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## School Budget Recount Confirms "Yes" Vote

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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Counters worked in teams of three, with two teams to a table. After the counter assistant separated the 50 ballots into "yes" and "no" piles, the ballots were counted by two counters. All three members of the team had to agree on the count, including decisions about voter intent on ballots the machines had counted as blank.

On June 26, a recount of the ballots in the school budget referendum confirmed that the machine tally was accurate. On June 11, there were 1,827 votes cast for the budget and 1,823 opposed, showing the budget has passed by four votes. But the machines had recorded 18 of the 3,668

ballots as blanks. Because the marks made on six of these uncounted ballots were determined to show voter intent, they were added to the total. Counters agreed that there were two "yes" votes and four "no" votes on these ballots. The final results, therefore,

showed that the budget had passed by two votes. Had there been a tie vote, the budget would have failed.

The process which led to this result followed Maine state law. A petition requesting a recount required signatures of 100 registered voters. Suzanne Roberge, representing the Gorham Republican Committee, delivered the request to Laurie Nordfors, Gorham town clerk, who served as recount supervisor. Mark Jutkiewicz represented the opposition.

Nordfors had five recount assistants. Roberge and Jutkiewicz each provided ten recount election counters for ten counting teams. The town provided ten election workers who supervised each counting team. Only these people were allowed in the secure area behind a guard rail.

The recount assistants removed the ballots cast in the June 11 referendum from their sealed containers and distributed them in lots of 50 to each counting team. The counter assistants sorted them into piles of "yes" and "no" votes and blank ballots. One counting team member counted the "yes" votes and the other counted the "no" votes. They switched, repeated the count, and compared tallies to see that they agreed. They then looked at the ballots recorded by the machine as blank.

The three team members looked at

these ballots to see if they could determine voter intent. On some the voter had marked outside the lines of the oval or made a check mark within the oval instead of filling it in. All three team members had to agree on how the voter had intended to vote. Once they did, that ballot was added to the appropriate pile, and they signed the tally sheet.

This process continued until all the ballots had been hand counted and the results delivered to Nordfors. There were no disagreements over determining a valid vote by voter intent. Of the 18 ballots rejected by the machines, counters determined the six voters had intended to vote either "yes" or "no."

After announcing the results, Nordfors said, "I truly trust the election process in Maine and especially in Gorham. The DS200 tabulator machines, which read the ballots on Election Day, are trustworthy and accurate. The results from the machines were 100% accurate compared to the hand count." Nordfors thanked the participants in the recount for their hard work. "We all worked together as a community."

After the counting was completed and the results tallied, the representatives from both sides signed off on the recount. Roberge, remarking on the need to get

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## Casco Bay Wind Symphony Brings Music Back to the Fourth

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Tegan Raymond

The Casco Bay Wind Symphony, which rehearses and performs in Gorham under the direction of William Kinne, USM's director of bands, brought music back to the Fourth of July celebration in Portland.

## Thursday Night Food Trucks Line Up

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Every Thursday night food trucks are parked behind the old Robie School on Gray Road near the 237 roundabout. From 6 to 8 p.m. vendors offer varied menus for casual dining. Families enjoy lawn games while picnicking on tacos, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, honey treats, and other choices.

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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 on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

# Supporting our Educators and Students

Rep. Jim Boyle

The final bell has rung, and summer is in full swing for schools across the state—a much-needed break for students and teachers alike. While summer vacation is here, I can promise you that in Augusta, prioritizing our students, teachers and school administrative support staff continues to be one of the Legislature's top priorities.

The state is continuing to meet our obligation to fund 55% of public education costs, and we recognize how important it is to ensure that school funding keeps pace with rising expenses. This continued investment will not only increase equity in education across the state but will also work to alleviate the burden that education costs place on local property taxpayers. We're committed to passing measures that will provide meaningful tax relief for residents without letting our school systems suffer.

Another initiative that the Legislature continued is funding free school breakfasts and lunches for all public-school students in grades K-12. Not only has it been shown that kids can learn and comprehend more effectively on a full belly, but they are also happier.

Another example of our continued commitment to Maine's students is reflected in the increased funding within the supplemental budget for special education and related services for children between the ages of three and five. Early intervention

and inclusive support services for kids with developmental disabilities have been proven to have long-term benefits. Addressing disparities in our early education and development system can have lasting impacts on our students as they grow, become adults and enter the workforce, particularly in terms of potential future income. This is a significant step towards preventing such inequality and ensuring a brighter future for our state.

To better assist local schools, we also passed legislation directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to review the education funding process. This measure will ask the Institute to examine methods by which the state can continue supporting retention and recruitment efforts while improving salaries and benefits. When the state commits to fair and equitable school funding, it ensures a sustained investment in our student's academic success, directly contributing to the long-term prosperity of our state.

And finally, to further bolster the workforce behind our public K-12 education system, my colleagues and I passed a supplemental budget this year that includes language that will support the future wage increase for educational technicians and other school support staff. These crucial staff members are invaluable to student success, often performing various tasks beyond what is in their job description, and they deserve better pay.

This wage increase, funded entirely by the state during its first year of implementation, is an investment in our educational workforce, aiming to ensure that everyone feels valued and fairly compensated at work.

These measures are only a sampling of what the Legislature accomplished for K-12 education this past session. While it is important progress, my colleagues and I are all too aware that more must be done to improve our support for our educators and schools across the state. We recognize the ongoing challenges faced by our education system and remain committed to addressing them through sustained efforts and additional initiatives. Our goal will always be to ensure that every student has access to a quality education and that our teachers receive the resources and support they need to excel.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his second and final term in the Maine House of Representatives after serving two years in the Maine State Senate. He

is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number and hometown. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times as space allows and are subject to editing.

To the editor,

I am writing an update about the proposed White Birch Lane extension to the proposed Robie Street Subdivision because it affects more people than just those living in that area. The Town Council gave preliminary approval of the extension on May 13 pending design criteria.

At the Planning Board meeting on June 17, the developer, KV Enterprises, gave an update stating that Toppan Drive could not be used as an alternative accessway due to purchase and sale agreement restrictions. There is currently a right-of-way between Toppan Drive and the property that was previously used for logging, but it is outside the subdivision lines set forth in the agreement.

They also indicated that the updated plan for the White Birch Lane extension was almost completed, but as of July 07, 2024, I could only obtain a concept plan dated March 22, 2024. In that plan, a five-foot-wide sidewalk is the only buffer between the parking lot for the Village School ballfields and the proposed road. This does not seem safe for those using the ballfield, especially when large groups of kids are there during Rec. Department programs. Traffic safety is also an issue where White Birch Lane meets New Portland Road.

It is important to note that the final sale is pending, and agreements are not set in stone. If you are concerned about the impact of this extension, please write to the Town Council.

Thank you,  
Ruth Kelly, Gorham

To the editor,

This week, an amazing crew from Chalmers Insurance Group volunteered in the Giving Garden at GMS as part of their workplace volunteer program. We harvested 58 lbs. for the Gorham Food Pantry, weeded every garden bed, and tended to plants—building community and strengthening our business-education partnership!

Chalmers also proudly supports the Gorham Backpack Program, sending volunteers to every packing session and leading multiple food drives. Chalmers Cares about our Grow.Give.Gorham campaign!

Carissa Chipman shared, "Chalmers was founded on the belief that safety and security should be within reach for everyone. It's a challenge we have embraced for over 160 years. Our community involvement goes beyond providing insurance; we aim to make a positive impact, bridging the gap between our work and our neighbors' needs."

We invite other local businesses to join us. Volunteering supports vital community programs, fosters team spirit, and strengthens business-community relationships. Interested? Join the Grow.Give.Gorham campaign!

Thanks, Heather Perry, Gorham  
heather.perry@gorhamschools.org

To the editor,

Whoever is responsible for the beautiful flower pots along the streets of Gorham, deserves a big Thank You! They are a welcome addition to beautifying our town.

Thanks, Martha Towle, Gorham

## Correction:

On Page 5 of the June 20, 2024 Gorham Times, we reported an incorrect amount for an uncollectable 2017 check of \$442.60 (not \$4426), and incomplete sale information for the tax-acquired property at 698 Fort Hill Road. The Council voted 6 years to sell the property to Corey Young for the sum of \$160,000.

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# Gorham Pride Celebrates Diversity and Togetherness



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Gorham's Gazebo was festooned with colors during Gorham's Pride Celebration on June 29. Hundreds of people were there to celebrate diversity and togetherness. Along with numerous booths for them to visit there were food trucks offering a variety of goodies to eat. A family-friendly Drag show entertained the gathering with lip-synching and dancing. The afternoon ended after the Maine Marimba Ensemble got everyone tapping their feet and moving their hips.

## Recount Results CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

more people to vote, said, "if two people sitting on the couches had participated, it would have made a change."

"This positive outcome proves the accuracy of the process," said Jutkiewicz. "The Town Council and the School Committee made this year's budget process smooth, and they deserve our thanks."

After the recount, Superintendent Heather Perry said, "The Gorham Schools wish to thank Laurie Nordfors and her team for a thorough and complete recount process. We are pleased

with the outcome but understand there is still more work to be done across our community to continue to support our schools and the needs of our children, while balancing the needs of our taxpayers. We should not have to choose between supporting our children or supporting our retirees."

Speaking as a retiree and a taxpayer, counter Jim Means, insisted that "half of the town voters think the schools are spending too much money.

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# It's Not Easy Being Green

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer

To quote the world's most famous amphibian, Kermit the Frog, "It's not easy being green." His advice resonates as we transition from carbon-based fuels to renewable sources that don't broil the earth. Change can be difficult, but this transition is especially critical because the fate of our species depends on it. Ignoring the changes taking place, as well as minimizing the dangers, have important consequences for us all - now and in the future.

Climate scientists concur that the earth is warming due, in large part, to the layer of greenhouse gases emitted by human activity over the past 200 years. What responsible parent would require their child to wear a down parka in July? These practices have accelerated at an alarming rate over the past 50 years as the dangers have become more apparent.

Climate warming is now a fact of life - a current reality which is having a dramatic effect on our lives. If we don't take steps to slow down or reverse the growth of these atmosphere-altering conditions, we may not be able to consider a future for our species.

There is plenty of evidence visible now. Warmer winters produce less snow, less ice, and contribute to shrinking glaciers. Rising seas threaten coastal areas worldwide, including Maine. The Gulf of Maine is the fastest warming body of water in the world. Every year sets a new record for average high temperature.

What do we do? It seems that our only choices are to shift our behaviors and expectations, while employing all our skills and knowledge to meet these threats. We have no other choice but even a frog puppet knows that this will not be easy. Here are four steps which can begin to address our dilemma.

**Change Fuel-Source.** Reduce our use of fossil fuels that trap heat on earth. Transportation accounts for 30 percent of the pollution that warms the planet while buildings contribute another 28 percent. Volcanos, methane, cows, wildfires and other natural sources contribute the rest. Transition to non-carbon-based energy. Solar, wind, tidal,

nuclear, and hydrogen all hold great promise. This shift is well underway with new technologies, cheaper products, more efficient appliances, AI and many others on the way.

**Electrify Everything.** Promote the increased use of electrical energy from renewable sources. New technologies will make this feasible. The electrical grid is being revitalized, while electric vehicles, heat pumps, hot water heaters and induction cooktops are just beginning to make an impact and are supported by incentives in the form of rebates, tax credits, and lower costs.

**Governmental Change.** Policies, laws, and regulations will have to transition to adapt to the new realities. Leaders of all stripes will have to adjust their practices to correspond with the needs of this moment as more people are impacted by global warming.

**Behavioral Change.** Perhaps the most difficult task is changing our perceptions and behaviors. Climate change denialism is becoming less virulent than in the past as realities present themselves. Education and training are crucial to understanding the issues and to encouraging appropriate actions. Dietary changes centered on plant-based foods, drought-resistant crops and salt-tolerant species will be needed.

Strong resistance can be expected from those who don't recognize the looming danger and those who benefit from the status quo. But we really have no choice - resistance can only delay necessary actions. We will pay an incalculable price if we fail to adapt while clinging to our old ways and practices.



Bruce Webb has been a Gorham resident for 40 years. He was a home energy auditor and is involved in environmental activism.

# Land Trust Summer Trail Challenge

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Looking for some flexible outdoor family fun? The 2nd annual Summer Trail Challenge will be held from July 1 - August 31. Co-Sponsored by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and REI Co-op, the event will take place on the East Windham Conservation Area and Lowell Preserve in Windham. Official registration is required at the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust website.

The Challenge is free, includes some nifty prizes, and is intended for all ages and hiking-skill levels. The goal is to locate and photograph at least three (or all six) specific landmarks within the 900-acre Lowell Preserve and East Windham Conservation Area by August 31 at 12:30 p.m. This 900-acre scenic trail network includes great views of the White Mountains, Little Duck Pond, lush forested views, a glacial erratic and a cave, and more.

This year's challenge, co-sponsored by REI Co-op, has two levels of completion for participants. All participants who locate and photograph at least three of six landmarks (see list below) will win a co-branded Summer Trail Challenge water bottle (PRLT and REI), while those who locate and photograph all six will receive the water bottle, and a

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) hat featuring PRLT's new logo. All participants will receive a co-branded sticker.

The trail system terrain is hilly with a mix of wooded paths with uneven terrain as well as wide gravel roads with a more consistent terrain. To officially register and for more information including directions, maps and trail conditions, and how to submit your photos, visit <https://www.prlt.org>.

## Land Trust Challenge Locations

- 1) Landmark: White Mountains Overlook | Accessible by wide path/dirt road
- 2) Landmark: Little Duck Pond Overlook | Accessible by wide path/dirt road
- 3) Landmark: White Mountain Range Panorama | Accessible by wide path/dirt road
- 4) Landmark: McIntosh Brook | Accessible by wide path/dirt road
- 5) Landmark: Glacial Erratic
- 6) Landmark: Cave

# GHS 70th Class Reunion

Chris Crawford, Features Editor



Photo credit: Chris Crawford

The Gorham High School (GHS) Class of 1954 held their 70th reunion at the home of Jaime Muehle in North Gorham in late June. In attendance were: Front row L to R: Bernie Muehle, Peter Watson, Jane (Rowe) Carozzi, Row 2 L to R: Barbara (Beecher) Atkinson, Donna (Wagner) Malagodi, Gene Moulton, Merle (Howard) Jenkins.

This group of life-long friends has enjoyed getting together almost every year for 70 years since their graduation from Gorham High School to reminisce and catch up on family news. Most live locally but several travel from Massachusetts to be together.

Bernard Muehle had a job driving a Gorham school bus his last three years in high school. He still lives in the house he built in 1955 on North Gorham Road.

Peter Watson was a mechanical engineer and currently lives in Westbrook at Stroudwater Lodge.

Jane (Rowe) Carozzi, loved all her high

school friends. She worked in the insurance industry and lives in Scarborough.

Donna (Wagner) Malagodi enjoyed being in chorus taught by Nina Babcock Bailey. She lives in Braintree, MA.

Merle (Howard) Jenkins enjoyed playing girls basketball and softball at GHS and worked as a home health nurse.

Gene Moulton taught math and science, was a textbook editor and an international tour guide who has visited 23 countries and all 7 continents.

Barbara (Beecher) Atkinson enjoyed talking with friends between and after classes. She worked as a comptometer operator.

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## Planning Board Meetings, June 17 and July 8, 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

### June 17, 2024

A proposal to construct Fairway Commons, a 14-unit condominium at 93 McLellan Road, zoned South Gorham Crossroads, was discussed and granted preliminary approval, 6-0.

A request to waive school impact fees for Pheasant Knoll Subdivision, South Gorham Crossroads was discussed and granted preliminary approval, 6-0.

A request for approval to divide a parcel at 79 Day Road Subdivision, split by previous landowner, without sale lots 1 & 2, map 23 was granted with conditions as amended by the Planning Board, 6-0.

Maka Builders, LLC and Shirley Newton 55+ Community request to construct an 84-unit condominium community for residents 55 and older was discussed.

### July 8, 2027

A proposal to create a clustered residential subdivision on a 32-acre parcel of land off Mitchell Hill Road was discussed and moved to approve a 50% open-space design. The plan was approved as presented. Voted 6-0 (Hager absent).

KV Enterprises' request for final approval to construct 43 single-family residential lots was discussed.

## Senior Property Tax Assistance, Food Trucks, and Town Job Opportunities

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Applications for the Town's Senior Property Tax Assistance for Gorham residents, over age 65, are due August 1. The Town will provide refunds to those who meet the criteria for this program. Applications are available at the Municipal Center and must be submitted by August 1, 2024. Contact the Town Clerk's Office in person or online to download an application.

The Food Truck Summer Thursdays,

hosted by the Economic Development Director, are back as of June 20 from 4-8 p.m. There will be a rotating selection of food trucks at the Little Falls Recreation area at 664 Gray Road through September 28.

The Town is currently hiring patrol officers, firefighter/paramedics, and call company Fire/Police. Go to <https://www.gorham-me.org/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities>.

## Remains Found Under Power Lines Identified As Former Westbrook Resident

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Skeletal remains found near power lines in Gorham last May off Longfellow Road have been identified as those of Michael Phillips-Townsend, 45, who lived in Westbrook. He had been reported missing in 2019. At that time, he had been living in Westbrook, off New Portland Road, close to where his remains were found. The cause of death could not be determined by the medical exam-

iner but foul play was not suspected. Phillips-Townsend was from New Hampshire but had Maine ties and lived in Westbrook with a roommate. He left a note for the roommate saying he was walking out of town. The remains were discovered by utility workers and taken to the medical examiner's office. Medical records from New Hampshire showed he was in deteriorating health.

## Town Council Meeting July 2, 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Ann Kennedy of Laurel Pines Drive spoke about the Gorham Connector saying she "would love to see more rail options" to help preserve the character of a historical farm community.

Kathy Hamblen, Libby Ave., noted "There is a group of people concerned about safety to residents from the quarry brickyard and some feel that their concerns amount to economic terrorism." She added that, "they want to keep the quarry from expanding and affecting more residents' safety and their living conditions, to make sure the town is overseeing the situation, to make sure that safety practices are consistently followed."

Ken Curtis, South Street, stated that "the Town Council was not being diligent in their duty to all taxpayers because the school budget only passed by 4 votes."

Melonie Bennett, Buck Street stated that the Town Council voted for a \$3.5 million budget increase that only passed by two votes and the recount procedure was convoluted and difficult.

Abby King, Wintergreen Drive, presented a petition against the Gorham Connector that had been signed by 1,114 residents noting that it was not needed, will put a heavier tax burden on taxpayers and damage the ecosystem as well as a working family farm.

Ben Walley, County Road, an 11th generation farmer at Smiling Hill Farm noted that the farm has been in the family since 1720 and if a connector is built it will "definitely ruin the farm." He referenced a MOA (measure of angles) that the council signed in 2022 which said the project would avoid farms and historic sites. He "hoped that the Town Council would rescind the MOA and tell the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) we do not want the connector in this area.

Sam Purington, South Street, reminded the council that "MTA does not pay taxes in Gorham so any highway that gets built will be on land that had been paying taxes."

Stoney Roberts, County Road, Scarborough referred to the Maine Sensible Transportation Policy Act and noted that any decision of the council "must minimize the harmful effects of transportation on public health, air and water quality, etc. and requires reasonable transportation alternatives to be evaluated and given preference before any significant highway projects move forward."

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked town staff for the Spring into Summer event on June 12. At an economic development meeting, there was a discussion about which town-owned properties could possibly be considered for school sites.

Councilor Pratt thanked Town Clerk Nordfors and staff for the successful recount of the school budget vote and reminded people to donate blood and enter a drawing for a new Dodge truck after doing so.

Councilor Simms also thanked staff and members of the Fiscal Sustainability Committee. Their next meeting will be on August 26 and more information is available on the town's website.

Councilor Lavoie reported that the Open Space and Trails Master Plan Steering Committee was having initial discussions with seven vendors about putting out a RFP to write the plan.

Councilor Siegal congratulated the Gorham Pride Committee for a fantastic Gorham Pride event. The Ordinance Committee discussed parking, building heights and setbacks.

Chairperson Phillips thanked the Town Council staff and election workers and volunteers who helped with the recount. She noted Cherry Hill Farmers Market is open 2-6 p.m. on Wednesdays. She also encouraged citizens to read the Town Council minutes or go to the website instead of reading the Gorham Times Town Council report because of several different errors on votes and items.

Town Manager Paraschak thanked Laurie Nordfors and staff and everyone who worked on the school budget recount. He reminded residents to respect their neighbors while using fireworks and noted that in Gorham, a permit is required to use fireworks.

Two proposals to amend the Land Use and Development Code to add new zoning districts into the establishment of zone sections and to add new zoning districts and permitted residential signs were both approved 6-0.

The following proposals to make amendments to the Land Use and Development Code were approved 6-0:

To allow the Planning Board to require certain design modification standards for private ways,

To allow mobile vending unit exemptions for agritourism events,

To allow for unit bonuses for affordable housing in the town's growth area.

An order to move forward with portions of the town map, excluding North Gorham and West Gorham, was sent to the Ordinance Committee.

The council voted 6-0 on the following items:

To amend the Land Use and Development Code to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program,

The Capital Improvements Committee recommended a supplement to the Master Plan for the Chick property with potential school development overlap to better inform future development plans,

To amend the Land Use and Development Code for more dogs to be allowed in a kennel in the rural district,

To consider adopting a fee schedule for a pedestrian overlay district.

The council went into executive session for discussion of the acquisition of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interest therein for disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.

The council voted to adjourn.

*Editor's note: The Town Council Report is condensed from the copy that appears on the Town of Gorham website. Find the full version at <https://www.gorham-me.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4456/f/minutes/07-02-2024.pdf>*

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# Retiring Staff from the Gorham Schools

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

This past school year ended with the retirement of many long-serving and well-loved teachers and educators. In addition to Assistant Superintendent Brian Porter, retiring staff includes Great Falls teachers: Patty LaRosa, Allie Rimkunas, Gregg Sands, Jackie Taylor and Laurie Tibbetts, Narragansett speech therapist: Cathy Larochelle, Village teachers: Cindy Blake, Lois Bywaters, Jane Seidenberg, and Counselor Becky Heyward. and GMS and GHS speech therapist Judy Wuorio. Also retiring are veteran educational technician: Joan Anderson and technology integrator: Joanne Gauley.

**Cindy Blake**

Cindy taught third and fourth grade for many years at Village School.



**Lois Bywaters**

In 1991, Lois moved to Maine after teaching in Connecticut for seven years. She taught at Morse High School in Bath for three years before moving to Gorham. It wasn't until coming here that she felt

like she found her teaching home. Lois has spent the last thirty years of her career in Gorham. She served as a special education teacher for 16 years, a third-grade teacher for 19 years, and finally a K-5 art teacher for the past five years. Lois says, "I have worked with some amazing children, parents, and staff over the years, and greatly enjoyed my time here. I am now looking forward to many new adventures in my retirement."

As an avid outdoors person who enjoys trail running, hiking, biking, swimming, kayaking, walking, and traveling, she is looking forward to trail running and hiking around the world. Her three adult children currently live in Colorado, and she will be adventuring with them and her two rescue dogs as often as possible.

**Becky Heyward**

Becky has been a school counselor at White Rock, Narragansett and Village Schools since 1997.



**Cathy Larochelle**

In 1980, Cathy was hired as a speech therapist at the Millett School before moving to Narragansett School the following year.

She has worked at all of the buildings in the past 44 years. Cathy is the last of the original Narragansett teachers to retire.

Cathy describes one of her favorite memories in this way, "My husband and I were walking through the mall, and I heard a young man call my name. He quickly came up to me, introducing his fiancée. He told her how I had saved his life because he had been a severe stutterer and because of me, his life was changed for the better."

Cathy will miss the daily camaraderie with the staff as well as the interaction with children.

In the future, she plans to hopefully work, in some capacity, with animals. She also wants to train and volunteer for hospice, assisting patients and families through difficult times.

**Patty LaRosa**

Patty was a second-grade and multi-age teacher at White Rock School and a second-grade teacher at Great Falls School since the school's opening.

**Allie Rimkunas**



Allie came to the Gorham schools after a career as a picture framer, an artist, and a private art teacher. She had been a substitute teacher and an educational technician, before becoming an art teacher in 2004.

In describing one of her favorite moments in teaching, Allie says "I was teaching fifth-graders how to design and sew their own stuffies. There was one boy who was usually very quiet in class. One day he came rushing off the bus and into the Art room flanked by two girls. He had a stuffed Superman figure and was excited because he wanted to mend it. Because of what we did in class, he knew how to fix it. He excitedly told me about all the stuffies he had at home that he was going to fix. He was on fire and effervescent because he had a new skill and I had given him that power."

Allie will miss so much of her teaching. She loved when kids come into the art room off the bus and just want to chat. She will miss seeing what new project will spark someone's interest. She will miss her colleagues and chatting with parents, grandparents, and siblings of students.

In the future, Allie hopes to continue playing volleyball on the GF team and may sign up to sub or volunteer. Mostly, she looks forward to finally working on her own artwork.

**Gregg Sands**

After graduating from USM, Gregg began subbing in Gorham and was hired as an ed. tech with Pat O'Shea in the reading program at Narragansett School. He has taught third- and fifth-grades for 35 years.

Gregg has many positive memories throughout the years. "My Katahdin trips at the end of the year are special memories that I won't forget and something that I will

miss very much. Many people have come into my life because of my years in Gorham and I will miss working with them. Of course, I will miss working with and being with the kids. I will miss just being myself with them and hearing so many times that they are having fun in school. That has made it all worthwhile for me."

His plans for the future include enjoying time with family including his grandson, Dax, and spending time in the woods, hiking, fishing and hunting.

**Jane Seidenberg**

Jane has been a special education teacher at Narragansett and Village Schools for many years.

**Jackie Taylor**

Jackie is retiring after many years of teaching second and third grade at White Rock, Narragansett and Great Falls Schools. Jackie moved to Gorham from the west coast in 1992 and quickly discovered that she had hit the jackpot and would never want to leave Gorham. She taught third-grade her first year at White Rock and then taught first-grade and second-grade (multi-age, looping, single grade) for the remainder of her career. She will, of course, miss the students. She is forever grateful for the relationships made with her students, families and colleagues.

Jackie will always remember and appreciate the Gorham community members for all of the kindness and support that she has received. "I will never forget the outpouring of love and support received from the Gorham Community after our house fire in 2018."

She is looking forward to new opportunities and adventures in retirement but will miss being a part of the Gorham school community. "It's been a wonderful experience."

**Laurie Tibbetts**

Laurie has taught in Gorham for thirty-eight years, teaching special education, first- third- and fourth-grades.

Laurie will miss the great teachers and administrators that she worked with in all 3 elementary schools. "The Gorham staff is hard working, smart, and plenty of fun. I love running into my former students when they are adults...sometimes with children of their own. Gorham also has some extremely supportive parents who give so much to help their children and show appreciation to the teachers."

Her plans for the future include helping to take care of her new granddaughter who was due on July 1, kayaking, biking, reading, gardening, visiting with friends and family and traveling including a trip to Italy with family in 2025.

**Judy Wuorio**

Judy was a speech therapist at the middle and high schools for many years.

In addition to these retirements, Gorham lost another dedicated and longtime teacher this year. Sadly, on April 26, Susan Moses passed away after a long illness. Susan taught sixth grade at Village School and Gorham Middle School for over 25 years.

Each of these educators has left a lasting mark on the school system and the lives of countless students and community members. Their dedication, hard work and love of students will forever be appreciated and cherished by the Gorham community.

## Reflections of My Thirty Year Career in the Gorham Schools

Brian Porter, Retired Assistant Superintendent



Photo credit: Courtesy of Brian Porter

**Brian Porter**

As I enter my retirement, I do so with pride and appreciation for being part of this amazing school community. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Gorham Schools as an administrator and colleague over the past 25 years. I joined the Gorham Schools as Principal of Village School for the first 22 years and then worked at the district level as Assistant Superintendent for the past three years. Before these positions, I served as a Middle School Science Teacher/Team Leader and Assistant Principal/Student Services Director at Noble Junior High School in Berwick, Maine for 11 years.

I was initially drawn to the Gorham Schools because of the innovative and

creative practices that were occurring here that focused on deepening teaching and learning experiences for students, as well as for staff members. Throughout my various roles and professional studies, colleagues from Gorham often shared the incredible things happening, and then when an opportunity arose to join the Gorham Schools, I was fortunate enough to be able to do so.

During my time in Gorham, I had the opportunity to work alongside so many dedicated colleagues to create opportunities for the students we served. What impressed me daily and what I will always cherish is the collective belief in our students and their potential in every area - I see this belief shared in all of our educators and members of the larger school community - all built on the foundation of positive, lasting relationships at every level.

Additionally, it has been my honor to serve with Superintendent Heather Perry in the role of Assistant Superintendent during these past three years. I have grown as an administrator during our work together, enjoying celebrations of the exciting work throughout the district, sharing Gorham's story broadly with others, working through many challenges, and overall, embracing this time as an endearing capstone to my career in education.

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# Spring Sports Stand-Outs for 2024

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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*Special Message Cups - Seniors*

The following Gorham High School varsity student-athletes were honored in June. All of these athletes are much deserving of their recognition. These athletes along with their teammates put in enormous amounts of time and energy to combine the rigors of sports with their academics. These remarkable young people also play because they love the game. Before we soak up what's left of summer and think about the fall season, let's hail these athletes that the Spring of '24 athletes had to offer. Congratulations to all of these athletes and especially to the seniors moving on to their next adventure. Many senior graduates will be continuing their sports career to the next level in college.

**SMAA All Academic All-Stars (Seniors Only):**

Softball: Amber Bretton, Emily Bennett, Makayla Quintal, Lydia Fluet, Andrea Cloutier, Sophia DiPhilippo. Baseball: Thomas Curtis, Izak Young and Caden Smith. Boys Lacrosse: Hayden Pelletier and Jesse James. Girls Lacrosse: Giselle Doucette, Brinn Irish, Brooke Farquhar, Julia Wareham, Kaitlyn Nichols, Ellie Gay, Emerson Homa.



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*Special Message Cups - Ram Mascot*

Boys Track: Nathan Bergquist-Guimond, Luke Burns, Nolan Feyler, Aidan Lee, Jacob Mora, Dylan Phillips, Zackary Waters, Joshua Wright. Girls Track: Lillian Andreasen, Rita Cummings, Addison Harjula, Meryk Lewellen.

**SMAA All Conference All-Stars:**

Baseball: Mason Fink -1st team 3rd Base; Miles Brenner - 2nd Team Infield; Hunter Fink - 2nd Team Utility & Pitcher; Jack Korlanos - All-Defensive Team 1st Base; CJ Whitehead - Honorable Mention  
Softball: Amber Bretton - All Conference; Makayla Quintal - All Conference; Sophia DiPhilippo - All-Conference, Andi Cloutier - All-Conference, Sawyer VonderHaar - Honorable Mention; Winnie Dubail - Honorable Mention. Boys Lacrosse: Max Duplisea - All Conference; Bode Bragdon - All Conference; Hayden

Pelletier - Honorable Mention; Sean Verrill - Honorable Mention.

Girls Lacrosse: Ellie Gay - All Conference; Giselle Doucette - All Conference; Piper Forgues - All Conference; Zoe Coleman-Honorable Mention; Julia Wareham - Honorable Mention; Kennedy Peary - All-Rookie Team. Boys Track: Griffin Gammon - 1st Team, High Jump, SMAA Champion, State Champion, Honorable Mention, Long Jump; Nolan Fyler - 1st Team, 400 M, SMAA Champion, State Champion, 2nd team 200 M, 4x400 Relay SMAA Champion, State Champion; Aiden Lee - Honorable Mention High Jump & 110 M Hurdles, 4x400 Relay SMAA Champion, State Champion; Joshua Wright - 4x400 Relay SMAA Champion, State Champion; Dylan Phillips - 4x400 Relay SMAA Champion, State Champion; Luke Burns - 2nd Team, Discus. Girls Track: Ashley Connolly - 2nd Team, 100

& 200 M

**Gorham Senior Athletic Awards 2024:**  
Smith Award (Scholar Athlete): Ella Downing, Taylor Farr  
Outstanding Athlete Award: Ellie Gay, Luke Burns  
Distinguished Athlete Award: Emerson Homa, Caden Smith

**Gorham Spring RAM Awards:**

Baseball: Most Improved Player - Caden Smith; Heart and Hustle Award - CJ Whitehead; Coaches Award - Adam Webster  
Softball: Teammate Award - Emily Bennett; Ram Award - Makayla Quintal; Most Valuable Player - Amber Bretton

Boys Lacrosse: Spirit of the Game Award - Max Duplisea; D.I.G. Award - Bode Bragdon; Coach's Award - Sean Verrill

Girls Lacrosse: Most Valuable Player - Ellie Gay; Heart and Hustle Award - Giselle Doucette; Coach's Award - Emerson Homa

Boys Tennis: Doubles Award - Owen Spera and Jacob Shvets; Singles Award - Oscar Rodriquez

Girls Tennis: Rookie of the Year - Jasmine Radjabova; Most Improved Player - Payton Thibodeau; Dedication Award - Sarah Rosingana

Boys Track: Outstanding Performer Award - Nolan Feyler, Coach's Award - Aidan Lee; Coach's Award - Joshua Wright

Girls Track: Most Valuable Athlete - Meryk Lewellen; Most Improved Award - Rita Cummings; Outstanding Performer - Ashley Connolly



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# Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

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I will miss being such an integral part of the Gorham School Community. My fondest times are in watching students' excitement while engaged with learning tasks or their involvement in extracurricular activities that help them shine and realize new possibilities for themselves. My time in Gorham has truly been a gift that not all are privileged to have. I don't take that for granted. I

treasure it and will hold Gorham close. Looking ahead in this new journey, I am fortunate to have the gift of time through my transition into retirement - and an opportunity to step back, recalibrate a bit, and look forward to pursuing new adventures, traveling, photography, spending time with family, reconnecting with friends and staying in touch with colleagues.

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### OF INTEREST

The Gorham Historical Society's new mailing address is 28 Cherry Hill Road. Summer hours through September are 4 – 6 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 11 and Sept. 18. Visitors can also make an appointment by calling Kelly Dearborn, archivist, (207) 831-4220. The Fall meeting schedule includes the following dates at the Cherry Hill Barn: Sunday, September 8, Sunday Oct. 6, the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3, and the Annual Holiday Gathering on Sunday, Dec. 8. Members are encouraged to send ideas for topics/presentationsspeakers for the fall. Contact President Suzie Phillips at (207) 892-9847.

### 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](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org) or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, July 27, 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out containers and hand sanitizer available, face masks optional.

### SUMMER CAMPS

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.sacorivertheatre.org/srt-jr>.

USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps still has openings for the Junior Music Academy, July 21 to 28 for outgoing 6th grade to outgoing 8th grade band musicians. <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/summercamps>.

### SENIOR NOTES


The Lecky Brown Senior Center is on hiatus until September. Plan to join them for more games, cribbage, ARTrageous Seniors and The Originals guest speaker program. Several new programs will include music, writing and educational lunchtime clinics. FMI: Lisa Becker at [leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto: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 has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Nettie Loops! Gives a hula hoop demo and teaching workshop on Wednesday, July 17 from noon to 1 p.m. Upcoming event info is usually on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary>. Library hours are

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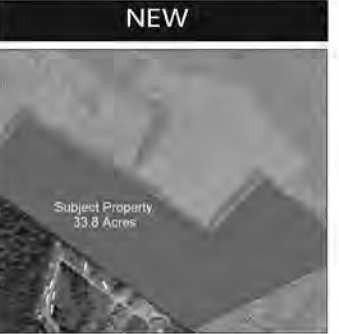
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Baxter Memorial Library runs summer programs including Art Hour for Adults, French Language Discussion Group, Spring into Summer Reading, Pride Parenting, Steam Tuesday, Popsicles on the Patio, Baby Parenting, Toddler Parenting, Learn on the Lawn. 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.

### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Southern Maine Junior Music Academy final concert takes place at Gorham Middle School on Saturday, July 28 at 2 p.m. featuring the Academy Jazz Band, Chorus, and Concert Band. Admission is Free.

The Original's present "Private Lives," a play by Noel Coward at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, July 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and July 21 and 28 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at <https://www.sacorivertheatre.org/>

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

## CALENDAR

### Friday, July 19

Saco River Theatre opening night, "Private Lives," a play by Noel Coward, Bar Mills, ME, 7 performances.

### Saturday, July 27

Southern Maine Jr. Music Academy final concert, Gorham Middle School, 2 p.m.  
Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Parker Farm Rd., Buxton, 5 p.m.  
Gorham Lions Club 14th Annual Classic Car and Truck Show, Saturday, July 27, GHS parking lot, 6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The 2nd Annual Trail Challenge is being held from July 1 to August 31 co-sponsored by the Presumpscott Regional Land Trust and REI Co-op. The challenge is free, includes some nifty prizes, and is intended for all ages and hiking skill levels. See the article on Page 4 for more details.

Cherry Hill Farmers Market, 616 Main Street, Every Wednesday from 2 - 6 p.m.

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Ichabod Lane Extension caller wanted to know if headlights should be on if wipers are on. Officer advised headlights should be on during any inclement weather. Caller had seen a student driver with wipers on but not headlights.

Caller reported a vehicle in front of them on Sebago Lake Road had passengers hanging out the window and sunroof. Officers from Gorham and Windham checked the area but did not make contact with the vehicle.

Police received two reports of a man on Main Street in military fatigues with a rifle. Man had face paint on but appeared to be unarmed. He told police he had been thinking of calling to let them know he would be hunting in the field. He was after turkeys which were in season and was going to be using his bow which was in his car. Officer did not find anyone else in the area with a rifle.

Libby Avenue caller was being tailgated. Officer was out of position and requested that dispatch inform the caller to let the other vehicle pass him. The car eventually turned off but the caller did not get a plate number.

Officer saw a pedestrian on Brackett Road carrying a Walmart bag and a lawn chair. They wandered into the woods next to the brook by the power lines. Officer checked on them and they said they were just enjoying nature with some books. They identified themselves. Officer checked the area several minutes later and they were gone.

Caller reported a truck parked near the mailboxes on Windswept Drive was making it difficult for handicapped people to get their mail. Caller said the vehicle had been there for months. The truck was parked in the driveway of the registered owner when the officer checked the area.

Officer checked on a portage on Dundee Road after a report of a subject with a weapon. No one was there.

Caller was upset that a vehicle at Goodwill had parked in a handicapped space. The vehicle was at the furthest end of the parking lot. Officer spoke with the vehicle owner who said he would move his vehicle when he got a chance.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported a man stopping at houses trying to sell pest control services. Officer searched several roads in the area but did not locate anyone.

Officers assisted approximately 100 motorcycles through the center of town.

A Westbrook Police Officer received a report of someone in a black SUV heading for Gorham with someone in the vehicle yelling for help. Officers checked the area but did not find anything suspicious.

Officer stopped a vehicle on Fort Hill Road. The driver lied about her date of birth and was issued tickets for speed and not having a license. Her grandfather came to pick her up and her vehicle.

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