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## Gorham Police Updates

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

### Bomb Threats

Following two bomb threats at GHS, police identified two people who were believed to be responsible. In both cases, the threats were written on the walls inside a boys' bathroom and were reported by students using the bathroom. The handwriting and wording was different in both instances so police did not believe it was the same student each time.

There are security cameras outside the bathrooms and police were able to identify the students who entered the bathroom prior to the bomb threats and identify two students believed to have written the threats. Police met with the first student and did not believe he posed a future threat.

School Resource Officer Wayne Drown, working with the school administration, was able to identify and charge a 17-year-old male for his involvement in these incidents. Police Chief Dan Jones takes these cases "very seriously."

In the first instance, the school was locked down and bomb sniffing dogs were brought in. In the second instance, the school was evacuated during the search. There was no early release for students, something that can be a motivation for students making bomb threats.

Gorham High School has been holding assemblies with students in each grade to debrief them and assure them that police and school administration are doing everything they can to ensure their safety.

### Report of Man in Ghillie Suit

On February 27, a caller told Dispatch that the previous night he had seen a man through the window of his apartment who was wearing a ghillie suit, clothing usually used for camouflage when hunting. He said the man had a laser pointer on his gun outside the window of his apartment on South St. The caller said he saw the man in the ghillie suit again the next morning and called the police. He fled his apartment and was waiting in the street.

While officers were suspicious of his statement, they chose to err

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## Gorham Marketplace Celebrates Local Businesses Despite Stormy Weather



Photos courtesy of Marti Allen

Hundreds of people turned out for the 20th anniversary of Marketplace at the USM Field House on April 1 despite a substantial spring storm. Marketplace showcases quality products and services available in Gorham. The crowd was also treated to entertainment, food, and a multitude of raffle prizes throughout the day.

## Gorham Cares Gears up for Family Event

LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

The first Gorham Cares event benefiting the Piawlock/Cox families was held on Saturday, March 18, at Spire 29. The band Under the Covers provided entertainment to more than 125 people and those in attendance were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction.

As the capacity of Spire 29 was limited, a second family-friendly will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 1- 4 pm at the USM gymnasium in Gorham. The event will include a DJ, food, bounce houses and other activities geared more toward kids.

The new venue holds 500+ people so a cap on ticket sales is not expected.

Mrs. Maine contestants will be there, Party Time Rentals will provide popcorn and cotton candy machines, Dance Studio of Maine (DSOM) will be performing, and games and raffles will be offered for kids.

Raffle items include \$50 VISA gift cards, a fire truck ride for a Gorham student, Samsung Gear VR glasses, a custom-made doll house and other kid friendly prizes. T-shirts will be on sale featuring Paige Piawlock's panda artwork.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at Mr. Bagel, Gorham Grind and DSOM. Families are encouraged to stay for the whole event or drop off their kids for a few hours.

For more information, please visit



Photo courtesy of Al Garcia

T-shirts featuring Paige Piawlock's artwork are available for sale leading up to the second Gorham Cares benefit on April 15.

the Gorham Cares Event Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1303111356421722/>.

## Governor LePage Holds Town Hall in Gorham

STACY SALLINEN  
Contributing Writer

Governor Paul LePage addressed a mostly supportive crowd of 150 people at a town hall meeting on March 22 at Spire 29. The Governor covered a variety of topics before opening the floor to questions from the audience.

Aaron Chadbourne, GHS '04 and a senior policy advisor to the Governor, asked LePage to hold a town hall meeting so residents in his hometown could hear him share his points firsthand.

LePage highlighted points from his tax reform plan, including the elimination of state income tax. "Money you

earn should stay in your pocket," he said. Expanding the sales tax to include a wider range of goods and services, along with reducing the tax burden for elders, was also discussed.

As for education funding, the Governor spoke about a pilot program that offers financial incentives to school districts that collaborate to share services and programs. Rolled out earlier this year, the pilot promotes efficiency and regionalization.

LePage believes that Maine's educational structure is top-heavy, with more money used for administration than in

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Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Gov. LePage explained his views on several topics during a recent town hall meeting in Gorham.

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# Gorham Connector Solution to Worsening Traffic

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

For nearly 50 years, Gorham and its surrounding communities have been trying to identify ways to reduce the growing traffic congestion plaguing our region. Numerous studies have been conducted to identify ways to reduce the traffic congestion, with the most recent one completed in 2012. Municipalities and regional and state agencies have spent millions of dollars studying this issue only to come out with a similar finding each time: that a new transportation facility - additional road capacity - is the only long-term, sustainable solution to this challenge. That is why last week I was pleased to be joined by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers to introduce LD 905, An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham.

Everyone who drives knows that on any given weekday, it can take upwards of an hour to travel the ten miles between Gorham and Portland during the morning and evening "rush." The growth in Portland's western suburbs has been significant. Since 1970, the population in Gorham and its surrounding communities has more than doubled. Daily rush hour congestion on Route 114, Route 22, Route 25 and Running Hill Road is certainly among the worst in Maine. Commuter delays of 30 to 45 minutes are not uncommon. Traffic backups over a mile long occur. Simply put, these roads are heavily congested, unreliable for the movement of goods and people, and are becoming more unsafe. It is important that we find a solution to this growing problem.

Local and state officials, including myself, are looking for the sustainable mobility that is provided by a new

limited access highway, so that the land use around the existing roads and transit options can be planned with a more livable future in mind. With cars moving instead of stopped in traffic, air quality will improve. Therefore, when viewed from a long-term transportation system perspective, the limited access highway option, in my view, is the greener solution.

Some have proposed other options such as widening existing roads and constructing new rail lines. The studies conducted over the last forty years have shown these proposals to not be prudent nor sustainable given the immediate need and limited resources. Over years, perhaps decades, incremental and reactive road widening projects likely would transform these roads into to 5-lane highways. Further, because road widening would not significantly limit access to abutting properties, mobility benefits will be temporary as abutting land - no longer desirable for residential or smaller-scale village businesses - is transformed by larger scale commercial development. The development of multiple rail lines to reach the disparate residential areas across the region is cost prohibitive given the state's limited transportation resources and would result in years of delay.

As proposed, this bill would authorize the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) to prudently determine whether a Gorham connector - which is likely to be about 5 1/2 miles long and cost up to \$150 million - can be funded by users through tolls and revenue bonding. Based upon some preliminary analysis by the MTA, it appears financially viable.

This bill is merely the next logical step in a process that has been on-going for years. The MTA will proceed by analyzing various highway capacity options.

This bill represents the best chance of providing a sustainable mobility solution to a chronic traffic problem. And, if viable and prudent, it will be paid for by the users of the new highway. As Chair of the Transportation Committee I know all too well the need that exists to invest in our infrastructure. Unfortunately, the MaineDOT does not have the resources available to fund this project. With the MTA taking the lead, it would not siphon funds away from traditional state funding that MaineDOT has determined must be used to maintain existing highways in other parts of the state.

The Gorham Connector is an opportunity to create more livable downtowns that cater to people and businesses and not to cars and trucks. In Gorham, the traffic has impacted the ability of residents and visitors alike to visit our downtown businesses and move about in the village. I believe that investment in this limited access highway provides a sustainable mobility solution that can promote the livability of communities by taking regional traffic off local roads.

Your participation in this conversation is important and, as such, there will be significant opportunities for public input. I hope you will reach out to me with your thoughts about this or other issues. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.



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## Around Town

Amber Wilson and Jessi Dobbins have leased the former Carter's Green Market space on Main St. and plan to open Gorham Yoga Company in May.

## Letter to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. 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 and are subject to editing.

*Hello Community of Gorham,*

After attending the budget workshop meeting on Monday 3/27 I wanted to express my appreciation for the hard work and many hours that the school staff and School Committee members spend working on this process. Your task is no easy one.

We've all heard, and noticed, that Gorham is one of the fastest growing towns in Maine. With this distinction comes excitement, energy, community, change and responsibility. Our schools are quickly filling and requiring many resources. In the three years that my daughter has been in the school system I have seen the school department react to this growth. It is my belief that the 2017 School Budget can give the School Committee the opportunity to be proactive in handling this continued growth.

By adding four new teachers to the budget our elementary

schools will see more equal educational opportunities across the three schools, keep students and incoming families in their currently zoned school and provide small class sizes for our children. By acting now and hiring the four new teachers we will be better prepared for the future. As the 2018-19 school year is looking to be one of many changes and unknowns, we need to try to minimize the changes that our young children will have during their elementary school years.

With our current growth there is a fiscal responsibility to provide the residents an excellent educational opportunity. It is imperative that our school department, School Committee, Town Council and community members demonstrate their support for our students and their families.

Sincerely,  
Kate Livingston

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# Orchard Ridge Farm



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

Amy and Steven Bibula sell a variety of local products in their specialty food store at Orchard Ridge. Sauerkraut, cheese, and maple syrup are among the available items along with chicken, eggs, and food from their take-out kitchen. Steven Bibula (inset) holds three of the most popular breeds he sells: an Easter Egger, a Barred Rock, and a Buff Orpington.

**KATHY CORBETT**  
Staff Writer

Despite the mud and remnants of late March snow, Orchard Ridge Farm on Sebago Lake Rd. (Route 237) is alive with activity. Families from as far as Cape Elizabeth are shopping for eggs and local products in the specialty food store, as many as 15 breeds of chicks are moving from brooders into a greenhouse lined with wood chips, and hundreds of fruit trees are budding in anticipation of a fall crop of apples and pears.

Since 2011, when Steven and Amy Bibula bought 40 acres of farmland in the White Rock area of Gorham, they have worked to make their passion for agriculture into a profitable business. Their farm, originally a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) that sold vegetables to members only, has evolved into a diversified enterprise.

In 2013, they opened the store and started selling directly to the public. By 2014, they had planted 200 apple trees and added blueberry and raspberry bushes, shifting their focus from vegetables to “pick your own” fruit. The trees, on dwarf root stock, were cultivated to bear apples in two years and people came to pick them.

Steven Bibula planted more high bush blueberries as well as raspberries. “Blueberry fields get turned into house lots,” he said, creating a market for “pick your own berries.” People picking fruit wanted donuts, so they decided to put in a commercial kitchen.

“You can’t spend all that money just for donuts,” Amy Bibula shared, “we needed to sell other things.” They enlarged the store, added more prod-

ucts, and began selling take-out food made from mostly local ingredients.

They have planted pear trees and hope there will be enough fruit to pick this fall. Because deer naturally discovered all these young, tasty trees, the Bibulas have been busy fencing in the property. Once spring finally comes, they will set out picnic tables for their take-out customers.

About four years ago, Steve Bibula bought 100 Golden Comet chicks. Although he sold eggs here and in Portland, he soon realized there was also a growing market for live chickens. Many people want a variety of breeds for a small flock in a backyard coop. Over the last few years, chicken sales have become a large part of the business. Of the 3,000 chicks Bibula purchased this spring, he will probably sell 60%.

Before buying the Gorham property, Steve Bibula managed farms, but Amy worked full-time as a nurse until last October. They are open seven days a week, selling chickens and food year round. In the summer, they offer PYO blueberries, raspberries, apples, and hopefully Asian pears in September.

Although customers come from all over southern Maine, they hope that more local people will be attracted to Orchard Ridge. Just like any business, successful farming depends on providing the products and services people want, and the Bibulas are dedicated to offering the right combination here in Gorham.

Orchard Ridge is located at 236 Sebago Lake Rd. Hours are 7 am - 7 pm, seven days a week. For more information, please call 239-0442 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/OrchardRidgeFarm>.

# USM Presents Molded by the Flow

ELLE SPURR  
GHS Student Intern

In the beginning of November, a group of USM students and faculty from the art, theater, and music departments met to discuss a new collaborative production. This was the first time these groups had assembled to present the separate projects they had been working on.

Once put together, the final result grew and became “Molded by the Flow,” a musical and visual narrative of the effects of water on the state of Maine. The project is headed by Paul Drescher and Rinde Eckert, both internationally recognized performers and composers.

When the project was first initiated, no one had any idea where the student’s creations might lead. The Department of Art, School of Music, and Department of Theatre have all worked together over the past few months to create a theater experience like no other. Students crafted their own musical instruments, as well as composing music, creating visual art and writing the script.

As this project is a collaboration between departments, students and staff had to be open to the ever changing nature of the production. Rinde told the students at a press release, “Visuals can change the necessity of the music.”

The experience has been inspired by rivers and the oceans and their ever-important role in the history of Maine, its people, and its landscape. It is the journey through poetry and music of the people of Maine and how they have been influenced and shaped by our relationship with water, from the storms that strike our shores year after year to



Photo courtesy of USM Facebook page

USM Department of Art students crafted a gong tree with musical fruit (invented instruments) for the upcoming theatre, art, and music collaborative production of “Molded by the Flow” opening April 14 in Lewiston and running April 21-29 in Gorham.

the infrastructure created around rivers.

Acting in the performance will be USM students Luis Del Valle, Emma Fitzgerald, Nate Genrich, Ben Holmquist, Ted Ingraham, Emma Page, and Jessie Vander. Kelsey Michaud, stage manager, is in charge of running the show when curtain opens.

The show runs April 21-29 at Russell Hall on the USM Gorham campus, but will open in Lewiston at the Gendron Franco Center on April 14-15. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors, USM employees and alumni, and \$8 for students.

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the classroom. He said that Maine has 177,000 students and 147 superintendents, compared to Florida’s 3 million students and 64 superintendents.

Referring to a graph, LePage noted that state spending for schools has increased while student enrollment has declined. His preliminary budget reduces state funding for many districts, although Gorham may receive approximately \$200,000 more than the previous year.

Of local interest, Gorham resident and land owner Hans Hansen asked LePage if he would support a proposed bill to build a 5-mile bypass connecting

the turnpike with Route 114 south of Gorham. After a quick word of support, LePage continued to say that he would like to see the Maine Turnpike Authority merge with the Department of Transportation, ultimately eliminating all tolls in Maine except for Kittery.

While the Governor travels with a security team provided by the Maine State Police, after discussion with LePage’s security detail, Chief Daniel Jones made the decision to place two uniformed officers at Spire 29 to assure a smooth event, costing the town \$386.

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# Gardening Pleasures

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

A dear friend once told me that if I wanted to stay young, I must always have something to look forward to. With all the seed and plant catalogs spread out in front of me, I feel young as I ponder all the glorious options for this year's gardens.

I plan to be more discriminating in my choice of plants and seeds this year. I will decide in advance where they are going and their use. It is always fun to try some new plants, too. In addition to the two raised beds of zinnias, started from seed, that will provide colorful cut flowers throughout the summer, herbs are a must to enhance the flavor and eye appeal of the garden harvest.

Which seed to sow on the limited windowsill space under lights and which can be sown directly outside is an important decision. Sometimes it can be better to purchase individual herb plants at a local nursery, especially if you do not need an entire row of the same plant. I do need a row of Italian parsley seeds for my tabouli. Parsley has a long germination time, so I start these seeds inside in a sunny window until I can plant them outside. Curly spearmint, for drinks and flavoring, is planted where it can spread and be harvested regularly.

Purchase a couple of perennial sage plants from the nursery, as well as culinary thyme, lavender, oregano.

Seed Genovese basil in pots outside after danger of frost is past. My best luck with basil plants is one to a pot. Enjoy rosemary plants from a nursery as it will not winter over outside. Hardy chives will grow anywhere.

I usually plant perennials purchased in pots at nurseries. Choose healthy plants with established root systems. Understanding your garden plan will help you know your needs for height, color and sun exposure. Evaluating your past perennial growth can lead to a spring dividing spree to thin out and redistribute extra plants. No room for more? Share them with a friend. Host a plant swap. Perennial seeds can be started in early to mid summer for transplanting in the fall for next years' bloom. This is an economical way to increase one of your favorite perennials and make a great future color splash in your yard.

## PLAYING IN THE DIRT CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY

Scientists have found a natural antidepressant in soil, a bacterium that actually increases the brain's production of serotonin, which makes you feel relaxed and happy. Lack of serotonin has been linked to depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorders.

Space is a big consideration. There are so many choices of flowers and dwarf vegetables that will grow with great success in pots or larger deep window boxes. Containers can be grouped to fill a sunny corner of your deck or patio. Containers must be large enough to accommodate the root system of individual plants. Remember to water and fertilize regularly because container plants will leach out water and soil nutrients faster than plants in the ground. A good combination of soil-less potting soil and healthy compost will minimize the amount of fertilizer you will need.

Now is a great time to peruse the garden magazines and take copious notes. While you are waiting for spring, expand your present passion for growing plants. Allow your creativity to bloom. Keep your notebook handy. If you are like most gardeners, your head is so full of ideas that some of the best thoughts slip away if not written down. The anticipation of what is to come in the garden is part of the joy of gardening and it will keep you feeling young.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.

## Gorham Police Updates

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on the side of caution as the man's story seemed credible. Police set up a perimeter, shutting down a portion of South St., locking down the schools in the area and sending an officer with a loaded gun to the roof of the library. The caller was taken to the Police Department and interviewed at length by a detective but he did not budge from his story and swore it was true.

After searching the caller's apartment and the rest of that building, not finding any footprints in the snow, and not getting any other calls reporting a man in a ghillie suit, police determined there did not appear to be any threat to the safety of the public. The search was suspended.

## Drive-By Shootings

On March 15, officers in York County responded to two calls of shots being fired into two homes in Hollis. On March 17, two men were arrested for those incidents.

Gorham Police received two calls on March 16 and 17 about shots being fired into two homes in North Gorham in the area of Rt. 237. No one was injured in any of these shootings.

Gorham PD is continuing their investigation and expects to file charges against the same two men. One of the men arrested in York County is the same man who called 911 to report having seen a man in a ghillie suit on February 27.



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## Town Council Special Meeting

The Town Council appropriated \$12,000 from the Contingency Account to conduct a recruitment for a new Town Manager and will retain the Eaton Peabody Consulting Group to conduct the hiring process, pursuant to their proposal dated March 2, 2017. (5 years)

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

## Mega Industries Receives \$7 Million in New Contracts

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Mega Industries, located in the Gorham Industrial Park, has recently obtained two new contracts: \$5 million from European Spallation Source in Sweden and \$2 million from Stanford Linear Accelerator Laboratory in California. The company, founded in 2000, makes high power microwave transmission equipment used for research as well as for commercial uses.

Mega Industries recently expanded its workforce by 20% and expects to further increase it by another 20%. Mega has added a second shift to its production line and is planning to hire both engineers and craftsmen to supplement the 60 employees it currently has.

## Deregulation of Basic Landline Service Begins in Gorham

LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

Fairpoint Communications has begun the process of deregulating landline service in Maine's most populous towns, including Gorham. The change affects 22 municipalities across the state.

Beginning in 2015, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Public Utilities Commission, (PUC), AARP, consumer groups, FairPoint (as the Provider of Last Resort, or POLR) and other telecommunications providers held meetings to discuss the issue further. The Maine State Legislature worked to "find a balance between protecting consumers while ensuring a robust telecommunications market" when it passed a new law in April 2016 allowing deregulation. The Public Utilities Commission

(PUC) hosted an informational meeting in Gorham on March 22 to inform consumers about the new changes and how it affects them. While the turnout was low, the PUC communicated that "Fairpoint will, for one year, offer current POLR service customers a POLR-equivalent service at current rates. After that, Fairpoint may charge a new rate." The PUC went on to say that there are other choices for telephone service, however, and customers can learn more about their options at [www.broadband-map.gov](http://www.broadband-map.gov).

According to Amy Gallant of the AARP, "AARP Maine is concerned about the continued reliability and affordability of basic landline telephone service for all Mainers. When POLR is deregulated, the statutory guarantee that basic landline service at a low price and high

quality is replaced with the competitive market."

Angelynne Amores, Director of Corporate Communications for Fairpoint, commented, "FairPoint will continue to provide basic, affordable landline service throughout Maine."

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## Notice of Public Meeting

The Gorham Town Council is inviting citizens, businesses and organizations to a Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information regarding what the community believes are the major issues and challenges facing Gorham, and to express what the qualities, education, background and experience are that the new Town Manager should possess to manage the Town and to meet the issues and challenges facing Gorham.

Don Gerrish from Eaton Peabody Consulting Group will facilitate the meeting. Mr. Gerrish will also present an overview of the process that the Town Council will follow in selecting the new Town Manager.

The Council encourages attendance at this meeting for all who would like to express their opinions on this important community process. If you are unable to attend you can email your thoughts to Dick Metivier at [RMetivier@eatonpeabody.com](mailto:RMetivier@eatonpeabody.com).

## Crockett Furniture Closing

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Crockett Furniture, formerly known as Lake Region Furniture, first opened for business in 1972 in Windham in the former Grange Hall next to Amato's. The business moved to its current location at 673 Main St. in Gorham after the bowling alley on the site, Roberts Bowl-a-Wile, burned down in 1978. A new store was built and later the company expanded and added a new front section.

The business has always been family owned and operated by the Crockett family. The name was changed to Crockett Furniture twelve years ago to reflect their move to having more upscale furniture.

The property has been sold to the Furniture Gallery of Bangor. With the sale of the property, Steve and Scott Crockett are taking early retirement. Steve and Scott Crockett said they "will sorely miss our loyal customers." The store will close May 31.



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## New Attendance Zones Considered During FY18 Budget Discussions

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

Parents of students attending Narragansett and Village elementary schools received letters from Superintendent Heather Perry last month outlining plans under consideration to meld the attendance zones of these two schools. In discussing the proposed plan, Perry explained that it “addresses issues of class size, a district priority, and one which will be ongoing.”

By equalizing class sizes between Village and Narragansett next year, classes will have no more than 22 students and most will be smaller. This plan also frees up three classrooms for future growth. Currently, as smaller classes are moving up to middle school, larger classes are coming in. Perry is anticipating an increase of 100 students in the district in 2017-18, and estimates there will be at least an additional 300 over the next ten years.

In her communication with parents, Perry assured them that no families would be split up. Whenever possible, they would place a student new to the district outside of the original attendance zone rather than move an existing student. If students are moved, care would be taken to group them based on student profiles as is done every year within each school. Additionally, the current appeal process related to student placement would remain in effect.

If attendance zones remain the same, the district will likely need to hire three

or four more teachers next year. Under the proposed plan, only one would be hired in addition to the one “un-budgeted” from last year. The cost of each teacher is budgeted at \$70,000 a year to the district, so the savings is considerable.

More than 30 parents attended a budget workshop on March 27 where Perry explained the proposed new attendance zone. As the meeting was a working School Committee workshop, parents did not have an opportunity to speak, but will be able to do so on April 5 at 6:30 pm before the scheduled workshop. Parents with concerns and questions may also email School Committee members through the Gorham School Department website.

At the workshop, School Committee members and district administrators continued discussing specific budget issues, including the possibility of introducing world languages in elementary schools. In the proposed FY18 budget, the administration has asked for a 4.28% increase over this year’s FY17 budget.

The School Committee asked Superintendent Perry to bring specific ideas to the next meeting that would reduce the increase to 3%. They stipulated that any suggested reductions should come from the operating budget. This would reduce the proposed FY18 operating budget by \$577,345.

Once the School Committee members approve a budget on April 12, they will take it to the Town Council for approval and then to the voters in June.

## What Comes Next After Death?



Photo credit Libby Mitchell

Gorham High School brought their play “Tracks,” by Peter Tarsi, to the regional One Act Festival at Oxford Hills High School on March 10 and 11, where they were positively received by audiences and judges. The play tells the story of ten strangers who meet in a subway station only to learn that they are each recently deceased. Pictured (left to right) are: Joy Lemont, Kayley Mason, Elsa Alexandrin, Hannah Benson, Isaac Martel, Sophie Hendrix, Georgia Baber, Mason Hawkes, and Sawyer Hanscome (missing is Quintessa Bissonnette). Bridget Daigle and Virginia Hugo-Vidal were the stage managers and teacher Josie Tierney-Fife directed. Hannah Benson and Isaac Martel received the All Festival Cast Award and Clair Valentine, Bridget Daigle and Hannah Beliveau received awards for set design.

## GMS Participates in the First Ever All-State Chorus



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

The first ever American Choral Directors Association Maine Middle School All-State Chorus took place on March 11 in Gorham. Middle school choral directors from across the state nominated their top students to participate in the Chorus. Nine students from Gorham Middle School took part in this year’s ensemble. The students spent the day rehearsing in USM’s Corthell Hall with renowned guest conductor Dr. Judy Bowers from Florida State University. Many USM music majors helped throughout the day by singing with the middle school students, helping to keep things organized, and accompanying on instruments. The concert was held that afternoon in First Parish Church in Gorham. Congratulations to the 2016-2017 All-State Middle School Chorus. Pictured (left to right) are: Front row: Aiden Warren VanHorn, Andrea Mitchell, Samuel D’Amico, Emelia Bailey, and Madison Toronto. Back row: Marin Graham, Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Alaina Christy, and Madison Brown.



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# Sixth Grade Chorus and Band Honors Nominees



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Ten sixth-grade students from Gorham Middle School spent the day at the District 1 Sixth Grade Honors Festival at Bonny Eagle Middle School on March 11. The students were nominated by the GMS music teachers to participate in the district band and chorus. The chorus students worked with guest conductor Camille Curtis-Saucier of Voices in Harmony Choir in Saco and the band students worked under the direction of guest conductor Erin York from Freeport Middle School. Both groups performed a concert on Saturday afternoon for family and friends. Congratulations to this year's sixth grade Honors Festival participants. Pictured top left (left to right) are chorus students: Corinna Hahn, Madison Woodcock, Eden Johnson, Madeleine LaPierre and Madeline Downey. Pictured top right (left to right) are band students: Alexis Landry, Ryan Cooper, Peter Wu, Kevin Luo and Grace Johnson.

# Third Grader Helps Global Cause

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AND THOMAS CURTIS  
*Fifth graders at Village Elementary*

Liam Mack, a third grade student in Mrs. Stuart's class, received a UNICEF Power Band for Christmas. Mack's Power Band (like a FitBit) is a part of The UNICEF Kid Power Band program and empowers kids to get active, go on fun missions with famous champions, and send lifesaving therapeutic food packets to kids in need.

When Mack received his Power Band, a free APP that has information for missions and the number of kid power points you gain per mission or goal was installed. Mack's goal was 50 kid power points, which means every time he walks 2,000 steps he receives one kid power point.

Every time Mack gets ten kid power points he earns a food packet filled with items that a kid's body needs to get stronger and healthier. These food packets are sent to another kid somewhere else in the world.

Since receiving his Power Band, Mack has earned 91 kid power points and has earned nine food packets for others. "I am proud of myself for helping other people and especially for another kid that may be the same age as me to get stronger," said Mack. "It makes me feel good to help."



Photo credit DaraLyn McCall

Liam Mack, a third grader at Village, is earning points and sending therapeutic food packets to kids in need by staying active.

Power Bands can be purchased at Target, a sponsor of the KidPower program administered by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Visit [unicefkidpower.org/missions](http://unicefkidpower.org/missions) to find out more about the champions and their missions that are helping kids around the world survive and thrive.

# District 1 Honors Festival



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

On March 3 and 4, 32 Gorham Middle School chorus and band students attended the District 1 Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival at Westbrook Middle School. GMS students auditioned in the fall with students from Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook, Bonny Eagle, Noble, Wells, Sacopee Valley, and Lake Region. They were accepted based on scores for their solo performances, scales, and sight reading. This year's guest chorus conductor was Rob Westerberg from York High School and guest band conductor was Ray Mathieu from Gorham. The honors band and chorus spent Friday and Saturday rehearsing music with the guest conductors and performed a concert for the public on Saturday afternoon. Pictured in the top left photo (left to right) are chorus students: Brooke Guimond, Sydney Haskell, Molly Rathbun, Sadie Dyer, Kaylin Brown, Joleen Gima, Kirsten Drew,

Madisson Hatch, Sierra Cummings, Sadie LaPierre, Leah James, Amelia Yahwak, Orion Bissonnette, Emily Wilcox, Ethan Ho, McKenna Roberts, Annikka Mocchiola, and Ava Stump (missing is Hannah Smith). Pictured in the top right photo (left to right) are the band students: Row 1: Emma Mullins and Tabetha Cummings; Row 2: McKenna Homa, Emily Paruk, Andrea Mitchell, and Stephanie LaBrie; Row 3: Phoebe Richards, Samuel D'Amico, Bailey Wentworth, and Catherine Higgins; Row 4: Lilith Price, Kate Downey, and Riley Johnson.

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# Indoor Track Postseason

HAL D'AMICO  
Sports Editor

Several GHS athletes competed at the Class A State Championships at USM on February 20. Top-10 Boys' performances were: 4x200m (Luke Gowan, James Benson, Ethan Orach, David Drew), 5th place, 1:37.47; 4x800m (Zack Brown-Davis, Wil Rossignol, Alex Ousback, Ethan Orach), 6th place, 8:40.46; 55m, David Drew, 5th place, 6.86; 800m, Ethan Orach, 4th place, 2:01.44; Long Jump, James Benson, 8th place, 19-05.55; Triple Jump, James Benson, 6th place, 40-08.50.

Top-10 Girls' performances were: Two Mile, Iris Kitchen, 5th place, 12:15.72; 4x800m, (Sarah Johnson, Iris Kitchen, Kate Tugman, Anna Slager), 3rd place, 10:10.63; Long Jump, Evelyn Kitchen, 7th place, 15-11.50; One Mile, Anna Slager, 7th place, 5:38.93.

Several Rams qualified for the New England Championships in Boston, Massachusetts at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday, March 4. The Gorham competitors turned in solid performances. They were: Boys 4x800m Relay, Girls 4x800m Relay, David Drew in the 55m and Ethan Orach in the 1000m.

# The Next Generation of Track Athletes



Photo credit Ben Smith

GMS 7th grade sprinter Andrew Farr has been tearing up the track, the competition, and the stopwatch. He tied the 40-yard dash SMAA record (5.0 seconds) in the middle school indoor season opener at USM. Andrew set the SMAA mark in the 150-yard dash (18.8 seconds, erasing 0.4 seconds off the previous mark). On Saturday, March 25, Farr shattered the previous mark (30.4) in the SMAA middle school 240-yard, blazing a 29.9, besting the previous mark by a half-second. As he sets his eyes (and legs) on the 40-yard record, look for updates on the entire GMS track team's season.



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# Gorham Recreation Department Basketball 5/6 Champions



Photos courtesy of Gorham Rec. Dept.

Shaw Gym heated up this winter with Gorham Recreation basketball for boys and girls. The echo of roundball dribbling and five-on-the-floor chatter filled the building as skills were developed and fun was the fuel. Congratulations to the Gorham Blues and the Gorham Panthers on their 5/6 title crowns. Gorham Blue team members are (left to right): Bottom row: Adam Webster, Ty Gammon, Damien Taylor, and Mason Hoyt. Top row: Alex Griffin, Elias Lerner, Caden Lavoie, Roman Landre, and Coach Maceachern. Gorham Panthers team members are (left to right): Front row: Kelsey Jalbert, Madeleine LaPierre, Olivia Bryant and Meryk Lewellen. Back row: Coach Forrest Bell, Lilian Zidle, Katie Martin, Kathryn Gooch, Lilian Miner, Erica Nygren, Sophia Diphilippo, Lydia Fluet, Elizabeth Ward, Julia Bell and Coach John Martin.

## TOWN OF GORHAM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF MEETING APRIL 20, 2017

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers at 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

Acceptance of the March 1, 2017 meeting minutes as printed and distributed.

Appeal #17 - 05 Administrative Appeal. Life Church, property owner and petitioner, is asking for an Administrative Appeal of the Code Enforcement officer's decision to deny a permit application to replace a sign at 8 Elkins Road, Gorham (Map 27, Lot 15.003).

Adjourn - Please note the new time for this meeting.



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# Gorham Swimmers Propel Cheverus

HAL D'AMICO  
Sports Editor

Two senior swimmers from Gorham recently concluded exceptional athletic careers at Cheverus High School. Nina Greenwood, daughter of Susan and Brian Greenwood, and Abby Longstaff, daughter of Dawn Peterson, are both state champions and have also earned scholarships from the Southern Maine Swim Officials Association. They attended Gorham public schools from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Nina is a diver, Abby a swimmer. Although they compete together as a unified team, the swimmers and divers train separately as the Cheverus home pool (Portland YMCA) does not have a diving board.

Kevin Haley is the team's head coach, with Cheverus in a high school partnership that employs Mike Bartley, who also coaches at Bates. "Unfortunately, being a diver in Maine where there are so few diving boards and no diving clubs, there is limited time to practice compared to many other states," Nina said. She continued, "During the high school season, I practiced three days a week at the Cape Elizabeth pool, sharing one diving board with nine other high school divers from Cheverus, Cape Elizabeth, and Falmouth." Greenwood's off-season training included a few hours a week with Bartley at the Bates pool for several weeks each summer.

Logistical challenges haven't hampered Greenwood's results. On February 21, at the Maine State



Photos credit Ruth Cameron

Nina Greenwood executes a pike dive at the North Southwestern Conference Championship, and Abby Longstaff takes a breath, but not a break, as she won the Class A State Championship 50 Freestyle race on February 21.

Championships, held at Bowdoin College, she bettered her junior year 2nd place, winning the state diving title with 314.30 points. (Nina set the Cheverus diving record, 374.45, earlier in the season.) Additionally, she was named to the Maine Interscholastic Swim League's All-State Swimming and Diving Team, and received the distinction of MISL Class A Diver of the Year.

On February 11, Nina received the Randy Comeau Memorial Scholarship from the Southern Maine Swim Officials Association. While several scholarships were awarded, the Comeau Scholarship, in memory of 1980s standout swimmer and record holder Randy Comeau, from South Portland and the University of



Photos credit Mitch Morrison

Maine, is the top prize.

Greenwood has plans outside the pool, and said, "I enjoy traveling, nature, learning other languages and cultures, and most importantly, enriching myself about different perspectives." She added, "My passion for traveling developed at an early age - the first trip that I made was back to the United States with my parents when they adopted me from China." She will pursue a degree in international business relations at Wheaton College, where she plans to compete on the swimming and diving team.

Abby Longstaff said, "Competitive swimming has helped me feel a sense of independence and being able to

be recognized for my hard work." She reflected that, "It has also helped me with time management and focus." Longstaff, who also swims with the Westbrook Seals Club, trains in the pool year-round, two to three hours per day, six days per week. She supplements that with an hour of weight training twice a week. Abby takes a little time off in April and August. As a junior, the Cheverus website noted that Abby, "broke the school 50 freestyle record and was the state champion in three of her four events."

On February 21, at the state meet, Longstaff defended her titles in the 50 freestyle (24.47) and 100 backstroke (58.02). According to the Portland Press Herald, "The backstroke was the meet's most competitive race." Abby touched the wall .16 seconds ahead of Gabby Low (Cony High School). She told the Portland paper, "I was pushing so hard, especially that last 25. I reached back and I was like, 'Please, please, please! I'm 6 feet tall. Let me use it now.'" Longstaff was named to the MISL All-State Swimming and Diving Team.

When she's not in the pool, Abby likes to ski, go to the beach, and travel. As a recipient of one of the Southern Maine Swim Officials Association scholarships, her commitment to, and articulation of, her activities and goals reflect her purposefulness. Both will come in handy as she pursues biology/pre-med studies at American University, where she plans to swim with the college team.



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## COMMUNITY

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Katelyn Gendron**, a senior at Cheverus High School, was recently awarded the 2017 Lila Grace Sullivan Amiraault Scholarship. Gendron is captain of the Cheverus track team; president of the Latin Club; a member of the National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society, and Key Club; a volunteer at the Saint Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in Portland; and a volunteer at the Barron Center in Portland.

**Bligh Godin**, a senior at Gorham High School, has been awarded the Jane Addams Ethics and Justice Scholarship by Green Mountain College. The nation's leading college for environmental, social and economic sustainability based education, Green Mountain College grants this scholarship to selected students with an interest in the sciences who are preparing to lead communities and the world to a more sustainable future.

### OF INTEREST

**Gorham Woman's Club Annual Scholarship Luncheon** will be held Friday, April 21, at 12 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd. Suggested donation: \$10. Door prizes. FMI and to RSVP, 839-8399.

**Dr. Laura Stevens, center, was guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa.** Stevens, who teaches at Kaler Elementary School in South Portland, shared her experience when selected as one of Maine's recipients of the 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. This award is the highest honor given by the US government to educators who teach math and science. As part of her award, Stevens traveled to Washington, DC this past September, where she received an award of \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation. Pictured here with Stevens are Maine Beta members Anne Tewhey, left, and Jackie Leeper, right, both of Gorham.



**Honored recently as "Sapphire Sisters" of the Maine Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa** are Janice Weed, Gorham, on the left, and Christine Sawyer, Gorham, on the right. Sapphire Sisters are members who have belonged to Alpha Delta Kappa for thirty-five years. Weed and Sawyer are pictured here with Maine Beta president Susan Morneault, also of Gorham. Alpha Delta Kappa is an honorary organization for active and retired educators.

**Saint Joseph's College recently announced that Gorham resident William D. Clark** has been appointed as the new chief financial officer, and will begin work in early summer. *Photo courtesy of Bill Clark*



**The White Rock Friendship Club is sponsoring a Spring Fling Vendor Fundraiser** on April 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the White Rock Community Building, 34 Wilson Rd. Vendors will include Origami Owl, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, 31, and LuLaRoe. Refreshments and sweets will be provided. A percentage of all sales will go toward the Gorham High School scholarship fund.

**Former Patriots tackle Sebastian Vollmer (left) surprised over 80 staff members of Sullivan Tire and Auto Service**, including Dave Dow (right) of Gorham, by speaking during their retail store manager's meeting about the importance of setting goals on the path to success. He spoke about his journey from Germany to America, his college career, eight years of playing for the Patriots, and how many personal sacrifices it took to achieve his goals.



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Gorham Memorial Post 10879** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, in the training classroom of the Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main St. All eligible veterans interested are welcome.

**Baxter Memorial Library**, 71 South St., will hold a sensory-friendly story time on Friday, April 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. Sensory story time is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. It combines books, songs, movement, and therapeutic activities to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. FMI, Heidi Whelan at 222-1190 or heidiwhelan@msln.net.

**Local author Mary Lawrence will speak at the North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Rd., on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI, 892-2575.

**The Gorham/Windham/Westbrook Triad** will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 21, at 9 a.m., 22 Foster St, Westbrook. The speaker will be Angela D'Amours from The Cedars and the topic is Healthy Eating. All are welcome. FMI, 887-9222.

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**Daytime Players, a local senior theater company, will present "Plucky Playlets,"** a collection of original short plays on Monday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Lakes Region Senior Center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, Gorham. The show is free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated. Pizza luncheon to follow. Members are free/\$5 for non-members.

### ON-GOING EVENTS

**The Gorham Food Pantry,** located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

**The Lakes Region Senior Center,** located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

**The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center,** 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

### USM EVENTS

USM presents "Molded by the Flow", a collaborative creation of theatre, music and

visual art with internationally acclaimed artists Paul Dresher & Rinde Eckert, and USM students, faculty and staff. Opening night in Gorham will be April 21 at 7:30 p.m., and will continue until April 29. For dates, times, and tickets, call the box office at 780-5151. Main Stage, Russell Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$15 general public; \$11 seniors/USM employees/alumni; \$8 students

### CLOSE TO HOME

**Join a panel discussion with Maine health-care experts,** providers, and consumers about how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) can be improved. Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Rd., Windham, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI, 892-5787.

**Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd., Standish, presents Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite"** from April 21 to May 7 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$14/12. FMI, [www.schoolhousearts.org](http://www.schoolhousearts.org), [schoolhousearts@gmail.com](mailto:schoolhousearts@gmail.com).

**Highland Lake Grange, corner of Rte. 302 and Hardy Rd., Westbrook, will hold a Roasted Turkey Dinner** on Saturday, April 8 from 4:45 to 6 p.m. Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, bread, desserts and beverages. \$8/\$4.

**Windham Center Stage Theater presents "The Costume Party Caper"** on Saturdays, April 22 and 29, at 6 p.m. at the Spring Meadows Country Club, 59 Lewiston Rd., Gray. Solve the mystery before the detective. \$38/pp includes play and dinner (choice of prime rib, chicken, or stuffed shells). Table of 8 for \$288. Reservations required at <http://windhamtheater.org/boxoffice.htm>. FMI, 893-2098 or [windhamcenterstagetheater@gmail.com](mailto:windhamcenterstagetheater@gmail.com).



## ROCK A BYE BABY

**Caller reported phone had been stolen. It was located in the driveway in baby's bassinet.**

Officer responded to a call on Hutcherson Drive but could not locate anything that would have made the "ground shake."

Officer responded to a report of a suspicious person sending texts. They were accidental. Phone was in his pocket.

Store manager at a Main St. business reported male was upset as he couldn't purchase alcohol and began yelling at staff. Officer located male who admitted having been upset. They had a positive conversation.

Officers responded to numerous calls of vehicles off the road.

Officer allowed man whose vehicle had broken down and whose phone was dead to sit in his cruiser and use officer's phone to call a friend to come with a trailer to pick up him and his vehicle.

Running Springs Road caller reported her friend had lost \$3,000 in an envelope between TD Bank and the Village Mall. No one turned in the money.

Officer reported he was almost struck by a vehicle on North Gorham Road. Driver said her brakes weren't working very well. Officer saw a puddle of brake fluid under

the car. He told woman her car was not safe to drive and she called AAA to tow it.

Large passenger bus was stuck in intersection of South St. and Main St. Officer directed traffic while Public Works put down sand to help bus get through the intersection.

Officer responded to a request for a pedestrian check on Bartlett Road. Man was out for a walk to the end of his driveway.

Man came in to be fingerprinted and complained about the Town plowing snow into his driveway. He was referred to Public Works.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported Town plow hit two mailboxes. He was referred to Public Works and advised this was not a crime.

Suspicious person reported on Main St. had gotten food from Burger King, was eating in his car and making phone calls.

Disturbance reported on Brackett Road was between homeowner and plow driver seeking payment.

Caller reported a vehicle that looked as if it was going to crash. Driver pulled over on Elm St. to clear snow off windshield.



### Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Rev. Michele Ewers, 839-3111  
Apr. 9: Palm Sunday Praise Service, 9:00 a.m.; Traditional Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Children's Walk Through Holy Week, 10:30 a.m.)  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Sunrise Service at Cressey Road United Methodist Church parking lot, 6 a.m.; Breakfast at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

1 Church Street, Gorham  
Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 839-6751  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday, Potluck, 6 p.m., Service of Tenebrae, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15 a.m.

### Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street, Gorham  
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m., worship in music and art

### Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham  
Pastor Bob White, 839-8800  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

### LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham  
Pastors Brian Undlin and Tom Pequinot, 839-6354  
Apr. 8: Palm Service, 5:30 p.m.  
Apr. 9: Palm Service, 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 15: Easter Service, 5:30 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Service, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### Little Falls Baptist Church

Gray Road, Gorham  
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9:00 a.m.

### Orchard Community Church

1 North St./Rt. 114, Gorham  
Pastor Gary Groves, 671-3612  
Apr. 9: Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Children's Program, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Service, 8:30 & 10 a.m.

### Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham  
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday, 12 & 7 p.m.  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 12 & 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Divine Service, 10:15 a.m.

### St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham  
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447  
Apr. 9: Palm Sunday Service, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday Seder Service & Meal with Gospel & Washing of the Feet in the undercroft followed by Communion & Stripping of the Altar in the Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Reflection & Prayer, 12-3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Live Stations of the Cross (youth group), 5 p.m.; Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m. (The 5 & 7 p.m. services will be with Bishop Stephen Lane)  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Service with full choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children in grades K-5.

### St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham  
Father Lou Philips and Rev. Michael Seavey, 839-4857  
Apr. 9: Palm Sunday, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Apr. 13: Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 14: Good Friday, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunday Liturgy, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

### South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham  
Rev. Douglas Walker, 839-3457  
Apr. 9: Palm Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.

Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

### United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham  
Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 892-5363  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday, Potluck, 5:15 p.m., Service of Tenebrae, 6 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood's Hill), 6 a.m.; pancake breakfast at Cairns Community Room immediately following service, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m.

### West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham  
Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946  
Apr. 13: Candlelight Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Sunrise Service at Hoyt's Hill on Rust Road, 6:30 a.m., with breakfast to follow; Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.

### White Rock Free Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham  
Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919  
Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 14: Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 16: Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APR. 6

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### FRIDAY, APR. 7

- Sensory Friendly Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### SATURDAY, APR. 8

- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., Gorham, 10:15- 11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.
- White Rock Friendship Club Spring Fling Vendor Fundraiser, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., White Rock Community Building, 34 Wilson Rd.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### TUESDAY, APR. 11

- Gorham Lions meeting, Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### WEDNESDAY, APR. 12

- Story Time (birth-3 years old), 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### THURSDAY, APR. 13

- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet at 7 p.m. in the training classroom of the Gorham Fire Department, 270 Main St.
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### SUNDAY, APR. 16

- Happy Easter

### MONDAY, APR. 17

- Patriot's Day
- First Day of School Vacation, Gorham Public Schools

### TUESDAY, APR. 18

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Book Page Poetry (ages 7-18 years), 1-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### WEDNESDAY, APR. 19

- Story Time (birth-3 years old), 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Mary Cerullo's Shark Program (all ages), 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### THURSDAY, APR. 20

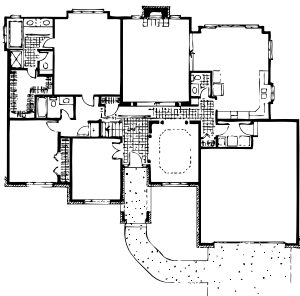
- Science Rocks (ages 6 and up), 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Local author Mary Lawrence will speak, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., 7 p.m. Free and open to all. FMI, 892-2575.

### FRIDAY, APR. 21

- Last Day of School Vacation, Gorham Public Schools

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- Bird Tweets (ages 4 and up), 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, FMI, 222-1190.

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**Appetizers**

- Colossal Shrimp Cocktail**  
 served in a martini glass with delicious cocktail sauce/wedge of lemon
- Fresh Homemade Crab Cakes**  
 served on a bed of spring mix with spicy homemade aioli sauce

**Two Grilled French Cut Lamb Chops With Mint Jelly**

**Lightly Grilled Ham Steak**  
 Served with Mashed Sweet Potato and Fresh Green Beans.

**Pan Seared Salmon Filet**  
 With Fresh Lemon Dill Sauce and choice of Side.

**Grilled French Cut Rosemary Lamb Chops**  
 Served with Green Beans, choice of Side, and Mint Jelly.