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Gorham High School's Class of 2024 Graduates

Aislyn McLean '24, GHS Student Intern



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Senior parade of new graduates proceeds down Main Street to an audience of cheering fans.

This past Sunday, June 9, was an important day for the Gorham Class of 2024. After thirteen years of school, this year's graduating class finally got their turn to walk the stage and receive their diplomas.

The commencement ceremony was held at 4 p.m. during a miraculous break from the weekend's rainstorms. Just as the graduates marched out onto the Gorham High School football field, the sun somehow broke through the clouds to shine down on them. The students walked in pairs down

the length of the GHS track, led by class marshalls Lauren Pierce and Nicholas Tinkham. As "Pomp and Circumstance" played across the stadium speakers, the packed crowd stood to watch and take pictures. Once seated, the first to speak was Principal Brian Jandreau who gave a short speech celebrating the Class of 2024.

Next, he welcomed this year's class president and salutatorian, Julia Wareham. Her speech focused on making little changes to foster huge growth. She shared personal

details of her life to draw light on serious issues like mental health and suicide, earning loud applause and approval. Wareham further praised her fellow classmates and all their achievements before introducing this year's valedictorian, Ella Downing.

Similar to Wareham's speech, Downing shed light on the pressures that often come with high school. Getting good grades, moving up in social status, impressive sports performances, joining ample clubs, etc. She also shared some of her personal lows, resonating with both peers and adults in the audience. Her positive closing message overpowered all those hardships however, as she suggested that people try to look at life a little differently. A little more simply and maybe a little more softly.

This year's guest speaker was David Willis, a real estate broker and entrepreneur. Willis' speech focused on the common misconception that a change in an individual's path equals failure. He spoke about how drastically his plans for himself had changed, but ultimately for the better. A local resident of Gorham, he also stressed the importance of community, family, and getting involved.

Once all the speeches were over, the class stood row by row to cross the stage and accept their diplomas. They shook hands with Mr. Jandreau, as well

as their class officers and select school committee members, then returned to their seats. After the turn of the tassel and official commencement as Gorham's newest alumni, the Class of 2024 threw their caps and celebrated.

Following their ceremony, graduates were invited to participate in a convoy through town as well as Project Graduation later in the evening. In the coming months, the Class of 2024 will spread their wings to go many different places. Lots of students are continuing their education at either two-year or four-year colleges and universities. Some plan on heading straight into the workforce or attending trade programs, while a handful are joining the armed forces. While most students are staying around New England, some will venture as far as the West Coast.

It's clear that there are big things ahead for the Gorham Class of 2024. To look back on them is to see an array of interests and talents, ranging from athletics to the arts department to the vocational programs to clubs. They will surely pursue various paths and join a wide variety of careers. No matter where they end up, it is certain they will find success and do amazing things. Now that they have left their mark on the town of Gorham, it's time to leave their mark on the rest of the world.

Voters Pass School Budget; Sato Nominated For State Rep

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Gorham voters validated the FY25 school budget by only four votes, 1827 to 1823. In the only locally contested elections, Ellie Sato defeated Seven Siegel to be the Democratic nominee for District 109 in the November election and Jean-Marie Caterina defeated Bruce Tarbox for the Democratic nomination for County Commissioner. Voters also approved purchase of a fire truck with surplus funds from last year's capital account.

The Republican Party requested

a school budget recount, which can be generated by submitting a petition signed by 100 registered voters. Laurie Nordfors, the town clerk, will conduct the recount with instructions from the town attorney. Ballots were counted by machine and any additional votes could only be found among those the machine recorded as blank. "I highly trust the accuracy of the DS200 tabulators and the election process," Nordfors said. "If any blank ballots have a

mark that is voter intent those ballots will be added to the final results."

Seven Siegel responded to his defeat by Ellie Sato as the Democratic candidate for the District 109 seat in the Maine Legislature. "I am disappointed, but I know Ellie will do a great job at the State House. The silver lining for me," he said, "is that I get to continue to serve Gorham as a Town Councilor and spend more time with my baby."

In a message to the Gorham Times, Sato said, "I am truly grateful to

have been elected as the Democratic nominee to run for state representative in the November election. I commend Seven Siegel for their campaign and look forward to seeing them continue to serve Gorham well as a Town Councilor. I am dedicated to being a strong voice for the people of Gorham and advocating for the needs of our community." Sato will face Alan Livingston, the Republican nominee, in the general election Nov. 5, 2024.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Prioritizing Property Tax Relief For Working Families And Older Mainers

Sen. Stacy Brenner

Maine is in the midst of a housing crisis. The shortage of housing is adversely impacting working families, small businesses, older Mainers and the overall economy. To effectively respond to this crisis, Maine must not only construct new housing to meet the demand but also make it easier for Mainers to afford to remain in their homes. It's why I proudly supported improvements to targeted property tax relief programs and initiatives designed to help stabilize property taxes over the past two years. By targeting relief based, we are better equipped to support the many in our community facing the economic hardships.

First, the Legislature enhanced the Property Tax Fairness Credit for older Mainers. The Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC) is a popular property tax relief program that helps income-eligible Mainers whether they rent or own their home. The credit is refundable and the amount depends on income-eligibility and whether or not the applicant is over the age of 65. To provide more targeted property tax relief to older Mainers, lawmakers increased the maximum benefit for seniors by \$500. This will provide greater financial support to those on fixed incomes and likely hit hardest by rising property taxes. Perhaps most importantly, a household receives the same benefit regardless of the number of residents over 65. This means that the loss of a spouse should not result in a reduction in benefit. Mainers interested in the Property Tax Fairness Credit can learn more at [https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-](https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit)

[tax-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit](https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-credits-programs/deferral-program).

Lawmakers also took steps to improve the Property Tax Deferral Program. Older Mainers are a vital part of our community. We should be doing everything we can to ensure those who have contributed so much can afford to age in the place they call home. The recently re-established Property Tax Deferral Program is designed to help older Mainers and individuals living with significant disabilities remain in their homes even if they are at risk of falling behind on property taxes. For those that qualify, the state pays property taxes owed to the municipality and does not collect this money until the estate has been settled. To qualify for the program, older Mainers must meet specific age and income-eligibility guidelines. However, during the 131st Maine Legislature, we adjusted income and asset restrictions to ensure more Mainers that need this vital program can actually access it. Mainers interested in learning more about the Property Tax Deferral Program can learn more at www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-credits-programs/deferral-program.

In addition, I was proud to continue my support for fully funding K-12 public education and the revenue sharing program. When the state does not honor its commitment to fund both of these programs, it is property taxpayers who pay the price. By making sure the state follows through on its responsibilities to our community, I'm hopeful it will help stabilize property taxes for everyone.

I'm proud that we were able to take steps to

ease the property tax burden on older Mainers and working families by strengthening existing relief programs and keeping our commitments to schools and communities. As we move forward, it is essential that we continue refining our tax measures to ensure they effectively meet the needs of our senior citizens allowing them to live with dignity and financial security. I remain committed to listening to your concerns and adapting our policies to provide the best possible support. In the meantime, I would encourage all Mainers concerned about property taxes to check out www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs.

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



Sen. Stacy Brenner, 207-287-1515 stacy.brenner@legislature.maine.gov

Stacy Brenner is serving her second term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, and most of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

Juneteenth recognizes one of the most important moments in United States history. An annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, Juneteenth has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s.

The 13th Amendment was passed by the Senate on April 8, 1864, and by the House on Jan. 31, 1865, according to National Museum of African American & History of Culture. It wasn't until June 19, 1865, when about 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, to help free more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state through executive decree. This day came to be known as Juneteenth by the newly freed people in Texas as a symbolic date representing African American freedom, according to the Smithsonian.

Also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Juneteenth Independence Day and Black Independence Day, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S.

In 1980, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth a state holiday. Florida, Oklahoma and Minnesota were the first states outside Texas to commemorate Juneteenth as a day of observance in the 1990s. Maine was added to the list in 2021, with the first official acknowledgement as a state holiday in 2022.

President Biden signed legislation in 2021 that made Juneteenth, a federal holiday, after interest in the day was renewed during the summer of 2020 and the nationwide protests that followed the police killings of Black Americans including George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. Idella Glenn, USM

To the Editor

I want to thank Gorham voters for approving the purchase of a new fire truck by a vote of 2,660 to 980. Funds for the \$875,000 truck were already in the capital budget, so there will be no additional cost to taxpayers.

This new truck will replace one 25 years old that has leaks in the water tank and frame damage from road salt. Since it takes two to three years to manufacture a fire truck of this size, we probably won't take possession until early 2027 unless we find one being manufactured on spec that meets our needs.

We appreciate the support of the Gorham community and try to do our best. We currently have 14 full-time firefighters, with openings for two more. There are 40 on-call firefighters. Last year we made 3,400 calls for service and 75% of those were ambulance calls. Because we have an older population, 60% of those were for people over 65. Chief Ken Fickett, Gorham Fire Dept.

To the Editor,

Check out our Gorham Libraries for summer activities! Here are a few summer booklist resources: <https://imaginationoup.net/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>, <https://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer> <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>, <http://bit.ly/capstonesummer23>. Many of these titles are likely available to borrow from Baxter or North Gorham Library.

In addition, there are summer math reinforcement opportunities such as the Khan Academy App, PBS Kids Math Games, cooking with your children to integrate math, reading, and following directions. Designing a menu or collecting favorite recipes in a cookbook. Playing fun math and word games by turning everyday activities into learning opportunities. Adding up items at the grocery store.

While in the car, looking for certain shapes, colors, letters or words around you. Playing card games like Math War or Concentration. Helping estimate gas mileage on the next family trip, and incorporate math into a favorite sport. Who is winning, how do you know? What shape is the field or court? How many points does the losing team need to catch up? How many players have scored points? How much time is left?

Learning is everywhere, every day. Have a great summer of learning! Kim Fadrigon Gorham Schools

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July 24

Meet Marshmallow the Piebald Squirrel

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Intern



Photo credit: Amber Landre

Marshmallow the squirrel

There is a new resident of downtown Gorham, Marshmallow the squirrel.

He is a Piebald squirrel, a rare genetic occurrence that causes parts of an animal's colored fur to turn white. Marshmallow has a white tail, paws, and some white/silver areas along his back. He was first seen just two weeks ago.

In 2018 there was another Piebald squirrel who had taken up residence in Gorham, so there seems to be a line of the mutation surviving right here in Gorham.

Marshmallow is calm and prefers to spend his days hunting for seeds. He seems to be a juvenile so be on the lookout for his possibly Piebald parents. Marshmallow also takes his time crossing the streets so be on the lookout.

Community Garden Start Up at Cressey Road Christian Church, Gorham

Gerry Day, Contributing Writer



Photo credit: Lorraine Linstedt

Community garden

If picking your own grown juicy

tomatoes and crispy greens is on your bucket list, try gardening at Cressey Road Christian Church Community Garden in Bucket Step planters, ready for planting, no fees, and PFAS free.

Bucket Steps were built by Eagle Scout candidate Christopher Bolton with help from his troop, scout leader Kelly Deprez, and Rick Smart. Bucket Steps have 3 rows, with 4 buckets each. You may share a bucket step unit with someone. Bucket Steps are user friendly planters with minimal bending required. This is just a beginning as volunteers continue building raised garden units offering planting boxes and vegtrugs. Bucket Steps are available now on a first come, first served basis.

To use one of these planters, please contact Lorraine lindcabin@gmail.com for guidelines and application.

Parking Changes At USM

John Ersek, Staff Writer

USM administrators have recently decided to make some major changes to the university's automated parking system. They announced they are ending their contract with HonkMobile as of June 30, and that the university's contract with the new vendor, ParkEngage, begins July 1.

A recent email from the university parking services office highlighted some of the changes that will be seen by community residents who park on the Gorham campus in the coming months.

Starting July 1, new ParkEngage signage will be visible at parking lots on the Gorham and Portland campuses.

There will be new ParkEngage walk-up paystations ready to use on July 1, in both Gorham and Portland. Visitors who use these will be able to pay for parking without needing a smartphone, although they will still need to use a credit or debit card.

Hourly parking will cost \$1.05 per hour. Pre-paid monthly parking permits for community residents will cost \$10.00.

All Gorham campus parking lots will now be available to community members visiting the campus, although there are still some restrictions during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

The university's email emphasized that all parking on the Gorham and Portland campuses by community members must still be paid for, and that the USM Parking Revenue Recovery system remains in place for now (including the continued use of parking lot cameras and fines) although administrators have that system under review.

Those who would like more information can access the following website: <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services/transition-from-honk-to-parkengage/>

June 12 School Committee Meeting Notes

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School committee held their regular monthly meeting on June 12. Six members were present.

For program reviews, GMS Principal Quinton Donahue and students Zeke and Carter presented an overview of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) project that they completed at the middle school. The students described building guitars with the assistance of staff members Terri Dawson and Michael McCarthy and community and maintenance department volunteers.

Superintendent Heather Perry reviewed her administrative report to the committee. She congratulated the class of 2024 and highlighted workplace laws and rules that will affect future school policies. Dr. Perry also provided an update on the school budget that was approved by town voters by a four point margin. As with all very close elections, there is a review and recount process that will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Several school committee members commented on the Graduation Celebration and several other exciting events that have occurred in the last two weeks. Mr. McAllister thanked Mr. Brian Porter for his service to the district for the past thirty years. There were also statements

about the closeness of the budget approval and the need for continued scrutiny of school budgets and work with the town on sustainability concerns.

There was a report out on all of the standing committees and Ad hoc committees. Most of the subcommittees will not meet until September.

The committee voted 5-0 (with one abstention) to allow Mr. McAllister to represent the school committee at a STEM event in the next few days. It is typical for only the chairperson to speak for the committee unless approved in advance.

The second reading of the twelve policies that were approved for first reading during the May regular and special meetings were approved (6-0). There were also 2 policies approved for a first reading. Code of Conduct (JICDA) and Public Participation at School Committee Meetings (BEDH).

Six new teachers were approved: Audrey Morin, GHS Physical Science, Josh Volinsky, GMS sixth grade ELA, Rebecca Hooper, Village fourth grade, Tim Mains, GMS sixth grade Math/Science, Mildred Axelsen, Narragansett K-5 Autism, and Alex Valentin, GMS Resource Room. These were approved 6-0.

The Committee then voted to go into Executive Session to discuss three topics (6-0).

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Focus on Family

Elizabeth Wilkins, Contributing Writer

What are your favorite sounds of summer? Birds chirping in the early morning? Waves rolling onto the beach? The lawnmower steadily making its way around the yard? How about the sound of our children yelling at each other for the eighth time today, as they attempt to play superheroes out in the backyard? Summer, like parenting, has its blessings and curses. Figuring out what our children are going to do during the long summer months can be a real challenge and most of us have our calendars out as early as January trying to make the puzzle of camps, vacations, and careers all fit together. And what about unscheduled time - days when kids are being asked to figure out what to do with themselves - are we leaving time for that?

Summer break has changed drastically for many families. Where it used to mean hours and days of unrestricted play for children, now it often means hours and days spent in scheduled activities, led by adults. This is the reality we are facing, as many of us need to continue working or don't have a neighborhood where the kids run free. But can we find a way to set aside even a little time for free play?

Another reality is that the unscheduled time for our children can be the most stressful for the parent. Play can be blissful and fun, but it can also involve frustration and conflict. This is the nature of play - it pushes children to do the hard work of making decisions, planning and organizing, coming up with compromises, and problem solving.

The author of "It's OK Not to Share" by Heather Schmaker, states that the development of "conflict-resolution skills is perhaps the main job of childhood". That is a very important message. The arguments, the tears, the apologies, the laughter, are all developing skills that children need for getting through life. And learning how to deftly handle conflict simply needs practice - lots of it.

There is an enormous amount of

conflict happening in our world today, and often people need mediators to help them forge a path. A mediator is someone who is neutral and independent, who can help both parties gain perspective of each other's position, and can help guide them to a solution. This is exactly what children may need from time to time and can help define the role of the adult who is asked to help (aka "I'm telling mom!").

This role may look more like a sportscaster - a person who simply announces what is happening, who did what and the injuries that may have resulted. This can allow children to take a step back, see the bigger picture and maybe even come up with a plan to move forward. This can help children see what impact their actions are having on another person. Isn't this a skill we want our children to have, especially as they grow up in this era of divisiveness?

So as we roll into the warmer months, I encourage you to look again at your busy schedules and find more time for your kids to decompress with free play. This time is essential for their growing brains and bodies and is full of opportunities to develop conflict skills. They may need some assistance from time to time, but seeing this all as practice for the real world can help us to appreciate even the hard days.



Elizabeth Wilkins, a mother to three boys, is an early childhood teacher, a licensed occupational

therapist and currently is the owner and lead teacher for TimberNook, a four-day camp located in Gorham.

Garden Club Keeps Gorham Blooming

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Since 1931, dedicated gardeners have worked to establish and maintain a number of public gardens in town. Formally federated in 1933, the Gorham Garden Club (GGC) is also a member of the larger Garden Federation of Maine, Stroudwater District as well as the National and the New England Garden Club Associations.

GGC member Anne Murphy said, "Being part of these larger organizations provides our local group with access to resources such as speaker's lists, meeting ideas and educational opportunities. We also participate in the district meetings on a rotating basis and are able to network with other members around the state and region."

The list of past Presidents of this organization's long history reads like a who's who of Gorham History. Mary Golden, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, is an honorary Garden Club Member, as is Linda Frinsko, who served multiple terms as President, including her last term which stretched to 16 years, and Linda Faatz, the owner and caretaker of the Treworgy Gardens on Flagg Meadow Road.

The group meets monthly, usually the last Tuesday of the month (except in Jan and Feb, to avoid weather cancellations), in an available room at the 1st Parish Church. The agenda often includes interesting speakers on a variety of topics of interest to gardeners. These meetings are open to the public and refreshments are provided.

One of the group's missions is to establish and care for gardens in Gorham's public areas. These include the gardens at Baxter Museum and Baxter Library; the Linda Frinsko Garden at the Library's entrance near the parking area; the Pam Turner Memorial Garden and the new Pollinator Garden, behind Baxter Museum.

The pollinator garden is themed upon the beloved children's book the "Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle and includes colorful painted rocks and tree stump seating. The Garden club also actively supports the Gorham Middle School Garden project with volunteer time from member Paula Smeltzer and financial resources.

Sherrie Benner is the current President of the group. Linda Huard is VP. Catherine Geren serves as Secretary, Kay Hill is Treasurer and Denise Cole is Correspondence Secretary. Member Linda Morin plays

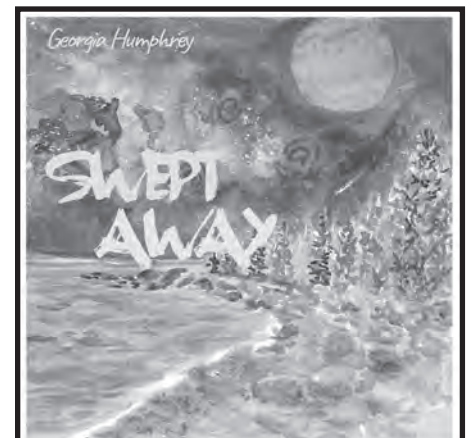


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The colorful Pollinator garden, based on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", near Baxter Library parking area, attracts bees and butterflies and young visitors.

a key role in organizing Beautification Projects and Civic Development for work day teams and projects.

The public is invited to attend The Gorham Garden Club Annual Meeting on June 25th. For more information see the listing in the Gorham Times Calendar or contact Sherrie Benner at sherrie@bennergroupprealestate.com



Georgia Humphrey, celebrating the release of her CD, "Swept Away," will be performing in the Gazebo Concert Series, featuring a 7-piece band.

Tuesday, July 16, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Municipal Center on the green
(rain location: Shaw Gym)

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Town Council Report, June 4, 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

At the June 4 meeting of the Town Council, members of the public voiced their opinions about the planned turnpike expansion.

Charlie Hamblen recited the last lines of the Gettysburg Address: "government of the people by the people for the people should not perish from the earth." He then pointed out that Gorham has 363 people per square mile but believes it is commuters from other towns who contribute to the traffic problems and urged the Council to look at alternatives to turnpike expansion and focus on the quality of life for future generations.

Mick D'Arcangelo expressed his opposition to the turnpike expansion saying it would forever change the character of surrounding communities and destroy many fields and farmlands in its way. He added that he believes more ways to alleviate traffic problems should be considered.

Ann Kennedy, Laurel Pines Drive; Greg Labonte, Narragansett Street; Stoney Roberts, County Road, Scarborough; Sam Purinton, South Street; Lou Simms, Lucina Terrace; and Abby King, Wintergreen Drive all spoke or wrote in opposition. Simms presented a petition signed by 1463 individuals, 208 of whom were Gorham residents and 55 of whom were affiliated groups.

Councilor Gagnon said he had attended every MTA meeting on the connector in the last ten years and no one was there to speak about the project except him. He has trouble hearing people saying they are opposed to something that has been planned for 30 years and no one has attended meetings to voice their opinion.

Doug Carter, Paradise Way, told the Council that he believes the Bernard Rines Bypass has been helpful to the Town and that complaints about the bypass were groundless. He believes the new connector would be a tremendous asset to the Town and would help with traffic.

Charlie Pearson, Mighty Street, said he opposed the property taxes increases that he would see for letting somebody else enjoy his land and benefit from it.

Ken Curtis, South Street, reported that WalletHub ranked the Maine tax burden on its residents as 4th highest in the nation with only Vermont, New York and Hawaii having higher rates. Curtis has lived in Gorham since 1968 and would like to continue to

live here and asked the Council to be very judicious when it comes to tax increases.

Councilor Siegal thanked Public Works for the job they did painting the crosswalk on Ballpark Ave and the access road as well as thanking the citizens who donated money for the paint. At the last Ordinance Committee Meeting they discussed clustered waste system and affordable housing. Their next meeting will be on June 20.

Counselor Simms and Councilor Wilder Cross attended the Greater Portland COG meeting and were impressed with all the services that the group offers. They hope to utilize these resources and to identify funding opportunities from State and Federal levels that are available to the Town.

Councilor Gagnon attended the CIPS/GEDC meeting where there was discussion with the schools about future planning so that the group will know what projects are planned so investments can be done in a fiscally responsible way.

Councilor Wilder Cross attended the CPCOG meeting and learned that 6A financing will most likely be unchanged for now. She reported that Phinney Park had been spruced up. Gorham Village Association is sponsoring a "Business After Hours" event on June 25. The event is invitation only but those wanting to attend can request an invitation through GVA Facebook or by emailing Wilder Cross. A bench will soon be in place in front of Gorham Savings Bank for people waiting for the bus to use.

Councilor Pratt reminded people to donate blood. The Red Cross is 21100 units behind.

Chairperson Phillips thanked the more than 425 people who came out for the taste walk.

Town Manager Paraschak reported that senior property tax rebate applications are available on the web site or at the Town Office. All municipal offices will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. The Town is waiting for CMP to turn power on for the lights on South Street. Additional lights will be installed this summer.

Renewed medical marijuana licenses were approved for Ryan Nadeau, Skyfall Cannapy and Jared Dinsmore, Flamingo Fine Cannabis.

The Council voted:
- 6 yeas to amend the zoning map to rezone lots on Preble Street from

urban residential to office residential.
- 6 yeas to appoint Andy Morrell to the Gorham Economic Development Council.

The Council forwarded to the Ordinance Committee a proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code for more regulations with regards to quarries. Residents of Hamblen Drive, Fairview Lane, Lily Lane and Dolloff Road reported they had issues at their homes with dust, blasting, noise and asphalt smells from the quarry. Dan Shaw of Shaw Brothers said anyone with issues with the quarry should call him directly. Mark Curtis, Narragansett Street said the ordinance has been reviewed many times and it complies with state and federal regulations and laws. The Council voted 1 yeas (Siegal) 5 nays.

In other business, the Town Council voted 6-0 to authorize Town staff to do the following:

- Make improvements to Preble St. Common to include a new sign and decorative fencing,

- To consider amending the Land Use and Development Code to preserve the character of Gorham and to create performance standards that will promote the creation of neighborhoods that fit the existing character of Gorham. This was then amended to be applicable to the creation of new neighborhoods.

- To instruct staff to be prepared to apply for future state bond allocations for trail networks.

- To accept the Finance Committee's recommendation that no action be taken on selling and/or leasing the old Robie School at this time.

- To have the Finance Committee review the Fire Department fees and bring recommendations to the Council.

- To write off \$86,608 in bad debt as uncollectible: \$4,426 from a check in 2017 and \$86,166 from Fire Department billings from 7/1/20-6/30/21.

- To accept the Finance Committee's recommendation that no action be taken at this time on authorizing the expenditure of \$55,000 from the contingency account or other account to renovate the Robie Softball Field.

- That the Town Council work with the Ordinance Committee to develop a process to accept donations for materials, trees and associated improvements to Robie Park. The order was amended to have the Finance Committee work with staff as the master plan is implemented.

- To sell tax acquired property at 698 Fort Hill Road to Alyona Popov for \$150,000. Order was amended to \$160,000.

- To select Camoin Assea to conduct the Town's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

- To go into Executive Session for personnel matters.

- To come out of Executive Session and adjourn the meeting.

Grand Jury Indictments

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Nicole Bouchard, 34, of Gorham, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Windham PD.


Tyler Brown, 30, of Gorham, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Windham PD.

Joseph Herrick, 36, of Standish was indicted for unlawful possession of drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Michelle Rand, 39, of Gorham was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Windham PD.


Joseph Turner, 32, of Gorham was indicted for domestic violence stalking, refusing to submit to arrest, criminal OUI, burglary of a motor vehicle and aggravated criminal mischief on charges brought by Gorham PD.

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The Tyler/Grandmaison MELMAC Scholarship: Julia Wareham	H. Quinlan Memorial Scholarship: Caroline Morrell		Gorham Public Safety-Wayne "Pooch" Drown Memorial Scholarship: Jean-David Bisimwa	Gorham Educational Support Personnel Association Scholarship: Caden Smith	Cumberland County Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Kaylee Gonneville
2024 Mitchell Scholar: Mokadisa Faizizada	Frances H. Boothby Memorial Scholarship: Cole Smith, Tristan Smith		The Q Memorial Scholarship: Makayla Quintal	Gorham Historical Society Scholarship: Caroline Morrell	Outstanding Student by Sending School: Kaylee Gonneville
2024 Ram Pride Award: Brooke Farquhar, Aidan Lee, Lily Rubin	2024 Horatio Alger Scholarship: Kaylynn Ballard	Gorham Savings Bank Scholarship in Memory of Carroll Wentworth: Ella Downing	Worthington Scholarship Foundation: Jackson Brassard	Charles C. Shaw Scholarship: Mokadisa Faizizada	Saco Biddeford Savings Institution Scholarship/Toolship: Cole Drinkwine Landon Turgeon
DAR Good Citizen Award: Chloe Blanchard	Stephen Gordon Ward Memorial Scholarship: Thomas Curtis	D. Brenda Caldwell/Gorham Savings Bank Scholarship: Anna Yahwak	Gorham Teachers Association Scholarship: Meryk Lewellen Mia Mitchell Cole Smith	Ernest E. Cressey Scholarship: Lillian Miner	Steve Plowman Memorial Scholarship/Toolship: Logan Sargent
The University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarship: Cole Allen, William Armstrong, Abigail Fecteau, Nolan Feyler	Dana Allen Memorial Scholarship: Ashton Leclerc	John D. Phinney/Gorham Savings Bank Scholarship: Christian Randall	Gorham Woman's Club in Memory of: Frances Meserve Cotton: Jonathan Stein Elizabeth Fox: Faith Warren Lena Day: Kyleah Mack	Gwendolen Flanagan Scholarship: Gabriel Badeau, Aiden Fortier	Student of the Program: Computer Science & Multimedia: Cole Drinkwine
Jacob P. Dupuis Memorial Scholarship: Cole Smith	Bertha Bridges Willis and Ralph "Rusty" Willis Scholarship: Taylor Farr	Gorham House of Pizza Scholarship - In Memory of Al Edwards: Gabriel Michaud	Gorham Woman's Club in Memory of Edward A. Taber: Arianna Morse	Richard and Judy Curtis Scholarship: Nathan Bergquist-Guimond	Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank Scholarship: Samuel Parenteau
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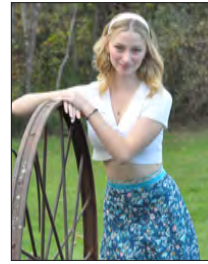


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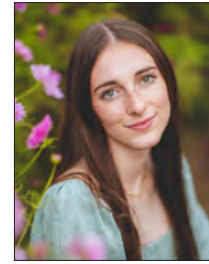
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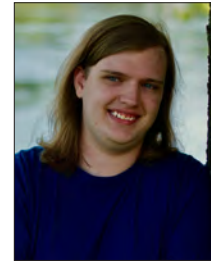
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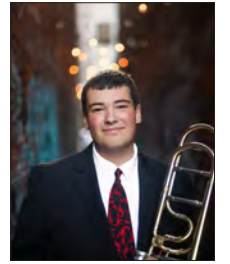
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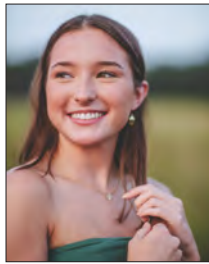
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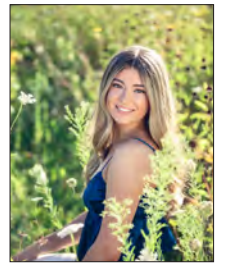
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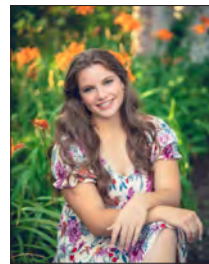
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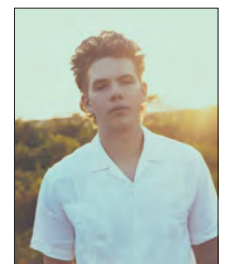
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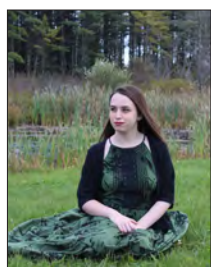
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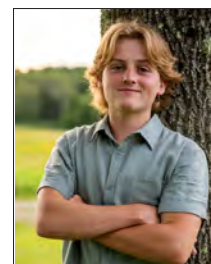
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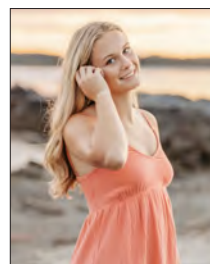


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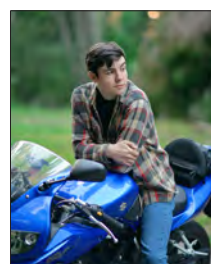
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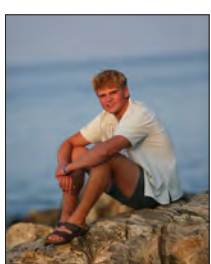
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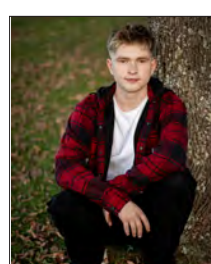
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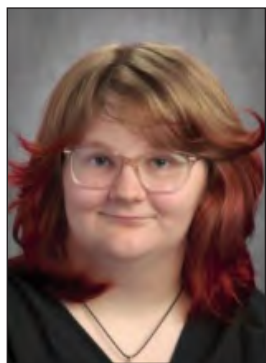
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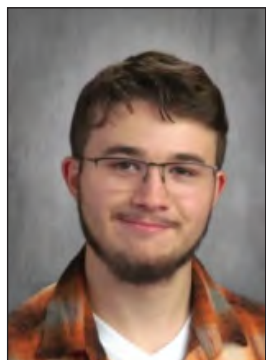
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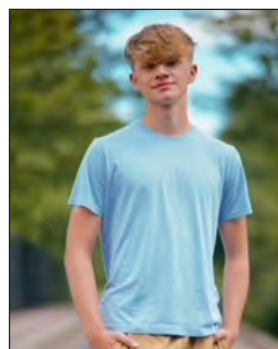


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Back Tee Boys Podcast is Back

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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John Ennis, Tim O'Neill & Thomas Susi after playing their first round at the 1757 Golf Club in Dulles, Virginia.

With Maine's golf season in full swing, the recent relaunch of the Back Tee Boys podcast, featuring founder and host Tim O'Neill, and three new co-hosts, John Ennis, Thomas Susi and Kenny Tuttle (all from Gorham High School, Class of 2015) is perfectly timed. The podcast was originally introduced in June, 2021, and within a year had released over 20 episodes.

After a brief hiatus, the Boys are back and there are currently over 25 episodes featuring everything a golfer will enjoy, including weekly PGA tour predictions, tournament recaps, major golf course breakdowns, spotlight on player personalities, interviews with teaching pros & caddies, PGA vs. LIV Golf developments, LPGA updates, best swings, putting previews, new products, golf tips for the common man, and so much more.

The show is sponsored by Pinned Golf, makers of high-quality rangefinders, magnetic speakers and other great gear, as well as State of Mind Golf, makers of golf casual wear. O'Neill, Ennis and Tuttle, played golf on

the GHS Golf Team for four years, and Susi picked up the game during college.

All four hosts of the show grew up in Gorham and played multiple sports. O'Neill, Ennis and Susi now work and reside in Washington, DC, and all three recently joined the 1757 Golf Club in Dulles, Virginia, to play more golf together. Tuttle currently lives and works in Connecticut.

According to Diane O'Neill, living life from the back tees is a reference to reveling in life, celebrating opportunities and the brotherhood that golf can create, and living large. In golf, the "back tees" are the "championship" tees or the most challenging on a golf course. The 18 back tees on a golf course are the tees from which a golf course plays the longest and hardest.

You can follow the Back Tee Boys on Instagram @back.tee.boys and on X (Formerly Twitter) @Backteeboys. The podcast can be found anywhere you listen to podcasts including Apple and Spotify and the video version of the podcast and other long form content can be found on YouTube @backteeboys.

New England Track & Field Team Results for the Rams

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Congratulations to the GHS Track and Field athletes who competed recently at the New England Championships at the University of New Hampshire.

Junior, Griffin Gammon defended his championship crown in the high jump.

Also making All New England is Aidan Lee with his 6th place finish in the high jump and Nolan Feyler with his 5th place finish in the 400 meter run. It was an outstanding meet for these athletes.

Prior to the New England Championship, On June 1 the Boys Outdoor Track & Field team earned state runner-up. Individual state champions included; Nolan Feyler in the 400 meter run and Griffin Gammon in the high jump. The relay team 4x400 of Aidan Lee, Dylan Phillips, Joshua Wright and Nolan Feyler continued to dominate as well. Congratulations to all of these athletes for finishing strong.



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Gorham Middle School Eighth Graders Celebrate

Quinton Donahue, *GMS Principal*

Gorham Middle School eighth graders received their middle school completion certificates during the 8th Grade Celebration event on Friday, June 7. The event featured a special ceremony where a magnolia tree was planted in front of the school in honor of Sue Moses, a dedicated teacher who served at GMS for 27 years. The 8th Grade Celebration included a car parade, with each student announced enthusiastically by Principal Donahue. Following the parade, students enjoyed their final eighth grade dance inside the school, complete with plenty of food and fun.

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List of Eighth Grade Graduates:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ahmed Abdulzahra | Alyssa Lampen |
| Mahasin Ahmed | Fiona Lane |
| Grace Amadon | Madelyn Leeper |
| Nicolas Andrade | Blake Leighton |
| Larissa Asali | Xander Lewin |
| Adam Auricchio | Brayden Logan |
| Clover Bayly-Schram | Natalie Lyford |
| Griffin Berlinger | Sophie MacIsaac |
| Hope-Davina Bisimwa | Mackenzie Maheux |
| Mattis Bizimana | Layla Malone |
| Aspen Blair | Jake Manchester |
| Jacob Braziel | Adelina Martin |
| Lexi Broad | Lucy Mason |
| Clover Brown | Olivia Mason |
| Skye Bryant | Ireland Mathews |
| Jared Burt | Zachary McCormick |
| Jensen Burton | Abigail McCrillis |
| Myka Bush | Carter McGonagle |
| Zackary Carlson | Anthony McGraw |
| Ty Caron | Connor McHenry |
| Haley Chandler | Drew McManus |
| Jaxson Chestnut | Tiana McNeill |
| Davith Chum | Allison Merrow |
| Lucy Ciampa | Lana Miles |
| Bayla Clark | Michael Miller |
| Isabella Cline | Jennifer Miner |
| Annalise Coffelt | Lillias Mooers |
| Lia Collins | Emma Morey |
| Stephen Connolly | Isabella Moxcey |
| Lyllanna Cook | Yanis Munyaneza |
| Evelyn Cooley | Loreli Murray |
| Dash Coolong | Mitchell Neff |
| Doria Crockett | Amanda Neumann |
| Tyler Croteau | Landon Nicely |
| Bryn Cunningham | Julianna Normand |
| Camden Curtis | Amanda Olaru |
| Tucker Curtis | Kian O'Sullivan |
| Courtney Cyr | Abe Palme |
| Aidan Darling | John Panarese |
| Oliver Dennis | Jocelyn Peffer |
| Dustin Densmore | Connor Pellegore |
| Shayla Dermody | Grant Peters |
| Charlotte Deveaux | Noah Platts |
| Beckham Dezdel | Kasey Plaud |
| McKenzie Dicks | Nolan Plummer |
| Luella Dolley | Sophia Proulx |
| Julia Dorazio | Jackson Prunier |
| Velina Doucette | Ashlyn Pyle |
| Logan Doughty | Katelyn Pyle |
| Jesse Doyle | Ian Quinn |
| Noor Dubai | Jaffar Rabbani |
| Brenham Dubois | Leidy Ramirez Sanchez |
| Owen Eling | Grayson Randall |
| Muntasar Elshafie | Nathan Reckert |
| Grant Emerson | Elle Rector |
| Oliver Emerson | Kenneth Reed |
| Sophia Emerson | Liam Rice |
| Anna Faatz | Aliza Rickett |
| Jack Feldhaus | Jackson Rousseau |
| Miracle Fernandes | Christopher Rumery |
| Alexander Fernandez | Isla Rutherford |
| Clara Finoia | Aaron Samara |
| Cassidy Flagg | Lucas Santiago |
| Abrie French | Abram Sargent |
| Owen Frie | Brody Sargent |
| Gianna Gakunzi | Aliyah Sawyer |
| Natalie Gentle | Gilliam Sawyer |
| Julia Giguere | Nora Schucker |
| Bryce Girardin | Alina Senasy |
| Caden Gowler | Finnegan Senatore |
| Bailey Grimard | Chloe Smith |
| Luke Hahn | Sophia Soler |
| Isabel Hamann | Sophia Soule |
| Neve Hanley | Lydia Spear |
| Nicholas Harrington | Addison-Shane Spiller |
| Annabelle Hatch | Dekarai St. Germain-Simms |
| Eligh Head | James Swan |
| John Heal | Griffin Tanguay |
| Lilah Hebert | Parker Thibault |
| Reese Hennessey | Mackenzie Thompson |
| Ben Herrick | Jade Tibbetts |
| Wyland Herrick | Mackynzie Tibbetts |
| Henry Hofmann | Lucas Towle |
| Nara Holland | Lesder Urizar Tipaz |
| Sydney Ireland | Laurali Vail |
| Shania Isimbi | Dexter Vance |
| Avery Johnson | Whitney Varney |
| George Johnson | Eston Vogel |
| Toren Johnson | Wyatt Walker |
| Caroline Jones | William Wallace |
| Luke Jones | Cooper Warner |
| Samuel Joy | Peightyn Waterman |
| Eliana Kalogeris | Henschel Wesse |
| Nathan Kelly-Schadow | Jeremy West |
| James Keniston | Sawyer Wheaton |
| Gabriella Kennie | Trent Whitaker |
| Chayton Khon | Tessa White |
| Madison Kindler | Nikolai Wilkins |
| Jackson Kontsas | Jack Williams |
| Payton Kontsas | Brielle Williamson |
| Ciela Korika | Logan Wilson |
| Anneka Kuntz | Ryleigh Wing |
| Alexander LaBarge | Dominic Woods |
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Senior Walk Tradition Continues

Gorham Times Staff



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One of the wonderful Gorham High School senior activities is the Senior Walk, where the graduates revisit each of the schools that were steps on their K-12 journey through the

Gorham school system. Along the way, they were showered with cheers from the littles who look up to them and congratulations and hugs from their former teachers who miss them.

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*Congratulations
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- David (GHS '02), Paul (GHS '69), Kris, and Bethany




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GRADUATIONS

Laura Bolduc, B.S. Computer Science and Environmental Studies-Mathematics, Cum Laude, St. Lawrence University.

Taylor Wildes, M.S. in Criminal Justice, American International College

DEAN'S LIST

Emelia Bailey, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Tedi Gould, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, Tennessee

Madelin Joseph, Miami University, Oxford, OH

Anna Nelson, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH

Dylan Roberts, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, Tennessee

OF INTEREST

The Gorham Garden Club Pot/Luck and Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Treworgy Gardens on Flagg Meadow Road. The event is open to the public. The business meeting will follow the potluck dinner. Contact sherrie@bennergroupprealstate.com for more info and to sign up.

The Maine Hosta Society will hold its annual hosta auctions on July 6 at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden, 120 Flagg Meadow Road. The Silent Auction will be from 10 - 11 a.m. The Live Auction begins at 1 p.m. Many new varieties will be offered. A complimentary self-guided tour of the Treworgy Garden is included. Free and open to the public. Cash and checks accepted for purchases.

A Community Garden at Cressey Road Christian Church has 3 sets of bucket steps with 12 buckets each available on a first come first serve basis. It's a work in progress and they hope in the near future to have 5' raised vegetable boxes and vegtrugs (raised boxes). Raise vegetables for your own table. You do not need to be a member to have a garden. Email Lorraine at lindcabin@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 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 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

SUMMER CAMPS

CenterCamp at Centerpoint Church: Lighthouse Legends is for children from 3 years to 5th grade. June 24 - 27, 9 a.m. to noon, drop-off begins at 8 a.m. Register at <https://centerpointme.com>.

USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps still have openings. <https://usm.maine.edu/other-school-music/summercamps>.

Scuba Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 24 – 28 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road Christian Church, 81 Cressey Road. Open to children ages 4 through finishing 5th grade. Register now and get ready for a splash-tastic time where kids will dive into an underwater adventure and resurface with a richer relationship with God! Register on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/crcvbs2024> There is no cost. Donations accepted. FMI: <https://cresseyrdcc.org/> or (207) 839-3111.

Saco River Theatre at 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME presents summer theatre camps from August 5 - August 16, where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. FMI: <https://www.sacrivertheatre.org/srt-jr>.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church on Parker Farms Road in Buxton hosts a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, June 29 at 5p.m. Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out containers are available, and face masks are optional. Hand sanitizer available.

SENIOR NOTES

The Lecky Brown Senior Center is on hiatus until September. Please plan to join us then for more Games, Cribbage, ARTrageous Seniors and Originals Guest Speaker program. Several new programs will include music, writing and educational lunchtime clinics. FMI: Lisa Becker at leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. 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

The North Gorham Public Library is having a June art show curated by the Lakes Region Senior Center and featuring local painters. More info on Facebook. Story hour for ages infant through elementary grades will continue through the summer, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Summer reading program begins on Monday, June 17. Sign up to receive a sketch book and a weekly "How to draw a" bookmark. Nettie Loops will give her hula hoop demo and teaching workshop for all on Wednesday, July 17, 12-1 p.m. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327. Library hours are Mon. 3 to 6 p.m.; Tues., Wed., and Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Thurs., Fri., and Sun.

Baxter Memorial Library begins summer programs including Art Hour for Adults, French Language Discussion Group, Spring into Summer Reading, Pride Parenting, Steam Tuesday, Grief Before and After a Loss, Popsicles on the Patio, Baby Parenting, Toddler Parenting, Learn on the Lawn, Author Event with Tim O'Brien. Find them all at <https://baxterlibrary.org/> Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (207) 222-1190.

CLOSE TO HOME

Deertrees Theatre presents "On Golden Pond" – Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 30, 4 p.m., \$30

Send information that would be Of Interest to the whole Gorham community to Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: loriaam@gmail.com



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CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 25

Baxter Memorial Library
Pride Parenting, for people in the LGBEQIA+ community and their children of all ages, 10 - 11 a.m.
STEAM Tuesday, children 5 or older (under 8 requires adult supervision) 1 - 2 p.m.
Grief Before and After a Loss, 3 p.m.
The Gorham Garden Club Pot/Luck and Annual Meeting. Treworgy Gardens, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Baxter Memorial Library
Popsicles on the Patio, 10 - 11 a.m.
Author Event: Tim O'Brien, The Maine Roadshow: A Roadside Tour of the State's History, Culture, Food, Funk & Oddities. 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 28

Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Road, Harrison, "On Golden Pond." 7:30 p.m., Sat., June 29, 7:30 pm, and Sun., June 30, 4 pm, \$30

Saturday, June 29

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, \$10/\$5/\$20, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 2

Baxter Memorial Library
Baby Parenting, for parents and caregivers of children birth through 18 mos, 10 - 11 a.m.
STEAM Tuesday, children 5 or older (under 8 requires adult supervision) 1 - 2 p.m.
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Popsicles on the Patio, all ages, 10 - 11 a.m.
Deertrees Theatre, Harrison, ME, Kids' Movie Day: The Goonies, \$5

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Main Street caller reported a group of teens hanging out in the parking lot when she was leaving work. They all ran off when she came outside. Officer was unable to locate the juveniles. Caller stated they weren't doing anything illegal.

Caller reported an abandoned dog at Washburn Drive. The Animal Control Officer had previously checked the property and had not found any dogs. Neither dogs nor people were at the property which seemed to be empty with no sign of life.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported someone had wrongfully used her dumpster without permission. Officer ran those plates and the registered owner lived at the same address, and as a tenant, was allowed to use the dumpster. The man was supposed to have registered his vehicle with the association.

Officer was notified of a vehicle "all over the road" on Hodgdon Road. Officer made contact with the registered owner who was fine with no evidence of impairment.

Caller reported a dog loose near the power lines on Day Road. Dog was skittish. She/it took some treats from Officer but would not let Officer touch it. Officer took photos of the dog which were posted on the Animal Control Facebook page. No dogs fitting this description were located in the area.

Caller reported a deer was down in the road but while on the phone, the deer got up and went into the woods.

Two young men were playing ball on South Street and had their radio up too loud to hear knocking. They headed out with no issues.

Ossipee Trail caller reported hearing a bang and found that his tire was cut. Officer found a broken glass bottle and was certain that was what had cut his tire.

Dorval Drive caller reported a vehicle parked at his residence with no one in the vehicle. Caller refused to write a statement or say who he was.

Ossipee Trail caller had seen a construction worker on his property and wanted to make sure nothing was happening. Officer advised the Police Dept. was blocking traffic on Ossipee Trail for blasting at Grondin's. Man called Grondin's and was placed on their list of people to call when they were blasting.

Main Street caller reported a male had parked in the caller's driveway to go to the spa, despite the spa having

a large parking lot. He moved his car.

Wescott Road caller said someone had stopped by his house looking for him. He thought it was the Police and asked if the Gorham PD was looking for him saying a friend had told him about it. Officer said he did not have any warrants. Officer asked him if someone was looking for him and he said he didn't know. Officer suggested he contact the person who might be looking for him.

A tree fell on a car driving on Narragansett Street. No one was injured.

School Street caller reported a suspicious person with large footprints and a long stride. Officer checked the area behind 7-11. There was no sign of anybody walking into the woods.

A suspicious vehicle in the parking lot on Narragansett Street when the business was closed belonged to the custodian.

Caller notified Police to make them aware of issues he was having with someone he had been dating but with whom he had broken up a few months ago. Officer said he would document this in case they had an issue with her.

Main Street caller reported a black Chevy Crossover type vehicle that had been taking pictures and video of a business. Officer did not locate a vehicle matching the description.

Caller reported two people were walking a trail on Westcott Road with no jackets. Officer checked the area but did not locate them.

Harding Bridge Road caller reported a young man was driving a black Dodge truck door to door attempting to sell solar panels. Officer checked the area but was not able to locate the vehicle.

Sebago Lake Road was temporarily closed due to flooding on March 29th.

Individuals taking pallets from the parking lot in the Industrial Park were warned for criminal trespass and moved along.

Door Dash Driver trying to turn around got stuck in a driveway on O'Brien Drive. Officer responded and pulled them out.

Standish Neck Road caller was concerned after seeing a vehicle he did not recognize at his residence. It belonged to the person house sitting for him who was in a different vehicle.

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Gorham Alumni Around the World



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Gorham graduates Christian Hubbard '18 and Adam Ouellette '19, both active duty Army members, ran into each other at an Army Gala in Seoul, South Korea recently. Always good to see someone from home!

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