face too often or using harsh products won't make it go away—in fact, it can make things worse by irritating your skin.

The start of a new school year can already bring enough stress, and stress alone can contribute to acne flare-ups. Add in sports helmets, sweaty practices, makeup, or simply the pressure of wanting to look your best, and it's easy to see why breakouts often seem worse this time of year. Another habit I encourage patients to avoid is picking at pimples. I know it's tempting, but squeezing or picking can increase inflammation, delay healing, and lead to permanent scarring or dark spots that last much longer than the blemish itself.

The good news is that clearer skin doesn't always require an elaborate skin-care routine. In fact, I often recommend keeping it simple. A gentle cleanser, a non-comedogenic moisturizer, sunscreen every day, and using acne treatments

consistently are often the foundation of healthy skin. One of the biggest mistakes I see is giving up too soon. Most acne treatments take several weeks to show improvement, so patience and consistency really do matter. If over-the-counter products aren't helping, or if acne is painful, leaving scars, or affecting confidence, it's time to seek medical advice. There are many effective treatment options available today, and treatment plans can be tailored to each person's skin and goals.

As a dermatology provider, I've learned that acne isn't just about what's happening on the surface of the skin. It can affect confidence during some of the most important years of a person's life. No one should feel embarrassed to ask questions or seek treatment.

As students head back to school this fall, remember that healthy skin isn't about perfection. It's about taking care of yourself, being patient with the process, and knowing that acne is a medical condition—not a reflection of who you are. Sometimes a little confidence starts with simply knowing you're not alone.



Dr. Rachel Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, is the founder and provider of White Elm Dermatology in Gorham, Maine, specializing in

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Planning Board Meeting Notes

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The Planning Board convened on Monday, Aug. 3, at the Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers, with five members (Hager, Benson, Frank, Nichols, Walsh) in attendance and one member (Delaney) absent.

Prior to taking up agenda items, board chair James Hager announced that there is currently a vacant position on the Planning Board due to the recent resignation of board member Stephen Crisafulli.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing on a request to amend the Town zoning map to change a portion of a parcel delineated on Map 34 Lot 14, owned by Shaw Brothers, from Urban Residential Expansion (UREXP) to Industrial. Seven members of the public voiced concerns about the rezoning and one spoke in favor of the rezoning request. The board moved to send the item to the Town Council with a recommendation for approval, with a letter from the Planning Board reflecting the board’s concerns about enforcement of existing ordinance codes (5 Ayes, 1 Absent).

Item 2, also designated as a public hearing, comprised a site plan review for a proposal to construct nine contractor/tradesman units in two buildings, with a paved parking lot and associated infrastructure, on Eastern Drive, located in the Industrial (I) zoning district. There was no public comment on the item. The board moved to approve the site plan with conditions (5 Ayes, 1 Absent).

The board decided to address agenda item 4 ahead of item 3 due to the status of the respective projects. The item comprised a public hearing on the site and preliminary subdivision plan review for construction of a 22-unit multi-family development and associated infrastructure on a 4.33-acre parcel on South Street, zoned Urban Residential (UR). Several residents made comments about the proposed project during the Public Hearing portion of the agenda (3 in opposition, 3 neutral). The board moved to postpone plan review pending revisions (5 Ayes, 1 Absent).

The remaining scheduled agenda items, a public hearing on the final subdivision and site plan for the proposed Thistle Petite Condominiums, a development of 30 units of multifamily housing with associated infrastructure on County Road, zoned South Gorham Commercial Corridor (SGCC); and discussion of an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to create a new University District zone to implement the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, were not taken up due to the Planning Board’s lateness rules. Both items will be rescheduled for the second monthly Planning Board meeting, scheduled for Aug. 17.

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A request for a public hearing must be received by the Department in writing no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the application processing period.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State’s consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456.

The application will be filed for public inspection on the DEP’s website at: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/mels/hub.html>.

Written public comments may be sent through the website. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Portland, Maine.

For more information on how to submit public comment with the DEP, please go to the DEP’s website:
Public Participation in the Licensing Process (Information Sheet) Maine DEP
<https://www.maine.gov/dep/publications/is-public.html>

Town Council Meeting, Aug. 4

Michael Lortie, Staff Writer

The Gorham Town Council met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Chairperson Suzanne Phillips called the meeting to order and all seven members were present. They approved the minutes of the July 7 regular meeting (7-0).

Two members of the public addressed the board. Both spoke in opposition to the proposed Amazon project. The first, a Lawn Avenue resident, spoke about stormwater management concerns and her belief that the town does not effectively enforce their policies. The second speaker, an environmentalist, spoke about the DEP meeting in July and her concerns that this is one of only two endangered species sites in the town; wetlands have special significance in our environment and need to be protected. She also spoke about landslide concerns in this area of the Presumpscot watershed area.

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 and many of the concerns that were stated. Councilor Dearborn mentioned upcoming Gorham Historical Society events. Councilor Siegel thanked the Baxter Library for their programming and their availability of Tonie Boxes. Councilor Willis thanked the Public Works and Recreation departments for their work completing phase one of Robie Park. Councilor Hamblen mentioned the work of the Planning Board and the meeting the previous night, where dozens of speakers expressed very legitimate concerns about the proposed Amazon project. Councilor Kuech spoke about the upcoming opening of school and the need for parents to watch for information and drivers to use extreme caution. Chairperson Phillips informed the public of the dedication of the Wilson Field and the Little League Tournament that will happen there Aug. 15-21. She also reminded the public of two upcoming Town Council workshops: Aug. 18 on required sprinkler systems and

Sept. 15 on the Open Space Master Plan.

Director of Community Development Thomas Poirier, substituting for Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak, thanked the town workers for completing phase one of the Robie Park project and spoke about the ribbon cutting and ceremony on Aug. 11. He also reminded the public of the transition to trash carts from totes that will be occurring at the end of the summer. As the trash tags will be phased out, they will only be available at the Municipal Center.

The council voted (7-0) to amend the Solid Waste Flow ordinance to reflect the change in trash collection. The cost of trash collection will be included in the municipal taxes.

The council voted (7-0) to amend the Land Use and Development Code to exempt accessory dwelling units on private ways from the requirement of being a dwelling unit as it pertains to private ways. There was a discussion of paving standards for private ways and two charts that defined the requirements according to the number of units on the private way.

The council voted (7-0) to send to the voters for the Nov. 3 election a question authorizing the capital expenditure and bonding of funds for the School Department totaling \$6,688,752. This bond would cover three projects at GHS involving parking, sidewalks, ADA access and drainage, the replacement of the old portable classrooms with a new connected extension, and window and door replacement and brick veneer work. There will be a public hearing scheduled on these projects before the election.

The council voted (7-0) to authorize the Ordinance Committee to work with the town manager and human resource director on administrative updates to the Town’s Employee Personnel Ordinance.

The council voted (7-0) to take no action on adopting private clustered wastewater systems at this time.

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.

August Trash Updates

Kelly Meslin, Public Works

- August Trash Transition Update:
- Public Works staff met with Casella’s operations team Thursday Aug. 6 to discuss road evaluations and the new 5-day collection schedule.
- Tags are required to be used until the transition to mechanical collection begins. Bags without tags will not be collected.
- We will begin to deplete vendors of their trash tags supplies. Trash tags will be available at all Municipal buildings (Town Hall, Public Works, Baxter Library) once vendors are out.
- There will be no way to reimburse/refund unused tags. Residents should purchase tags on an as-needed basis.
- Roll-off containers will be available for a short window during cart delivery for disposal of Gorham residents’ old trash cans and recycle bins. This will be approximately two weeks.
- Please stay tuned for an informational mailer that will go out to residents next week regarding the switch to mechanical arm and changes to come with the new collection style. Residents whose trash day is changing, will receive this communication first.

- Carts are scheduled to arrive at the end of August. They will be assembled and delivered (typically based on route number) by Rehrig and a team from Public Works. Residents whose trash day is changing will receive their carts first.
- Collection will begin mid-September barring any unforeseen circumstances.
- If you have questions about the transition, please call the Public Works office at 207-222-4950 or email us at dpw@gorham.me.us.



Adult Education Graduates

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Mother and son, Savannah Maynard, GHS '26 and Rusty Geisinger Day, GHS '26

up for themselves and for their families. They chose to dedicate their precious time to attending classes twice a week, to studying online for dozens of hours, in order to prepare for five subject tests representing the foundational knowledge in math, science, social studies, and English reading and writing needed for high school equivalency. They did all this while juggling jobs and families, and the many other pressures of adult lives. The teachers and staff at Gorham Adult Education are so proud of their accomplish-

ments. Congratulations to the Class of 2026! 2026 Graduates Emma Barr Leonard Day Brooke Hall Mason Landre Landon Leslie Savannah Maynard Charlotte Psiakis Richard Salvatierra-Ube* Jayden Szady Raeleen Theriault *Class of 2024

Richard Salvatierra-Ube, GHS '24, who immigrated to the US from Ecuador with a post-secondary degree in Economics but did not have access to his credentials. He completed his high school equivalency in December of 2023. Within 2 months, he began working at Portland

Adult Education leading their technology department and began studying at SMCC. As GAE's only graduate of 2024, he did not have the opportunity to walk the stage to receive his diploma last year and instead returned as 2026's student speaker and celebrated with his fellow graduates.



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Land Trust Earns Reaccreditation

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) recently announced that they have received a five-year reaccreditation certification from the national Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The LTA is responsible for setting the highest standards for ethical and effective land conservation in the U.S. PRLT first received accreditation in 2021. Not all Land Trust are accredited. PRLT joins 950 land trusts across the nation which have met the highest standards for these community-based organizations. The process for becoming accredited is thorough and time consuming, as the organization must document governance policies, submit financial records and practices, conservation transactions, and stewardship financial and procedural details. Will Sedlack, Executive Director of PRLT said, "Accreditation is important because it announces to the public that PRLT holds itself to a high, measurable standard, and that we invite independent scrutiny to confirm we meet it." He added, "Accreditation provides the public with validation that the way we do that work within our community is of the highest quality. To me, that commitment to a high standard is crucial and deeply worth celebrating." Land Trusts work at the grass roots level within local communities to conserve habitat for wildlife, secure water quality, and ensure land is available for future generations, provide equitable access to nature. They help protect and preserve local farms and promote climate resilience. Open lands and

recreational trails are also closely tied to the economic engine of a community. Land Trusts strengthen communities ties and are good for business. Gorham's local land trust continues to grow. It now conserves 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat in 20 preserves in the towns of Gorham, Gray, Standish, Westbrook and Windham, with over 25 miles of free, public access trails for walking, biking, snowshoeing and enjoying nature. The Land Trust also serves as water stewards of the Presumpscot River Watershed and is the coordinating agency for the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail. PRLT knows that the trails including the Sebago to the Sea Trail will be well used this summer. As always, carry-in carry-out when using them. If you find a section of trail that has a hazard or is in need of maintenance, please let the land trust know by using the issue reporting tool on their website at <https://www.prlt.org>. If you want to get involved, volunteers are meeting regularly to manually remove invasive plants on PRLT preserves throughout the field season on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. They visit different PRLT preserves each week. You can sign up to join this group and get weekly emails with details about the ongoing work parties (you do not have to attend every session). The Land Trust appreciates your help. To learn more, get involved and support the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust go to <https://www.prlt.org>.



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State Championship CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

District championship on July 4th weekend. According to the Gorham Little League Facebook page, the 12U girls managed to pull out a win in dramatic fashion, going into extra innings and knocking in four runs

over Massabesic, which punched their ticket to the Regional tournament. The team then traveled to Bristol, Conn. to compete in the Regional finals with a 10-2 record, two walk-off wins and three 1-run final scores.



Girls win their districts.

Photo Credit: Gorham Little League

in the bottom of the seventh to beat CNY in the District 6 championship. The neighbors of Robie Park even helped celebrate with some fireworks. The following week in Westbrook, the team competed for the state championship vs Massabesic. A 2-4 loss in championship game 1 forced game 2, and they sealed the deal with a 7-5 win

According to the Portland Press Herald, standout players for the Gorham All-Stars this summer include Natalie McCurdy (P), the team's ace pitcher, who threw all 12 grueling innings on the day of the state championship to seal the title. At the New England Regionals, she continued her dominance, notably throwing four score-

less innings with nine strikeouts in a 10-0 mercy-rule victory over Vermont. Sophia Santiago (INF) was an exceptional offensive spark plug hitting out of the two-spot in the lineup, headlined by a spectacular regional performance where she drove in 6 runs. Karli Piacitelli (UTL), delivered high-impact offensive production during regional elimination games, notably going 2-for-2 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs against Vermont. Amelia Cote (UTIL) matched Piacitelli's regional offensive burst, going 2-for-2 at the plate while driving in 2 runs and scoring twice. Hannah Wilson, Hayden West,

Maeve McDonald and Taylor Schools also made a big impact throughout the tournament. The girls took down Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, all games won by 10 runs. A tough loss against Rhode Island on July 22 wrapped up the season for the 12U All Stars. They finished their run with a 16-4 overall record (3-2 in the Regional), an impressive 42 runs scored and having only allowed 19 runs during the East Regional tournament. Third in New England is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations to the 12U All-stars.



Maine at the field in Connecticut for Regionals

Photo Credit: Gorham Little League

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procuring some equipment. He is credited with organizing the first baseball game ever played by a team of Japanese players, which was a seven-inning game between a team of Japanese students and a team of foreign instructors. Today, baseball is Japan's most popular sport. Seven million Japanese people play baseball in some format, including players in many youth leagues, several minor leagues, and

two major leagues. Wilson was posthumously elected to membership in the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame by a special committee in 2003. His legacy is still honored in many ways by Japanese baseball fans and players. Wilson returned to the United States in 1877. He spent the next fifty years residing in the San Francisco area, which is where he died in 1927. He served for a time as a San Francisco city supervisor.

Upcoming Meetings

8/17 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

8/17 Planning Board Meeting (optional date), 7 p.m.

8/18 Town Council Workshop, 6:30 p.m.

8/18 Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

8/20 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

8/24 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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Sunrise Corner

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

When it became time for Anne Farrar to downsize her business, Sunrise Corner, which she had run for 25 years in two large antique buildings in Standish Center, she chose a new location in Gorham. She liked its central location at 16 Mechanic Street across from Hannaford, near the post office. The ample parking in the rear of the building was also a plus.

Since 2025, she has been serving customers of all ages at her new home, which has the feel of an old-time penny-candy store. The store also offers a huge selection of over 150 varieties of soda pop. Farrar only carries products that are made with pure cane sugar or zero sugar. No drinks have high-fructose corn syrup.

On the second floor, visitors will find a good array of well-priced gifts for those looking for home decor, antiques, hostess gifts, jams, jellies, and high-quality floral materials. Farrar strives to create a unique environment at Sunrise Corner that is “once found, always remembered.”

On Friday, Aug. 21, Farrar is hosting a Pickle Party Fund Raiser for Make a Wish Maine. Why a pickle party? According to Farrar, several other states host extravagant pickle celebrations, but there are none here in Maine. Farrar said, “After participating in the Taste of Gorham Walk, I thought it might be a fun way to celebrate the lowly pickle and to meet some new people.” She chose Make a Wish as the beneficiary because many of her customers are children, who know her as Miss Anne.

Bring your favorite pickle product, pick-

le treat and the recipe if you want to share, or just come to try a tasty smorgasbord of pickle treats. What can be pickled? Use your imagination...Almost any fruit or vegetable is fair game. Traditionally canned, or refrigerator...it's up to you. Or just bring a plain old cucumber and come and enjoy an afternoon of tasting everything from classic pickles to pickle soda to creative pickle-inspired foods and an afternoon of laughter and community fun.

We can't wait to see what you bring. To help with planning, applications are available at Sunrise Corner. Suggested donation is \$10 with all proceeds benefiting Make-A-Wish Maine.



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Sunrise Corner, 16 Mechanic Street in Gorham.

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Phyllis Dorn Burnham (1936-2026)

RAYMOND -- Phyllis Dorn Burnham died peacefully with family by her side on July 25, 2026, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice Home in Scarborough, Maine. Phyllis celebrated her 90 th birthday at home with family on June 25, 2026.

Phyllis was born in 1936 in the small, rural tannery town of Elkland, Pennsylvania to Harry Dorn and Genevieve Darby.

Phyllis was a natural born storyteller, and shared many tales of growing up in Elkland with her German and Polish grandparents and extended family. Many have enjoyed her telling of the frequent flooding of the Cowanesque River, swimming in the river that was dark with tannery dye, watching her grandfather cook and eat rattlesnakes on the back porch, eating nuts, mushrooms, fish and venison that her family harvested and hunted in the hills around her childhood home, as well as the abundant preserved foods and chickens from their back yard that her mother prepared.

Phyllis met Harold Nichols Burnham, Jr. (Hal) of Portland, ME in Philadelphia while she studied at Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing and he at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. They married in 1958 at the Oak Street Friends Meeting in Maine.

After Hal's medical internship in Burlington, VT, where Phyllis did private duty nursing, the couple returned to Portland where Hal had grown up. There, Phyllis was asked to open and staff the University of Maine's first student health office in exchange for a tuition-free year of working towards a master's degree in nursing, which she chose not to complete.

Phyllis and Hal then moved to Turkey Creek, Kentucky, and worked across the river in West Virginia at Miners' Memorial Hospital, where son Jonathan was born in 1962. In 1963, they returned to Maine, where Harold established a family medicine practice in Gorham, and where daughter Margo was born in 1964.

When Jon and Margo became teens, Phyllis started working at the Hallmark Store at the Maine Mall, then a video store in Raymond, ultimately returning to nursing, serving as the Raymond Elementary School nurse until she retired.

Phyllis and family spent every summer on Sebago Lake at Wind-in-Pines in Raymond, the Burnham family cottage resort business founded in 1938. In 1963, she began co-managing Wind-in-Pines with Burnham family members, which she continued well into her 80s. Phyllis and Hal moved from Gorham to Wind in Pines permanently in 1987. After raising children, Phyllis and Hal enjoyed their time by the lake, basking in quiet nature, hosting family holidays, and venturing out on summer evening fishing trips.

She loved her role as Wind in Pines camp host and brought magic and fun to guests for generations, especially to young campers. With family members, Phyllis made trophies for the “Why Me? Tennis Classique” camp tennis tournament in the 1970-80s, and hosted for 40 years a weekly camp ice cream social, at which she warned parents she'd put duct tape over their mouths if they commented on the mounds of toppings children piled onto their sundaes. Guests often speak of Phyllis as the “heart” or “sparkling star” of camp.

Phyllis' many interests have included raising many, many dogs and cats, antiquing and collecting (blue and red glass, bronze animal figurines, chinaware, cats, rocks and gems), flower gardening, cooking casseroles and other delectables, refinishing furniture, rockhounding with sister Cindy, playing online poker, listening to Willy Nelson, and her greatest love—painting...flowers, dogs, cats, portraits of children, nature scenes and animals of all kinds. Hanging in each cottage is a painting of its winter scene, so guests can see the beauty of winter at Wind in Pines.

Anyone who spent time at Phyllis' home would appreciate her love of mayonnaise, Nescafe instant coffee, Kool cigarettes and of course, an abundance of dog treats for any canine visitor!

While Phyllis was very grounded in her home life, she adventured to Puerto Rico with a dear friend, and to Arizona and California with daughter Margo. Some of her greatest joys later in life included seeing son Jon win a huge online poker tournament, and the births of her two grandsons and great granddaughter (just this year).

Hal died in 2013 and her brother Dennis in 2016. She is survived by son Jonathan, wife Debby, grandson James and fiancée Sarah, great granddaughter Willow, and Debby's children and grandchildren; daughter Margo, husband Kenneth, grandson Phineas, and Kenny's children and grandchildren; sister Cindy; sister-in-law Carolyn; 3 nephews; 3 nieces; and many grandnieces and grandnephews. She will forever be truly missed and remembered by all.

A celebration of life open house will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, 1 - 4 p.m., with invited reflections at 3:30 p.m., at Birchholm (Phyllis' home), 40 Wind in Pines Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

Phyllis and Hal's autobiographies will be available for perusing, and were created and printed with Blurb: Phyllis <https://www.blurb.com/b/10738960>

Harold <https://www.blurb.com/b/4501534-autobiographical-sketches>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, PO Box 336, Westbrook, ME 04098 <https://arlgp.org/donate/make-a-donation/> or

Raymond Fire & Rescue, 1443 Roosevelt Trail, Raymond, ME 04071

Arrangements are in the care of the Hall Funeral Home in Casco where condolences and tributes may be shared at www.hallfuneralhome.net.



DEAN'S LIST

Michael Darasz, Regis College, Weston, Massachusetts
Maeve Donnelly, Emmanuel College, Boston, Massachusetts
Claudia Peterson, Emmanuel College, Boston, Massachusetts

OF INTEREST

Maine's First Pickle Party will be held at Sunrise Corner at 16 Mechanic Street on Friday, Aug. 21 from 3 - 7 p.m. Bring your favorite pickle product (or a just bring a cucumber) and enjoy a fun community pickle tasting featuring canned pickles, pickle soda, and other pickle treats. Meet some new neighbors and sample a few treats. Applications are available at Sunrise Corner. Suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefitting Make-A-Wish Maine.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is offering Skill Building Workshops to all members of Cultivemos, farmers, and friends of the agriculture space. These will be highly participatory, delivered by experienced colleagues from Cultivemos, live on Zoom, with no recording. Participation is free, but pre-registration is necessary at <https://umaine-extension.formtitan.com/ftproject/events?eventid=a1cUy00000719YO> to receive the meeting link. See the calendar for the final workshop in this series. They have also launched Tractor Safety: Foundations, a self-paced online course that provides learners with the foundational knowledge needed to operate tractors and agricultural equipment more safely and confidently. Designed for beginning tractor operators, both youth and adult, the course expands access to critical safety training, particularly for those in regions of the state where in-person options are limited. The online format covers the same core curriculum as UMaine Extension's popular 5-week in-person program, but without the hands-on driving experience. For more information and to register, visit the Tractor Safety: Foundations course webpage at https://discover.maine.edu/product?catalog=Tractor_Safety_Foundation.

Donate Blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive at Gorham Central Fire Station. With the American Red Cross' declaration on July 27, 2026 of its second national blood crisis in its history, citizens can answer the call to help save lives by donating blood. All blood types are needed, although the need is dire for type O blood. Please consider donating at the American Red Cross' blood drive on Monday, Aug. 31, 2026 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Gorham Maine Central Fire Station (270 Main Street) in the Meeting Room. To schedule an appointment for this blood drive, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "GorhamFire" to schedule an appointment. Interested donors can streamline their donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid/Pass to complete a pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of a scheduled appointment.

Play Golf – Do Good! The 32nd Annual Rotary Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2026 at Val Halla Golf & Recreation in Cumberland, ME. Thanks to many generous sponsors, Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Charities had a record-breaking tournament in 2025. Join the fun by entering your team or by becoming a Sponsor. Find more information at <https://westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org>. Proceeds benefit Rotary's local high school and vocational scholarships; a 4-Day Rotary Youth Leadership camp each summer; Interact Clubs at Westbrook and Gorham High Schools; projects in literacy, fighting food insecurity, and supporting veterans; and other local community programs and causes in the Town of Gorham and City of Westbrook.

The Gorham St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will host its 4th annual 5K Race/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 9 a.m at Shaw Cherry Hill Farm on Route 25 in Gorham. This year's goal is to raise \$9,000

to benefit local food pantries. Proceeds will benefit the Gorham Food Pantry, Standish Food Pantry, Buxton Food Co-Op, Buxton Community Cupboard, and the Sebago Warming Hut Food Pantry. The first 100 registrants will receive a T-shirt, and all participants will have breakfast and the chance to win prizes and awards in various best-of-age categories. Registration costs \$25 per adult, or \$15 for kids up to age 12. A special family rate of \$60 for 3 or more registrations is also available. To register, visit www.gorhamknights.org/events/5k.

Veterans who have served in foreign conflicts are invited to attend the monthly meetings of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10879. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038. If you are an eligible veteran of a foreign war, they encourage you to join them for camaraderie, continued service, and the opportunity to connect with fellow combat veterans while supporting those who have served our nation. For any questions please contact Jake Bauder at (207) 607-0370, Quartermaster, Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Metro Bus Offers New Tap-To-Ride Fare Payment Option. Riding the Metro bus is now easier! Greater Portland Metro has launched a new Tap-to-Ride fare payment option, allowing riders to tap their phone, Apple Watch, or credit card when boarding the bus. Smartcard and mobile app users should continue to use their Dirigo Pass for frequent riders benefits including fare capping and free transfers. Tap-to-Ride is ideal for infrequent riders taking single-leg trips who are not eligible for a reduced fare. All trips are charged the full base fare for the route being boarded. Visit the Greater Portland Metro's site for more information at <https://www.gpmetro.org/trip-planning-online-fare-apps/#tab-taptoride>.

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 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.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

United Church of Christ at North Gorham is having a Bean Hole Bean Supper on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Price is \$12 for Adults and \$8 for Kids \$8. Standish Neck Road, Gorham.

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

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STANDISH \$625,000

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BUXTON \$429,900

Built in 2009, this charming ranch-style home offers true 1 floor living w/1,188sf of thoughtfully designed space. From the moment you arrive, you're greeted by a relaxing farmer's porch-perfect for morning coffee or unwinding at the end of the day. Step inside to a bright & sunlit front living room that flows seamlessly into the kitchen & dining area, creating a warm & inviting space for everyday living & entertaining. The home features a spacious primary bedroom complete w/ its own private bath, along with a 2nd bedroom & a full common bath-ideal for guests or family. Offering the convenience of single-level living.



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HOLLIS \$ 539,900

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 sf of sunlit living space, this home features a welcoming front living room with a soaring cathedral ceiling that flows seamlessly into the open kitchen w/center island & 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 2nd bedroom enjoys direct access to a full bath. A practical mudroom entry featuring laundry and utility sink, completes the well-appointed floor plan.



BUXTON \$1,850,000

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Julie Chandler



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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. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and encouraged. IT: Ask Me Anything! is held every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. 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 has a Story Hour for pre-schoolers throughout the summer. Every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 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. Through Oct. 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 to 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 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 or the Events Calendar on their website, or their Facebook page for weekly updates.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, August 13

- Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park, 10 a.m.
- Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Baxter Memorial Library, Friends of Baxter Memorial Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 15

- Cressey Road Christian Church, The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, 9 a.m. - noon

Monday, August 17

- Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 18

- Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

- Baxter Memorial Library, Mini STEAM – Force and Motion, 10 a.m.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for pre-schoolers, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m
- UMaine Extension Zoom Workshop, Challenging Conversations, noon - 1:15 pm
- Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

- Baxter Memorial Library, Jam in the Park, 10 a.m.
- Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m

Friday, August 21

- Baxter Memorial Library, Reading Ramble, Mill Brook Preserve South 10 a.m.
- Sunrise Corner, Pickle Party, 3 - 7 p.m.

Monday, August 24

- Baxter Memorial Library, Baby & Me Playtime, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 25

- Baxter Memorial Library, Baxter House Museum Open, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

- Baxter Memorial Library, It's All Fun and Games, 1 p.m.
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the blotter

There was debris (plastic bucket) in the middle of the road. Officer removed the debris from the roadway.

Officer responded to Gray Road at the gas station for the report of a disabled vehicle. Officer arrived and met the driver who reported that his black Ford Ecosport only had a couple miles left until empty. Officer told him that the Mobil station on Main Street was just over three miles away at the end of Mosher Road, and had 24/7 pumps. Officer followed him and he was able to make it to the station. He as all set and officer cleared the scene.

A vehicle bearing State of Maine registration was parked on the side of a busy road. Officer spoke to the operator. He was just out hunting and looking for his next spot.

Officer checked on a vehicle pulled

over on the side of the road. They were just pulled over to use the phone.

A citizen called in a complaint stating that the dog continues to run loose. Dispatcher left a voicemail with the dog owner who called back. Dispatch explained that two complaints had been received regarding her dog wandering onto their property. She stated that she was unaware that her dog was leaving the property. She was apologetic and stated she would keep a better eye on the dog when she lets her out. No further action taken.

A citizen called in inquiring if he could attach a box to the back of an old police motorcycle he recently purchased. He said the box goes with the motorcycle, but it still has emergency lights on it. Officer advised him that he could attach it to his motorcycle as long as the emergency lights are not operational.

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