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Jane's Walk Comes to Gorham

Linda Whitten, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Alison Frazee

Colorful Gorham Community Mural was painted by GHS students in 2016.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Jane's Walk to be held on Saturday, May 3. Jane's Walk is a global festival of free, volunteer-led walking conversation inspired by Jane Jacobs, a community activist. Jacobs (1916-2006) encouraged people to familiarize themselves with the place where they live, work and play. Jane's Walks combine exploring places through personal observations, local history and civic engagement.

Honoring Jacob's legacy, Gorham will host its first Jane's Walk with help from members of the Gorham Historical Society, the Gorham Village Alliance, History Department students from Gorham High School and Greater Portland Landmarks. Future walks will take place in other areas of Gorham.

The annual Jane's Walk festival takes place the first weekend in May, in more than 200 cities and towns around the globe. South Street Historic District

was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on April 20, 1988, by the National Park Service Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and we are proud to share our stories.

Walkers will meet on the lawn of the Baxter Museum, 67 South Street at 1 p.m. The walk will include a narrated tour of the historical homes and sites of Gorham's Historic District of South Street, including a stop at the PineCrest Inn Bed and Breakfast for some home-baked treats, specially made by innkeeper, Kathy Powell.

The tour will end at the Baxter Museum at 2:30 p.m. Walkers can explore Gorham's Historic Village and all it has to offer. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this free event, rain or shine. For more information, contact Alison Frazee at Greater Portland Landmarks. afrazee@portlandlandmarks.org (207) 358-7061. Hope to see you there.

GHS One Act Places Third

Jocelyn Miller, Producer, GHS Musical



Photo credit: Jocelyn Miller

At the State One Act Festival at Camden Hills Regional High School on March 21/22 Gorham High School's play, "This Is A Test," placed third. The ensemble received a special commendation for Outstanding Ensemble, and Logan Mills, Elle Woodman and Izzy Smith received All Festival Cast awards. Pictured: Logan Mills, Elle Woodman and Izzy Smith

School Budget Proposal

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee has been meeting to systematically review and complete the proposed 2025-2026 school budget for the last few months. School staff and administrators reviewed their programs and drafted a preliminary budget before meeting with the superintendent and committee who assessed and prioritized them.

Going line by line, the committee has been trying to reduce the budget as much as possible without seriously impacting programs and students. The budget must be approved by the school committee on April 9, delivered to the town on April 16 and discussed in a budget workshop with the town council on April 29. These actions lead to a May 13 public hearing and town council vote and finally, a public referendum on June 10.

In November, the school committee had approved three budget priorities and accompanying actions. The priorities were to continue to attract and maintain a high-quality workforce, to ensure our facilities' needs are met to provide safe and engaging working environments for our students and staff, and to attract and retain a sustainable transportation workforce to support the needs of our growing district.

The initial budget presented to the committee showed an 8.14% increase which they have been trying to reduce to 6.5% with an anticipated mil impact of .30. If the school committee is able to meet the .30 impact on the mil, it would be the

lowest increase in taxes from the schools in the past six fiscal years. The estimated impact on a home valued at \$400,000.00 would be an increase of \$120.00.

Heather Perry, superintendent of schools, explained the challenges to the proposed budget. "It is important to remember that 80% of our budget is staffing, so the biggest factors are retaining our existing staff. Our "status QUO" budget (everything that we did in FY 25 and bringing it forward with adjusted contract numbers) is estimated to be an increase of around \$2.6 Million. After that, the biggest cost drivers of the current budget proposal are the new 1% contribution for paid family leave (\$300,000.00 increase), paying the interest on our bond approved in November (\$320,000.00), anticipated transportation increases (almost \$300,000.00), as well as increases in special education (about \$200,000.00.) There is also a significant increase in our PK-5 technology lines due to replacement of aging iPads and chrome books at those levels."

Perry continued: "Although the challenges of meeting the increasing needs of our students and those associated costs have not been reduced, the past few years of focus on expanding revenue streams for the schools, as well as the increased collaboration with the town, have greatly improved our FY 26 budget development process, the results of which I believe the taxpayers of Gorham will be pleased."

Earth Day
Tuesday,
April 22,
2025



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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 108 and House District 109 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

A Fork in the Road for Gorham and Scarborough

Senator Stacy Brenner

What kind of future do we want for our communities?

This is a question that I ask myself regularly as I represent my community in Augusta, and one that drove me to introduce a bill to reconnect the land set aside for the "Gorham Connector" with its original owners.

Why did I introduce this bill? Well, it's complicated. The Maine Turnpike Authority's proposed "Gorham Connector" may seem like a solution to traffic concerns, but in reality, it raises significant questions about our shared values and priorities. Rather than relying on outdated approaches, we should be seeking smarter, more sustainable transportation solutions that truly serve our region.

This legislative session, I am proud to sponsor LD 1020, "An Act to Repeal the Laws Providing for the Construction of a Connector to Gorham and to Sell the Land to the Previous Owners." While the intent behind the project was to ease congestion, the unintended consequences far outweigh the benefits. This proposal threatens our environment, increases emissions and fails to provide an effective, long-term transportation strategy. Maine has made great strides in

addressing climate change, and we must ensure that infrastructure decisions align with our goals. Over the past two terms, I've served as the Legislature's representative on the Maine Climate Council, where we've worked to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our natural resources. The 2024 update to Maine's Climate Action Plan emphasizes that transportation is the largest source of emissions in the state — accounting for more than 50% of our total greenhouse gases. The proposed five-mile project of the "Gorham Connector" would also cut through critical wetlands and forests like the Red Brook watershed. These are areas that play a crucial role in maintaining water quality and ecological balance in Maine.

Beyond environmental concerns, this project would also have a lasting impact on our agricultural heritage. North Scarborough is home to some of Maine's oldest and most cherished farmland. The current plan would pave over 12 acres of Smiling Hill Farm, a working farm that has been a cornerstone of our community for generations. Once farmland is lost to development, it's gone forever. Protecting these lands isn't only about preserving history

either — it's about ensuring food security, supporting local economies and maintaining the character of our towns.

This conversation is about more than just a road. It's about the kind of communities we want to build. Gorham and Scarborough have long valued safe neighborhoods, vibrant farms and responsible growth. While transportation solutions are necessary, we should prioritize approaches that reflect our shared values and long-term needs.

I encourage an open and thoughtful discussion on this issue. We deserve solutions that work for everyone, and I believe that together, we can advocate for alternatives that serve both our transportation needs and our broader community goals. As always, I am here as a resource. If you have questions or want to share your thoughts, please reach out.



Sen. Brenner can be reached at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my Senate office at (207) 287-1515. I look forward to hearing from you.

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 (not for publication) 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. Anonymous letters are published at the sole discretion of the Editor.

To the Editor,

With Earth Day coming up on April 22, I wanted to reach out to my neighbors on Route 22 with a plea to come together and pick up the trash that lines the road. Each day I drive by, it continues to build up, and it makes me feel so sad. Some may be from trash being spilled as trash trucks pick up the weekly garbage, however, I realize that some may be from people littering the road as they go by.

While you may feel "it's not my responsibility," if we don't pick it up, who will?

I'm fortunate to work for Tyler Technologies and am given a volunteer day; I plan to use that day on April 22, Earth Day, and help my neighbors with this task. I can't do it alone, as the stretch of road and the trash along it is vast. If you would like to join me, I would be grateful, or if you live on that stretch, take a look in front of your house, grab a bag, and help clean up our roadway. If you live in a different part of town, I encourage you to do the same; every day should be Earth Day!

Destiny Cook, Gorham

You're in the Know.

Around Town

Norway Savings Bank has been named Best Wellness Employer and Best Place for Working Parents by Wellness Workdays, a leading provider of corporate wellness programs. NSB received a Gold Certification designation.

The Gorham Times acknowledges the lands and waters of the Dawnland, where we live and do our work, as the unceded homelands of ancestral peoples indigenous to these places. We honor them. We acknowledge the difficult truths of settler colonialism as well as the healing work that remains for us to do.

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Check Out “Sweet Thai” Opening Soon

Abigail Chamberlin, GHS Student Intern



Photo Credit: Abigail Chamberlin
Plans to open by May 1.

“Everybody in Gorham is going to love my wife’s cooking!” says Kendall Libby, co-owner of the new Southeast Asian restaurant opening in Gorham called Sweet Thai. He and his wife, Mok Libby, have “always wanted to have a restaurant, so it’s nice to see it come together!” Sweet Thai is family owned and family oriented. It’s a “Mom and Pop kind of place,” says Kendall, as he and Mok have two sons and a daughter who’ve already worked in Thai cuisine. They are excited to come together to operate their new business. Although they have curated a wide menu, which might eventually feature a special student menu for GHS and USM stu-

dents, they are most excited about their appetizers. From crab rangoon to spring rolls, the Libbys described their appetizers as being able to make up an entire meal. Featuring steak, chicken, salmon and more, the menu will be vast and undoubtedly delicious. In Nov. 2024 when Iaiia Brazil was closing, the Libbys contacted its owner, Claudia Silva, to inquire about the space. Since then, they have been working to bring their restaurant to life. Although they had previously attempted to open in a few other towns, the Libbys are excited to end up in Gorham, which Kendall Libby describes as a “great place. We’re right in the village, which is awesome.” The restaurant will be located at 18 Elm Street, Suite 1. Throughout the process of bringing the restaurant together, the family described a mix of excitement and setbacks. They did their best to take each step “a day at a time. Some days came well, while others we needed to wait,” and on those days they continued to pray to God as a family of faith and work hard to make their dream a reality. On April 1, Sweet Thai passed a crucial inspection and is now only awaiting approval from the state. Once approved, hopefully by May 1, Sweet Thai will be open to all! “It’s been a long road, but we’re almost there,” Kendall Libby says, “and we are excited to see it finally happen!”

Beyond Remembrance: Honoring Veterans, Serving the Community

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879

Established in 1990 by 36 veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 has grown to nearly 250 members, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The post is dedicated to honoring veterans, preserving history, and strengthening community ties through various initiatives. Each year, Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 organizes the town’s Memorial Day Parade, ensuring the sacrifices of service members are never forgotten. Members also place flags on veterans’ graves and work on historical preservation efforts, such as marking the final resting places of fallen heroes. Beyond remembrance, the post actively engages with the next generation, promoting patriotism through educational programs like the Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship competitions.

These initiatives encourage students to reflect on democracy, freedom, and the sacrifices made by those in uniform. Supporting fellow veterans is at the heart of the post’s mission. Whether providing direct assistance, advocating for veterans’ rights, or offering camaraderie, Post 10879 stands as a pillar of strength for its members. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, it adapted to continue its traditions while ensuring the safety of veterans and the community. Through service, education, and remembrance, Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 remains steadfast in its commitment to honoring the past, supporting veterans, and fostering strong community connections. To participate in the parade, contact Quartermaster Jake Bauder, (207) 607-0370, vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

Two Lights for Tomorrow

Linda Whitten, Contributing Writer

In 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of its founding. To kick off this commemoration, the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission is participating in Two Lights for Tomorrow, a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous rides of Paul Revere, William Dawes, and others alerting their fellow patriots of the movement of British troops occurred overnight on April 18-19, 1775. A signal – two lanterns in the tower of the Christ Church in Boston – indicated that the British regulars were traveling via the Charles River. “The British are coming” is a famous phrase associated with Paul Revere’s midnight ride. As colonists were still considered British at this time, the warning was

actually “The Regulars are coming out”. You are invited to participate in this event. All you have to do is display two lights in your homes, businesses, community sites and government buildings on April 18, 2025, to commemorate the beginning of our continual efforts as a nation to work together for a brighter future. On Friday, April 18th you will have two opportunities to attend celebrations in Augusta: At 11:30 a.m. join others across the State in the Hall of Flags in the state capital for a press conference with Secretary of State Shenna Bellows and enjoy excerpts of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem, “Paul Revere’s Ride,” read by Portland Youth Poet Laureate Yashaswini Derisala. At 7:30 p.m. join others in the Capitol Park for the Lantern Lighting.

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Your Body and the Importance of Brain Health

Linda Whitten, Contributing Writer

Your brain is the control center of your entire body. It manages everything, including your thoughts and movements. We know that the brain and the heart are connected, and what is good for the heart is also good for the brain. Your heart-brain connection is important because the brain is nourished by your body's network of blood vessels. Keeping your heart in good working order helps keep your brain fueled to do its job.

Many diseases can affect the brain. For example, Alzheimer's disease progressively destroys brain cells as it moves throughout the brain. More functions are affected as the disease progresses. While the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's disease is increasing age, the disease is not a normal part of the aging process. As we get older, it's common to experience some age-related changes to memory or thinking abilities. Forgetting where you left something, but being able to retrace your steps to find it is normal. However, not being able to retrace your steps or not knowing the purpose of the misplaced item is not normal and could be a sign of dementia or Alzheimer's. While there are currently no proven methods to prevent cognitive decline or dementia, research has shown that you can take action to reduce your risk of developing it and help maintain or potentially improve your overall health.

Many factors can impact your health, including genes, family history, environment and lifestyle. As you age, it's common to experience some changes – like getting gray hair, developing wrinkles or needing reading glasses. As individuals, we experience aging in many different ways, due in part to our genes.

A healthy lifestyle is supported by healthy habits. Quality sleep is essential for overall health and well-being. Adults should aim for no less than six hours of sleep each night. Inadequate sleep due to conditions like insomnia or sleep apnea can cause problems with memory and

thinking. Sleep apnea is a condition in which breathing stops and restarts many times while you are sleeping. Not only does sleep allow you to rest and recharge, but it also affects your ability to maintain healthy blood pressure and control diabetes.

Another important factor is your mental health. You may have a lot on your plate – maybe you care for others, are juggling a heavy workload or dealing with life's unexpected surprises. Your stress level and any symptoms of anxiety, depression or other mental health concerns may affect the health of your brain.

Lastly, keep moving. There is quite a lot of research on how physical activity affects your brain and helps keep you healthy. Many studies have found that consistent physical activity is associated with lower risk of cognitive decline. Some researchers say that if people had to choose one thing to do to improve their brain functioning, it should be physical activity.

Make time for self-care – you are not being selfish. Talk with your doctor about how you are feeling, both physically and mentally. For more information about Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia, contact the Alzheimer's Association. A free 24/7 helpline is available, providing access to many resources. Call 800-272-3900 or visit ALZ.org to explore educational programs.



Linda Whitten, a longtime resident of Gorham, recently retired from a career in Human Resources. She volunteers as a Program Community Educator for the Alzheimer's

Association, is a member of the Rehabilitation and Survivorship Task force for the Maine Cancer Foundation and serves on the Board of Trustees for Greater Portland Landmarks.

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Tips to Prevent Tax Identity Theft

Wendy Bowen, Contributing Writer

With tax identity theft on the rise, it's important to stay ahead of the game to protect your personal information. Whether you're expecting a refund or not, there are strategies that can help keep your identity secure in order to avoid the financial headaches that come with tax fraud.

Tax identity theft is the filing of fake tax returns using stolen identities. This form of tax fraud affects hundreds of thousands of taxpayers every year. Identity thieves are after their victims' tax refunds. Knowing what steps to take to prevent tax identity theft can help ensure you receive your refund—if eligible to receive one.

You can reduce your risk by filing returns as soon as possible. The earlier someone files, the less likely they'll fall victim to tax refund theft. Once individuals file their return, any further attempts to file in their name will be automatically denied. Even if a fraudster does gain access to their Social Security number, they would not be able to file or gain access to the refund.

Keep personal identifying information private. To file a fraudulent return, the thieves must have their victim's personal identifying information. Identity thieves can inflict a lot of financial harm with a lost or stolen wallet, mail, or documents that are thrown away. Limit the chances of identity theft by keeping important documents such as a Social Security card, birth certificate, passport, financial statements, and tax documents in a secure location.

Tear or shred documents containing personal information before throwing them away. Sensitive materials such as financial account statements, credit applications or offers, insurance forms, medical statements, checks, and utility bills are a goldmine for thieves. Keeping information safe in the digital world is equally important. To protect their information, people should use multi-factor authentication on all accounts, create strong passwords, and update their software regularly.

Choose a trusted tax preparer and do your homework to ensure they are a trustworthy resource. Check customer

reviews or ask for references to make sure that the person or service is legitimate and security conscious. Individuals may even qualify for free, trusted tax preparation services through Ca\$h Maine which offers a variety of options for tax prep and whose volunteers can securely help people through the filing process.

Be aware of phishing attempts via email, fake social media accounts, and other forms of online communication tools aimed at stealing passwords, account numbers, Social Security numbers, and more. For protection, enable email spam filters, ignore friend or follow requests from unknown users, and be alert for anything that looks unusual. Never click on suspicious-looking links or open any unexpected attachments. Poor spelling or grammar is also a red flag. A communication that threatens a consequence unless urgent action is taken, is likely a scam to rush people into action before they take time to study the communication for potential flaws or inconsistencies.

Regularly monitor your financial accounts for suspicious activity. If something out of the ordinary is noticed on any account or on a tax statement, contact your financial institution and also IRS immediately.

As tax season approaches, it's crucial to protect yourself from the growing threat of tax identity theft. Your personal identifying information is one of the most valuable resources to a fraudster, so practicing good habits and taking the proper steps can lower your chances of experiencing financial headaches down the road.

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Apr 21, 10 a.m., Easter Service

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Apr 13, 9:45 a.m., Palm Sunday Service
Apr 17, 6 p.m. / 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Soup, Supper, and Service
Apr 20, 5:45 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service around the fire pit followed by breakfast refreshments
Apr 20, 9:45 a.m., Easter Worship Service
Sunday services in person and live-streamed

FIRST RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

211 Mosher Road, Gorham
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Apr 13, 10 a.m., Palm Sunday
(in-person Worship and Zoom)
Apr 17, Maundy Thursday
6 p.m., Potluck;
7 p.m., The Holy Week Story Worship Service
(in-person and via Zoom)
Apr 20, 10 a.m., Easter Sunday
(in-person Worship and Zoom)



FORT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spire 29 - 29 School Street, Gorham
Pastor Aaron Manning (207) 592-4987
<https://forthillchurch.com/>
Apr 13, 10 a.m., Palm Sunday Service
Apr 18, 6 p.m., Good Friday Meditation
Apr 19, 9 - 11 a.m., Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

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317 Main Street, Gorham
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Apr. 20, 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Service

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Apr 17, 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Apr 18, 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
7:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 1725 Main Street, Sanford (Airport Plaza)
Apr 20, 10:15 a.m., Easter Morning Service, in Gorham

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Apr. 13, 10 a.m. Palm Sunday services
Apr. 17, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday service at St. Ann's with FLC joining us. Bishop Thomas Brown from the Maine Episcopal Diocese will be with us for this special evening.
Apr. 18, noon, St. Ann's open for prayer and contemplation
3 p.m., Stations of the Cross
Apr. 20, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. Easter services

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6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham
Apr 18, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Noon, St. Hyacinth, Westbrook and
6:30 p.m. St. Anne, Gorham
Apr 19, Easter Vigil, Holy Night of Easter
8 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook
Apr 20, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord,
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8 and 11 a.m. St. Anne
9:30 a.m. St. Hyacinth

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Apr 20, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Services

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Apr. 20, 10 a.m., Easter Sunday Service

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Apr. 17, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 20, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Rust Road followed by coffee and donuts
Apr. 20, 9:30 a.m. Easter Service

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Apr 17, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
Apr 18, 6 p.m., Good Friday Service
Apr 20, 7 a.m., Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
8 a.m., Easter Breakfast,
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Easter Morning Worship



Crispy Chicken Caesar Cutlets

Dressing:

- 1 Egg yolk
- 1/2 a lemon juice
- 1 tsp dijon mustard
- 1/4 Cup avocado oil
- 3 Anchovies, minced
- 1 Large garlic clove, grated or minced
- 1/4 Cup grated parmesan. Water, as needed.

Chicken:

- Avocado or olive oil spray
- 2 Boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 lb.)
- Salt & pepper
- 1/4 Cup Flour
- 1 Egg
- 1/4 Cup Panko breadcrumbs or 1/4 Cup Italian breadcrumbs
- 1/4 Cup grated parmesan

Salad:

- 2 Hearts of romaine, torn into pieces
- 1/4 Cup shaved parmesan

Preheat the oven to 425F convection (or 450F regular bake).

Make Caesar dressing: Whisk together the egg yolk, lemon, and dijon mustard. Slowly add in the avocado oil ~1 tbsp at a time, whisking to incorporate before adding more (the mixture should emulsify and thicken). Mix in the anchovies, garlic, and parmesan, then add water 1 tsp at a time for desired consistency. Taste and add more lemon if needed and refrigerate.

Place a wire rack on baking sheet and spray or drizzle with oil (no rack? just spray baking sheet). Place the chicken between two pieces of plastic wrap and pound with the flat side of a meat mallet (or a heavy skillet) to 1/4-inch thickness. Season both sides with salt and pepper.

Place the flour in a large shallow bowl. Beat the eggs in a second large shallow bowl. Stir together the panko, Italian breadcrumbs, and Parmesan in a third large shallow bowl. Coat both sides of each chicken breast in flour, then egg, then the breadcrumb mixture (press the breadcrumbs on with your fingers) and place on the wire rack / baking sheet.

Spray or drizzle the chicken with oil and convection bake for 12-15 mins until internal temp reaches 165F. Option to broil the top for 1-2 mins at the end to get it extra golden and crispy. Start by tossing the romaine and shaved parm with half of the caesar dressing and add more as needed.

Serve the salad on top of the chicken with some freshly grated parm and a squeeze of lemon and enjoy.

25 minute prep time plus 15 minute cook time (2 servings)

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com



Town Council Report, April 1

Gorham Times Staff

The Town Council Regular meeting of April 1 was called to order by Vice Chairperson Lavoie. Councilors Simms, Siegel, Willis, Kuech, and Gagnon were present along with Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak and Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, and 25 members of the public. The minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular and Special Town Council meetings were accepted. 6 yeas.

In open public communication Charlie Hamblen suggested updates to the Quarry Ordinance blasting report requirements. Harold Parks, Mark Curtis, Eric Bordeau, John Williams, Lou Simms and Gary Jordan each spoke about issues relating to traffic and the proposed Gorham Connector.

Councilor Communications included a variety of topics including the Gorham Village Alliance recent networking event, Legislative Bill LD1020 regarding the Gorham Connector April 3 meeting, several other discussions about the Gorham connector, the Capital Improvement Committee's meeting with the superintendent and School Committee coming up on April 17, MDOT's reduced traffic count on Route 22 and 114 over the past 20 years, the opening of new businesses in Gorham, and upcoming meetings of the Open Space Trail Steering Committee, Finance Committee, and a reminder for citizens to give blood.

Reports were given by Town Manager Paraschak and School Committee chair, Sarah Perkins.

The following public hearings were held:

On a proposal to issue a renewal massage license to Heather Theriault and a new massage license to Jennifer Parent, Kendra Monroe, and Rachael Bombad. There were no comments from the public. Voted 6 yeas

On a proposal to issue a Medical Marijuana

License to John Lamparelli, Forest City Organics, 11 Gorham Industrial Parkway, Unit G. Property owned by JK Properties. There were no comments from the public. Voted to table the item until the Fire Department Inspection is complete, 6 yeas.

On a proposal to amend the Zoning Map to change Map 22, Lot 7 on Washburn Road from the Suburban Residential (SR) District to the South Gorham Crossroads (SGXR) District. Jeff Jordan noted that only the northern section of Map 22, Lot 7 is the area being changed. The Council voted to amend the order accordingly, 6 yeas.

On a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code for technical updates to Chapter 2, Section 2-5 Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways. With no comments from the public, the Council voted to waive the reading of the order due to length, and to accept the proposal, 6 yeas.

The following actions were taken:

To consider the purchase of property located at 77 County Road, and to authorize the Town Manager to have the existing building demolished from the property by the Public Works Department. After voting 4 yeas, 2 nays (Lavoie, Gagnon) to add an escalation clause, and Mark Curtis and Peter Mason expressed their opinions, the action was voted as amended 0 yeas, 6 nays by all councilors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The complete minutes of this meeting and video record can be found at the Town of Gorham website at:

Minutes:

<https://www.gorham-me.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4456/f/minutes/04-01-2025.pdf>

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Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, April 10

Ordinance Committee, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Town Council FY25-26 Budget Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, April 16

Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Meeting, 8 a.m.

Thursday, April 17

Capital Improvement Improvements (CIP)/Economic Development (ED) Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

Board of Appeals Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5 - 7 p.m.

Arrests, January 2025

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Male, 20, of Portland was arrested for operating with suspended registration, and OUI (drugs or combo), no test.

Male, 33, of Buxton was arrested for OUI (alcohol), no test, and violating condition of release.

Male, 29, of Gorham was arrested for two counts of criminal mischief, and one count of aggravated criminal mischief.

Female, 20, of Biddeford was arrested on two counts of OUI (alcohol) and operating without a license.

Female, 21, of Portland was arrested for OUI (alcohol).

Male, 43, of Gorham was arrested for OUI (alcohol).

Male, 33, of Van Buren was held in house arrest for another agency.

Male, 44, of Gorham was arrested for violation of protective order.

Female, 41, was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo) with 1 prior, and for violating condition of release, and held in house arrest for another agency.

Real Estate Transfers, Jan.

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
17 Tuscan Way	Stax Buildings, Inc.	Keira Duffy	\$ 749,000.00
41 Burnham Road	DG Whitehouse, Inc.	Leopold Ndayisabye	\$ 700,000.00
Lot 12 Mitchell Hill Road	William Kozloff	Home Innovations, LLC	\$ 700,000.00
19 Shamrock Drive	Vikas Periwal	Nayef Zamat	\$ 658,015.00
31 Annies Way	Judith L. Cutter	Robert E. Joyce	\$ 625,000.00
151 Falcon Crest Drive	Cottage Advisors ME, LLC	Wayne J. Libby	\$ 574,900.00
17 Rockwood Lane	Susan E. Coyne	Joseph E. Levesque	\$ 565,000.00
18 Windswept Drive	Runyon Living Trust	Seubert Family Revocable Living Trust	\$ 537,500.00
37 Robie Street	Donna M. Sturgis	Melissa Burkley	\$ 485,000.00
462 Main Street	Admire Enterprises, LLC	Max Ventures, LLC	\$ 460,000.00
28 Maplewood Drive	Rosalie Barden Supplemental Needs Trust	Nathan McCraven	\$ 445,000.00
216 North Gorham Road Unit A	Robie Holdings, LLC	Kimberley Quirk	\$ 445,000.00
47 Tink Drive	Krouse, John A.	Mayifuala Mpanzu	\$ 430,000.00
Deering Drive	Robie Contracting, Inc.	Regan, Brian	\$ 195,000.00
61A McLellan Road	Gorham Country Club, Inc.	Courtney Hawkes	\$ 135,000.00
1 IRA Drive	Carol M. York	Kelly A. Gushee	\$ 135,000.00
347 Main Street, Unit 2C	Pidhajecky Realty, LLC	Kinetic Massage & Performance, LLC	\$ 135,000.00

Real Estate Transfers, Feb.

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
33 Settlers Way	Parmakian, Robert Alte	Ritter, Hannah Nichols	\$ 750,000.00
18 Copperhead Road	Travis L. Alves	Tracy M. Owens	\$ 741,000.00
6 Windswept Drive	Cottage Advisors ME, LLC	Gerald R. Knouse	\$ 677,000.00
152 Falcon Crest Drive Unit 45	Cottage Advisors ME, LLC	The St. Eppich Family Trust	\$ 626,000.00
155 Falcon Crest Drive Unit 18	Cottage Advisors ME, LLC	Brenda Maiorino	\$ 549,900.00
30 Samantha Drive	Michael D. Quirk	Philip Sferes	\$ 525,000.00
58 Brackett Road	Fred H. Marsters	Hannah Grace Messler	\$ 495,000.00
309 Libby Avenue	Kathryn Brochu	Anysa Marie Denby	\$ 468,000.00
300 North Gorham Road	AZH Properties, LLC	Megan Saxe Roemer	\$ 440,000.00
5 Christopher Road	Terry L. Wright	Michael Andrew Lemay	\$ 440,000.00
12 Tannery Brook Road	Rebecca L. Ankener	Edward Ian Kolczynski	\$ 425,000.00
625-627 Main Street	ROC, LLC	TTK, LLC	\$ 400,000.00
5 Teran Street	Susan C. Clifford	KLIF Enterprises, LLC	\$ 300,000.00
215 Huston Road	Julie A. Harmon	Anthony Rae George	\$ 275,000.00
Lot 6 Mitchell Hill Road	Home Innovations, LLC	S.V.T. Property, Inc.	\$ 200,000.00
Lot 4 Mitchell Hill Road	Home Innovations, LLC	S.V.T. Property, Inc.	\$ 200,000.00
Day Road	Ali Onur	FP Developers, LLC	\$ 140,000.00

Real Estate Transfers, March

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
55 Twilight Lane	Pg Family Revocable Living Trust	Roy J Ulin, Theresa M Ulin	\$ 750,000.00
79 Falcon Crest Drive	Robert Camp	Nina G. Ornstein, Jeffrey A. Ornstein	\$ 650,000.00
147 Falcon Crest Drive	Cottage Advisors Me, Llc	Philip M. Penfold, Jane Ellen McCabe	\$ 618,400.00
153 Falcon Crest Drive Unit 17	Cottage Advisors Me, Llc	James Zembruski, Sharyn Zembruski	\$ 584,900.00
00 Wood Road	Phyllis A. Clay Davis Revocable Trust Dated 5/24/2, John T. Davis Revocable Trust Dated 5/24/2000	Tyler Holden, Marissa Holden	\$ 535,000.00
16 Gloria Street	Cynthia E. Robash, James A. Robash	Forest Engstrom, Cara Auty	\$ 510,000.00
8 Samantha Drive	Merrifield, Andrea T.	Herrold, Ann	\$ 491,000.00
28 Lawn Avenue	Hannah Nicholas Ritter	Michael Bruce Connell	\$ 473,000.00
10 Woodside Drive	10 Woodside, Llc	Yan Qing Li	\$ 440,000.00
140 Sebago Lake Road	John T. Pineau, Lois Lemelin	Kylie Prosser	\$ 426,500.00
561 Fort Hill Road	Earl H Higgins	Jordan R Perkins	\$ 375,000.00
5 Terry Street	Oliver, Laurie A.	Stuhr, Nicholas	\$ 350,000.00
151 South Street	Bonnie M. Irving	Capital Heights Llc	\$ 275,000.00
329 South Street	Brittany A. O'hora, Ian M. O'hora	Taylor Rancourt	\$ 192,500.00

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GHS Students Participate in Gorham Women's Club Art Show

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Recently, the artwork of ten GHS students had been on display at Baxter Library in the annual Gorham Women's Club Art Show. The four highest-ranked works are displayed here. The Gorham High School art teachers are Sarah Dolley and Chris Crosby. Pictured are:
 First Place: Claudette Wesse (top left)
 Second Place: Elle Rector (top right)
 Third Place: Isabel Hamann (bottom left)
 Fourth Place: Emma Miramontes (bottom right)

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My Observing - An Art Review

John Tiedje, Contributing Writer



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Logan Bru: Bold rendering of typography and illustration of his "Arrive Alive" makes for an immediate impact. Mark Needle



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

Allison Beecher: Super close-up of panic eyes with what they see portrays the moment of realized catastrophe.

This was a traveling art exhibit that focused on teen driver awareness, distracted driving, and drunk driving. The exhibit included past winners.

In an art show such as this with a specific theme, it seems that a successful piece is one that combines creativity, messaging, and artistic talent.

Images looking through a windshield at cars and car crashes were a common subject matter. There were several that use a comic book type of layout to communicate the message. There was artist talent on display, for sure, some more accomplished than others. There were some that really succeeded in combining all three creative qualities for a dynamic visual message.

Here are a few:
 "Don't Be a Monster" by Leora Doyle, with its dark appearance of a small highlight of a bottle in the driver's hand lent itself to a dangerous theme. Two lights in the upper right could be the eyes of the driver or the tail-lights of a car added to the uncertainty that comes with drunk driving.
 "She Didn't Have Time to Move" by Allison Beecher had a very effective presentation and message.

A close-up of an approaching car in panicked eyes tells the moment of realization of impending disaster. It's rendered with an accomplished drawing technique that makes it a quick read.

For me, the piece that succeeded the most was "The Telephone Can Wait" by Logan Bru. An instant horror image, it combined a direct imagined image, with an effective message delivered with a bold use of typography. This piece has a strong appearance in its rendering technique of the demon driver and limited color palette. It would seem to be able to hit the mark with anyone, not just teenagers.

It was nice to see the strong and thoughtful effort in all the pieces. Look for the show as it travels around.

The exhibit is sponsored by the law firm Joe Bornstein.

If you'd like more information on how you can host this traveling exhibit and help promote safe driving practices, please contact arrivealive@joebornstein.com or 207-CALL-JOE (207-225-5563).

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Village School Art

by Village Students: Amelia Pennell, Hannah Howe, and Amelia Cote



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Amelia P, Hannah H. and Amelia C. are all fifth graders at Village School. They are Peer Leaders and authored this article about art at Village School.

Have you ever thought to yourself, I just want to do art? Almost all of the Village Elementary kids think this all of the time. The authors of this article love to make art and thought this was important enough to write about. We are writing to express how we and many other students feel about art in our schools.

Many kids that we asked throughout the grades said that they liked hands-on activities and many different types of art, such as drawing, painting, and other forms of art as well. We think hands-on activities are very important because people think in different ways and we want all learners to feel special.

We asked kids from all the grades at Village, and a kindergartener said “I like art because I like to color and use my hands to create something wonderful and beautiful using something other than a paintbrush because your hands make it even more unique”. Many kids in older grades have said

that they really like doing artwork with clay.

Some kids have difficult things happening or things that have happened outside of school and need a way to escape, feel free, and let their mind wander without, or with less stress. Everyone has to find a way to escape sometimes and art can be a social emotional tool for that. For example, a fifth grader said “I love art because art gives you freedom and reduces stress creating a calm environment to work and create something new and beautiful”.

A third grader said “I love art because it gives you freedom and helps you think in a different way that you might not otherwise and any mistake isn't really a mistake it's just a happy accident and you can add or change slightly what you're making and make it something even better that you hadn't planned before.” When you do art you are in a calm environment reducing stress and having fun.

We asked our art teacher, Ms. Robinson who inspired this article, for her input and she said “art allows people to think in a different way, to be able to express creativity, and it gives you a voice in a way you might not have in other things. I think one of my favorite things about being an art teacher is the difference in kids' minds and the difference it makes in their art”.

Art can make big differences in learning and allows you to escape. We hope this article helps you realize how important art is to all ages. Many of the students we interviewed said how much they love our art teacher and we think she is one of the reasons why Village kids are loving art. Maybe one time in the future, or right now, you might want to create art too. Being able to do art is such an important thing at school and we are so grateful to have all of the amazing art teachers.

Extended Learning Opportunities Program at Gorham High School

Abigail Chamberlin, GHS Student Intern

“Aspire Gorham is like an umbrella over the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program, and the ELO program is the culmination of Aspire Gorham,” said Eliza Kenigsburg, the director of the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Program at Gorham High School. Kenigsburg explained the Aspire Gorham initiative that follows Gorham students from prekindergarten through high school and distinguished the ELO Program as the final step along the way to career exploration.

Beginning in the fall of 2020, the program has allowed students to explore their career interests, in whatever field they choose, while also earning credit for it. When students demonstrated significant interest in the program and the opportunities it provided, GHS applied for a grant offered by the Maine Department of Education to hire someone whose full-time job would be to oversee these students. The first ELO instructor was hired in 2022, and today the seat is filled by Michelle Bourget, who oversees over 75 students partaking in the program.

The ELO program was recently represented by Bourget and Kenigsburg, along with a few students participating in the program, at Gorham's Business Roundtable on March 18. Several Gorham businesses were presented with the pro-

gram's outline, as well as anecdotes that the students shared, in a discussion about the impact of the program on Gorham students in relation to local businesses.

“We have students doing the ELOs in teaching, in counseling, in social work, in veterinary medicine, and all aspects of the medical field. The list goes on and on,” Kenigsburg explains. The program, in addition to providing students hands-on exposure and experience, emphasizes students finding their own ELOs through networking and reaching out to mentors who work in their desired field.

Strengthening each student's ability, as Kenigsburg put it, “to be asked to figure out what you want to pursue and then to take steps to pursue it; that's a big psychological leap for a lot of students, and I think it sometimes makes the transition out of high school feel a little bit less rocky.”

The life-skills-based curriculum creates a program that allows students to explore many career fields or, if they choose, take on a long-term project. “There's so many different aspects to leading a good life and one of them is your career,” Kenigsburg states. The ELO program at Gorham High School allows students to pursue their interests and hone their skills to prepare them for life and a career after high school.

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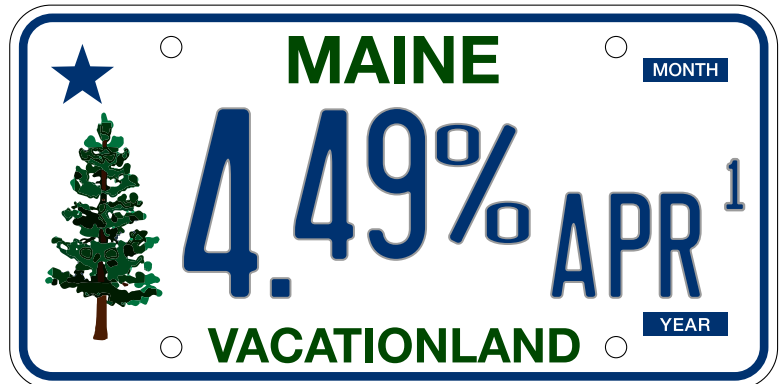
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2025 Henry O'Neill Spirit Award

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: GHS Athletics

Jack Karlonas recipient of the 2025 Henry O'Neill Spirit Award Pictured: Logan Mills, Elle Woodman and Izzy Smith

GHS Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Ryan Deschenes, announced the recipient of this year's Henry O'Neill Spirit Award is Jack Karlonas, a senior player for the GHS Rams. Each season, Coach Deschenes explains the history of the award to his players, and the significance of "Hank It Up" which is an expression that symbolizes the passion Henry had for his friends, teammates and the game of basketball. Coach

reminds his players to enjoy high school sports and to create life-long friendships and memories along the way.

Coach Deschenes says this year's Spirit Award winner was selected in a unanimous vote by the coaching staff. "Jack Karlonas demonstrates all the qualities Henry would be proud of -- and he is a perfect fit for the intent of the award -- loyal, hard-working, high character, he leads by example, celebrates others successes on and off the court, he is the ultimate teammate and competitor, a rare 3-sport student-athlete, he was a two-year starter, a strong defender and rebounder, and did all the little things that sometimes go unnoticed, but certainly not unnoticed by the coaches." Jack will attend Husson University in the fall and play on their baseball team.

The Spirit Award has been presented four times previously, to Bode Meader (2021), Dylan Morrell (2022), Quinn Dillon (2023) and to Izak Young (2024). A scholarship will be presented to the award recipient at the GHS Academic Awards Night in June. Future donations towards this annual scholarship in Henry O'Neill's memory may be made directly to the Gorham High School Athletics Department. Henry O'Neill, GHS Class of 2019, was killed tragically in a work vehicle accident in September, 2020.

USM's Colin McDonald Named Pitcher of the Week

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: USM Athletics

Colin McDonald on the mound for the Huskies.

Sophomore Colin McDonald (GHS '21) of the University of Southern Maine Huskies' baseball team has been named the Maine College Baseball & Softball Association Pitcher of the Week. McDonald's recognition is the first of the season for the Huskies'

right-handed pitcher. McDonald earned his first win of the season, leading Southern Maine to a 12-2 win on the road at Rhode Island College in the first game of a Little East Conference doubleheader on Saturday March 22. Allowing just one earned run on six hits and two walks, McDonald struck out seven, and retired eight batters in a row in the middle innings for a dominant performance. In four appearances this season, McDonald is 1-1 with a 4.09 ERA and 1.14 WHIP (Walks & Hits per inning pitched) in 22 innings pitched. McDonald has held his opponents to a .207 batting average and has 21 strikeouts. The Huskies April schedule coming up is jam-packed; they are on the road to Plymouth State back home April 9 and 10 to host Colby and Babson and back on the road the weekend of April 12 to take on Eastern Connecticut State, followed by a home return on April 15-16 to face Bowdoin and Endicott. For a full schedule and game times visit: <https://southernmainehuskies.com/sports/baseball/schedule/2025>

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God is love. This simple statement affects everything. Whether you know it or not, whether you believe it or not, God is love.

Humans talk about God all the time. We think deeply about who God might be. We try to prove or disprove God's existence. People invent images to depict how they conceive of God. We pray to God.

We curse using God's name. We ask God to bless each other. We ask God to bless our nation and our people. We assign God a place — heaven.

Humans talk about love all the time. Parents love children. Spouses love each other. Friends love one another in a special way. Siblings love. People love their pets, their sports teams and their favorite food. But love is more than just something we think or feel. Love is a mysterious emotion, which we do not often understand, that nevertheless affects the way we live.

God is love. This brief statement slams these two ideas together. Near the end of the Bible, there is a little book called First John. The fourth chapter of 1 John says "God is love" and provides some explanations for what this might mean for our lives.

Strikingly, 1 John says that if anyone does not love, he does not know God, since God is love. We see this played out in our world today. Hate and anger rule much of our society and our interactions. Many people live daily ignoring love. When people refuse to love, that shows a lack of knowing God, since God is love.

We were created in the image of God, in the image of love. Thus, we were made to love. But each and every one of us fails to love perfectly all the time. We fail to live perfectly loving lives. We love ourselves more than anyone else, and that is not really love at all. The Bible calls this failure to live according to God's love "sin." And we are all guilty of sin.

But 1 John says more: "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). God is love. Though we have failed to love, He never fails to love. God's greatest act of love is His Son Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. And Jesus died because of our lack of love. Jesus willingly died in the place of sinners, sinners like me. And sinners like you. And Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.

God is love, and that love is effected and given through Jesus Christ. Trust in that love, believe in Jesus.

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Save the Date: Community Rummage Sale, May 10

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Rebecca Young

Gorham Troop 73 invites everyone to their community rummage sale on Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Shaw Gym. Rain date is May 17.

Gorham's Boy Scout Troop 73 is hosting a community rummage sale to raise funds to support Troop activities like camping adventures, community service projects and merit badge/rank advancement requirements. They are looking for community support through donations of items and by coming to the event.

The rummage sale will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (May 17 rain date) in the parking lot to the west of Shaw Gym.

On behalf of the troop, Mitch Zaninelli invites community members to participate in the sale. He said, "We really want to make this an annual community event that brings Gorham residents together each spring and are promoting it as a great way to kick off spring cleaning and give used items a second

life. We are also going to have some Boy Scout demonstration tables showcasing some of the skills the scouts are learning."

There are several ways to participate:

1. Come to the sale and shop.
2. Donate items for the troop to sell - Items can be dropped off at On Point Storage, 551 Main St., during normal business hours between April 1 and May 8. Check in with the office when you arrive. Items must be in sellable condition (clean, not broken, working) and please no appliances.

3. Rent a table (\$50) to sell your own wares. Reach out to mitchellzaninelli@gmail.com for more information. Tables are being donated by Party with Confetti Rentals.

Mitch added, "We are also looking for a food truck or two. If you are interested, please reach out to mitchellzaninelli@gmail.com"



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Gorham Troop 73 on a camping trip.

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Reconditioning the Tennis Courts Serves Up a Temporary Solution

Abigail Chamberlin, GHS Student Intern



Photo credit: Abigail Chamberlin

Deep cracks in the tennis courts have made the courts unplayable, and in need of repair.

In the Fall of 2024, the referendum for new community tennis courts at Gorham Middle School failed. Right now, the only courts in Gorham that are solely purposed for tennis are located at Gorham High School, and they are currently unplayable.

However, a plan was laid for the current courts to be reconditioned in Summer 2025. This would include, as laid out by Cindy Hazleton, recreation director at the Gorham Recreation Dept., a joint effort between Gorham Public Works and Shaw Brothers to take out the current asphalt, regrade and reestablish the subsurface, and lay down a new surface. An outside contractor would seal the courts to give them their classic color, the courts would receive new posts and nets, and pedestrian access would be added from the road.

This project would be paid for by a combined effort from allocated town funds and a grant with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) that Gorham has applied for. It would, at least for now, resolve the lack of playable tennis courts in Gorham—hopefully by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

"We are crossing our fingers

that the budget passes. The Gorham Recreation Department strongly encourages the reconditioning of the courts...it would be beneficial to the whole community," says Hazleton.

Gorham has recently established a youth tennis program in partnership with the USTA, to which playable tennis courts are essential. Having four available courts would be ideal for running this program, and "the high school is a primary location and has been for years," Hazleton comments.

The boys varsity tennis head coach, Aaron Landry, explained that the high school tennis teams have resorted to playing their home matches in the USM field house, as well as sharing courts with the girls teams for multiple matches.

Each varsity tennis team alone plays five matches, which ends up forcing large time commitments from both teams. With waning daylight and cooler temperatures in the early spring, combining boys and girls tennis matches is grossly inconvenient. Landry is excited for the courts to be reconditioned this summer, as they have spent the last few seasons working around these challenges, but he is worried about the long-term future of the courts due to the potential expansion of the high school.

On the same ballot as the failing tennis referendum, an expansion of GHS was approved. The cafeteria is scheduled to be expanded in Summer 2025, followed by the construction of a 6-modular classroom wing in Summer 2026, with many more expansion referendums on their way, as well. This is largely why the town voted against the construction of new courts; there is concern about where they would fit amongst the possible renovations, both physically and monetarily.

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SPRING CLEANING?
SELL OR DONATE YOUR STUFF!

Gorham Troop 73 is looking for donated items to sell at their Community Rummage Sale on May 10th. Items in good, working, clean condition can be dropped off at On Point Self Storage at 551 Main St, Gorham during regular business hours from today until May 8th. Just check in at the office when you arrive. Please no appliances.



Or you can rent a table for \$50 and sell your own items.

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Emily Feagans, Simmons University, Boston, Massachusetts

OF INTEREST

Presumpscot Land Trust sponsors two events exploring the vernal pools at Randall Orchards, a 500-acre farm in Standish/Gorham. On Saturday, April 19 from 9 -11 a.m., guest presenter Katelin Nickerson of Flycatcher LLC will share her expertise about about the rich hidden life of vernal pools (temporary woodland waterbodies) and the amphibians and animals that occupy these unique bodies of water. This family friendly program is best suited for kids ages 5 and up and their adult. The walk will cover 1.5 miles of trail with stops at 2-3 vernal pools. Then on Wednesday, April 23 from 10 - 11:00 a.m. join the Land Trust for an exploration of the magical world of these pools with a storybook read aloud followed by a 1.5 mile walk to several vernal pools and discover the amphibians that live in these temporary woodland water bodies. Adults with kids (ages 2 and up). Both events are free but space is limited. Registration is required at <https://www.prlt.org/events>.

The Maine Agricultural Mediation Program (MAMP) is soliciting original artwork for its 2026 wall calendar and notecards with a submission deadline of May 20. The 2026 materials, which showcase artwork by Maine-based artists, will celebrate the theme of farming and tending to the land and sea throughout the seasons. The deadline for submissions is May 20. Visit the program website for more information: <https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/agricultural-mediation/>

Share your input on Gorham's Open Space & Trails Master Plan through April, 2025. <https://www.gorhamopenspace.me>.

Gorham Parks & Recreation will have a Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, April 26 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Middle School parking lot at 106 Weeks Road in Gorham. It's for kids ages 3 – 11, and will include a helmet check, a bike mechanical check and a chance to ride in a closed traffic skills course that teaches the rules of the road. A raffle for participants will include bike helmets and other prizes. Sponsored by Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

Get ready for Shaw Cherry Hill Farm Parkrun, a free community event where you can walk, run, jog, volunteer or spectate. In conjunction with Gorham Rec, Parkrun is part of an international non-profit. Gorham's event will take place every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. (seasonal in Maine) followed by coffee at a local small business. Positive and welcoming, every run includes a trail angel, so no one finishes last. With a huge international presence in England and Australia, it is just starting to gain traction in the USA.

Gorham Public Works Spring 2025 Brush Drop Off Days, 80 Huston Road, April 26 and May 10, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Residents only, no commercial drop off, no stumps. Leaves and grass clippings accepted in the designated area throughout the season.

Save the date Saturday April 26 for Cricket Comforts Gathering to create pillowcases for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. FMI Please contact Heidi at CricketComforts@yahoo.com

Save the date Sunday, April 27 for the Gorham Conservation Commission 5th Annual Gorham Cleans Up Event. <https://www.gorhamconservation.org/gorham-cleans-up/>.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. The closet is only open Monday thru Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859

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

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

SENIOR NEWS

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

The Lecky Brown Senior Center meets for games and cribbage on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Wednesday's Guest Speaker program, the Originals, begins with coffee at 10 a.m. then speaker/presentation to begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome, 3rd floor First Parish Church. FMI: Lisa Becker at leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Cressey Road Christian Church will hold a bean supper on Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m. Kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, chop suey, rolls and dessert will be served. Adults \$10, Ages 7 – 17, \$5, and under 5, Free.

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold its in-person Lenten Fish Dinner every Friday until April 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Despite an increase in food costs, thanks to a generous donation, the price will be the same as last year. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, beverage, and dessert for \$14. Pay at the door. FMI, visit <https://www.stanthonyparish.org/knights-of-columbus>.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 3 – 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Story Hour is every Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Baxter Memorial Library will hold a book launch on Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. Join authors Jen Dupree and Elisha Emerson in a conversation about Dupree's novel "What Do You Want From Me?" Thursday, April 24 from 6 – 7 p.m. is Adult Art Night. The library has an extensive listing of events at their website, <https://baxterlibrary.org/>. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday,

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale

Susan Sedenka, *President, FOBML*, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Sue Sedenka

Friends of Baxter Library's Book Fair proceeds paid for a new play structure in the children's area.

Spring is in the air and that means the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library (FOBML) will soon be hosting their semi-annual book sale. The event will be held on Friday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the gym at the Gorham Rec Center. It will coincide with the opening of the Farmers Market. The Friends have been busy sorting books since October and promise that you will be pleased with the selection. The sale will include books, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. The Maine 3 Railers will add to the fun by setting up their amazing 0-gauge model train layout for kids of all ages to enjoy.

The FOBML, an all-volunteer group, provides time and financial support to the Baxter Memorial Library. They rely on membership dues and the proceeds from book sales to finance their initiatives. The group recently purchased furniture to create a cozy space in the Youth Services area for our teens, a climbing/sliding structure for small children, and supplies for arts and crafts as well as for nurturing Frankie, the bearded dragon who has captured the

curiosity and hearts of Baxter's patrons.

As part of the efforts to promote the library as a cultural center, the Friends have also hosted free public readings by such authors as Paul Doiron, Monica Wood, Matt Cost, Philip C. Baker, and Chris Davis.

After the book sale, the Friends will be gearing up to assist with the annual Spring into Summer event in June which is a thank you to the community for helping our library continue to flourish. Attendees will be able to get a close-up look at fire trucks, police cruisers, and construction vehicles while enjoying hot dogs, snow cones, and popcorn prepared by town officials. At this time, library members of all ages will be able to sign up for the summer reading programs.

The group is always looking for new members to help staff, an author event, giving an hour of time to a book sale, or just help support the library through your annual membership. For more information about the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library, please visit the library website or email Sue Sedenka at ssedenka@gmail.com.



Photo Credit: Sue Sedenka

The Teen center was attractively redecorated using funds from the Friends of Baxter Library's annual Book Sale.

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The Smallest Things Make the Biggest Difference

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Intern

For many, Goodwill is known as just a thrift store, a place to find and donate used clothing and household items. This may seem like a simple concept but at Goodwill Northern New England everyone who shops and donates is a part of something bigger.

With two Goodwill locations in Gorham, the Goodwill store and Goodwill Buy the Pound Store & Donation Center, Goodwill is doing more than just offering affordable fashion and items. They're helping to build a stronger, sustainable community—one donation, one purchase, and one new job at a time. April being Earth Month, this message is important.

Goodwill Northern New England (NNE) is a nonprofit organization serving Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Each year, Goodwill supports over 10,000 individuals by providing life and career-building support and services, whether it be through job training, career counseling or other programs that are made to promote strength and stability. Revenue from Goodwill stores directly fund these programs, creating sustainability for both people and the planet.

As part of Earth Month initiatives, Goodwill NNE has partnered with ecomaine to host a free clothing swap at Portland's Earth Day Celebration in Payson Park on Saturday, April 12, from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will feature local sustainable organizations, live music, food trucks, outdoor activities, and more. Community members are greatly encouraged to bring their gently used clothing to exchange with others. The event will encourage reuse while engaging with local sustainability organizations. All unclaimed clothing from the swap will be donated to Goodwill stores, supporting the mission of keeping materials out of landfills.

"Sustainability is at the center of everything we do," said Keith Crowley, director of Development and Community Engagement at Goodwill NNE. "Getting out of our stores and into our communities increases accessibility to secondhand options and helps us educate about the benefits of choosing secondhand as it concerns the environment, and the people Goodwill serves."

In recent years, Goodwill NNE has taken big steps at reducing its environmental footprint. The organization eliminated single-use plastic bags, investing in fuel-efficient transportation, and optimizing its supply chain to reduce waste. These efforts, combined with community donations have helped Goodwill NNE divert nearly 50 million pounds of materials from reaching landfills each year.

The impact isn't just environmental. Goodwill stores provide acces-



sible, driven employment and free support and services accessible to all employees. Goodwill jobs often provide not only income, but access to resources and training that help to build lasting careers. Each transaction, whether it be by donation, purchase or swap—is feeded back into a cycle that supports environmental responsibility and individual opportunities.

The local Goodwill stores are anchors in the Gorham community that bring together purpose, opportunity and great environmental impact. Whether you donate clothes, shop secondhand or participate in events like the upcoming clothing swap, each individual action supports a much greater mission.

To learn more about the Goodwill Northern New England's mission and initiatives, visit <https://www.goodwillnne.com>. Gorham's local Goodwill store is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Goodwill Buy the Pound Store & Donation Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tennis Courts CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

"I'm against being paralyzed by the fear that we might possibly expand the high school down the line, because we don't know when that will happen. 5...10 years? No one knows!" says Landry, a proponent of entirely new courts located at the high school. "But I am pleased that the town stepped up because I think that tennis courts are valuable, not only for the high school but also for the community."

Predominantly, Landry hopes to see "the plans go through this summer, where they recondition the courts and clear the trees. That way our teams and our community can play on courts that are more available and longer-lasting." The public budget hearing that will resolve whether to move forward with the allocation of funds to recondition the courts will be held on Tuesday, May 13.



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Special April 12 Performance: To celebrate storytelling, women in literature, and the work of the USM Department of Theatre, we will be hosting "The Little Women VIP Spring Soiree" on April 12th. This special fundraising event will feature hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, a photo booth, an intermission dessert bar, a raffle, a silent auction with great items from local businesses, special student performances, a meet-and-greet with the cast after the show, and a ticket to "Little Women, the Broadway Musical." Everyone is encouraged to dress in your spring soiree best. All proceeds support the USM Department of Theatre. All tickets \$50 and can be purchased at: <https://tinyurl.com/3hc58xcu>

CLOSE TO HOME

School House Arts Center in Standish presents "Disaster! The Musical" opening on Friday, Apr. 4 at 7 p.m., with a total of eight shows running through Sunday, April 13. For more information at tickets, visit <https://www.schoolhousearts.org>.



Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

The Wednesday Senior Meal at St. Anne's on April 2nd served over 120 chicken pie dinners. It was the largest gathering of the year so far and one of the largest ever. The seniors were delighted with the pre-meal treats, the chicken pie, salad, and luscious cake for dessert. A real deal for only \$4.00 a person. These meals are sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department and the kitchen is overseen by Mary Morin and Mark Munson.

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HELP WANTED: On Point Self Storage on Main Street in Gorham has a part-time position with flexible hours. To apply, contact Elizabeth Atkinson, (207) 600-7190, liz@onpointselfstorage.com.

Moving Sale, Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 50 Underhill Drive, Gorham. Includes 8' stepladder, gas power broom, pressure washer, Weber grill, garden and hand tools, band saw, jig saw, drills, tile saw, TV tables, poly patio furniture, LL Bean umbrella, 2 bench/picnic table, jacks, jack stands, portable air tank, compressor, electric motor, pole saws, electric snow thrower, Bose sound system, Aerobed, L.L. Bean sleeping bag, and more.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 10

Baxter Memorial Library,
Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m.
Sewing Club, 4 p.m.
Teen Book Club, 5 p.m.
Friends of BML Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, April 11

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner, 5 - 6:30 p.m., \$14 at the door.
Osher School of Music Faculty Concert, "Migration" Annie Antonacos, piano, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

USM Athletics,
Men's Tennis vs. West Connecticut State at Waynflete Tennis Complex, noon.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Keene State College, 1 p.m.
Osher School of Music Wind Ensemble, 2 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center
USM Department of Theatre, "Little Women" VIP Spring Soiree, Lower Brooks, \$50
Cressey Road Christian Church, Bean Supper, \$10/\$5/Free under 5, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. USM Athletics,
Softball vs. Keene State College, 4 and 6 p.m.
Baseball vs. Bowdoin College, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, noon.
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
USM Athletics, Baseball vs. Endicott College, 3:30 p.m.
Osher Youth Ensembles Spring Concert at Merrill Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

Baxter Memorial Library closed for staff development
Baxter Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 10:15 a.m. at Gorham Rec.
USM Athletics, Softball vs. Bowdoin College, 4 and 6 p.m.
Osher School of Music Opera Theatre presents "Die Fledermaus" 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust at Randall Orchards, 9 a.m., register at prlt.org/events
Baxter Memorial Library, Pokémon Club, 10 a.m. to noon.

Monday, April 21

USM Athletics, Baseball vs. St. Joseph's College of Maine, 3:30 p.m.
Osher School of Music, University Chorale and Chamber Singers, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Baxter Memorial Library,
Earth Day Painting and Planting, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Book Launch: Jennifer Dupree, 6 p.m.
USM Athletics,
Baseball vs. Plymouth State University, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Plymouth State University, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust at Randall Orchards, 10 a.m., register at prlt.org/events
Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, noon.
USM Athletics, Men's Tennis vs. UMass Boston at Waynflete Tennis Complex, 3:30 p.m.

April 4-13

USM Department of Theatre in collaboration with the Osher School of Music
"Little Women, the Broadway Musical." (207) 780-5289.
<https://usm.maine.edu/department-theatre/box-office-tickets/>

April 17 at 7:30 p.m. - April 18 at 2 p.m.

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the blotter

Gorham Fire Department called in people in the road trying to protect an owl in the area of Libby Avenue and Wagner Farm Road. Officer checked the area and did not locate anyone. While looking, Officer was advised that the owl was in a driveway on Libby Avenue. Officer checked the driveway and the area around it and had negative contact with the owl.

New Portland Road and Toppan Drive. Officer was in the area of a reported traffic hazard, and upon arrival the complainant had pulled onto Toppan Drive. He had two passenger-side flat tires. Officer asked if he needed assistance, and he said he had help coming, he was off the road and no hazard. The operator advised that 100 yards back there was a pothole right on the fog line, which he had hit, causing the issue. Officer went back, located the hazard, and placed two cones at the location. Officer then emailed an individual at Public Works to advise her of the situation. She got back to the Officer and said that she would swing by and assess the problem.

Main Street caller asked if he was trespassed from SideCar. Officer attempted to call him back, but his phone was not set up for voicemail and he did not answer his phone.

Sanborn Street caller reported dogs at large in the area. Officers were about to capture both dogs and secure them in Officer's cruiser. The complainant advised that he believes they were from a house on Gloria Street. Officer proceeded back to Gloria Street, called out through the open door, and there was no response. Officer then brought the dogs to the ARL, then went back to the residence and put a note on their door to advise them where their dogs were located.

Midnight Way caller was missing her rear license plate. She stated it must have fallen off somewhere between Gorham and Saco. Officer advised her to go to the BMV and cancel her plates and get replacements.

Narragansett Street caller was concerned about a box truck parked on the sidewalk. The vehicle was GOA on Officer's arrival.

Officers gave a K9 demo at Village School.

Main Street citizen had a question a ticket Officer had issued. Officer explained how to contest.

Vehicle at this property hit their own mailbox. No report.

Gorham Police Lost and Found

Gorham Times Staff

Two lost items are being held by the Gorham Police Department in search for their owner.

The first is a Silver Trek 21-speed mountain bike, which was left on the bike rack at Gorham Middle School. The bike has been at the PD since early November.

The second is several items found all together: a set of Fischer downhill skis with bindings attached, a pair of Fischer brand downhill skiing boots, and a single Justin brand cowboy boot, these have been at the PD since Jan. 22. They were also found at the Gorham Middle School parking lot.

The owner of any of these items can contact Detective Jason Wagner at the Gorham Police Department to claim them.



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