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Maple Producers Welcome Visitors for Maine Maple Sunday-March 25



Photo credit James Lockman

Zeke Lockman shovels out the sap house at The Lockman Place in advance of Maine Maple Sunday.

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Editor

Mark your calendars for the 35th Anniversary of Maine Maple Sunday on March 25. Several Gorham maple producers will open their doors to their sweet operations for a day of educational demonstrations, tours, fun family activities and samplings of syrup and other great maple products. Most sugarhouses in the area offer free maple syrup samples and demonstrations on how pure Maine maple syrup is made. Many farms offer games, activities, treats, sugarbush tours, music, and so much more.

Traditionally, Maine maple season starts with a cold January and February, and producers tap their trees in mid-to-late February or early March, depending on where the sugar bush is located. Sap flows best when trees freeze at night and then thaw during the day.

James Lockman of The Lockman Place, a "hobby operation" that only produces about 10 gallons of syrup a year, said, "The season started two weeks early for us. We tapped our first trees on President's Day, and we started boiling two days later. The trees have been very productive so far, and we have been easily able to get ahead of Maine Maple Sunday. The early start and favorable conditions mean that this should be a bumper year for many producers here in Southern Maine."

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Gorham Marketplace: A Sure Sign of Spring for the Community

KRISTA NADEAU
Contributing Writer

While the weather is being fickle, making us wonder when spring will finally arrive; there is one event that we know marks the start of spring—the Gorham Marketplace. It takes place at the USM Costello Field House on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you haven't been, you may be wondering what the Gorham Marketplace is. Hosted by the Gorham Business Exchange, Marketplace is an annual event started two decades ago as a way to help connect local businesses with its community. More than fifty Gorham-based businesses will be on display around the Field House, offering information on their quality products and services. There is also a chance to sign up for vendor prizes as well as opportunities to win cash prizes.

Not only will you meet many local business owners, it's also an opportunity for Gorham youth to showcase their outstanding talents. The Dance Studio of Maine and the Greater Portland School of Jukado are two Marketplace mainstays that give the

youth a chance to perform. Year after year they impress their spectators. Other exciting performances include the Gorham Middle School Chorus, Elite Cheering, Phil Smith - the magic on the move magician, and a K-9 demonstration by the Gorham Police Department. Moody's will demonstrate air bag deployment as it has every year since the first Marketplace in 1998.

Kids will not want to miss the many fun activities offered at the Kid's Corner. There will be a face painting station, a 4-H demonstration, a bounce house and a velcro wall. The Easter Bunny will also be at the Marketplace this year as well as Slugger, the Portland Sea Dogs team mascot.

If you get hungry, there's no need to worry. Some great local food vendors will be there to help with your food and drink needs. Amato's, Cakes by Babs, and Aroma Joe's will all be selling delicious goods. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products from Gorham Farmer's Market vendors.

Visitors should know that food or cash donations will also be collected for the Gorham Food Pantry. The

Gorham Food Pantry serves those in Gorham facing food insecurities. Gorham's supportive community allows the Food Pantry to continue to be able to help our neighbors in need. Items needed include dry cereal/flavored oatmeal, canned plain tomato sauce, cream soups, toothbrushes, toothpaste, liquid dish detergent, jelly (squeeze), kids snacks, bottled fruit juice, snack juices, canned peaches/pears, and boxed potato mixes. A collection truck, sponsored by Po-Go Realty, will be parked in front of the Field House.

This event draws many visitors for several reasons. The first is that admission is FREE. Because of the large crowd that attends this event annually, there is a shuttle available between the parking lots, so no worries if you have to park a little further than you'd like.

So mark your calendar for the Gorham Marketplace to visit more than fifty Gorham business owners, enjoy live entertainment and demonstrations, sample/purchase food from local area food vendors, and be entered to win cash prizes. This is an event that is fun for the entire family. See you on March 31!

Beauty & The Beast at GMS



Photo credits Amanda Landry Photography

The cast and crew of GMS' Beauty & The Beast performed three shows for the community March 16-18. For more photos and a review of the show, see page 9.

Fire Claims Life of Elderly Man

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Eighty-two-year old Gary Marshall died in a fire at his home at 5 Patio Park Lane on March 7. Deputy Chief Kenneth Fickett reported that Marshall had been cooking on the kitchen stove around 6 p.m. and that was where the fire originated. The fire then spread to the rest of the home.

Firefighters were able to enter the home and found Marshall in the bathroom. They pulled him out of the house but they were not able to revive him. Several neighboring fire departments responded and helped to bring the fire under control by 7 p.m. The mobile home was destroyed.

An investigator from the State Fire Marshall's office is working with Gorham Fire Department to determine the cause of the fire but it does not appear to have been suspicious. There were no smoke detectors in the house. The medical examiner determined Marshall died from smoke inhalation.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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Tax Policy Should Reflect Maine Values

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

There's certainly no shortage of controversial issues in our politics these days. Tax conformity is one of those controversial issues that the Legislature will be working on in the last month of this session. Maine has to decide how closely our tax code will mirror what the federal government is doing.

Last year, Congress skirted the usual legislative process to jam through a package of tax breaks that disproportionately benefit those individuals who are already doing very well and the largest multinational corporations at the expense of working families. It balloons the national debt with little chance any of us will see any long-term benefits.

Unlike Congress, the Legislature is taking the time to fully review any proposed tax policy changes before they can be pushed out for a vote. I serve on the Legislature's Taxation Committee, and, last Thursday, we heard testimony from dozens of Maine people who don't think we should follow in Washington's footsteps on tax policy. The good news is that we don't have to. Unlike some states, Maine's tax code does not automatically change with the federal tax law. We have the opportunity to choose which tax changes we adopt, if any.

One of the proposals for conformity would eliminate the personal exemption. The federal plan attempted to balance that by raising the standard deduction to make up for the tax increase most Americans would face. Maine's standard deduction is already at the federal level, so if we decided to accept conformity, it would result in a massive tax increase.

The governor's proposal attempts to account for this by creating a new exempt tax bracket. While that would solve the problem for low- and middle-income Mainers, it also results in a new tax benefit for high-income Mainers who always made too much for the personal exemption. That would be a step backwards when it comes to tax fairness and building an economy that works for everyone.

Another particularly troubling aspect of conformity involves accelerated depreciation. That's a tax policy tool we employ to encourage business investment and job creation. Allowing a business to write off the future value losses of newly purchased equipment can be extremely important for small businesses that are trying to grow and expand. If we accept full tax conformity, however, businesses who have a limited presence in Maine could potentially write off the deprecia-

tion of equipment purchased anywhere in the country. Maine taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for subsidizing economic development in California. Whenever possible, Maine tax dollars should stay in Maine.

During the public hearing for tax conformity, I heard over and over that tax policy should reflect our priorities. I believe Maine's priorities should be our working families. Not all of the proposals in the tax conformity package are out of line. Increasing the child tax credit, for example, is one way that we can use tax policy to benefit average families. For the life of me, I can't understand why we should prioritize tax benefits for out-of-state corporate investments, or low taxes for people who can afford to pay their fair share.

As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her first term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 25 years of experience in the food service industry.

She serves on the Taxation Committee. (207) 712-9735, (800) 423-2900, maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Where is the Community I knew when I was growing up? Where we had a volunteer fire department and its auxiliary could get the truck and some hand pumps and put out the spring grass fire between snow patches rather than have the equipment from three towns arrive?

Where are the "potluck" family dinners where what was brought was what was eaten even if it were all pies, the spontaneous ball games with all the family just for fun?

Neighbors, I guess I have some, I met some new ones last week but

haven't seen anyone around since the kids are all involved in town organized sports to keep them from being bored, and both parents have to have jobs in order to have snowmobiles, boats and four-wheelers for recreation. What happened to the sleds, skis and cursed toboggans?

John Labrecque

Dear Editor:

Well, last week we went through the annual "Spring Ahead" ritual, setting our clocks ahead one hour because Daylight Saving Time began. And in November the

process will be repeated, only in reverse.

Over the years, the period of Daylight Saving Time has been lengthened. It is now 33 weeks long, with Standard Time having been reduced to a mere 19 weeks.

Given this duration discrepancy, Daylight Saving Time is now the de facto standard time. Thus, I think a renaming is in order. What we now call Daylight Saving Time needs to be renamed Standard Time, which means the old Standard Time will need a new name. How about Darkness Saving Time? Or Daylight Losing Time?
Russ Frank

Around Town

The long delayed project to replace the water mains on Main St. and repave Rt. 25 has gone out to bid. Initially, the work was to have been done at night but due to the considerable additional expense, as well as the difficulty of hiring overnight workers, the plan has been shifted for the work to be done during the day.

Maine Optometry is planning a two-story 3700 sq. ft. office building on property at the intersection of Rt. 25 and Rt. 237. Maine Optometry plans to use the first floor for their offices and rent out the second floor, potentially to Martin's Point for its Physical Therapy Department.

The Town of Gorham received \$177,000 from Charter Communication dba as Spectrum in 2017. Spectrum (formerly Time Warner Cable) runs their wires over telephone poles which are public property. This contract was last renegotiated in 1993. The Town is asking residents to fill out a survey about the quality of service they get from Spectrum as this information would impact its negotiating position and thus the financial compensation the Town receives. To participate, visit the Town of Gorham homepage at www.gorham-me.org and hit the survey button, or visit the Town Clerk's Office, Bax-

ter Memorial Library, Recreation Department or the GOCAT office for a paper copy. Even if you do not use Spectrum Cable, the Town is encouraging participation to aid with future planning.

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Meet Our New Sports Editor!

Destiny Cook has joined the Gorham Times as its new Sports Editor. Cook has lived in Gorham for 16 years with her husband Dan and their two boys, Seth (GHS '17) and Jacob (GHS '19). She has been an active member in the Gorham community for over 13 years. Destiny was the Volunteer Coordinator in the Gorham Schools and has been a Gorham Food Pantry Board member since 2012, where she currently holds the position of secretary.

Destiny is an avid sports fan and has been since a very young age. She is still active, playing softball, volleyball and participating in bootcamp. She loved watching her boys play sports when they were young. As a season ticket holder of the New England Patriots, she and her son

Seth attend many games and most recently went to Superbowl LII. For any sports related questions, comments or ideas, please reach out to Destiny at gtimesports@gmail.com. Welcome Destiny!

The Gorham Times would like to thank Hal D'Amico for his time as Sports Editor. D'Amico began writing for the newspaper in 2016 and covered a variety of school and community sports. We wish him well in his future endeavors.



DESTINY COOK

Remembering Warren Gilman: Unofficial Mayor of North Gorham

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Several years ago, a Japanese visitor inquired at the town offices about Harold Wilson who once lived on Wilson Road in Gorham and was credited with introducing baseball to Japan. He was told, "Go ask Warren Gilman, the mayor of North Gorham."

Warren Gilman, who died on February 10 at age 88, never held elective office, but he held within his slight fame the heart and history of the North Gorham community. Except for a few years, Gilman lived his whole life on North Gorham Road, first as his parents' only child, and later, just down the road in the house he shared with his wife, Emma, and children, Cynthia and Bert. Many

Mainers have deep roots in their communities and Gilman's went back to the 1760s, but few have been as respected and beloved by generations of neighbors.

The only member of his class through eighth grade at the one room Levi Hall School, he was valedictorian of the Gorham High School class of 1947. Immediately after graduating from Bates College he took a job as a chemist for S.D. Warren and worked there until retiring in 1988. Although his work was productive and satisfying, he will be remembered in North Gorham for his leadership in community organizations, his knowledge of local history, his poetry and storytelling, his wide-ranging interests, and his gift of friendship. His neighbor, Abby Sanborn, spoke for many in the community when she said, "Warren was the most helpful, intelligent and welcoming man."

Gilman was a life-long member of the United Church of Christ in North Gorham where he served in many capacities. He kept detailed records for the North Gorham Cemetery Association and not only knew who was buried where, but

their family histories as well. He inherited his father's collection of historical photographs of North Gorham which he was happy to share along with the history of each location.



Photo credit Cindy Gilman

Warren and Emma were faithful patrons and supporters of the North Gorham Public Library. He spearheaded a poetry appreciation group there which evolved into a writers group where neighbors still share their work. As Diane Atwood said in a

1997 profile in the Gorham Times, "Warren may have the intellect of a scientist but he also has the vision and soul of a poet. Many of us have had the pleasure of reading stories, poems, or doggerel penned by Warren."

"Warren loved life," remembered John Labrecque, a friend since childhood. "He wanted to share that love with all." Nominated by neighbors in 1986, Gilman received the local Jefferson Award given to "ordinary people who do extraordinary things without the expectation of recognition or reward."

Although poor health kept him confined to home near the end, for years he took a daily walk down North Gorham Road. As a boy he stopped to visit with a disabled girl; as a teenager he helped an aging farmer bring in the hay; as an adult he engaged his neighbors in conversation about the stars, the wildflowers, or the latest scientific discovery. He told a joke or heard a concern. "I still hear his voice," Russell Leigh Moses said, "because he seemed always happy to hear mine."

Maine Maple Sunday CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Some sugarhouses offer events on both Saturday and Sunday, so be sure to check the details for the spot you're planning to visit. For a complete listing of participating sugarhouses, their locations, activities and schedules, visit The Maine Maple Producers Association website at www.mainemapleproducers.com.

Joe's Sugarhouse 443 Sebago Lake Road

Tour a timber frame sugarhouse with wood fired evaporator. Blueberry pancake breakfast 9 a.m. until we run out. Grass fed beef burgers from noon-4 p.m. Sample maple fudge, whoopie pies, candy, cotton candy, and ice cream with maple syrup. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, restrooms, handicapped accessible, bus and school tours. Hours: March 25 only from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Email farmerjo@maine.rr.com, Phone: 207-671-2189

Merrifield Farm 195 North Gorham Rd

Watch the boiling process, blacksmith working, antiques on display, 4-H Brass Knob Club giving cart rides, music, self-guided barn tour, play area for the children and a 1900's ice house. Pancake breakfast (outside), maple syrup, candy, maple cotton

candy, maple soft serve ice cream, smoked cheese, maple cream and more available to purchase. Portable restrooms. Hours: March 24 & 25, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. During the month of March we also offer school tours. Email merfarm@aol.com, Phone: 892-5061

The Lockman Place 274 N Gorham Rd

Small batches of maples syrup made by guys and a gal who love this stuff. Our syrup is certified Kosher by the Rabbi of Congregation Shaarey Tphiloh in Portland. We have a simple, small operation that is only open on Maine Maple Sunday. Farm tours, sugarbush tours, handicapped accessible. Hours: March 25 only from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Email james@jameslockman.com, Phone: 892-9342

Parsons Maple Products 322 Buck Street

SAP boiler will be running all day for maple syrup making demonstrations. Pancake breakfast with our freshly made syrup, served from 8:00 am to noon. Free samples of our syrup over ice cream. Heated indoor seating. Maple products for sale. Sugarbush tours, bus tours, school tours, restrooms and handicapped accessible. Hours: March 25 only from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Phone: 207-831-4844

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Of Interest submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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Fight Inflammation With Your Fork

ANGELA VERRILL, RDN/LD

Most people have heard of the benefits of a diet rich in fruits and vegetables and whole grains. Fruits and vegetables are full of necessary vitamins, minerals and nutrients. They are high in fiber and low in calories. Another lesser known benefit is the anti-inflammatory effects a plant based diet has on the body. A diet high in a variety of plants, nuts and whole grains can be the body's best defense against some of the common causes of illness and death. It may sound too good to be true, but a plant based diet may be the best medicine we have to treat and prevent some diseases.

Inflammation in the body occurs as a response to an injury. Short term inflammation is the body's reaction to an injury such as a stubbed toe or a cut. Long term or chronic inflammation is due to the presence of an irritant that the body cannot remove. Over time, chronic inflammation can cause or contribute to some cancers, heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's dementia, and Parkinson's disease. Some studies have also linked chronic inflammation to depression.

Research has shown that some foods in the typical American diet can contribute to chronic inflammation. Diets that are high in animal fat, especially saturated fat, promote inflammation. Other risks for chronic inflammation include lack of exercise, smoking or exposure to second hand smoke, stress and a genetic predisposition.

When it comes to mental health, components in certain foods can increase risk for depression by causing inflammation in the brain. One of those components is a substance called arachidonic acid. It is an Omega-6 fatty acid produced by the body and found in animal products such as poultry, eggs, beef, pork and fish. Studies have linked high levels of this substance in the blood to increased risk for suicide and depression. Patients suffering from depression have shown improvement when they cut these foods from their diet along with reducing stress and adding regular exercise to their routines.

It does not take a nutrition expert to know that a plant based diet will have loads of health benefits, however, it may not be for everyone. The good news is that even some minor changes can have some lasting benefits. Here are a few tips that can reduce inflammation:

- Incorporate five servings of vegetables and fruits into your daily diet.

A variety is best, but research shows greens and berries have the best anti-inflammatory properties.

- Limit saturated fats as much as possible. These include deep fried or greasy foods, fatty and processed meats and whole fat dairy.

- Avoid trans fats (margarine, coffee creamers) and any foods with partially hydrogenated oils

- Choose whole grains and avoid processed foods and sugary drinks and snacks.

- Exercise at least 30 minutes per day.

Diet and exercise may not be a magic cure if you are suffering from a chronic illness, but it can have many benefits that can lessen symptoms and long term effects. It is never too early to adopt a whole foods, plant based diet to help to prevent the onset of some common diseases that occur over time. If you are ready to make a change, consult your doctor or contact a Registered Dietitian to get started.



Angela Verrill, of Gorham, has been a Registered Dietitian for five years.

March Madness

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

I think T. S. Eliot got it wrong when he said, "April is the cruelest month." In my humble opinion, March is way more diabolical than April. It is the month that drags on and on, with 31 whole days of teasing freeze and thaw. Then just when you start thinking Spring, bam!!! It snows again. Taxes loom and your winter wardrobe has had it. There are no more pairs of mittens or gloves left, only singles.

For basketball fans, the annual NCAA basketball championships offer a glimmer of hope during another grueling long March in Maine. But Hunter S. Thompson, journalist and author said it best: "March is a month without mercy for rabid basketball fans. There is no such thing as a 'gentleman gambler' when the Big Dance rolls around. All sheep will be fleeced, all fools will be punished severely...There are no Rules when the deal goes down in the final weeks of March. Even your good friends will turn into monsters."

As further evidence of March's despicability (yes, that is a real word, although I've never actually used it in a sentence before), here are the thoughts of a few brilliant folks:

"March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like." Garrison Keillor

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens

"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year." Ogden Nash

"In March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too." Jean Hersey

Mental health experts advise us to improve our outlook by focusing on the bright side each and every day. In case you need a little more help getting through the last few weeks of March, here are some truly wonderful ways to celebrate as we count down the days until April arrives.

- 22 National Goof Off Day (For retired folks like me, this can be commemorated daily);
- 23 Melba Toast Day; or National Chip and Dip Day. (I know which one I'll be celebrating);
- 23 National Puppy Day; also Near Miss Day (In terms of house-training, this is a great pairing)
- 24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day; 25 Pecan Day; or Waffle Day. (A decidedly delicious duo);
- 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day; or National Spinach Day;
- 27 National "Joe" Day (not sure if this means coffee or people named Joe...why not make it a Twofor?);
- 28 Something on a Stick Day (lots of delightful possibilities here);
- 29 Smoke and Mirrors Day (It may take some seriously creative thinking to figure this one out);
- 30 I am in Control Day; or Take a Walk in the Park Day;
- 31 Bunsen Burner Day; (a truly special day for Science Geeks)

Happy Spring

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28 DUNLAP ROAD	DESIGN BUILD ASSOCIATION OF MAINE	ESTATE OF GEORGE WEBB	\$80,000
29 WASHBURN DRIVE	SLC ENTERPRISES, LLC	ARYAN, SHAHEEN	\$165,000
39 LITTLE RIVER DRIVE	KEIL, KEVIN & KIM	BRADSTREET, STEPHEN & MARY	\$328,000
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268 MOSHER ROAD	MECAP, LLC	COTE, YVETTE	\$145,000
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10 SHIERS MEADOW DRIVE	BRAYLEY, KEVIN & KAITLYN	STEVENS, LAUREN	\$335,000
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18 MECHANIC STREET	JCSS, LLC	WOOD, JAMES & DUDEVOIRE-WOOD, DAWN	\$270,000
31 LAURA LANE	MATHEWS, CHRISTOPHER & MELISSA	EC BUILDERS, LLC	\$340,000
56 QUEEN STREET	GLEASON, JESSICA & JAMEY	STEVENS, MARK & IDA	\$265,000
135 BUCK STREET	BROWN, JASON	BROADBENT, VICTORIA	\$225,000
22 WILLIAM HENRY DRIVE	HUNTER, IAN & SARA	LEWIS, STEPHEN & ELIZABETH	\$375,000
415 SOUTH STREET	JARVIS, SARAH & POWELSON, NATHAN	ZIGLER, DAVID & LAURA	\$345,000
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16 CUMBERLAND LANE	HACHEY, RYAN & JAREN	CARON, DWAYNE & KATHRYN	\$365,000
11 KIARA LANE	CARON, DWAYNE & KATHRYN	MARINELLI, JEFFREY	\$255,000
12 HEATHER WAY	TURKEWITZ, MARK & JENNIFER	DAY, BONNIE & ALLAN	\$395,000
7 MERCIER WAY	DIMATTEO, ROBERT & MELISSA	HOWE, ARCHIBALD & ELIZABETH	\$579,000
3 HODGON ROAD	BILODEAU, THERESA	DOUGLAS, BLAINE & PEARL	\$244,500
309 MOSHER ROAD	HAINES, TIMOTHY	DOLAN, THERESA	\$238,400
5 GERRY'S WAY	BEAUMONT, JOHN & ABBY	STRUMPH, THOMAS	\$359,900
48 CUMBERLAND LANE	HALDEMAN, CHRISTY	REALI, STEVEN & DEBORAH	\$224,000
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Help for Those Recovering from Opioid Use

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Police Department is urging those struggling with an opioid use disorder to reach out for help. The Community Recovery Liaison Program (CRLP) is a grant funded program overseen by the Westbrook Police Department which has partnered with Gorham, Windham, Buxton and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to work with people in recovery or working towards it.

Services are free to any resident of Westbrook, Windham, Gorham and Buxton and available to people who are incarcerated, on probation, not involved in the criminal justice system, actively using, in treatment or in early recovery. CRLP can help with referrals to aftercare support, health insurance, housing, food, employment, education and outpatient treatment when available.

According to Community Liaison Danielle Rideout, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, "there is no such thing as someone getting out of recovery. It's a life time process unfortunately. People are discharged from treatment facilities with little to no aftercare plan. They return to the same old people, places and things which is a set up to fail. This is where CRLP can come in and help make the transition more smooth."

The program is designed to help people get connected to resources that provide follow up care. In the

past year, Rideout confirmed that over 300 Cumberland County Jail inmates made contact, half of those are from one of the four participating towns.

"About 45 program participants engaged and met goals on their wellness plan. We have had contact with over 200 community members who are in recovery, working towards recovery or have been affected by someone else's substance use disorder."

While the program has been successful to date, it is funded by a grant that ends June 30 of this year. CRLP is looking into other funding sources, but as of now, does not have anything set in stone for after that date. The program has received donations from the public which have been helpful in attempting to meet the estimated \$90,000 a year it takes to run the program. A hefty sum, admits Rideout, "but in the long run, it is certainly more cost effective to support people to become employed, tax paying citizens whose kids are taken out of state custody and returned to healthy, loving parents."

Rideout is at the Gorham Public Safety Building every Monday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Westbrook Public Safety on Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Buxton Town Hall on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Windham Public Safety 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For assistance, more information, or to make a contribution to the program, Rideout can be reached at drideout@westbrook.me.us or 303-4009.

Town Plans Switch to LED Lights

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Gorham has 437 street lights which are currently leased from CMP at an annual cost of approximately \$70,000 a year. The Town has decided to replace these with LED lights which the Town would own. It would take four to five years for the Town to recoup the cost of the LED lights, but going forward, an annual savings of at least 50%, or possibly even more, could be realized.

As an initial step, the Town will

be doing an inventory and analysis of its street lights and may find that because LED lights are so much brighter, some of the existing lights are redundant. Neighboring towns such as Windham, Standish and Raymond are among the communities which are also contemplating making the transition to LED lights.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak said that, "because LED lights are so much brighter, this project will improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians, while ultimately, also cutting costs."



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LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

Daylight Savings Time has begun and we are now looking forward to some nice Spring weather. Fishing season is right around the corner and you can purchase your fishing license or register your boat in the Town Clerk's office.

March is also Motorcycle Registration month. All motorcycle registrations have an expiration date of March 31. Please bring your old registration, current insurance card and mileage with you.

There will be a School Budget Referendum Election and a State Primary Election on June 12. Absentee Ballot Applications are now available in the Town Clerk's Office or by calling 222-1670.

If you are enrolled in a party, either Republican, Democrat, Green or Libertarian, you will receive a ballot for the Primary Election. If you are not enrolled in a party, you will not receive a ballot. Remember, if you want to vote for a candidate in a certain party, and you are enrolled in a different party, you must change your voter registration BEFORE May 28.

For example, you can not change from Democrat to Republican or

Republican to Democrat after May 28 and vote in the Primary Election on June 12. However, if you are not enrolled in a party, you can enroll in a party up to, and on, election day.

The Town Council has adopted a Senior Property Tax Assistance Program which will be available in late summer. The program is still in the process of being developed and more information will be provided soon.

Did you know you can renew your driver's license at AAA offices? You do not need to be a AAA member to use this service. AAA has partnered with the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles to offer driver's license renewals and State ID renewals and replacement. License renewals can be processed up to six months in advance. AAA branches cannot perform changes to your license. You must visit a BMV branch office to make address changes, name changes, and photo changes. For additional information contact a local AAA office or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Happy Spring!



Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk, can be contacted at the Town Clerk's Office or by calling 222-1670.

Grand Jury ~ Feb.-Mar.

Kathryn Bolduc, 56, of Gorham was indicted for forgery (greater than \$1000), forgery (priors), and theft by unauthorized taking (greater than \$1000 and theft by unauthorized taking (priors) on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Richard Foss, 45, of Windham was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (fentanyl), operating after license revocation and having improper plates on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Sean Latham, 31, of Portland was indicted for unauthorized use of property (priors) and criminal trespassing on charges brought by Gorham PD.


Shawn Turner, 28, of South Portland was arrested for domestic

violence assault on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Timothy Broad, 46, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Westbrook PD.

Mark O'Brien, 30, of Hollis was indicted on two counts of reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Chad Palmer, 24, of Hollis was indicted on two counts of reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon on charges brought by Gorham PD.



NOTICE OF FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING IN GORHAM

Intersection Improvements of Main Street (Route 25) and Libby Avenue

Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 6:00 PM

Located at the Town of Gorham-Council Chambers 75 South Street, Suite 1, Gorham, Maine

Please join MaineDOT at a formal public meeting to discuss the proposed Intersection Improvements of Main Street (Route 25) and Libby Avenue.

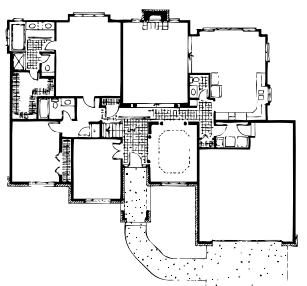
Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request. Representatives of MaineDOT will be present on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to share information on the upcoming project, listen to concerns, receive comments, and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the project. Maine DOT is particularly interested in learning local views relative to project consistency with local comprehensive plans, discovering local resources, and identifying local concerns and issues. Anyone with an interest is invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Brian Nichols, Project Manager I, Maine Department of Transportation, Multimodal Program, 24 Child Street, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone: (207) 530-6257. Email: brian.j.nichols@maine.gov.

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Town Council

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Town Manager, Ephrem Paraschak, reported that the Main Street Project will go out to bid by the MDOT and will hopefully be in full swing soon.

The Town Council issued a renewal liquor license to Blue Pig, Gorham Country Club Inc., Spire 29 on the Square, and School Street Pub and Grill. It also issued Special Amusement Licenses to Spire 29 on the Square and School Street Pub and Grill.

The Town Council amended the Land Use & Development Code's Zoning Regulations on Mobile Vending Units more commonly referred to as food trucks. (See Article)

A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code updating high intensity soil survey language was forwarded to the Ordinance Review Committee for their recommendation.

\$67,500 was appropriated from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund as a loan to the School Department. It will be paid back from project funds if voters approve a project to expand Gorham High School.

The Town Council accepted a

bid of \$3,750 from Nate Hurteau of Hurteau Holdings, Inc. for a parcel of land, approximately .07 acres in size, off of Huston Road. The money will be placed in the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund.

The Town Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with RealTerm Energy for an inventory analysis and professional services pertaining to LED streetlight conversions. (See Article)

The Town Council adopted 2018 Town Council goals as outlined in a goal survey summary memo from the Town Manager dated January 22, 2018.

The Town Council endorsed Port Resources' Community Development Block Grant application for home rehabilitation projects. The grant will benefit and improve standards of living and life safety issues for thirteen residents with intellectual disabilities, mobility issues, and mental health disorders in the Town of Gorham.

The Town Council will endorse L.D. 1818 before the Maine Legislature to Designate a Bridge in Gorham the Corporal Joshua P. Barron Memorial Bridge.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

Food Trucks Coming to Gorham, But Not the Village

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Mobile Vending Units (MVU) commonly referred to as food trucks have been approved for Gorham. Both the Planning Board and the Economic Development Corporation recommended that the Town Council not approve their use in Gorham Village, nor in urban commercial districts, as both groups felt that food trucks were "inconsistent" with the character of Gorham Village.

The Town Council agreed voting 5-0 to allow food trucks in Gorham with a number of conditions. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Each MVU must have at least three off street parking spaces for customers as well as

one off street parking spot for employee vehicles. They must have written permission to use the property where they set up and cannot be located in on-street parking spaces, town rights of way, or town sidewalks.

MVUs are permitted in roadside, commercial, industrial, and agricultural/industrial districts. They will be required to be licensed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as well as to be in compliance with applicable provisions of the Town's victualer's ordinance and will also be required to obtain an annual food service permit from the Code Office.

There a number of other regulations that also apply to MVUs that can be viewed on the Town website where Town Council minutes are posted.

MARCH 5, 2018

Planning Board

Goodwill Industries of NNE's request for approval to add 27 parking spaces to the existing parking lot on property located on Hutcherson Drive in the Industrial Park was approved.

PTG Investment Trust's request that the previously approved plan for condominiums for its Garden Place Subdivision be rescinded and that the property on Main St. and Garden Ave. be divided into three separate lots was approved.

Kasprzak Homes Inc's request for approval of Phase IV of Pheasant Knoll, to be known as Stonefield Condominiums and located at the end of Falcon Crest Drive, was discussed and a site walk was scheduled.

John Hilmer's request for a sketch plan review of an 11-lot subdivision

off Great Falls Road on property zoned suburban residential-manufactured housing was discussed.

The Town of Gorham's request for a sketch plan review for the addition of portable classrooms to Gorham High School, Narragansett and Great Falls Schools was discussed.

Maine Optometry's request for a sketch plan review for a subdivision and site plan amendment to Fairview Acres Subdivision on property located at the corner of Rt. 237 and Rt. 25 was discussed.

An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow allow businesses to to utilize sandwich board signs was discussed and moved to the Ordinance Subcommittee for review.

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Gorham High School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2017-18

Grade 9 – High Honors

Luke Adams
Aidan Bell
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Andrew Duncan
Emily Duncan
Vinh Duong
Nathan Eichner
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Riley Johnson
Riley Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Amelia Kratzer
Shannon Lawrence
Adele Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Molly Rathbun
Erin Sands
Delaney Seed
Nathaniel Smith

Grade 9 – Honors

Reighley Adams
Dawson Allen
Madeline Berry
Tatyanna Biamby
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Logan Butler
Beck Carrier
River Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Michael Darasz
Hayden Desmond
Robert Dowdle
Jillian Dugas
Julia Edwards
Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Paige Fogg
Gracie Forgues
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Nolan Gava
Mary Gawlick
Brandon Gordon

Stephen Graham
Stacy Hakizimana
Devyn Harrington
Mason Hawkes
Catherine Higgins
Sia Hyson
Amalia Ionta
Henry Jensen
Richard Jiang
Benjamin Johnson
Evan Koenig
Isabelle Kovacs
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Gabrielle LaBarge
Sophie Lachance
Sadie LaPierre
Alexander Leary
Maya Lee
Zakaria Lembarra
John Lesser
Tess Libby
Griffin Loranger
Natetra Ly
Kylie Mathieson
Cadence Mercado
Olivia Michaud
Kaylyn Migliorini
Oliver Milliken
Kayleigh Mitchell
Kathryn Morin
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Grant Nadeau
Liam Nickerson
Alice Peterson
Brooke Phillips
Daniel Popov
Skylar Prince
Caitlin Randall
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Sophiah Rodrigue
Sophia Sawyer
Cody Smith
Garrett Smith
Benjamin Tukey
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth

Marissa Wilson
Wesley Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Madison Firmin
Ethan Mercier
Peyton Morton
MacAllister Moss
Madisen Sweatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Carson Battaglia
Patrick Bishop
Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Westley Brinegar
Haley Burns
Emma Callahan
Evan Chambers
Vicky Chen
Brandon Chhoeung
Colby Christakis
Rachel Collomy
Kasey Cummings
Kaylyn Devoe
Faith Dillon
William DiPietrantonio
Meredith Donisi
Mia Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Molly Eaton
Raechel Edwards
Isabelle Emerson
Tyler Farris
Ryan Gaudreau
Kevin Goodnow
Lauren Green
Jacqueline Hamilton
Sophie Hemingway
Maeve Higgins
Ashleigh Hotham
Charles Hubbard
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Nolan Irish
Noah Jalbert
Katarina Jenkins

Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Cortnie Jones
Brady King
Iris Kitchen
Henri Kuntz
Lucas LaMontagne
Elena LaNigra
Abigail Miller
Caralin Mills
Jillian Nichols
Abigail O'Brien
Kyle Ouillette
Emma Owens
Marin Perry
Lauren Preis
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Peter Richards
Seth Richardson
Margaret Rimkunas
Gianna Romatis
Camden Sawyer
Julia Sturgis
Kiana Tracey
Katrina Tugman
Lydia Valentine
Isabella VanZandt
Samuel Waggoner
Kacie Walton
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Monica Willey
Quinn Young
Jacob Zelmanow

Grade 11 – High Honors

Kyren Bettencourt
Caitlin Chasse
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Brandon Cummings
Caroline Dowdle
Libby Mitchell
Katherine O'Donnell
Anna Rathbun
Alice Riiska
Simon Roussel
Sarah Stevens
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth

Brooke Woodbury
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 11 – Honors

Maggy Aube
Aaliyah Biamby
Kevin Blake
Courtney Brent
Giuseppe Brown
Mackenzie Buteau
Mackenna Cauty
Isabel Courtney
Angelana Darling
Ryan DeSanctis
Brittany Desjardin
Julia Downey
Mercy Dunn
Jacob Dupuis
Riley Ferrigan
Emma Forgues
Gabriella Gagne
Avery Germond
Trevor Gray
Brinn Hall
Jeremy Harris
Joshua Hayward
Autumn Heil
Isabella Jones
Spencer Keating
Evelyn Kitchen
Libby Knudsen
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Abigail Leonard
Griffin Lord
Matilda McColl
Lydia McCrillis
Evan Morrell
Hailey Morrill
Margaret Munkacsy
Thomas Nelson
Olivia Paruk
Jacob Roberts
Samantha Robichaud
Colette Romatis
Callie Russell
Leah Scontras
Hallie Shiers
Sara Slager
Ian Stultz

Grace Terry
Ellianna Towns
Quentin Volpe
Ethan White
Bryce Womack
Mackenzie Young

Grade 12 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu
Lindsey Boylen
Courtney Cushing
Aaron Farr
Brooke Greatorex
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Hannah Libby
Alexander Ousback
Sean Pocock
Bridget Rossignol
Madeline Rossignol
Jonathan Scribner
Trevor Stout

Grade 12 – Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Hannah Beliveau
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Berrill
Hayley Bickford
Nathan Brown
Ian Butler
Caitlin Callahan
Matthew Campbell

Emily Chapin
Anthony Chase
Marisa Collins
Claudia Daigle
Bennett Donohue
Vy Duong
Jessica Dusseault
Benjamin Eichner
Gabriella Fisher
Meadow Fortier
Alexis Fotter
Olivia Garand
Kate Gilbert
Emily Goriss
Lucas Gowen
Andrew Harjula
Shayla Harris
Maxwell Harvey
Saoirse Herlihy
Garrett Higgins
Madison Hinchey
Virginia Hugo-Vidal
Sarah Johnson
Heather Jordan
Ryan Kaczmarek
Kyle King
Stephen Klatt
Noah Lambert
Samantha Langevin
Shelby Leach
Sydney Levesque
Grace Libby
Sierra Lumbert
Zachery McGouldrick

Angelina Meserve
Jonathan Messer
Marc Michaud
Camryn Morton
Emily Murray
Emelia Nejezchleba
Benjamin Nelson
Sarah Nugent
Deidra Perreault
Kali Perry
Hunter Poitras
Megan Polchies
Brittney Reed
Lucas Roop
Clara Santos
Tyler Seger
Anna Slager
Josephine Smith
Owen Smith
Stefan Street
Nora Susi
Zachary Turner
Claire Valentine
Abigail vanLuling
Breana Verrill
Rylie Wareham
Lily Whitten
Simeon Willey
Rosemary Wood

A Notice from GMS about Honor Roll Postings:

Gorham Middle School is posting the student honor roll in a new and different way given our on-going work transitioning to Proficiency Based Education, and using two different grading platforms (JumpRope and Infinite Campus) in 7th and 8th grades. Honors and High Honors are now reported by content area and are constantly changing, therefore, they will not be published in the paper quarterly. Use this live link (<http://bit.ly/2nJgxxx>) to view the honor roll. Please contact the middle school office if there are any errors and they will be fixed quickly. The honor roll is also posted on the school's webpage.



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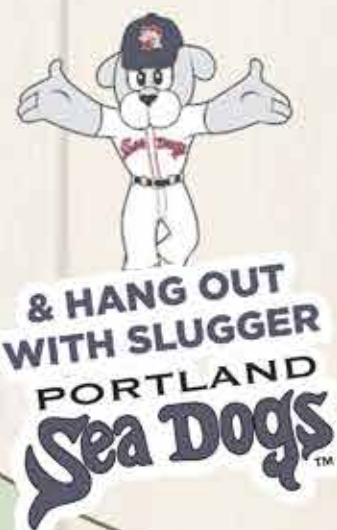
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Finding Beauty That's More than Skin Deep



LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

March in Maine can bring many things from snow storms to March Madness, and it is also the time for the annual Gorham Middle School (GMS) musical.

For several years, Tana Krohn and Gregg Walton have co-directed many superb productions. Past shows have included "Legally Blonde" and last year's, "The Little Mermaid." This year, they continued the Disney theme with "Beauty and the Beast," the well-known and loved story about finding something that is more than skin deep.



Kate Dupuis, an eighth grader at GMS, starred as Belle, singing familiar songs with sweet perfection accented by many dancing scenes. When asked what her favorite part was, she enthusiastically said "the dancing." She hopes to continue performing in high school and will be able to bring her bubbly personality to a new and different stage.



Opposite Kate, eighth grader Sam D'Amico portrayed the Beast bringing gruffness and more amazing vocals to the character. He is unsure where his music will take him for high school but loved "probably everything" about the show.

Aiden Lizotte (eighth grade) also had a starring role as Gaston, perfectly depicting the cocky character, even down to the walk. Lefou was played by sixth grader Aiden Fortier, who also brought some amazing dance moves to the song "Be Our Guest." Corinna Hahn (seventh grade) starred as Lumiere; Julia Ordway (eighth grade) as Cogsworth; and Emelia Bailey (seventh grade) displayed her known operatic talent and range in singing as Mrs. Potts.

Despite the many interruptions and delays due to snow days, the show was extremely well put together, and every scene contained something special that kept you wanting more. With the largest ensemble the middle school has seen yet, over 60 members, the full cast scenes brought a depth of energy and passion.

Gorham Middle School's 2018 production was certainly a sight to see.



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School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the last School Committee meeting, Superintendent Heather Perry made it clear that Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) is “not going away,” but that the state Educational and Cultural Affairs Committee is working on possible revisions to state statues regarding PBL diplomas. Revisions would address continuing concerns about special education and the capacity of all schools across the state to offer opportunities for students to meet proficiency in all eight content areas, perhaps by removing the tie-in on meeting proficiency from diplomas.

Perry also announced that preparation of the FY19 budget is on schedule. A draft budget proposed by the administration is the basis of ongoing discussion with the School Committee and can be viewed on the district website. Individual budget presentations by school and program are also available to the public from the website, as well as a video recording of the March 3 budget workshop. The School Committee will vote to approve the updated FY19 budget on April 11, after which the committee will meet with the Town Council.

GHS Principal Brian Jandreau introduced Ryan Chicoine who heads the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program at the high school. The program facilitates connections between businesses and students by teaching skills necessary for successful employment. Currently 44 junior and seniors are enrolled in the class and 19 have part-time jobs through the program.

Trevor Stout told about some of the projects he and fellow students organized, including a Chili and Chowder Cook-off that raised funds to maintain a Dress for Success Closet that offers students outfits for special occasions such as job interviews. Cassie Marceau, a 2017 graduate of GHS and the JMG program, is now enrolled in Southern Maine Community College. She described how the program had given her confidence and experience that prepared her for college and for writing for the SMCC newspaper.

Dennis Libby reported that the Policy Committee will be meeting with transgender students for input as they review current policies that affect them.

Jennifer Whitehead, chair of the PBL Steering Committee, reported that the committee decided not to have GMS 8th grade teachers move entirely to the 1-4 grading scale next year, although 6th and 7th

grades will be using the 1-4 scale entirely. Grade 8 will use this scale entirely beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

The School Committee voted (7-0) a negotiated 2.5% base increase for administrators for the next three years and to add five more salaried days for special education and six additional days for adult education. They also approved a 2.5% one year central office staff basis increase and adjustments on some positions to bring them up to the average of area schools. Committee member Bill Benson said he would like to see increases in the future based on cost-of-living figures or some other metric.

The Committee voted (7-0) to approve the 2017-18 School Committee goals, acknowledging that the school year was more than half over. Chairman Darryl Wright said that the Committee has been working toward those goals without formal adoption and Kyle Currier agreed that the Committee evaluates goals at the end of each year and incorporates revisions in the following year.

In other business, the SC voted (7-0) to approve stipends for coaches for spring athletics, and also approved updating revisions to the Alternative School Programs Policy and the policy on Instructional and Library Materials Selection.

Teamwork for the Taylors

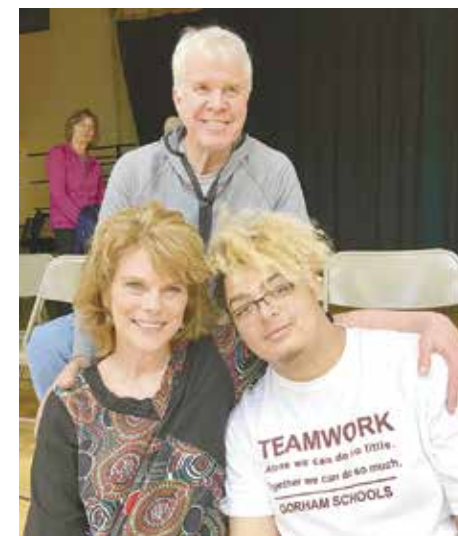


Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Great Falls teacher Jackie Taylor, and her husband Dave and son Luke, recently lost everything in a devastating house fire. Teachers and staff from the Gorham school district rallied and organized a fundraising event.

BECKY FORTIER
Great Falls Principal

Finding out that a Great Falls teacher lost her home in a house fire was absolutely devastating. As soon as the news was known, staff began to reach out with inquiries on how they could help Jackie Taylor, a second grade teacher.

One thing about Gorham is that teachers and staff look out for one

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GHS' One Act Goes to States



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The cast of Gorham High School's One Act Play. Pictured (l to r) back row: Sophie LaChance, Anthony Theriault, Abigail Dolloff, Hannah Beliveau, Sawyer Hanscome, Isaac Martel, Jove Bissonnette, Mason Hawkes, and Ava Dolley; middle: Cameron Corbett, Claire Valentine, Joy Lemont, Isabella VanZandt, and Molly Lemont; and front: Lauren Preis, Kathryn Morin, Bridget Daigle, Emily Paruk, Seirra Cummings, and Lanie Charlton.

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Congratulations to Josie Tierney-Fife and the cast of "Small Actors" who placed first at the regional One Act Festival recently. In addition to placing first and having the honor of being able to move on to the state festival, the cast of "Small Actors" won the Ensemble Acting Award.

Emily Paruk, Isaac Martel, and Sawyer Hanscome also received All

Festival Cast awards, which recognizes excellence in acting.

"I'm proud of how beautifully our students conducted themselves, showing their enthusiastic support for other schools' accomplishments," said Tierney-Fife. "We're pretty excited to be bringing our show to Windham. Thank you to everyone for their support of us."

"Small Actors" will be shown at the state festival held at Windham High School on March 23 and 24.

Students Compete as They Prepare for Future



Photo credit McKayla Taft



Photo credit Lindsey Baldwin

Gorham High School students Asma Sayed (left) and McKayla Taft (right) competed in the DECA conference recently.

JANIS WEED
GHS SpEd Tech

Gorham High School senior Asma Sayed and junior McKayla Taft competed along with over 30 other students from their marketing tech programs at Westbrook Regional Technical Center at the State Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Conference in Manchester, NH in February.

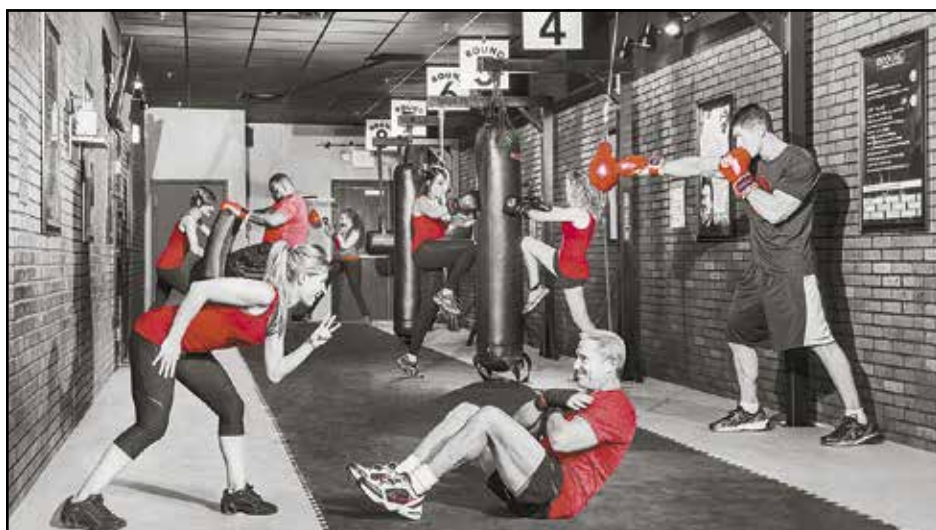
DECA is a non-profit organization with a mission to prepare both high school and college students in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management, while strongly supporting 21st century skills.

"There are many lessons that will prepare you for life," said Sayed. "I had an amazing second-year experience with DECA."

Sayed competed in an Individual Series Event, which had two major parts: a 100-question cluster exam and "2 role-plays." She was given ten minutes to review a scenario and then had another ten minutes to present her solution to a judge. She won first place in "2 role-plays" and third place on the exam.

Taft won first place in Interview Skills. She was allowed to bring a prepared resume, but was only given the job information the night

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Spreading the Word



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In honor of Spread the Word to End the Word, which started on March 7, the entire Gorham Middle School student body decorated hand prints to signify that they are each unique and beautiful, but together they are a masterpiece. The campaign asks people to stop saying the R-word. The R-word is the word 'retard(ed).' It hurts because it is exclusive, offensive, and derogatory. Language affects attitudes and attitudes affect actions. Students pledged to use respectful, people-first language.

School Notes

Superintendent Heather Perry has published a new blog post updating the community on several different items in the works in Gorham. FMI visit <https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com>.

If you are a parent/guardian of a child in Gorham who either is or will be turning five years old by Oct. 15, 2018, the School Dept. needs you to register your child for Kindergarten. Please call our schools so you can be put on our lists for Kindergarten screening in April. Contact numbers are: Great Falls (222-1050), Village (222-1300) and Narragansett (222-1250). If you are unsure which school your child will attend, call any of these numbers for assistance.



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Author Talk



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Gorham High School invited published, award-winning author Anna Crowley to help students with their respective writing projects. Students from both David Patterson's and Kerry Herlihy's writing classes sat with Crowley, who briefly spoke about her own publishing journey, while pushing and reminding the students to always write about what they are passionate about.

Students Compete as They Prepare for Future CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

before the interview competition, which included meeting the interviewer and applying for a job.

"I've never done anything like this before," said Taft. "Sometimes I can be very shy, and overwhelmed, so this was a nice experience for me."

With over 450 students and advisors, it was the biggest DECA conference for New Hampshire and was the first time Maine DECA was invited by New Hampshire DECA to compete at the 35-category event.



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another. When someone is in need, they are the first to provide an act of kindness. Taylor's very close colleague and fellow second grade teacher, Patty LaRosa, quickly supported Taylor with her immediate needs. An e-mail was sent out to all district staff sharing the unfortunate event and requesting that electronic gift cards be purchased to help Taylor, her husband Dave, and her son Luke purchase clothing as they had lost everything but the clothes on their backs.

Taylor commented that she was receiving gift cards from staff members across the district. Some that she had never met and was overwhelmed with the immediate act of kindness.

The Maine Education Association (MEA) matches up to \$1,500 in donations made by local teacher associations. Knowing this, The Gorham Teachers Association sponsored an event, Teamwork for the Taylors, on March 4.

Five staff volleyball teams participated in the event. The participation fee was \$100 per team to help with overall donations. Great Falls submitted two teams, Gorham High School organized a team, the K-5 physical education teachers led a team, and the Gorham central office staff consisting of Superintendent Heather Perry, Assistant Superintendent Chris Record, and their significant others rounded out the tournament as the fifth team.

It was a very competitive and very collegial event. After two hours of round robin play, the final two teams (Great Falls versus Gorham High School) ended the tournament with an intense final match. The prevailing team was Gorham High School.

Following the volleyball tournament, district staff and family members organized a luncheon where staff members donated a lunch item and \$5 dollars per person.

Between the luncheon and the volleyball tournament, the Gorham Teachers Association raised \$4,000 to donate to the Taylor family. This allowed the Gorham Teachers Association to apply for the MEA matching funds in the amount of \$1,500.

The day was filled with laughter, comradery, teamwork, and love. Taylor commented that she was overwhelmed with the extreme act of kindness but it gave her a comforting sense that people are truly good in this world.

LaRosa shared a touching story about when they walked through the Taylor's fire-destroyed home. "The day after the fire, Jackie and I were in the yellow room searching for any surviving clothes, shoes, photos, memories, anything really. Everything that hadn't burned, or been water soaked, was damaged with soot and smoke," said LaRosa.

"Jackie pulled open a big dresser drawer that was built into the wall, as they often were in old Victorian farmhouses, and pulled out this clump of unidentifiable fabric. She looked over at me and sadly said, 'I'm scarf-less.' We both had to laugh at that moment of 'black humor' because she was, in reality, everything-less. But Jackie does love her scarves," said LaRosa.

The story inspired a scarf collection for Jackie. Over 80 scarves were collected and presented to Taylor during the Teamwork for the Taylors event. Kindness truly counts and makes a difference in the most difficult events.

Knowing that the Taylor's journey would be a long one, a You Caring page was created so staff, parents, and community members would have a safe and secure place to donate to the Taylor family. The page has currently raised \$5,445. Donations are still being accepted and appreciated.

SPORTS

Inspiring Others



Photo courtesy of Laughn Berthiaume

Gorham High School girls' basketball team manager **Evan Morrell** took home the 2018 Patrick Thibodeau Spirit of the Game Award recently at the McDonald's All-Star Basketball Banquet in Bangor. Morrell attends every practice and game and helps in all aspects of the program, from running the clock during drills to keeping a rebounding chart for his coach. His teammates say its not what he does that makes him special but the way he makes them feel. He is always cheering for them and shouting words of encouragement. One teammate said, "He brings positive energy and an infectious smile to every practice and game. His upbeat attitude and care for us makes the long practices and tough losses a little easier." Coach Berthiaume shared, "He brings so much to our program that we didn't even realize we were missing until he showed up." Morrell (middle) is pictured alongside Patrick Thibodeau and Coach Laughn Berthiaume.



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GHS Winter Sports Awards

The following student-athletes were honored at the annual GHS Winter Sports Banquet on February 28:

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Girls' Indoor Track: Hayley Bickford, Meadow Fortier, Sarah Johnson, Anna Slager

Boys' Indoor Track: Clayton Bassingthwaite, Garrett Higgins, Stefan Street, Simeon Wiley

Cheerleading: Olivia Garand

Girls' Basketball: Michelle Rowe

Boys' Basketball: Sean Pocock

Girls' Ice Hockey: Emily Chapin, Megan Polchies, Sadie Denico

Boys' Ice Hockey: Lucas Roop

Girls' Swimming: Lindsey Boylen, Saroise Herlihy, Sierra Lambert

Boys' Swimming: Max Harvey

SMAA All Conference All-Stars

Girls' Basketball: Mackenzie Holmes - 1st Team, SMAA Player of the Year, All-Defensive Team; Adele Nadeau - All-Rookie Team

Boys' Basketball: Nick Strout - All-Rookie Team

Girls' Indoor Track: Anna Slager - SMAA & State Champion (4x800 relay), 1 Mile, 2 Mile; Meadow Fortier - SMAA & State Champion (4x800 Relay); Iris Kitchen - SMAA & State Champion (4x800 Relay), Jr. 800; Kate Tugman - SMAA & State Champion (4x800 Relay), Jr. 800; Evelyn Kitchen - Sr.

Long Jump, Sr. Triple Jump; Peyton Morton - Jr. 400; Lauren Barden - Pole Vault

Cheerleading: Nathan Brown - 1st Team; Rachel Jean - 1st Team; Lauren Nagy - 1st Team; Olivia Garand - 1st Team; Ally Doughty - 1st Team; Rebecca Brunner - Honorable Mention

Alpine Skiing: Estelle Ballard - All-Conference; Claire Munkacsi - All-Conference

Boys' Ice Hockey: Lucas Roop - All-Conference, Hobey Baker Award; Jack Richards-All-Conference; Garrett Babineau - All-Conference; Cole Perreault - All-Rookie Team

Girls' Ice Hockey: Megan Polchies - Hobey Baker Award, Honorable Mention

RAM Awards

Girls' Ice Hockey: Most Valuable Player - Izzy Wareham; Most Dedicated Award - Megan Polchies; Most Improved Award - Carson Battaglia

Alpine Ski Team: Leadership Award - Owen Smith; Leadership Award - Margaret Munkacsi; Ram Award - Victor Popov

Girls' Basketball: Coach's Award - Michelle Rowe; Rookie of the Year - Adele Nadeau; Most Valuable Player - Mackenzie Holmes; Spirit of the Game - Evan Morrell

Boys' Basketball: Most Valuable Player - Nick Strout; Most Improved Player - Tyler Haines; Coach's Award

- Sean Pocock; Best Defensive Player - Andrew Rent; Rookie Award - Bode Meader; Ram Pride Award - Jordan Bretton; Senior Plaques - William Prescott, Steven Klatt, Sean Pocock

Boys' Indoor Track: Most Valuable Athlete - David Drew; Coach's Award - Garrett Higgins; Outstanding Newcomer - Tyler Rollins

Girls' Indoor Track: Coach's Award - Sarah Johnson; Most Valuable (Track Events) - Anna Slager; Most Valuable (Field Events) - Evelyn Kitchen

Boys' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer - Babou Gatete; Dedication Award - Patrick Bishop; Leadership Award - Max Harvey

Girls' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer - Caelyn Smith; Dedication Award - Kasey Jiang; Coach's Award - Saoirse Herlihy

Cheerleading: Coach's Award - Allyssa Doughty; Outstanding Rookie - Cassidy Rioux; Ram Award - Olivia Garand

Boys' Ice Hockey: Outstanding Player - Garrett Babineau; Seventh Man Award - Tanner Garand; Most Improved Player - Jack Richards


In the Zone

The GHS 4x800 girls relay team had an inspiring run at the New Balance Indoor National meet on March 10 in New York. Gorham's lead off runner, Kate Tugman, got caught up between two opponents and went down hard on the first lap. She maintained her composure and recovered quickly to get back into the pack. Iris Kitchen, Meadow Fortier, and Anna Slager continued to make up ground passing several teams. They finished in 15th place after a great effort.

Sports Etc.


Connor Dunn (GHS '13) took the bronze medal in Men's Boardercross at the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association's (USCSA) National Championships on March 6-10 in Lake Placid, NY. Dunn was one of over 500 people to compete and the only East Coast snowboarder to place in the top 10. He is currently a student at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Congratulations student-athletes!



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Special Olympians Take Over USM



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Gorham Police Officer Mark Sanborn joins Della Lippincott (center) and her teammates at the 2018 Special Olympics Maine Southern Maine Basketball Tournament. Pictured (l to r) Todd Morin, Josh Brosious, Sanborn, Lippincott, Brandon Mullen, Justin Beliveau and Ryan Bouchard (in front).

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

The University of Southern Maine gym and field house on the Gorham campus filled on March 10 with Special Olympians, their family and friends for the 2018 Special Olympics Maine (SOME) Southern Maine Basketball Tournament, one of three tournaments in the state. Athletes from Aroostook to Cumberland County came to participate.

The tournament consisted of three different types of competition: team competition with five players on a side with only Special Olympians; Unified, consisting of three athletes and two partners; and finally, team skills, an around-the-world type of competition where the Olympians practiced special skills and drills.

Mark Capano, Program Director at SOME and the organizer of the tournament, said it's a humbling experience to be a part of a tournament such as this. "It's a love fest," he said, as athletes walked by to high-five and give him hugs. The excitement in the room was evident as the athletes took to the courts to warm up. "All of these events we put on are for and about the athletes. It's an extended part of your family," he added.

When asked about his favorite part of the tournament, he said it was being with the athletes. "It's about competition as well. We're serious about training our athletes and providing a competition that's the best we can provide."

The athletes take it seriously as well. Della Lippincott, an athlete for the Auburn Navigators and the only woman on her team that day, was overheard saying she was going to dominate. Though she seemed to be a fierce competitor, she said her favorite thing about competing was meeting new friends. "The boys are pretty good to me," she said, and they are. One of her teammates came over and said, "she's our starting center today!"

It takes many volunteers to hold a successful event. Volunteers from Cheverus, including the basketball teams and hockey teams, helped with drills. USM Athletic Trainers and a Maine Med Fellow was on hand in case there were any injuries. The UNE School of Dentistry gave out free mouth guards to the athletes. The USM Women's Basketball team also helped with drills and the Gorham Police Department handed out the awards at the podium.

USM Huskies Basketball Coach, Samantha Allen, has been volunteering for this tournament for three years. "The challenge this year was that it was during break and many players are away." Fortunately, players like Kristen Curley, a Gorham resident, and a few other players who had to work during break were on hand to help time some of the less competitive options of the tournament.

The room was filled with smiles. Not just on the faces of athletes, but those of their family and friends. There was competition but also camaraderie, and at the end of the day, it is about the athletes and helping to make their experience the most fun it could be.

SMAA Honors



Photo credit Laughn Berthiaume

At the recent SMAA banquet on March 12, Mackenzie Holmes (center) was named the SMAA Player of the Year, first team all star, and all defensive team. Freshmen Nick Strout (left) and Adele Nadeau (right) both accepted awards for the SMAA All Rookie team.

Gorham Night Celebrated

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

USM hosted Gorham Night at the Costello Sports Complex on February 8 to celebrate its longstanding relationship with the Gorham community. According to the Huskies' website, the University and the Huskies' Athletic Department annually hosts its Town of Gorham night during the Huskies' basketball season against traditional rival and Little East Conference foe Plymouth State University.

As part of the celebration, the 3rd and 4th grade girls from the Gorham Recreation Dept. played a 10-minute exhibition during halftime of the women's game which was followed by the Halftime Hotshot Competition open to both girls and boys. The 3rd and 4th grade boys were spotlighted prior to the start of the men's game. Two autographed basketballs were raffled off during the event.

Big games from both men's and women's teams resulted in a sweep of Plymouth State University. Gorham native, and recently named 2018 LEC Rookie of Year, Kristen Curley led the women's team to its eighth win in LEC action with 22 points, 7 rebounds, four assists and four steals.

During the evening, a reception was held for University, Town of Gorham officials & community leaders in the Alumni Reception Center. After an Introduction by USM Athletic Director Al Bean, outgoing Chief Business Officer Buster Neal was honored with a Husky Hero Award. Neal helped spearhead the construction of the USM Softball Stadium, as well as helping with updates to the ice hockey locker rooms and the wrestling facility.

Gorham Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak, Gorham Town Council Chair Ben Hartwell, and USM Trustee Shawn Moody were guest speakers.

"The collaboration between the Town of Gorham and the University of Southern Maine continues to be vital to the success of our program," said Bean. "We have numerous agreements, programs and outreach activities that benefit the town, the University and our student-athletes. We are committed to continuing to build and strengthen this relationship. Our student-athletes appreciate the support they receive from the many Gorham residents who regularly attend our athletic contests and look forward to giving back to the town through our many community-based programs."

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OF INTEREST

Gorham Cooperative Preschool is sponsoring a free community Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 at 10 a.m. at Robie Park. There will also be an open house at GCP with kids crafts and a bake sale.

Baxter Memorial Library is holding an author event with Chris Holm on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. Holm is the author of the Collector trilogy, which blends crime and fantasy, and the Michael Hendricks thrillers. His first Hendricks novel, *The Killing Kind*, was named a New York Times Editors' Choice, a Boston Globe Best Book of 2015, and Strand Magazine's #1 Book of 2015. It won the 2016 Anthony Award for Best Novel, and was also nominated for a Barry, a Lefty, and a Macavity. Holm lives in Portland, Maine.

Gorham Lions meeting, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road. New members always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

The Gorham Garden Club will be holding a meeting with guest Aurelia Scott who will present "Alliums Alive," 7 p.m. at First Parish Church.

Gorham High School Project Graduation presents "An Evening with Bob Marley" on Sunday, April 8, at Gorham Middle School. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and appetizers. Show starts at 7 p.m. \$25/ ticket. All proceeds to benefit Project Graduation. FMI heidi.mcgouldrick@gorhamschools.org.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI 839-3859, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3630, 839-2484, or 839-3228.

Town of Gorham Senior Mealsite hosts lunch every Wednesday at St. Anne's Church. Social time 11:30 a.m. meal is served at 12:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$4. Mealsite is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen. FMI 222-1630.

Lakes Region Senior Center, on Acorn Street in Gorham announces Art Classes to be held by Gorham Artist, Kristine Biegel. The first session of two weeks, "Introduction to Drawing"

will be held on Friday, April 6 and April 13 from 1-3 p.m. The fee for this session is \$15. Three more sessions of art projects will follow and will be announced soon. This is open to Seniors (50 plus). If you are interested and would like to sign up, please drop by the Center or call Jeanne Rhein at 572-4042 or (732) 425-0604.

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

The Lecky Brown Center for Seniors, located on the 3rd floor at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., is offering weekly events as follows: Monday-Hand Chimes Group from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Wednesday-Balance/Fall Prevention with Back in Motion Physical Therapy from 9-9:50 a.m. through March 28 (\$5 drop-in fee), 1st & 3rd Thursday of month-Church Street Writers Group from 2:00-3:00 p.m., and Friday-ARTrageous Seniors art class from 10-11:30 a.m. FMI: 839-6751.

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USM NOTES

Really Inventive Stuff presents a free family concert event of Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham and the Story of Babar, the little elephant on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. in Russell Hall, Gorham Campus. This program is best enjoyed by ages five and up. Admission is free but reservations are recommended. FMI 780-5151

USM Journalism Workshop, Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Faculty as well as local journalists, including Gorham Times founder Maynard Charron and Nick Schroeder, the editor-in-chief of the Portland Phoenix, will be in attendance to share their expertise. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided. USM students get in for free with student ID, \$3/high school students, \$5 regular admission. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/ZDuYizmnV4llp1vq1>.

3rd Annual USM Big Band Ballroom Bash, April 6, will feature the USM Jazz Ensemble and the Portland Jazz Orchestra. \$20/person or \$35/couple. Hill Gym in Gorham. FMI 780-5142.

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Cressey Road United Methodist Church 81 Cressey Road, Gorham Rev. Michele Ewers, 839-3111 Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Sunday Praise and Bagels Easter Service 9 a.m.; Traditional Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.	LifeChurch New Portland Road, Gorham Pastors Brian Undlin and Tom Pequinot, 839-6354 Mar 29 – Easter Service 6:30 p.m. Mar 31 – Easter Service 5:30 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Service, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.	St. Ann's Episcopal Church 40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447 Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday Seder Service with meal, 5:30 p.m. Mar 30 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Service with Veneration, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Sunday Service, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children in grades K-5.	United Church of Christ at North Gorham 4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 892-5363 Apr 1 – Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood's Hill), 6 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast; Easter Service, 9 a.m.
First Parish Congregational Church, UCC One Church Street, Gorham Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 839-6751 Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday, Potluck 6 p.m., Service of Tenebrae, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15 a.m.; Easter Service 10 a.m.	Little Falls Baptist Church Gray Road, Gorham Pastor Tony Bafiades, 892-4240 Mar 30 – Good Friday Service, 6 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Catholic Church 299 Main Street, Gorham Pastor Louis Phillips & Rev. Nathan March, 839-4857 Mar 29 – Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. Mar 30 – Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Sunday, 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.	West Gorham Union Church 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946 Mar 30 – Good Friday Ecumenical Service at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 12- 3 p.m. Apr 1 – Sunrise Service on Rust Road, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
Galilee Baptist Church 317 Main Street, Gorham Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985 Mar 30 – Good Friday Service with communion, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. Narragansett School, Gorham (behind the fire station), in case of inclement weather service will be at Galilee Baptist Church. Free Community Breakfast from 7-8 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, Sunday School, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Easter Resurrection Celebration in music and art, 10:30 a.m.	Orchard Community Church 1 North St./Rt. 114, Gorham Pastor Gary Groves, 671-3612 Apr 1 – Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m.	Summit Community Church 368 Gorham Rd. Scarborough Rev. Travis Bush, 839-4434 Apr 1 – Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. at Narragansett School (behind the fire station); Community Breakfast from 7-8 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church; Easter Service, 9 and 10:30 a.m., 368 Gorham Rd. Scarborough	White Rock Free Will Baptist Church 300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919 Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m. Mar 30 – Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.
Grace Bible Church 74 Deering Road, Gorham Pastor Bob White, 839-8800. Apr 1 – Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.	Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church 410 Main Street, Gorham Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100 Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday Divine Service, noon & 7 p.m. Mar 30 – Good Friday Chief Service, noon; Tenebrae Vespers, 7 p.m. Apr 1 – Easter Service, 10:15 a.m.		

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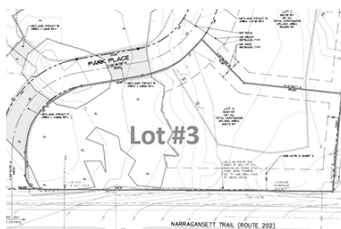
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Vehicle driving very slowly on Ossipee Trail and crossing the center line was being driven by a young driver and his mother.

Suspicious person, who had pulled over, had stopped to rest. There were three people in the car including a little boy with curly blond hair.

Officer spoke to a man on Longfellow and Woodspell Road whose vehicle had gone off the road. He told four different stories. He was advised to have vehicle towed as it was facing opposing traffic.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller wanted to report a three axle truck which had been making deliveries to a neighbor's house on a daily basis. He was concerned about it parking on a corner and operating a three axle truck on Flaggy Meadow Road.

Terry Street caller reported being harassed. He was advised to go to court. It was a Facebook issue.

Subject received a postcard from Walmart saying they had money for him. He thought it was strange. He was advised to take the card to Walmart and see if it was on the up and up.

Caller reported a vehicle on Ossipee Trail that was all over the road, had tried to pass him, had thrown trash at him and had attempted to run him off the road. Officer did not find any trash on road and told caller to come in to PD to write a statement. Caller never came in. It appeared to be a mutual road rage incident.

Officer checked Dow Road for report of a suspicious male asking for gas and jumper cables for his broken down car. Officer found another male helping the driver jump start the car. Driver was the registered owner of the vehicle.

Pigs loose on Narragansett St. were caught and contained by Buxton Animal Control Officer.

Shaw's Mill Road caller was told he needed to contact Public Works as the Police Department had nothing whatsoever to do with trash removal with the holiday schedule.

Cressey Road caller want police to check on an oil delivery. Since business was closed for the next two days, called was advised to call back if oil was not delivered within a week.

Woman called thinking her vehicle had been towed. She had been in a rush as she running late for her yoga class and was having a hard time finding where she had parked her car. She found it.

Officer saw a vehicle going about 23 mph in a 40 mph zone. Vehicle was having a hard time staying straight and was swerving. Officer put his lights on but vehicle did not pull over and continued to drive with horrible operation, bouncing from breakdown lane to crossing the center line. Vehicle pulled over after about half a mile. He was charged with OUI and refusal and failure to provide correct address.

Two purses and a wallet were turned over to an officer after owners had gotten messages but had failed to pick up items. Officer contacted the three subjects and items were picked up.

Windham man claimed he dropped his phone during a pizza delivery on Main St. Officer was given permission to search the apartment but did not find the phone. Officer advised caller to cancel service.

School St. caller reported man was beating on a bedroom door. Man was given a cease harassment notice and a verbal disorderly conduct warning.

Longfellow Road man was upset about family member not paying him for wood. He was advised what to do.

Suspicious person on Blue Ledge Road was a manager waiting for a new hire. He was also in a new vehicle.

Officer advised caller reporting a cat in a tree that the cat would find its own way down.

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THURSDAY MARCH 22

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Book Group, Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-first Century, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Author Event, Chris Holm, 7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY MARCH 24

- Free Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Gorham Cooperative Preschool at Robie Park, 10 a.m.
- Greater Gorham Winter Market, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Gorham Recreation Department.

TUESDAY MARCH 27

- Preschool Story Time 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Baxter Digs Reading 3:30-4:40 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Garden Club Meeting, Alliums Alive by Aurelia Scott, 7 p.m., First Parish Church.
- Health Awareness Screenings, 3-6:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28

- Toddler Time 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Senior Meal site \$4 suggested donation, 11:30 a.m. social time, 12 p.m. meal, St. Anne's Church. FMI 222-1630.
- 4-H Climate Science Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

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- Family Game Night, 4-6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

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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 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd. from 6-7:30 p.m. This monthly non-denominational event is a prayer and support group for anyone dealing with cancer including patients and caregivers.

CLOSE TO HOME


Hollis Democrats to host governors forum Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Buxton Center Elementary School on Long Plains Rd, Buxton. Doors open at 6:15 pm. The top six gubernatorial candidates, Betsy Sweet, Diane Russell, Janet Mills, Mark Eaves, Mark Dion and Adam Cote will be in attendance. Questions from the audience will be encouraged. www.HollisMaineDemocrats.org.

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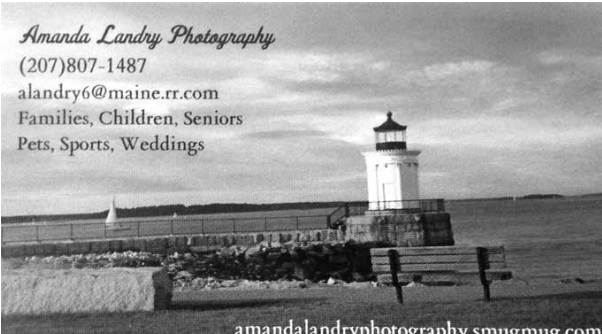



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