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## School Committee to decide on more in-person school days

By Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

The Gorham School Committee (SC) will decide whether to increase in-person school days this spring at a special meeting on April 1.

Superintendent Heather Perry outlined three possible scenarios at a virtual March 24 meeting. Members of the SC discussed the benefits and unintended consequences of these options as they considered moving away from the current hybrid model. They made no decisions at this Zoom meeting, which was attended by more than 200 people, but made clear they intend to have schools open five days in the fall.

Perry will bring to the meeting a more fully formed plan for at least four in-school days for all Gorham students. She previously surveyed teachers about their preferences and will survey parents and 6-12 students prior to April first.

Responses from 224 staff members indicated that 75% would prefer remaining in the hybrid model for the remainder of this school year with plans to open five days a week in the fall. The District Leadership Team (DLT) agreed with this assessment. "However," Perry said, "all agreed that if a decision is made to move more quickly, we can and will make that happen for our students and do it well."

All three options presented would require reducing the space between student desks to three feet from the current six-foot separations. This is in line with state guidelines. All three options would have K-5 students in school four days a week.

Additionally, the first option would bring all students, K-12, back to school for four days with Friday continuing to be a remote day.

The second option would also bring Gorham Middle School (GMS) students to school for four days and Gorham High School (GHS) students to school for a half day on four days with Fridays alternating between the current A and B day configuration.

The third option has 6-12 students for five half days. With this option, those students would be dismissed with bag lunches at 1 p.m.

There are positives and unintended consequences for each option. If any were to be adopted Perry said that that all schooling would be fully remote for a week after April break to configure the spaces to meet the 3-foot classroom requirement and 6-foot spacing requirement for cafeterias and other large spaces.

Teachers would need an additional three days to plan transitions. Classes

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## Gorham gathers in Hawaii

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Betty Olson

An impromptu gathering of Gorham folks at Lanakai Beach on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Left to right: Keegan Ballentyne (GHS '05) and Lena Azama have been living in Hawaii for two years, while Lena finishes her degree at the University of Hawaii; Kirsten Olson Spilker (GHS '00) and daughters Claire and Finley; Sheehan and Andy Jenkins (GHS '01) with their kids Nelly and Henry; Kim and Mike Downing, and Betty Olson.

Happy, but random circumstances brought a group of Gorham families together for a beach day far from home during the pandemic. Keegan and Lena (who goes to college there) live in Hawaii. Andy and Sheehan Jenkins have worked remotely from Hawaii from October

until this March, during the pandemic. Kirsten Olson Spilker and her husband, Trey have been living and working on Oahu for 3 years. Kim and Mike Downing were visiting son, Keegan and Lena. Betty Olson was visiting her daughter Kirsten.

## Gorham sightings



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## Ecomaine outreach

By Cathy Walter, Staff Writer

Ecomaine, a solid waste and recycling manager for dozens of Maine communities located on outer Congress Street in Portland, was started in 1976 when four communities pooled their resources to close hazardous landfills and centralize and modernize how Maine disposed of their trash. They created a waste energy plant to burn trash diverted from those landfills to produce energy in an efficient, environmentally conscious manner that is then both used on site and sold back to the ISO New England grid.

The Town of Gorham became a part of the Owner Member Community of Ecomaine in the 1980's giving them a seat on the board and a vote on policies and procedures.

In the late 80s they began to focus on recycling as an additional way to reduce the amount of trash destined for landfills across the state eventually building Maines largest single sort recycling facility.

Recently they've upped their game

yet again with the creation of a new program and its huge popularity has caught them by surprise. They invented a new Master Recycler curriculum, similar to the Master Gardener program already in place.

"The goal was to build a group of educators that could go out in their communities and spread the word about recycling and all its benefits as well as to make it easier for the average person to recycle on a routine basis," said Matt Grondin, Ecomaine's Communications Manager

To become a Master Recycler all that is required is a desire to be a community advocate and to complete an approximately 20 hour virtual training that consists of five chapters of material within a six month window. To learn more about the program you can email them at [info@ecomaine.org](mailto:info@ecomaine.org) or go straight to their website <https://www.ecomaine.org/>

Ecomaine has several other community outreach efforts as well.

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# A supplemental budget that will make a real difference

By Sen. Stacy Brenner

On March 10, the entire Legislature gathered together in the Augusta Civic Center for a legislative session. Though there were a lot of bills and some other legislative business for us to vote on while we were there, the main goal when we went in was to pass a supplemental budget. We didn't complete our work until nearly 2 a.m. on Friday, but when we did we had passed a budget with the required 2/3 majority vote and sent it to Gov. Janet Mill's desk for her signature. I'm extremely proud of many of the initiatives in the budget, and I wanted to share with everyone why it's important and how it can help as we continue on the road to recovery.

First and foremost, we knew we had work to do to help Maine small businesses. It's no secret these days that folks who own small businesses have borne the brunt of the pandemic and its economic consequences. As a small business owner myself, I know how hard it's been, and I sympathize with folks who have struggled for nearly a year now. One way many businesses have gotten help during this time has been through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The program provides forgivable loans to businesses, and for many, it has been the difference between staying open and keeping employees on or shutting down permanently. When the federal government designed the program, they exempt-

ed the funds from taxes. Since the Maine tax code doesn't automatically conform to federal changes, we had to address this. Initially, Gov. Mills had floated the idea of taxing PPP funds at the state level. However, legislators heard from businesses all over the state that they couldn't make that work. They needed the exemption. My colleagues and I in the Legislature got to work, and I'm pleased to say that the supplemental budget we passed exempts 100 percent of Maine business that received these loans.

While business owners have taken a major hit, so have Maine workers. When the pandemic began, thousands of Mainers were forced to leave their jobs and rely on unemployment benefits through no fault of their own. Since then, these benefits have been an absolutely critical lifeline for people across our state. They've allowed folks to feed their families, heat their homes through the winter and pay for other necessities. Typically, unemployment benefits are taxed as income in Maine. However, we wanted to provide additional relief to the men and women who have already sacrificed so much. In this new supplemental budget, we made a change to exempt the first \$10,200 of benefits someone received from state taxes. I know this will make a real difference and directly help those who still need it most.

There are other provisions in this budget that I'm proud of, too. We funded a position with the Bureau of Veterans Services that will help homeless vets, appropriated funds to direct care workers and behavioral health professionals, and even added \$8 million to the state's Rainy Day Fund.

While finalizing this budget took a lot of negotiating and some compromises on both sides, I'm proud of the final product and that we were able to deliver significant relief to Mainers. We stuck to the essentials and the items that provide relief where it's really needed. We didn't add in tax breaks for overseas corporations or three-martini lunches just because that's what was in the federal plan. We focused on what would help our state the most as we look to come out of this pandemic. Going forward, I plan to continue focusing on what is essential for folks right here in Maine.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can send me an email at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.



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For teachers and students there are resources that include lesson plans, activity checklists, games and instructional videos.

Tours of their facilities, which are currently virtual, can be arranged for your class, scout troop or bubble of friends.

They even hold a yearly art contest for groups or individuals to submit a design for their 22' grey recycling bins. Winners receive \$500 and up to \$500 more for materials to implement their design that will turn a huge trash can into a beautiful piece of art.

And like everything today... there's an app for that! Recylopedia is Ecomaine's Mobile app that gives you the quick answer to "Where does this go? Trash? Compost? Recycle?" It will even give you tips on optional ways to achieve the final goal, like how to compost in small spaces.

Climate change is upon us and as our population grows and consumption skyrockets how we choose to manage our waste cycle has a huge impact on our environment. Ecomaine has made it fun and easy to learn how you can help reduce your impact and maybe even pay it forward by becoming a Master Recycler and spreading the word.



# David Cole

By Sheri Faber, Staff Writer



Photo credits Erin Cole

David, Kathy, and Erin hiking Katadin. Pictured right, David Cole enjoys a walk in the woods.

David Cole moved to Gorham in 1994 to become the Town Manager. After retiring in 2017, David has refocused his energy on the environment through bird watching, gardening with a speciality in native plants, climbing all the 4,000 foot mountains in New England, and is on the Board of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust.

David has been bird watching since high school. With retirement and the pandemic, he has become more invested in the process and reports his sightings to the Cornell University Ornithology laboratory which asks "citizen scientists" to keep a list of what birds are seen each day. People from all over the world participate in this program. David describes bird watching as a worthwhile, fun experience and is much better at bird identification than when he started. The pandemic has provided him with lots of free time to recognize different bird behaviors, their locations, seasonality, and what plants and seeds they eat. During the winter months, he sees 14-18 different species on his walks, far more than can be seen in the summer when many are hidden in the leaves. David is out with his binoculars just about every morning, and we wave to him from inside our house as he walks by on Queen Street.

In the warmer weather, David turns to gardening with a speciality in native plants, which are much more productive for local wildlife, especially birds. Native plants are also better for migrating birds, as they host more caterpillars. Even seed-eating birds enjoy baby caterpillars instead of seeds. For human consumption, he grows raspberries, blueberries, mulberries and apples.

Though David and his wife, Kathy, finished the 4,000 foot mountains about five years ago, they continue to do a lot of climbing. Last fall, David and Kathy climbed the North and South Face Circle trail, a 10 mile hike in New Hampshire. They also climbed the Tuckerman Ravine Trail up Mt. Washington. Their daughter, Erin, joined their hikes this year.

When he is not outside, David is on the Board of Directors of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) which works with interested landowners who want to preserve property. Last October, PRLT opened their 15th property, the Pride Preserve in Westbrook. Southern Maine is developing quite rapidly and PRLT is focusing on developing family friendly trails that provide healthy and safe outings for families.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# Elevate Physical Therapy

By Angelina Khomenok, Owner

Do you ever struggle with nagging pain in any part of your body that prevents you from engaging in physical activities? If so, you should definitely consider paying a visit to Elevate Physical Therapy at 14 Vista Drive in Gorham, especially since you can get your first consultation for free! The owner, Jonathan Cowie, has been a physical therapist for 11 years. He opened Elevate in September 2019 because he had dreamed of opening his own physical therapy practice since graduating from Husson University.

The decision to open his business in Maine was made very quickly as Cowie, by his own admission, is "a Mainer through and through". As the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Cowie and his professional staff were able to successfully adjust to the new norms by adding more hours and reducing the number of people allowed in the building. Many other clinics have had to close their doors during the pandemic, but Elevate remained open as Cowie felt he could not abandon his clients, especially post-operative

patients who had knee replacement or shoulder surgeries. He wanted to maintain their care as best as he could, especially in these challenging circumstances.

Physical therapy services offered at the clinic include musculoskeletal injuries, joint replacement rehabilitation, repetitive strain/stress injuries, acute/chronic back and neck pain, spine care programs, and a whole lot more. As Cowie puts it, "if it hurts, we will treat it."

Elevate's goal is to help overcome physical pain and help patients get back to life. To achieve that, Cowie and his staff prefer working as a team not only with the patients but also with their medical providers. This ability to communicate with the doctors helps to ensure that the clients will have the fastest and easiest recovery. Those two criteria are immensely important to Cowie. He says that he wants to get his clients better with minimal visits, and indeed, many of his patients see an immediate effect

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# Former Fire Chief presented with plaque

On March 20 former Chief Robert Lefebvre was presented with a special retirement plaque. The plaque symbolizes a deep appreciation for his last 36 years of service as Fire Chief and the time he devoted to serving the Gorham community.

Former Deputy Chief Jimmy Poitras was also presented with a retirement gift to commemorate his years of service with the Gorham Fire Department.



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# Local land trust awarded national certification

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (the Land Trust) officially received national accreditation in February through the Land Trust Alliance, the national leader in setting policy and standards for local land trusts. PRLT joins 446 land trusts in the U.S., representing approximately one third of all the land trusts nationally.

According to Executive Director, Rachele Curran Apse, this achievement is the “Gold Seal” of approval and is the culmination of a rigorous, three-year process. She said, “We are proud to achieve national accreditation, our staff and volunteer board spent hundreds of hours over the last three years creating the written policies and plans that ensure we have strong systems to keep the promise of forever conserving land.”

The Land Trust conserves 1840 acres of wildlife habitat in 15 Preserves in the towns of Gorham, Standish, Windham and Westbrook. They provide over 25 miles of free, public access trails for walking, biking, snowshoeing and enjoying nature. The Land Trust also serves as Stewards of the Presumpscot River Watershed and is the Coordinating agency for the 28 mile Sebago to the Sea Trail.

Curran Apse said, “Our Land Trust will continue to use best practices to conserve more land and provide more access to the community in one of the fastest growing regions of the state. We are committed to ensuring future generations have access to nature close to home.”

To learn more, get involved and support the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust go to WWW.PRLT.ORG.

## March Grand Jury indictments

Brandon Day, 33 of Standish, was arrested for reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and criminal OUI (alcohol) on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Adam Hershkowitz, 39, of Gorham was arrested for unlawful possession of

scheduled drugs (fentanyl) on charges brought by Portland PD.

Zackery Long, 34, of Gorham was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking (priors) on charges brought by South Portland PD.

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## RISK MANAGEMENT & INSURANCE

# The cost of social inflation

By Ethan Johnson

As an insurance buyer, you may have heard the term “social inflation” used by your agent to explain the factors driving up the cost of coverage in today’s market. In general, social inflation refers to the rising costs of insurance claims that are a result of societal trends. Trends such as increased litigation, broad insurance policy interpretation, plaintiff-friendly legal decisions and larger jury awards all drive social inflation in the insurance space.

It’s important for businesses to understand what’s driving social inflation. Doing so provides you with a better understanding of the issues that affect your insurance costs. It also helps you take proactive steps to protect your business in the face of litigation.

**Increased Litigation:** One of the factors driving social inflation has to do with increased litigation or, more specifically, litigation funding. Litigation funding is when a third party provides resources to attorneys to finance a lawsuit. In exchange, the third party receives a portion of the settlement. In the past, the steep cost of attorney fees often scared plaintiffs away from taking a claim to trial. Through litigation funding, most or all of the costs associated with litigation are covered by a third party, which has increased the volume of cases being pursued.

**Tort Reform:** Tort reform refers to laws that are designed to reduce litigation, prevent frivolous lawsuits and preserve laws that prevent abusive practices against businesses. In recent years, states have modified tort reforms or challenged them as unconstitutional. Opponents believe tort reforms lower settlements to the point where attorneys are less likely to take on new cases and help victims get justice for their injuries or other damages. Should tort reform continue to erode, there could be fewer restrictions on punitive and noneconomic damages, statutes of limitations and contingency fees—all of which can drive up the cost of claims and exacerbate social inflation.

**Plaintiff-friendly Legal Decisions and Large Jury Rewards:** The overall

public sentiment toward large businesses and corporations is deteriorating, and anti-corporate culture is more prevalent than ever. A number of factors are contributing to this increasing distrust, including highly publicized issues related to the mishandling of personal data and social campaigns like the #MeToo and Occupy Wall Street movements. This has had a considerable impact on how businesses are perceived by a jury in court, and organizations are held to a high standard for issues related to the way they conduct their business.

While it’s impossible to completely eliminate the threat of litigation, it’s important to take the proper steps to ensure your business is prepared for a lawsuit. This is increasingly crucial as social inflation continues to drive up the cost of claims. The following are some ways your organization can protect itself:

Consider purchasing an umbrella policy—Commercial umbrella insurance provides financial protection above the limits of your organization’s other liability policies.

Protect yourself from employment practices claims—To protect your business, review your employee handbook regularly and ensure policies related to sexual harassment, workplace violence and similar issues are communicated effectively. In addition, you may want to consider purchasing standalone employment practices liability insurance.

Social inflation can introduce a level of uncertainty when it comes to your risk management and claims prevention practices. To ensure your business is ready for any issue that may arise, contact your local independent agent.



Ethan Johnson works at Chalmers Insurance and has over 19 years of experience in the industry. A USM graduate, he is passionate about helping people and giving back to his local community of Gorham, where he lives with his family.

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# The iconic South Street railroad bridge

By Wilma Gould Johnson



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The wooden railroad bridge over South Street was an iconic landmark, but history lives on as sections of the old rail-bed are being cleared and opened as public walking trails.

In the mid 1800's, the prospect of having a railroad run from Portland through Gorham Village spurred a real estate boom. The York and Cumberland Railroad opened the track as far as Gorham in 1851. Later the track was continued, eventually reaching manufacturing mills on the Salmon Falls River in South Berwick and Rollingsford, New Hampshire.

Building a bridge over South Street, with the train tracks passing underneath, was a necessary part of the construction. The railroad bridge, located just beyond the South Street cemetery, was constructed of wide wooden planks. It had dark green side-rails and was supported on very large granite slabs.

The bridge arching over the tracks rattled very loudly whenever wagons and later cars traveled over it. If you lived near the railroad tracks, you could set your clock by the arrival of the four o'clock train. Dishes sitting on shelves or other moveable items took on a life of their own for a few minutes as the train had passed by.

During the years the train ran, kids, especially young boys, used to grab on and ride the train. Some, with their golf bags slung over their shoulder, would get off in Westbrook, play some golf, and then return home via the train with the conductor's approval.

By the 1960's train service to Gorham was long gone. A local witness recalls standing on the bridge watching the rails

being removed, marking the end of an era. An engine with two flatcars moved along as men took up the rails behind them. In 1964, the bridge was demolished by Dewayne Shaw who owned the right of way along the old rail bed in that area. He repaired the road and built a house on site.

But if you lived in Gorham prior to 1964, the iconic South Street wooden railroad bridge must forever be etched in your mind. Many local residents have shared great stories which are true but may be subject to some exaggeration.

It was a rite of passage for high school boys who had just obtained their driver's license to gun their car, racing down South Street and over the arched bridge to see how high off the ground the car would fly. This might also have been done by a dad or two at the begging of a child or by a young boy showing off for his girl. Many will recall the tummy tickle, especially if you were in the back seat of the car or better yet, of the school bus.

In the 1950's, Nina Bailey, the high school music director, asked some of the young boys to take the high school auditorium piano and deliver it to the gymnasium (Robie Gym) in the center of town. It is likely that truck might have been going slightly too fast. The piano slid off the back of the truck as it crossed the bridge and never made it to its destination.

A local boy took a liking to a pretty new girl in town and was eager to show his interest. He spotted her and her mother driving home from the Village so he hopped on his bike and rode briskly to keep up with their automobile. The boy tumbled off his bike when a cat ran across his path in the middle of the bridge. Sadly, the cat did not survive the crash.

Then there were fish stories. Kids liked to fish up and down the brook that ran next to the track. Many bragged of the trout they caught. They could stretch the length of the fish in their imaginations, but it is unlikely that many caught ever ended up on the dinner plate. Without sharing any names, under the bridge was also a spot for young boys to end a quarrel with a fist fight or to hang-out for cigarette smoking.

One of the most touching bridge stories is about a man and his dog. In the later days of delivery, a train mail clerk rode the train every day with his dog. Upon the clerk's retirement, the dog came to Gorham and lived on South Street. Every day when the whistle blew, the dog raced to the overhead bridge and the engineer blew one short blast of the whistle in greeting.

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***A drizzly bear.***

**What is a gas pump's favorite holiday?**

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# GHS goes virtual with Vintage Hitchcock



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Gorham High School students' performance of *Vintage Hitchcock: A Radio Play* was an absolute thrill and an innovative use of Zoom webinar making the show even more exciting. This screenshot was taken from "39 Steps," which was the third act. The performances were live on Broadway OnDemand during the evenings of March 12-14. Pictured (top left to right): Maeve Donnelly (*Police 2*); Mason Hawkes (*Richard Hannay*), and Julia Ordway (*Pamela Stewart*). Bottom: Paige Fowler (*Police 1*) (left) and Maddie Downey (*Ms. Memory*).

**Why was everyone so tired on April 1st?**

**Because they just finished a long 31-day March.**

**What do you call a hammer bought on April 1st?**

**An April tool.**

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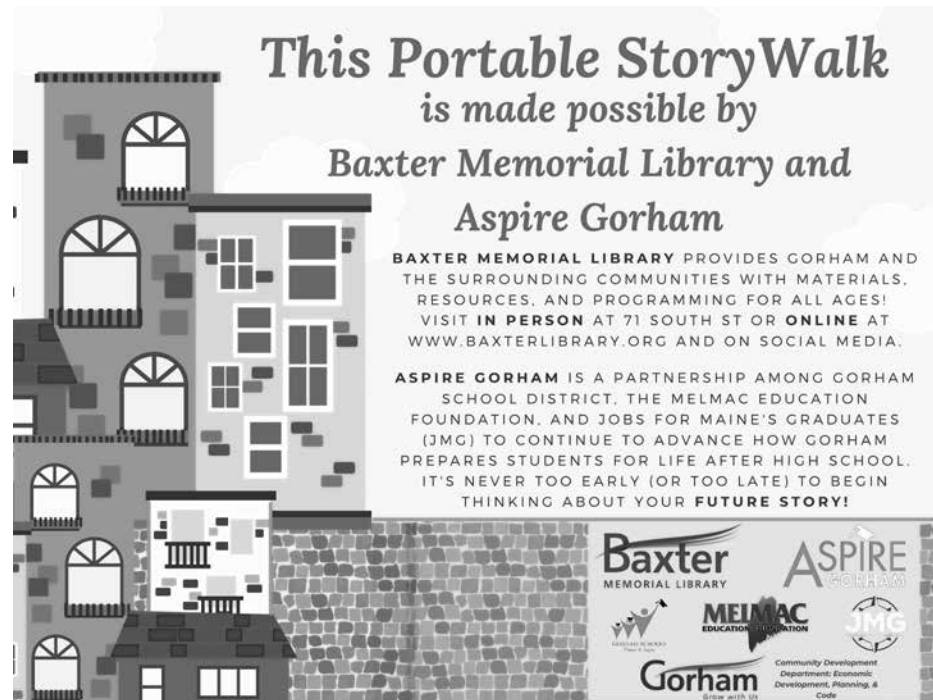


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# Portable story walk for Gorham's youth

By Mary Gawlick, *GHS Student Intern*



As the Gorham community is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel for the COVID-19 winter months, Baxter Memorial Library has teamed up with Aspire Gorham to bring a portable story walk to the young children of Gorham.

After being contacted by Curious City, Baxter Library's youth services librarian, Heidi Whelan, said, "I'd be interested in anything families can do together that inspires literacy."

By definition, a story walk consists of the deconstructed pages of a book being placed along a path so that families and children may read while walking to follow the story.

This story walk will feature "Cat's Colors," by Airlie Anderson. Generously given to our community by Curious City, the story walk will

be set up and circulating with the Littlest Learners Literacy Program for Aspire Gorham.

It will be available to everyone registered with the program, including the Gorham Elementary Schools.

Baxter Library also plans on using the materials during their summer program so plenty of children can experience the walk and its interactive instructions as children go from one page to the next.

At this point, the Town of Gorham has generously printed all the materials necessary, and the story walk should be getting started as warmer weather approaches.

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## School Committee to decide on more in-person school days

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would resume for four-day instruction on April 29, 2021 and continue through the remainder of the school year.

School Committee members discussed the pros and cons of moving to more in-person instruction with the highest priority the welfare of students. Perry had met with the district's Medical Advisory Team and reported that they had emphasized the importance of mask-wearing, a requirement that Gorham students have followed very well. They also felt that six-foot distances were important when students were eating.

They reported a significant increase in students' social and emotional needs but questioned whether moving to more face-to-face time would resolve this or just shift to different needs. Perry did not ask them to make recommendations on the choices facing the SC.

One area of concern was transportation, since all students coming to school on the same day would require more parent pick-up and bus drivers. Bus spacing would have to remain the same with students in every other seat. More holding space for students who

arrive without signed daily screening forms would be needed. It was also noted by SC members that COVID screenings have become more relaxed lately and needs to improve whether any attendance changes are made.

Proposed plans have different implications for K-5 students and those at GMS and GHS. There would be schedule disruptions at GHS that could affect students finishing courses. Members raised questions about whether the addition of approximately eight in-person days would offset the disruption to students from changes made the late in the school year.

Others emphasized the value to students of face-to-face instruction with their peers. After a lengthy discussion, the SC chose to consider adopting the three-foot spacing change to look deeper into a plan that would include more in-school time, which would require three-foot classroom spacing.

However, the SC wants more information before making any decision. They could vote for a plan that brings students to school more often, or they could continue the hybrid system until the end of the year.

## GHS offers musical theatre classes in lieu of spring musical

By Grace Johnson, GHS Student Intern



Photo courtesy Joshua Hurd

Drama students at Gorham High School participate in a virtual Musical Theatre Production class being offered this year in lieu of a Spring musical.

For years, the theater program at Gorham High School (GHS) has put on a musical in the Spring to showcase student dedication and talent in the arts in a truly wonderful way. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions it wasn't possible to put on a Spring play this year. Yet, through hard work, an alternative was able to be found.

An all-virtual Musical Theater Production class is being offered to interested students by way of Zoom throughout the Spring.

"Cancelling the Spring Musical was nothing short of heartbreaking," said Joshua Hurd, the director of past musicals at GHS. "The musical at Gorham High School is a major part of the school year and the community," he continued.

Hurd teaches most of these classes, alongside host Matthew Murray, chorus director at GHS. The classes are open to anyone, with any kind of musical theater background, just as the musical usually is.

The classes have met once a week and topics have included choosing a script, auditioning, and the importance of opening songs. Upcoming meetings will focus on designing a show with details such as costumes, sets, and props.

On March 3, the class welcomed Brian Clowdus as a guest speaker. Clowdus owns a national production company and has produced musicals all over the country. He was able to share his experiences and knowledge of theater with those that attended the class.

Prior to making the decision to offer the classes, there was still talk

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# GHS winter sports wrap-up

By Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern



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Aidan Enck playing for Gorham Boy's Hockey.

Student athletes have had to face many adversities in the past year involving both their education and their sports careers. However, with lots of help from school administration and the athletic department, Gorham High School athletes were able to experience at least some of their winter sports seasons. This past week, coaches were asked to cover the last couple of months in a final wrap-up. The following are their answers.

**Boys Hockey:** "The Boy's hockey team finished the season 1-8-1. Like everyone else, we dealt with a lot just to be able to get on the ice this season. Our normal routine of skating everyday and 20+ games was cut down to 3 or 4 hours of ice per week and only 10 games total. Practice time was extremely hard to find without the availability of USM facilities. With only three seniors this was one of the youngest groups the program has seen in many years. Senior forwards Aiden Enck



Photo credit Amanda Landry

Gorham Girls Basketball in for a huddle.

and Nolan Gava lead a group of mostly Freshmen and Sophomores on offense. Defensively, Nathan Eichner was the elder statesman among Sophomores and Juniors. We were fortunate to make it through our entire schedule with only a few missing time for COVID quarantines. We were not as fortunate when it came to injuries losing key players down the stretch, including not having Senior Forward Dawson Allen who missed the entire season with a lingering injury from last

season. Through all the adversity this season, the team was able to fight to a 1-1 tie with the Windham/Westbrook/Bonny Eagle team who had beaten us 8-1 in one of the first games of the season." -Coach Jon Portwine

**Boys Basketball:** "The Gorham Boys' Varsity Basketball Team completed a successful season - they ended with a record of 8-2. The team enjoyed two wins each over Windham, Bonny Eagle, Portland

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Kneeling: Molly Rathbun, Tess Libby, Sydney Fox, Katie Kutzer, Alie Peterson, Molly Murray, MacKenna Homa, Bailey Wentworth. Standing: Trey Rosario, Robert Dowdle, Reed Henderson, Gage Sjostedt, Josh Lehmann, Ryan Murray.

and Scarborough, before facing off against one of the best teams in the state - Thornton Academy. After two tough games Thornton edged Gorham in each contest. All of the boys that competed in the basketball program worked extremely hard throughout the year, and showed great sportsmanship and dedication

to the sport. They should be proud of themselves as they represented their school and community with honor through these extremely tough times.

Bode Meader was selected to the Maine McDonald's All-Star team, which honors only twelve seniors in Class A/AA/B. He has committed to

playing basketball at Southern Maine Community College. Grant Nadeau was also selected to the McDonald's team, as well as being selected to the Maine All Academic team. There are only a few players in the state that are selected for this. Grant was also a runner up for the Maine State Foul Shooting Championship. Grant

will attend Bates College to play basketball next year. All of the players in our basketball program are proud to represent Gorham." -Coach Mark Karter

**Girls Basketball:** "The Girls Basketball Team finished with a 6-4 record. We had a well balanced team that focused on playing with defensive intensity and with pace and ball movement on the offensive end. Junior, Anna Nelson, led the team in scoring, rebounding, and assists. Senior Co-Captain, Adele Nadeau, led the team in steals, blocked shots, and three pointers made. Adele became Gorham's all-time leader in 3 point field goals in a career with 109 and was named a McDonald's All-Star and Miss Maine Basketball Semi-Finalist. The girls team picked up their signature win of the season when they defeated Portland on March 5th, 48-45. The Bulldogs featured two Miss Basketball Semi-Finalists who are both scholarship players. The team was fortunate to have great senior leadership with Adele Nadeau and Olivia Michaud, who were both 4-year varsity players and 2-year captains. Our other two seniors, Tatyanna Biamby and Lauren Fotter were both excellent teammates and leaders as well. The four seniors were excellent role models and competitors and will be missed as they head off to college. They all made our program proud." -Coach Laughn Berthiaume

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Senior Skiers: Griffin Loranger, Jillian Dugas, Claire Munkacsi and Ryan Castonguay

**Alpine Ski:** “Thanks to Mr. Spear, Shawnee, the transportation Dept, parents, and of course the athletes, the GHS Alpine Ski Team had it’s most successful season in years. The boy’s team finished 3rd overall at SMAA’s and had multiple individual finishes in the top-10 throughout the season. The girl’s team had many individual successes, but unfortunately didn’t have enough girls to qualify for a team score.

The girls team was led by senior captain Claire Munkacsi whose 2nd place slalom was a personal best. Jillian Dugas finished her high school career by consistently finishing in the top of the field. Freshman Abby Fecteau improved every single race and had a phenomenal season setting the tone for 3 more years as a racer. The boys team was led on and off the snow by senior captain Ryan Castonguay. The leading boy’s scorers were sophomores Owen Ballard, Sam Munkacsi and Trent Stevens. Griffin Loranger, Malachi Wilson, and Ryker Spear also contributed well to team scores. Evan and Sean Verrill had many strong finishes and expectations for them are high next season.” -Coach Sean Munkacsi

**Swim:** “During this season five team records were broken. Caroline Bishop, a junior, broke the 100 Breaststroke records on 2/19/21 while we swam Cape Elizabeth virtual. Caroline broke the record with a 1:14.08. She then broke the record again on 3/12/21 with a time of 1:12.83 during the Southern Maine Virtual Championships. Evan Russo, Junior also took down three records during the season. On 3/5/21, Evan took down his previous team record in the 100 Breaststroke that he set in 2019 with a time of 1:05.72. Evan bested the time with a 1:03.64. During the following week at the Southern Maine Virtual Championships on 3/12/21, Evan would break his record again with a time of 1:03.53. In addition to these two record-breaking swims with the 100 Breaststroke, he would also set the team record in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:07.92 during Southern Maine Virtual Championships. Both the boys and girls team had 20 state qualifying swims. Over 80% of the team was able to drop time in at least one of their races. During the final meet at Southern Maine, Virtual Championships girls placed 6th of 17 teams and the boy’s team placed 6th of 15 teams. Speaking



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Mason Laskey in action on the court.

to our relays during the Southern Maine Championships; the girls 200 Medley Relay was a very fast field and yet we did an amazing job finishing 10th with the A relay and 18th with the B relay just missing scoring. The Girls 200 Free Relay ended with a 10th place finish, just missing the top 8 by five seconds. The Boys 200 Free Relay ended placing 4th against very strong competition. Finally, both the Girls and Boys (A) 400 Free Relays were able to finish 4th overall, and the Boys (B) relays finished 13th. With regards to all of the individual swims, there were so many amazing swims during our final meet. Abby Rosingana finished 4th in 200 Free and 1st in the 500 Free. Kate Pelletier finished 11th in the 200 Free and 12th in the 500 Free. Caroline Bishop finished 7th in 200 IM and 3rd in the 100 Breaststroke. Caitlin Randall 16th in the 200 IM and 7th in the 100 Breaststroke. Evan Russo places 2nd in the 200 IM and 1st in the 100 Breaststroke. Tommy Pritchard placed 9th in the 200 IM and 11th in the 100 Backstroke. Taylor Jordan finished 16th in the 100 Butterfly. Sam Pritchard finished 5th in 100 Butterfly and 10th in 100 Free. Allison Bishop finished

9th in the 100 Free. This was a challenging season due to a number of factors and yet both teams rose to the occasion and did a fantastic job. They had consistent time drops, five team records set, and amazing comradery to support one another through a challenging time.” -Coach William York

**Indoor Track:** “Gorham Girls and Boys Indoor T/F had 40 competitors this winter who stuck with the program in spite of having no “real” competitions. To say that we, as coaches, are proud of this group would be an understatement. They all showed incredible commitment to the program and to themselves. As the season went on and we finally got into a regular schedule of practices, the boys and girls teams were able to hold intrasquad meets at the Gorham Sports Center where competitions were held in a variety of events. The girls also held a “mini-meet” with Scarborough in late February and both Boys and Girls teams had some members go to Falmouth for another mini-meet at the end of the season. In spite of the fact that we had no real competitions during the winter, the season proved to be a great success for all involved.” -Coach John Caterina & Coach Jason Tanguay

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# Fundraising campaign underway to upgrade Gorham baseball fields

By Destiny Cook, Sports Editor

The Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association is currently working on a fundraising campaign to repair and upgrade many of the baseball fields around town. The lack of fields for the softball and little league teams to practice and play games has become an issue and these upgrades will make a tremendous difference for the program. According to Josh Brenner, President of GYBSA, the group needs approximately \$50,000 to complete the projects. GYBSA has been working with the Recreation Department for the project and they are helping with permits as well as necessary equipment needed to complete it.

GYBSA has been fundraising for a few years and the group is putting in \$20,000 toward the renovations. The fields that need work are the former White Rock School (now Perennial Place), Little Falls Recreation Area, and Shaw Park. "Covid has put a bit of a pause on our efforts to enhance our fields, however we are re-engaging in the efforts to make Gorham a proud place to play baseball" Brenner said.

Two fields in White Rock, owned by Jon Smith, are overgrown. According to Brenner, someone needs to be paid to come in and cut them back so they can be turned into regulation softball and little league fields; Smith is in support of the project. With regards to the Little Falls fields, it is an area the group uses regularly throughout their season. The fields are in need of

two dugouts and Gorham Sand and Gravel has committed to donating a new scoreboard. Shaw Park requires temporary fencing and both Little Falls Recreation area and the Shaw field needs new fill.

GYBSA, in preparation for the fundraising campaign, has approached various businesses in town for support of the program; they are also setting up a donation site through Little League International and their new "Lift your League" campaign to help in directing the funds. There will be marketing blitzes through email and the group's Facebook page, @GorhamLittleLeague.

The Gorham Recreation Department has some exciting things planned for the Little Falls Field, however, it is solely up to GYBSA to raise funds for the aforementioned projects. Brenner said they hope to raise the money by the end of the summer in order to complete all the projects.

"The dugout plans and scoreboard and fencing projects are already underway and we will be instituting them throughout the 2021 season" he said. The fields at White Rock will cost about \$30,000 and the group is hoping to get to work on that project this summer after the fields are dry. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Josh Brenner at president.gybsa@gmail.com or you can donate directly at <https://www.stackraise.com/donate/602ff6c9bbd458000af9b2f5/6047fce8e8c9e50009f44b18>

## SPORTS ETC.

Recently at the Columbia International, Stefanie Meacham (GHS, '20) began her NAIA Outdoor Season with an incredible PR in the 5000 Meter Race Walk. Meacham's performance easily surpassed the NAIA "Automatic" time to qualify for the Outdoor Nationals in late May. Stefanie won the meet in 27:01:00.

Faith Dillon (GHS, '20) was recent-

ly named to the 2020 National Field Hockey Coaches' Association Division II National Academic Squad. Over 500 student-athletes from more than 30 Division II institutions received praise this year, with over 60 four-year honorees. These student-athletes earned a 3.3 GPA or higher through the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year. Congratulations Faith!

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## GHS offers musical theatre CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

about possibly producing a musical. Because Covid-19 guidelines state that everyone must always stand six feet apart, Hurd figured that the perfect musical would be "Sunday in the Park with George," a show about paintings in which everyone could simply stand still. Talk stopped once they realized that they also couldn't sing indoors.

"We made the decision to offer the Musical Theater Production class because we knew we had to do something," Hurd said. "We wanted to

engage the students and keep them excited about musical theater."

Hopefully, the virtual classes will offer just what Hurd wants. Even though they couldn't put on a production this year, at least there is still a way for kids at the high school to stay involved with musical theater and prepare for future shows.

Hurd is excited to announce that the GHS Spring musical will return to GHS in 2022. Be sure to mark your calendars for a show sometime in the beginning of February next year.

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**The North Gorham Public Library**, serving Gorham and Standish since 1897, is located next to the fire barn at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road. The library serves the surrounding community with a focus on fiction for adults and children, although most any book is available through inter-library loan. The library has WiFi service and computers for patron use. The library is open on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup is also available. Visit on the web at north-gorham.lib.me.us.

**Baxter Memorial Library** offers the following upcoming Facebook virtual events: 9:30 a.m. Toddler Discovery Times on Thursdays, April 1, 8, and 15, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Discovery Time on Tuesday, April 6. Virtual STEAM events with Ms. Deb include "Egg Muffins" on April 7 at 10 a.m, and "Suspension Bridge" on April 14 at 10 a.m. These STEAM events are geared toward K-5 learners. And attention Unicorn Lovers! Pearl the Unicorn (psst it's actually Ms. Sam the Children's Librarian at Windham Public Library) will be visiting Youth Services Librarian Ms. Heidi at Baxter Memorial Library. Ms. Heidi will read the book "Unicorn Yoga" while she and Pearl demonstrate the moves for you! You can find the program on Facebook on or after April 13th at 9:30 a.m. Visit the library to pick up a make-your-own-unicorn headband kit so that you too can-do Unicorn Yoga with Ms. Sam (aka Pearl) and Ms. Heidi!

**PUBLIC SUPPERS**

**Pre-Order a Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse**, 34 Wilson Road on Saturday, April 3, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Dinner to go is \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Meal includes kidney & pea beans, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and a dessert bar. Please call 892-9521 by Wednesday, April 1 to reserve your order.

**The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold a Pre-Pay Drive-Through Fish Dinner** on Friday, April 16, 2021, from 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, and dessert for \$12. FMI, visit www.gorhamknights.org or call 207-550-1320. Check web site for snow date cancellation info.

**CLOSE TO HOME**

**Highland Lake Grange will be having a roasted turkey drive up**, take out only, dinner on Saturday April 10th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. There will be roasted turkey, green beans, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, cranberry sauce, and cake. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please have exact price for the meal(s) you want. You will drive up, pay and receive your meal. No substitutions. The grange is located near the corner of Rt. 302 and Hardy Road, Westbrook. FMI Joann Levesque 207 233 7119

**USM NOTES**

**Upcoming virtual events at the USM School of Music** include the FACULTY CONCERT SERIES: Portland Piano Trio on April 9 at 8 p.m.; the University Concert Band on April 10 at 2 p.m.; USM Jazz Combos on April 14 at 7 p.m., and USM Portland Youth Ensembles on April 15 at 7 p.m. Please check usm.maine.edu/music/events for the complete calendar and details about each event.

**Visit the USM Art Department online for the USM Art Faculty & Staff Online Exhibition 2021.** The exhibit is an exciting array of art disciplines and approaches by USM art faculty and staff participating in this year's exhibition, including Timothy Babulski, Hannah Barnes, Susan Colburn Motta, Christopher Cooper, Rebecca Goodale, Amy Hagberg, Kaitlyn Hunter, Annie Lee-Zimerle, Lin Lisberger, jen McDermott, Jan Piribeck, Damir Porobic, Michael Shaughnessy, Helen Stringfellow, Stephien Walsh and Brian Zimerle. Find the exhibit at usm.maine.edu/gallery.

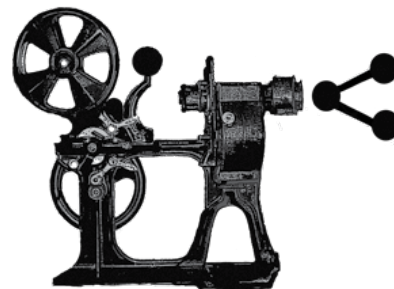
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# 2021 EASTER SERVICES

## Centerpoint Church

53 County Rd., Gorham 04038  
Pastor Ben Thornton, 207-370-8182  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.  
centerpointportland.com

## Cressey Road Church

81 Cressey Road  
Joseph Saunders, 839-3111  
Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., online  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m.  
outdoors at CRUMC; Socially distanced,  
masks required.  
Easter Worship Drive-in Service, 10 a.m.,  
CRUMC parking lot, rain or shine.  
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YouTube, and may be accessed through  
the website. cresseyrdumc.org and  
facebook.com/CRUMCGorham/

## First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham  
Lead Minister Christine Dyke, 839-6751  
March 28 - Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. In-person  
worship and Zoom  
Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae, 7  
p.m., Zoom and Facebook live  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday/Communion, 10 a.m.  
In-person worship and Zoom  
\* Masks and social distancing required for  
in-person worship.  
Call 839-6751 or email admin@firstparish-  
gorham for more information.  
Facebook: facebook.com/First.  
ParishGorham/firstparishgorham.org

## Fort Hill Community Church

Spire29 - 29 School St. Gorham  
Aaron Manning - 207-592-4987  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m., and  
streamed on Facebook.  
forthillchurch.com and facebook.com/forthill-  
church

## Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street  
Gorham, ME 04038  
Pastor Mark Labacz, 207-839-6985  
Apr 2 - Good Friday Communion Service at  
6 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Easter Resurrection Celebration,  
10:30 a.m.  
Galileebc.org - Facebook.com/gbcgorham

## Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham  
Pastor Joe Macisso, 839-8800

## LifeChurch

8 Elkins Road  
Brian Undlin  
Apr 1 - Easter Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 3 - Easter 5:30 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Please register for any service at lifechurch-  
maine.org, FMI 839-6354

## Little Falls Bible Church

746 Gray Road, Gorham  
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 423-6730, info@  
littlefallsbc.org

## Living Stone Community Church

711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish  
Pastor Jim Hess, 642-2309  
Apr 2 - Good Friday Services  
Apr 4 - Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.  
livingstonemaine.org

## Orchard Community Church

1 North St./Rt. 114, Gorham  
Pastor Brian Ward, 730-3910, orchardpas-  
torbrian@yahoo.com  
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 and  
11 a.m.  
Facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor Rev. Timothy Sandeno  
redeemermaine@gmail.com  
Easter week, Matins 7 a.m. Mon. through  
Sat.  
Litany will be prayed @ 12 noon, Vespers  
@ 7 p.m. Mon. through Wed.  
Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday service @ noon  
and 7 p.m.  
Apr 2 - Good Friday will be 3 hr. devotion  
beginning Noon to 7 p.m.  
Apr 3 - Holy Saturday Matins 7 a.m. and  
Easter Vigil 7 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunrise service in Sanford 7  
a.m., Easter Morning Service Gorham at  
10:15 a.m.  
Limited seating, FMI redeemermaine.org

## St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road)  
Windham  
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447, stannsoffice@  
gmail.com  
Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday, pre-recorded ser-  
vice on FaceBook and YouTube, 3 p.m.  
Apr 2 - Good Friday, Stations of the Cross,  
3 p.m.; Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m.,  
Live on Facebook  
Apr 3 - Holy Saturday, Fire-Side Easter Vigil  
outdoors and in-person at St. Ann's parking  
lot with Communion-to-Go, 7:30 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday, Pre-recorded Easter  
Service on Facebook and YouTube, 9 a.m.

Communion-to-Go in St. Ann's parking lot  
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

<https://www.stannsepiscopalchurch.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnsEpiscopalWindhamME04062>

## St. Anne Catholic Church

299 Main St Gorham, ME 04038  
Pastor Fr. Louis Phillips, 857-0490  
Apr 1 - Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m.  
Apr 2 - Good Friday (Veneration of the  
Cross), 7 p.m.  
Apr 3 - Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Easter Sunday Mass, 8, 9:30 and  
11 a.m.  
stannegorham.org

## Summit Community Church

Rev. Travis Bush, 839-4434  
Apr 4 - Easter Services, 8 a.m. 9:30,  
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Children's ministry at morning services. All  
safety protocol will be followed by all.  
summitmaine.org/register

## United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham  
Pastor David Farrington, 892-5363, 653-7694  
Apr 4 - Outdoor Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m.  
with masks and distancing  
northgorhamchurch.org

## West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham  
Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946  
Apr 3 - Good Friday Communion Service,  
6:30 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Sunrise Service on Rust Road,  
6:30 a.m.; followed by coffee & donuts;  
Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

## White Rock Free Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Rd, Gorham, ME  
Pastor - Rev Jonathan Marshall, 839-1919  
Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday Worship, 6 p.m.  
Apr 2 - Good Friday Worship, 6 p.m.  
Apr 4 - Sunrise Service 7 a.m., Sunday  
School 9:30 a.m and Easter Worship  
10:45 a.m.

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**A deer was trapped in the North Street Cemetery as it could not get over the fence. Officers were eventually able to move the deer to a place where it could get over the fence and back into the woods.**

White Birch Lane caller reported a motor vehicle burglary.

Caller wanted to know if an ex-friend of his had a warrant. She did not have a warrant but did have five sets of bail conditions, three of which prohibited her from having contact with caller.

Caller at South Gorham Crossing reported being locked out of vehicle. Entry was gained into vehicle as it was unlocked. Officer believed the owner initially tried to unlock the wrong vehicle.

Suspicious person on Mosher and Main Streets was bird hunting.

Officer woke up the owner of a car parked at the intersection of Gray and Huston Roads and had the vehicle moved as it was in a no parking area.

Windham Police asked Gorham Police to check some businesses for a male who wanted to harm himself. Windham Police was able to ping his phone and locate the man in South Portland.

Three 15 year old females were out for a walk on South Street and Day Road when someone chased them down South Street with a flashlight. No one was injured, and there was no contact with the male subject. They called a friend's mother for a ride and

made it home safely, then called the police. No one was located.

Mountview Drive caller reported someone had rung her doorbell at 5:30 a.m. and again at 6 a.m. for the past two days.

Johnson Road caller reported a prowler. Officer could not locate anyone, and a neighbor had nothing on their outdoor security camera.

County Road caller reported that a guy to whom she sold airpods (that ended up being fakes) was talking about how she "messed with the wrong person". She was concerned that he knew where she used to live in Buxton. Officer pointed out that he did not know where she lives in Gorham. She agreed to refund his money and was advised to do it in a parking lot where people and/or cameras could see them. She did not have his phone number as they had been communicating on Facebook.

Connor Drive caller said a neighbor was texting his wife about issues he was having with the owner. He was advised to block the number.

County Road caller wanted a police report or a letter from the police to help her sister get a job. Sister's arrest had occurred in South Portland and she was referred there.

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Discovery Time with Ms. Dani on Facebook. (18mos-3yrs)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, 4:30-5:30. \$10/\$20, Reserve by April 1, 892-9521.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Discovery Time with Ms. Heidi on Facebook (3-5 yrs)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Baxter Memorial Library, STEAM "Egg Muffins" with Ms. Deb on Facebook, 10 a.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Discovery Time with Ms. Dani on Facebook. (18mos-3yrs)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

USM School of Music, FACULTY CONCERT SERIES: Portland Piano Trio, 8 p.m. [usm.maine.edu/music/events](http://usm.maine.edu/music/events).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Highland Lake Grange, Roast Turkey Drive-Up Take-Out, 4:30-6:30, \$10 cash, FMI 233-7119.

USM School of Music, Concert Band, 2 p.m. [usm.maine.edu/music/events](http://usm.maine.edu/music/events).

### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Baxter Memorial Library, Unicorn Yoga with Ms. Sam and Ms. Heidi on Facebook, 9:30 a.m.

Gorham Lions Club regular meeting, Moody's Collision Center, 6:30 p.m.

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 virtual meeting, [vfwpost10879@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost10879@gmail.com) for info.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Baxter Memorial Library, STEAM "Suspension Bridge" with Ms. Deb on Facebook, 10 a.m.

USM School of Music, Jazz Combos, 7 p.m. [usm.maine.edu/music/events](http://usm.maine.edu/music/events).

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