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at Orchard Ridge Farm

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

From Sebago Lake Road in the White Rock area of Gorham, Orchard Ridge Farm looks much as it has for the last several springs, but new owners, with extensive experience in farming and restaurant management, have been hard at work creating an "open and inclusive" community destination on the 38-acre property.

Kristen Walker and Erica Gottshalk, and their mother Mary Walker, purchased the farm with its store, house and out-buildings last August.

The sisters grew up in Cumberland, where they helped in their family's large vegetable garden and raised pigs and chickens. Both were active in 4-H, exhibiting at the Cumberland Fair.

After attending the Muskie School of Public Policy, Kristen worked in restaurant management. She began farming four years ago at Maine organic farms in Denmark and Gray. Her sister Erica's first job at fourteen was at an apple orchard. After high school, though, Erica went into hotel management and worked at several large Portland hotels.

"But our hearts lay in earth work, and we wanted to create something for ourselves," Erica said. "For years we kept an eye out for property." When Orchard



Photo courtesy of Orchard Bidge Farm

The new owners' family at Orchard Ridge Farm. Left to right Mary Walker, Will Gottshalk, Erica Gottshalk, Wesley Hamel, Christopher Sferra (a family friend) and Kristen Walker. Wesley, Erica's son, is a student at Great Falls School.

Ridge Farm came on the market, the women saw an opportunity to realize their dream.

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Town of Gorham Awarded \$1 Million in Federal Funds

Kevin Jensen, Economic Development Director

The Town of Gorham was awarded \$1 million in congressionally directed spending in the omnibus spending package passed by Congress last week.

The funding will support road construction for the Gorham Industrial Park (GIP) West Campus expansion project. Senator King selected the project as one of his requests to the Senate Committee on Appropriations fiscal year 2022 appropriations bill. It s one of 92 Maine projects totalling over \$136 million.

cels are divided by the Crosstown Trail, which will remain a part of the overall development plan.

- A total of five buildable lots are planned for the southern parcel, ranging in size from 3.4 acres to 15.5 acres.

- The northern parcel, encompassing approximately 94 acres, is not included in the subdivision application.

- The Town is working with Mike nderson of Malone Commercial Brokers on the sale of individual lots. - The Town is expected to finalize listing prices for all available lots next month, following review and approval by Town Council.

Making Dreams Come True | Cycling Without Age Takes New Trishaw Out for a Spin



Gorham resident Aaron Hill, GHS class of '92, owner of Cycling Without Age (CYA) Gorham, spoke at the Lakes Region Senior Center on March 21 about the international CYA and the goals of making sure that everyone can participate in the cycling experience. Hill demonstrated his electric Trishaw and offered rides to interested seniors at the presentation.

Track & Field Athletes Set School and State Records

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Update on the GIP West Campus Project

- The Town is in the process of submitting to the Maine DEP for subdivision approval on the southern parcel, which would connect through Cyr Drive.

- SLR International Corporation serves as the engineering consultant on the project responsible for site design, permitting and road construction.

- The northern and southern par-

We feel honored to have Senator King select the Gorham project for CDS funding. This serves as recognition of the need to create additional commercial industrial space in the Greater Portland area. It creates opportunity and it creates good jobs in Maine. We are grateful for the support from Senator King and his staff.

Andrew Farr on the podium at New England Championship.

The Gorham track and field teams continue to have great success this season. Both coaches gave a synopsis of just how successful it was. The Girls' team coached by John Caterina finished as Class A Runner Up with a regular-season record of 18-2. They went on to win the SMAA Championship meet, held at the University of Southern Maine.

The team, led by senior tricaptains Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connelly and Emma Green, continued their winning streak in several individual and team events.

Caruso was crowned state champion in the 55-meter hurdles and finished second in both the Long and Triple jump in the state meet. Green won her second straight state championship in the high jump and finished in third place in

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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.

Working to Rein in High Energy Costs

Sen. Stacy Brenner

Every winter in Maine is challenging. Extreme weather and isolation affect all of us at times. This winter, however, Mainers faced even more difficulties. The cost of energy whether it's electricity or heating oil - skyrocketed.

For our seniors, our families and others who already struggle getting through this harsh season, these increasing costs made things even harder. All of us have felt this increase and frankly, it's unacceptable.

My colleagues and I in Augusta are realistic - we know the problem is complex and there's no cure-all - but we're working hard to provide relief to Mainers in both the short and longterm.

I've known for a long time that our current system of utilities - where foreign corporations make huge profits off the delivery of essential services to Mainers - needs serious reform. It's why I support the concept of a consumer-owned utility (COU).

The fact is, this winter has shown us that we can't wait to take action. That's why I partnered with Gov. Janet Mills and her administration to advance legislation that would hold our utilities accountable, while also allowing the ongoing referendum process to develop a COU to continue independently.

We know service needs to improve. This bill would set new standards that companies like Central Maine Power and Versant would be accountable to. If they fail to meet them, the Public Utilities Commission would be authorized to penalize them.

The bill also helps us plan for the future with regard to climate change. It would move us toward a modernized energy grid and decrease our reliance on fossil fuels. Part of the reason energy bills have spiked is because of our dependence on natural gas. This bill would make us less reliant and more resilient to market changes.

This bill is about moving us in the right direction now - not later - to improve service for Mainers and prepare us for the future.

This bill is about moving us in the right direction now - not later - to improve service for Mainers and prepare us for the future. I have been proud to lead the effort in the Legislature.

We also know folks need relief as soon as possible. That's why lawmakers are considering a proposal from Senate President Troy Jackson that would do just that. This new bill would provide a one-time \$1,000 tax rebate for residential ratepayers and a \$2,500 rebate for businesses with high energy costs. We know this won't make up for all the financial hardship folks have faced this winter, but I'm hopeful it will make a difference.

Two of my fellow lawmakers have also introduced bills to reform the Home Energy Assistance Program, a crucial lifeline that helps folks who struggle to afford to keep their homes

heated throughout the winter. The issue we've observed is that there's money available in the programs, but long wait times for applications has prevented relief from getting to people.

One bill, sponsored by Sen. Chip Curry, will require local agencies that administer the program to accept and process online applications. The other, from Rep. Reagan LaRochelle, would create a fund to help improve efficiency, including hiring more staff.

When there's help available but red tape in the way, we know we need to act. I'm glad we're doing so.

Finally, a new bill sponsored by Sen. Eloise Vitelli will create a new Electric Ratepayer Advisory Council. The group of stakeholders, including consumers, will advocate for Maine ratepayers to ensure people can access essential utilities at an affordable price. It will be an important voice in this effort.

We undoubtedly have a ways to go to ensure that folks don't suffer like they have this winter, but I'm proud that we are stepping up and taking action in Augusta.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or have questions. You can email me at Stacy. Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.



Sen. Stacy Brenner, 207-287-1515 stacy.brenner@ legislature.maine.gov Stacy Brenner is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30.

Letter to the Editor

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

Dear Gorbam Times,

At some point in "time" I remember an article in the "Times" inviting folks to send in letters, items, etc. of interest and so here I am.

I recently found the article below amongst my treasures of articles I find and retain for their wisdom!

It seems so timely and needs to be printed, instead of being stored in a folder, only read by me!

Thank you for the Times. We so

greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

LESSON: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

FACT 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it. LESSON: If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

LESSON: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

FACT 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock LESSON: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

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enjoy it. Sincerely, Geraldine Pomerlow

Lessons from Geese

"Lessons from Geese" was transcribed from a speech given by Angeles Arrien at the 1991 Organizational Development Network and was based on the work of Milton Olson. It circulated to Outward Bound staff throughout the United States. We share it here with the alumni community hoping that we can all learn these lessons.

FACT 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71%

FACT 3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

LESSON: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

FACT 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

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Water Quality Matters

Rachelle Curran Aspe

The Presumpscot River is the backbone of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's service area and Maine's most urban river. It features over 20 water access points, swimming holes and many great fishing spots. It also runs through or along many of the Land Trust's conserved lands in the region. It is the largest freshwater input into Casco Bay, and as such, hosts the largest fish migration from Casco Bay.

It is essential for people and wildlife that Presumpscot River waters be clean. This remains the focus of the Land Trust's water quality program in conjunction with the Maine DEP. Through the program, volunteers collect data that identify the general health of the rivers and streams in our region for both wildlife and people.

In a disturbing trend, bacteria levels over the last decade have increased in most tributaries throughout the Presumpscot River watershed. As a result, nearly all tributary sites failed to meet bacteria standards most of the time. In addition, sites on the Stroudwater River rarely meet bacteria standards.

High bacteria is dangerous to humans and is caused by runoff from houses, farms and pet waste. It tends to increase with development. For more detail, please see the annual and historical maps on the Land Trust website: www.prlt.org/water. Here is how you can help — Dog poop is a serious contributor to bacteria in the rivers and streams in our region. If you have a dog, please:

• keep dog poop bags with you

• pick up your dog's poop — otherwise, it will eventually end up in the waterways

• bring the dog poop bag home with you and put it in your trash

Keeping your dog on a leash or tight voice control is critical, both in being respectful to other trail users and that you know where the dog poops so you can clean up the waste. Please consider cleaning up any additional dog poops you find along the trail.

New this spring, we will be adding signs at every trailhead highlighting the importance of picking up dog poop for wildlife and clean water. Together we can work toward healthy rivers and streams.

The Land Trust runs the water quality monitoring program for the Presumpscot River watershed and we coordinate the Sebago to the Sea Trail, a 28-mile trail from Standish to Portland. You can also help by becoming a water sample volunteer. The Land Trust is looking for volunteers now for our 2022 water quality monitoring season. If you would like to get involved, please go to www.prlt.org/ get-involved.

Food Program for Seniors

Gorham Times Staff

Commodity Supplemental Food Program for Maine Seniors is now expanding for those who live in Maine and meet income guidelines.

Seniors in all Maine counties can access nutritious food boxes by applying through their county's supporting agency. Each food box, valued at \$50, contains a variety of canned fruits, vegetables, meat, fish and poultry, pasta, rice, peanut butter, juice, shelf-stable milk, cereals and cheese. Participating seniors pick up their boxes at a designated time and place each month. How to apply: Contact the supporting agency for your County of residence:

Cumberland, Oxford and York Counties Contact:

Wayside Food Programs (207) 775-4939

Eligibility: must be 60+ years old, live in Maine, and have an income at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

For more info Contact: Jim Britt (207) 480-0558

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Avesta Housing Receives \$250,000 Grant from TD Charitable Foundation

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Roger Marc

The new facility, currently under construction, is adjacent to the the existing Avesta complex on Route 114, near the village.

Avesta Housing, a nonprofit affordable housing provider, was recently awarded a \$250,000 Housing for Everyone grant from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®.

Avesta is one of 33 organizations selected from more than 357 applicants to receive a Housing for Everyone grant as part of the TD Charitable Foundation's annual grant program helping to provide affordable housing since 2005.

The housing affordability crisis has worsened over the past two years, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Housing organizations have worked to meet the increasing need for assistance from individuals and families. The growing need for assistance has strained affordable housing organizations and made it difficult to continue delivering critical resources and services.

Without resident services from affordable housing providers, like eviction assistance and housing search assistance, many individuals and families will struggle to find or risk losing a safe, affordable place to call home.

"A safe, affordable place to call home is one of the foundations people need to feel confident about their future, but housing costs continue to grow and remain a significant challenge for far too many Mainers. We are confident the support from the TD Charitable Foundation will enable Avesta Housing to equip individuals and families with the skills, knowledge and resources to find a safe, affordable place to call home and achieve greater financial security overall," said Sheryl McQuade, Regional President for Northern New England at TD Bank.

To learn more about Housing for Everyone and for a full list of this year's grant recipients, please visit https://www.td.com/us/en/ about-us/communities/ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/ housing-for-everyone/.

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CAR CARE Americans Love Cars

Doug Carter

America has always had a love affair with the automobile. There are 274 million registered autos on the road in the U.S. today. That's one car for every person in the country who is old enough to drive.

For over a hundred years, cars have been idealized in all aspects of society. They have been featured in iconic Hollywood movies such as the customized Ford in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (1968), Eleanor, the '67 Ford Shelby GT500 Mustang, in the movie "Gone in 60 Seconds" (1974), the '32 Ford Deuce coupe in "American Graffiti" (1973) and of course the Delorean DMC-12 in "Back to the Future" (1985), to name just few.

Two major national organizations, NASCAR and NHRA, are dedicated to racing and draw numerous spectators, along with many local oval tracks and drag strips around the country.

Several TV shows prominently feature cars such as "Night Rider" with its talking Trans AM or "Dukes of Hazzard" with the General Lee 1969 Dodge Charger.

From car-based reality shows like "Outlaw Drag Racing" and "Gas Monkey Garage", to the auctions and shows like the Barot Auto auction and the car shows in Hershey, PA and Carlisle, PA which cover over 85 and 150 acres respectively, cars are front and center in our lives. As vehicles get more complicated, it has limited the ability of the "do it yourself-ers." The days of modifications and still keeping the vehicle legal for the road are limited.

Maintenance requirements are not what they used to be either. Oil changes and filters are the only things needed for the first 100,000 miles. And electric vehicles don't even need that. While the backyard garage mechanic is almost nonexistent, that hasn't stopped a huge aftermarket accessory business.

Needless to say, cars are part of American culture. \$1.1 Trillion, that's how much the auto industry contributes to our economy, from car sales, to parts and service. That's 5.2% of the total GDP.

Yet car accidents kill on average 38,000 people per year. In 1968, the first safety systems such as shoulder belts, side marker lights and collapsible steering wheels were required by the National Highway Traffic

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Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He has been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981



GARDENING PLEASURES

Winter Garden

Linda Treworgy Faatz

The winter months give us a chance to evaluate gardening notes from years past and to think about changes and additions for the upcoming growing season. Visions of what the garden will bring is uplifting in this season of cold and snow.

I am glad however that there are some dried blossoms and seed heads left to sustain birds and insects that feed on this winter interest.

Make time to look through magazines and seed catalogs for inspiring possibilities. Check your zone, sun/shade requirements and growth habits to be sure

the conditions are a good fit. You may choose to buy plants started from local nurseries, while some seeds can be directly sown. Be aware that

many plants from

big box stores are treated with toxic substances that will be harmful to many pollinators, like bees and butterflies. Local nurseries are generally very careful about their growing techniques. You can always ask.

Planning color combinations, whether for a window box on the porch or a small yard garden, can spark one's imagination. A mix of annuals, perennials and foliage plants will expand your enjoyment throughout the growing season. Diversity of shades and textures in your existing natural landscape also serve to further complement any choices you plant.

Consider the past, present and future in your garden. Come spring, don't be afraid to transplant: move, divide, remove, share. Some plants may need a better place with more sun or shade; too much of this or too little of that will give you a shift in your vision.

A garden is worth having for many reasons. Bees, butterflies and



birds all benefit from your planting endeavors. As tempting as it is to cut off my hosta blossoms, I keep them for the hummingbirds. Seeds and berries of all kinds attract a myriad of birds and insects to the garden. Whatever you plant will enhance the ecological structure of your environment.

Decisions on what to plant are sometimes deliberate and sometimes spontaneous, but we garden because we love it. The designing, the selecting and the planting all benefit us in so many ways.

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Exercise is one big benefit of working outside. Nature is also a constant teacher, helping us to become acute observers. Curiosity and wonder refresh our spirits.

We can become flexible in our creativity — remember this is your own artistic vision. Savor the memories that are built in the garden when we share plants and time with friends.

Special people can be honored using plants that remind us of loved ones. Incorporating your favorite vegetables and fruits into your planting plan will add variety and freshness to summer menus.

Being outside can be an instant mood changer; all the senses are awakened. Your space can be an oasis of tranquility, filled with peace. In the quiet moments, listen to your garden. Focusing on the smallest garden chores can calm our anxious thoughts. As we take good care of our "growing space" let's remember to be grateful and appreciative of the environment we are enjoying.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through classes and garden events.

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Outdoor Fire Safety, Spring Clean-up

Gorham Fire Department

With the snow quickly retreating and yard clean-up beginning, the Gorham Fire Department wants to remind you of outdoor fire safety.

We encourage you to follow these maintenance and safety tips to prevent incidents this season:

Permits are required for all open burning of wood, brush, leaves and similar material; outdoor burning includes outdoor fireplaces, commercial/ homemade fire pits and barrels. Permits can be obtained online at www.wardensreport.com or at the Central Fire Station front lobby between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., as conditions allow.

Fires must be attended at all times by at least one capable adult with hand tools and a water source such as a charged garden hose. Children should not be allowed to play around burning areas.

The brush pile should be kept small and added to, instead of trying

to control one large pile or multiple small piles.

Never use flammable or combustible liquids to ignite or accelerate a fire, paper and cardboard are acceptable and safer; many people each year are severely injured using gasoline and similar liquids.

Generally speaking, open burning should not be conducted with wind speeds that exceed 10 mph, controlled burns of grass and fields should be done with wind speeds less than 5 mph.

All outdoor fires must be thoroughly extinguished to prevent reignition and as with all unwanted fires, call 911 even if you think the fire is out.

By following these fire prevention tips, we can greatly reduce the risk of an incident around your home. Also, check out NFPA's fire safety tips and recommendations at NFPA.org.

Grand Jury, March 2022

James Earl, 53, of State Street, was indicted for obstructing report of a crime, aggravated criminal trespass and domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Timothy Hansen, 39, of Gray Road was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (fentanyl) on charges brought by Westbrook PD. Wendy White, 53 of Effingham, NH was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (fentanyl) and unlawful possession of drugs, OUI (drugs refusal), criminal OUI and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Absentee Ballots Available

Courtesy of Town of Gorham

Absentee ballots are now available for request for the June 14, 2022 Local School Budget Validation and State Primary Election. You may request an absentee ballot by visiting http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/ online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670, and one will be sent to you when available.

Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 14, 2022.

NOTE: THE LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET BALLOT CAN NOT BE RETURNED UNTIL AFTER JUNE 7, 2022. IF YOUR LOCAL BALLOT IS RETURNED BEFORE JUNE 8, 2022, IT WILL NOT COUNT.

Return ballots by mail (two stamps required) or drop them off in the Ballot Box at the Municipal Center or in person to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

In order to vote in the state Primary election, you will need to be enrolled in either the Republican or Democrat party.

Important Dates:

March 14 – Absentee ballots may be requested, either online or through paper application. We will mail ballot once absentee ballots arrive (around May 14).

May 14 – Absentee voting begins

If you requested your ballot, we will mail it to you. If you would like to vote absentee in person, you may do so at the Town City Clerk's office, starting Monday, May 16 and any time the Town Clerk's office is open. May 24 – Last day for Registrar's office to receive mail-in voter cards

After this date, voter registration changes and enrollments must be done in person.

May 27 – Voters changing party must do so by this date to participate in the June Primary

Voters must be enrolled in a party in order to receive that party's Primary (candidate) ballot. If changing from G, D or R to another party, this change needs to be made by May 27. Unenrolled voters who are not enrolled in a party may enroll in a party and vote in the Primary at any time including on Election Day.

Not sure what party you're enrolled in? Please call our office at 222-1670 to confirm your party enrollment prior to this date.

June 9 – Last day an absentee ballot may be requested without special circumstances

June 14 - Election Day! All polling places will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m.

New voters may register to vote and vote at the polling place on Election Day. Unenrolled voters may enroll in a party and vote in the Primary at the polling place on Election Day. Unenrolled voters who remain unenrolled will only receive the Local ballot.

Nomination Papers Available for Portland Water District Trustee

Courtesy of Town of Gorham

The Town of Gorham Portland Water District Trustee nomination papers were made available on Friday, March 4, 2022.

An election will be held on June 14, 2022 to fill a vacant Trustee seat on the Portland Water District, due to a resignation. The seat will expire November 2022.

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham who is interested in running for this seat must submit nomination papers with no less than 25 signatures and no more than 100 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022.

The Board generally meets twice monthly, a workshop session and a regular business meeting.

Trustees receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, up to \$2400 per year.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? All That Jazz

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

GHS '87 Grad, Jessica Ernest, plays Go-To-Hell Kitty as the revival of the Broadway hit "Chicago" celebrates its 25th year, holding the title of Longest Running American Musical. During its opening year in 1996, it won 6 Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical.

She joined the show in April 2017, which was interrupted by COVID and two years of change, difficulty and growth. Ernest said, "Being a part of Chicago on Broadway has been one of the great joys of my life. It is not lost on me just how special it is that I get to play a small part in the 25 year legacy of this incredible show night after night. Every time I step on stage, I hope to honor all of the artists who came before me and carry on the story for all those who will come after me," She is also understudy and has played the role of female lead Roxie Hart.

Currently doing eight shows each week, Ernest's career has also included many roles in regional theater. She's been a Las Vegas Showgirl, has sung around the world on a cruise ship and has starred in the national tour of "The Producers".

On Re-opening night, the special 25th anniversary performance featured a proclamation by the Mayor



Photo credit: Rebecca Michelson

Jessica Ernest plays Go-To-Hell Kitty in the Broadway hit, "Chicago" in its 25th year on Broadwav.

of NYC, appearances by former stars and Tony Award Winners Joel Grey, James Naughton and Bebe Neuwirth, a dedication to Choreographer Ann Reinking and a full marching band and drumline.

To see a short, clever clip of Jessica's Re-Opening Day, visit her website at http://www.jessicaernest.com/blog (under News).

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Narragansett Teacher Wins **Maine Social Studies Award**

Erin Eppler, Assistant Principal, Narragansett School

Narragansett fifth grade teacher, Sarah Poirier, was awarded the Glenn Nerbak Award for Excellence in Elementary Social Studies Education. This award is sponsored by the Maine Council for Social Studies. Poirier is on the cutting edge of teaching social studies with an emphasis on the history of people who have, in the past, been left out of the narrative.

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Osher School of Music at USM Outlasts Pandemic

Eve Lessard, USM Intern

After two years of quarantine, social distancing and quiet, the Osher School of Music at the University of Southern Maine (USM) is ending this 2021-22 school year with community and music. There will be student, faculty, and guest performances all of April.

Kicking off the month right, at 8 p.m. on April 1, located at Corthell Hall on the Gorham Campus, there will be a Faculty Concert Series: Portland Brass Quintet.

On April 2, the USM Concert Band will be performing their Spring '22 concert at 2 p.m. at at McCormack Performing Arts Center.

On April 13, the USM Jazz Combo will be performing their Spring '22 concert at 7 p.m. at One Longfellow Square, Portland, ME.

The next day, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center, the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra will also be performing their Spring '22 concert.

Opera Workshop will hold two

performances, Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

April 22, the USM Jazz Ensemble will be performing their Spring '22 concert at 8 p.m. at Corthell Hall.

On April 25, the USM Youth Ensemble will be performing their Spring '22 concert at 7 p.m. at Merrill Auditorium.

USM Vocal Jazz Ensembles will have their Spring '22 performance at 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Hall.

Along with all of these exciting performances, the Osher School of Music will be hosting many other events throughout the next month. There will be student recitals, studio recitals, masters recitals and masterclasses. The events calendar has nearly no empty days in April.

The past couple of years have been rough, and what better way to celebrate the Gorham community's survival than music? Event dates, times, locations, and details can be found on the Osher School of Music's website.

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FIRST Robotics Team 172 Wins the Team Spirit Award

Lori Arsenault



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Team 172 Northern Force (Gorham/Falmouth) at the 2022 Pine Tree District FIRST Robotics Competition

Team 172 "The Northern Force," the two-school FIRST® Robotics team from Gorham and Falmouth, ranked 6th at The Pine Tree District FIRST Robotics Qualifying Event on March 11-13, 2022 at Thomas College in Waterville.

Team 172 was the Captain of the 5th Alliance in the Quarter Finals, and won the Team Spirit Award, not for the first time. FIRST Teams competed in-person for the first time in two years. To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, there were no onsite spectators.

They will compete again in Portsmouth, NH on April 1 and 2. Tune in to Twitch TV on April 1 and 2 to watch Team 172 compete in Portsmouth. Go to twitch.tv/nefirst_ blue for the main feed and twitch.tv/ nefirst_orange for the full field.

A total of 26 teams participated in the Pine Tree District event from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. All 15 of the Maine teams participated in the playoffs. Congratulations to all the teams from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts for their performances. It was good to have all the teams back and competing in person.

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

Team 172, founded in 1996 by Roger Lord of Gorham, is cocoached by John Kraljic of Falmouth, Michelle Moutinho of Gorham, and a long list of volunteer parents and professional mentors from the area, supported by the generosity of several companies and individuals.

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Mrs. Gorham Delivers Backpacks to Narragansett



Photo credit: Erin Eppler, Assistant Principal, Narragansett School

Ashley Maguire, parent of a Narragansett first grader and the current title holder of Mrs. Gorham, delivered Backpack Buddies to every first grader as a way to give back to our community and support students and families. Each backpack contains COVID-friendly items and school supplies, such as hand sanitizer, a reusable water bottle, and a coloring book. Maguire is currently running for Mrs. Maine. If selected, she will continue to look for ways to support our community. Maguire is pictured with her son, Maxon, the students in his first-grade class, and Mrs. Edgecomb, first-grade teacher.

Local Driver Passes Stopped School Bus

Gorham Times Staff

Carly Rioux, 19, of Gorham was issued a summons to Bridgton District Court in Bridgton for passing a stopped school bus while lights are activated, a class E crime, according to a news release issued by Capt. Kerry Joyce of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The incident is punishable by a \$250 fine for first offenders.

"This case highlights the fact that motor vehicle operators need to slow down and obey various safety lights, whether it is a flashing red light on school buses or running a red traffic light," Joyce wrote.

Rioux illegally passed a school bus in Standish on March 16. The incident was reported to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office on March 21 by personnel from MSAD 6 Bus Garage.

Video from a security camera posted to Facebook and YouTube shows the car ignoring the stopped bus as it dropped off a student. It shows the car pass on the right side, between the bus and a driveway, just inches from the vehicle's door.

MSAD 6 Bonny Eagle Superintendent Paul Penna said the bus driver saw the car and stopped the girl from exiting just in time.

"I just hooked my cameras up four months ago and thankfully caught this on video," Dawn Murray wrote Monday. "I'm happy everyone is unharmed."







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Mr. GHS Returns

On March 19, nine Gorham High School seniors took to the stage to compete for the highly coveted title of Mr. GHS. The pageant consisted of a group dance choreographed by Mariel Roy from Atlantic Dance Arts, questions and answers, and a talent show. Elijah Wyatt was crowned Mr. GHS; First Runner Up was Tripp Plummer; Second Runner Up was Alden Dimick; Fan Favorite of the Evening was Asa Wareham. Other contestants were Curan Bassingthwaite, Ben Shields, Connor Callahan, Josiah Irish, and Quentin Wise. Mr. GHS is a fundraiser organized by the senior class.







ALDEN DIMICK

ASA WAREHAM



Photo credit: Amanda Landry

GMS Students Participate in District 1 Music Festival

Tracy Williamson, GMS Music Teacher

On Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, eighteen Gorham Middle School (GMS) students participated in the 2022 District 1 Maine Music Educators Association Middle School Honors Chorus and Band Festival. This was the first in-person festival since Spring 2020.

Twelve 7th and 8th grade singers were nominated and accepted to this year's Honors Chorus under the direction of the guest conductor, Gorham High School's very own Matthew Murray.

The Honors Band this year was guest conducted by Jean Quinn, former band director of Memorial Middle School in South Portland and instructor at USM. Six 7th & 8th grade Gorham Middle School instrumentalists were nominated and accepted to this year's Honors Band.

The District 1 Honors Band and Honors Chorus rehearsed all day on Friday and Saturday, then performed a concert Saturday afternoon in the beautiful facilities at Noble High School in North Berwick along with students from Cape Elizabeth, Westbrook, Scarborough, Thornton Academy, Bonny Eagle, South Portland, Massabesic, Noble and Sanford.



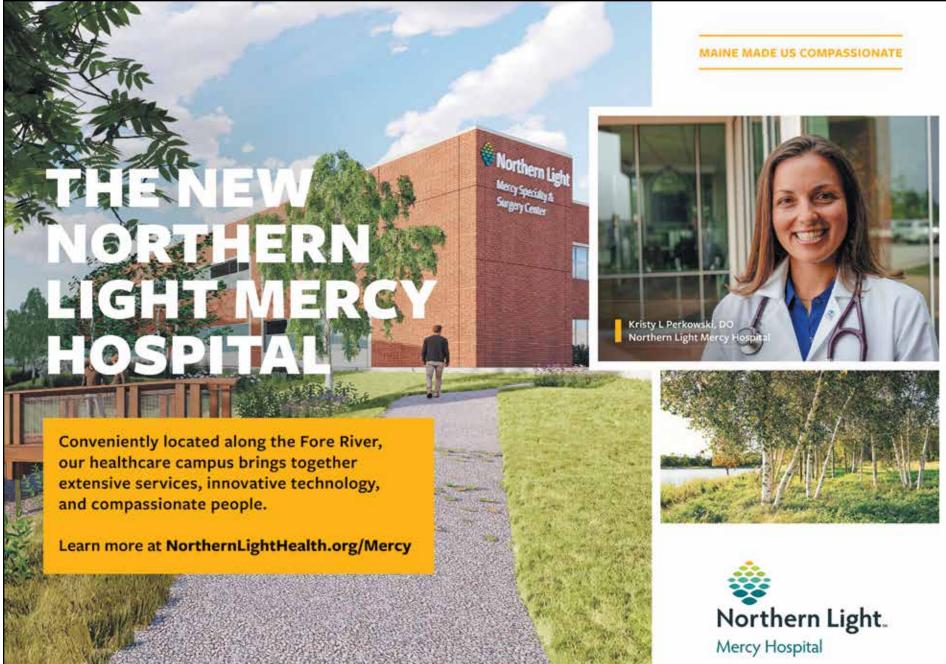
Honors Band Photo (left to right): Jack Cyr, Derek Luo, Gavin Monkiewicz, Kaleigh Bauer, Elizabeth Springer, Charlotte Wallace



Honors Chorus Photo (left to right): Noah Williams, Jayden Wing, Abram Ramsay, Brennan Ham, Madison Sampietro, Juliana Schools, Lauren Greenier, Lily Beardsley, Lola Vance, Madison Hatch, Chloe Cyr, Rebecca Neumann.

I'm tired of winter - how about you? Please send in your Sunny Spring Photos. Share with us moments from your favorite activities. Email photos to gorhamtimes@gmail.com.

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Track & Field Athletes Set School and State Records CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Coach Caterina & relay team celebrate

the 55-meter dash. Connelly, along with Green, Maddie Michaud and Ashley Connolly repeated as state champions in the 4 X 200-meter relay, breaking the state Class A record in the process.

School records were set by Caruso in both the Long and Triple Jump events, Green in the 55-meter dash and the 4 X 200 relay team.

The relay team went on to compete in the New England Championship in Boston and the New Balance National Championship in New York in early March.

The Boys' team, coached by Jason Tanguay, finished the regular season with a record of 17-3. The team placed 3rd in the SMAA conference and 5th in the State. Coach Tanguay explains, "One of the most impressive stats for this team is that every athlete scored points for us this season."

Strong performances by Andrew Farr, and Calvin Cummings are highlighted by Coach Tanguay: Farr broke the school records in the 55, 200, and 400-meter events. Farr was the conference champion in all three events, along with anchoring the winning 4x400 relay team. Farr was also the state champion in the 200 and 400-meter events, breaking hoto credit: Amanda Land



A post-race high-five

the state record in the 400 event. He competed at the New England Championships in the 300, earning All-New England honors. Andrew went on to compete at both the New Balance and Nike National Championships in New York City.

Calvin Cummings broke the school record with the fastest time in the 2-mile run and was conference champion in the 1- and 2-mile events along with being a member of the winning 4x400 relay team. Cummings placed 3rd in the 2-mile and 4th in the 1-mile events.

These athletes from both teams shattered records all season long. Congratulations to the entire track and field program.

SMCC Wins National Title

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



The Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) SeaWolves Men's Basketball Team are national champions — the first in the program's history. The team peaked at exactly the right time heading into the D2 small college tournament. They defeated NHTI at home 78-54 capturing its fourth Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC). As a result, the SeaWolves earned an automatic bid to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Div. 2 National Tournament in Richmond, Virginia.

Bode Meader (GHS '21), freshman and reserve player for the SeaWolves, would be a big part of the National title win. His dad, Daren Meader, and stepmom, Jennifer Banks Meader, explained, "It was clear after about five minutes in Virginia that the SMCC boys were the long shot in this national tournament. Not in our hearts or their minds but matching up to the competition. With each moment on the court, the team proved themselves not only worthy of being there but clearly the most dedicated, skilled and hardworking team."



Bode Meader in action throughout the tournament

SMCC went in as the #5 seed matched up with the #4 seed Miami University Hamilton in their first quarterfinal game. Going into halftime 30-23, SMCC controlled the offense by connecting 50% from the field and holding their opponent to less than their season game average. They downed Miami Hamilton 71-57.

The team looked very confident going into the semi-finals v. Penn State Mont Alto. The SeaWolves led

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FIRST Robotics Team 172 Wins Award CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Team 172's mission is to work together as students, mentors, and families to learn and build, build and learn, teaching each other with patience and respect, and to compete well with peers from every other team with confidence and gracious professionalism, helping and learning from each other in the process

For more information and to contribute to Team 172, contact firstteam172@gmail.com, or visit northernforce.org and on Facebook at Facebook.com/falgor172.

SMCC Wins National Title CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

early in the first half, coming out strong with an 11-0 run. The starters were hitting their outside shots early and would continue their streak, hitting seven 3-point shots over the course of the match-up. The result is SMCC 61 - Penn State Mont Alto 44.

In the championship game v. Johnson & Wales, the SeaWolves jumped out early again and never trailed. J&W made a push at the end to cut the margin to two points with four seconds remaining, leaving those in attendance on edge. The SeaWolves held on to win by a score of 79-75.

The starting five for SoMCC were outstanding on both ends of the floor throughout the tournament. The team overall played unselfishly. Meader came off the bench with teammate Anderson Kavutse. The two reserves would have an impact in all three games. Meader tallied five rebounds, nine points (including two 3 pointers), a steal and a block. Kavoutse chipped in 23 points in total.

The celebration continued and ended at the SMCC campus in South Portland. This team represented the state of Maine and should be extremely proud of its accomplishments.

"It is a big deal for the state of Maine and it should be talked about," explained the coach of the Women's Central Maine Community College team, who also won the National title in the same conference.

Meaders' parents also went on to explain, "It was a true Cinderella story to watch unfold. It was well run, with patient offense along with a tenacious defense that absolutely left the other teams stunned."

The SMCC Men's National Championship win was earned every step of the way and is something that will never be forgotten.

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, your son, or daughter are GHS graduates, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@icloud.com.

Making Dreams Come True at Orchard Ridge Farm

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Over the past ten years, the previous owners, Amy and Steve Bibula, had planted fourteen acres of fruit trees and blueberries; they sold chickens and eggs. The farm store stocked specialty products and had a limited take-out menu. From this start, the three women are developing a plan for sustainable expansion with a community focus.

"We want to be stewards of the land with as low an impact as possible," Kristen said. They soon will be adding raspberries, as well as peach and cherry trees. Laying hens produce eggs for sale in the store and wholesale to local restaurants. The farm store stocks even more locally-produced food products such as jams, sauces, cheese, and ice cream. Wine, craft beer, pizza, sandwiches, pies and pastries are among items available for take-out every day but Monday. They plan to add fresh produce from local farms. Goats are coming in April, and when they have a year-round shelter they may add cows and rabbits.

Although they hope to have a low impact on the land, the family wants to have a greater impact on the surrounding community by offering special events, hiking trails, and workshops. "We are open and inclusive," Kristen said. "Our trails are open seven days a week for walkers." One entrance gate is close to the Mountain Division Trail.

Monthly happy hours at the picnic area are a way to introduce people to their wine and beer stock and to encourage convivial gatherings. "The area is developing rapidly, but there is a lack of places for people to communicate," Erica believes.

Her husband Will sells barbeque from his truck in Portland and will bring it to



Photo courtesy of Orchard Ridge Farm

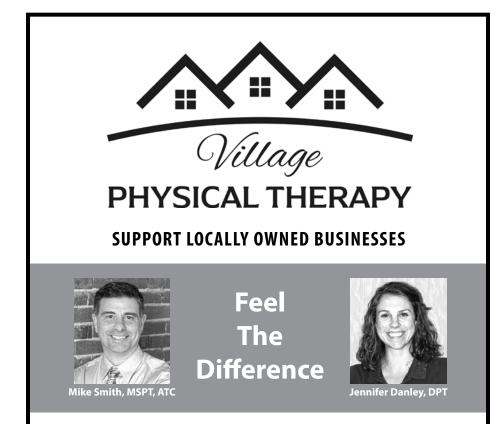
Standing in the March mud and snow, the Orchard Ridge Farm signboard invites passersby to a spring barbeque, one of the public events new owners are planning this spring.

Orchard Ridge for community events. Other plans include workshops and classes in popular topics such as tree pruning.

The business is on Facebook and Instagram, and a roadside signboard advertises upcoming events and farm store specialties.

The sisters are transitioning to being full-time farmers and business owners, but they still have connections to the hospitality industry: Erica in Portland and Kristen at MK Kitchen in Gorham. Mary still works as a nurse.

As their own business grows, however, the sisters hope their enthusiasm, love of the land, and skills developed working with the public will make Orchard Ridge Farm the welcoming, community-driven place they envision.





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BOOK REVIEW Live A Little

by Howard Jacobson



Beryl Dusinbery is in her 90s. Her memory is shot, she's a snarky old broad, and she's mean as a snake to her caretakers. She's also sassy, sarcastic, creates questionable needlepoint samplers, and thinks she's a Princess. Yikes!

Shimi Carmelli, 90, is a shy, quiet gentleman who does card-readings for the elderly ladies of North London. They are besotted with him and are forever making advances at him. Yikes again!

He's physically capable and remembers EVERYTHING - including an embarrassing incident that happened when he was a child which he's never been able to let go.

Beryl and Shimi are on their last legs, both wish a part of their lives had gone differently, and when they meet there's...Kinship? Friendship? The chance for one last go at happiness?

Howard Jacobson has written a darkly humorous, poignant, whip-smart story of two nonagenarians who are who they are...but might wanna change a little.

Live a Little is funny, life-affirming, cathartic, and a great reminder that you're never too old to...umm...live a little! I LOVED this book!

Dell Gray is a book reviewer for several publishers on Instagram. Her handle is @abookorafewandjavatoo

WRITING CORNER

Soft Sounds of Stillness

By Krista Nadeau

It's still winter but the sun has warmed the sand

I walk barefoot each tiny grain giving way as I sink into it

At the water's edge I dip my feet- just barely into the icy Atlantic

Agitated ocean water offers fluffy heaps of foam to the shoreline

My eyes gaze out at the unending beauty of the infinite

The sun greets the deep blue illusion of the sea in a blinding light Like countless prisms made of flint glass suspended perfectly showering the rippling water with thousands of shimmering diamonds Nothing is moot here there is no debate no question just possibility

I inhale deeply at the pause of my chattering mind and behold

The ebb and flow of the tide is like a lullaby

I stop to watch a seagull fly by with ease squawking overhead

In wintertime, the beach is still and quiet the perfectly tuned instruments of peace and the soothing sounds of the ocean echo out into the salty air.



Spring Laughs

Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?

Because they just finished a 31-day long March!

What kind of book does a rabbit like at bedtime?

One with a hoppy ending!

What happens when you tell an egg a joke?

It cracks up.

Why is a mushroom the life of the party?

He's a pretty fun-gi!

What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain?

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81 Cressey Road, Gorham Pastor Joseph Saunders, 839-3111 cresseyroadumc@gmail.com cresseyrdumc.org facebook.com/CRUMCGorham Apr 10 - Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m. Apr 15 - Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunrise Service around the fire pit, 6 a.m. Apr 17 - Easter Worship Service, 10 a.m. All services in-person and live-streamed

First Parish Congregational Church

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Fort Hill Community Church

Spire 29 - 29 School St., Gorham Pastor Aaron Manning, 592-4987 forthillchurch.com

Apr 17 - Easter Service, 10 a.m. www.forthillchurch.com

Galilee Church

317 Main Street, Gorham Pastor Mark Labacz, 839-6985 Apr 15 - Good Friday Communion in the Round, 6 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Resurrection Celebration, 10:30 a.m. Galileebc.org - Facebook.com/gbcgorham

Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham Pastor Joe Macisso, 839-8800 Apr 17 - Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

LifeChurch

8 Elkins Road, Gorham Brian Undlin, 839.6354, lifechurchmaine.org Apr 17 - Easter Services 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. Children's ministry available at all services birth-6th grade

Orchard Community Church

1 North St./Rt. 114, Gorham Pastor Brian Ward, 210-0627, orchardpastorbrian@yahoo.com Apr 15 - Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. Facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch

Redeemer Lutheran Church

410 Main St, Gorham Pastor: Rev. Timothy Sandeno redeemermaine@gmail.com redeemermaine.org All services will be lived streamed at facebook.com/redeemermaine Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. Divine Service

Apr 15 - Good Friday, 7 p.m. Tenegrae Vespers Apr 16 - Easter Vigil Apr 17 - Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Sanford; and 10:15 a.m. Easter Morning Service in Gorham

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road) Windham Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447, stannsof-

fice@gmail.com Apr 10 - Palm Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. with **Distribution of Palms** Apr 13 - Palms to Go, No. Windham Post Ofice, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday: Liturgy of the Word in the undercroft with Washing of the Feet, 6:30 p.m., Procession upstairs for Communion and Stripping of the Altar. Apr 15 - Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., Veneration of the cross, 7 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Vows and full

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Communion.

St. Anne Catholic Church 299 Main St., Gorham Pastor Fr. Louis Phillips, 857-0490 stannegorham.org Apr 14 - Holy Thursday Mass, 6:30 p.m. Apr 15 - Good Friday (Veneration of the Cross), Our Lady's, 6:30 p.m. Apr 16 - Easter Vigil Mass@ St Hyacinth

Church 8 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunday Mass, 8 and 11 a.m.

Summit Community Church

Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Road, Gorham

Rev. Travis Bush, 839-4434 Facebook and YouTube, go to summitmaine.org Apr 15 - Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. Apr 17 - Sunday Morning Service, 10 a.m. Apr 10 - Palm Sunday Mass 8 and 11 a.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham Pastor David Farrington, 892-5363, 653-7694 Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday service, 6 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunday service, 10 a.m.

West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946 Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. Apr 17 - Easter Sunrise Service on Rust Road 6:30 p.m.; followed by coffee and donuts

Easter Service- 9:30 a.m.

White Rock Free Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham, Handicapped accessible Rev. Jonathan Marshall, 839-1919 Apr 10 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m. Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, 6 p.m. Apr 15 - Good Friday Worship, 6 p.m. Apr 17 - Sunrise Service 7 a.m. and breakfast to follow; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Easter Worship 10:45 a.m.













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GORHAM \$289,900 - Sunlit floor plan featuring 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, gas fireplace, cathedral ceilings to loft area above and 2nd floor laundry. Great outdoor space with your very own private deck overlooking the rolling meadow

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OF INTEREST

The Gorham Police Department commonly receives items believed to be abandoned, lost, stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed that have been found throughout the town and the owner is not known. State of Maine Statute, Title 25, section 3502 requires that after making reasonable efforts and inquiry to identify and notify the owner of such items, the Department must after 30 days publish the items in a newspaper of general circulation within the same county.

Someone turned in an amount of cash that was found on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Gorham Middle School. If someone is missing money from that area and has an idea of how much money it was, please contact Det. Stephen Hinkley, 222-1689, or email shinkley@gorham.me.us.

White Rock Grange #380 at 33 Wilson Road will hold a Spring Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 2 dozen crafters and vendors will offer items for Easter, Mother's Day, Hostess Gifts, Just Because Gifts and more. Follow the Grange at facebook.com/whiterockgrange380.

The Gorham Lions meet at the Moody's Community Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the months of January, February, and March. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meets next on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For more information, please contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com

The new Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, located at Cressey Road Church, 81 Cressey Road, is open from 9 a.m. to Noon on the first and third Saturday each month. This is a free service to those in need. In case of fire or other emergency the closet can be accessed by appointment. FMI 839-9111.

The Gorham Recreation Department and the Gorham Police Department are collaborating on a new program next month for the Gorham Community. The program is a R.A.D. Women's Self Defense class that will be taking place in April. The class will be taught by a certified R.A.D. instructor and Gorham Police. R.A.D. is rooted in education and awareness. The course includes lecture, discussion, and self-defense techniques suitable for women of all ages and abilities. The goal is to increase situational awareness and to empower women to feel confident and safe. The program consists of 3 sessions starting on April 25, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Gorham Recreation Department, 5 - 9 p.m. FMI 222-1630. Register at gorhamme.myrec.com.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

White Rock Community Club hosts a Pre-Order Bean Supper to Go on Saturday, April 2 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Call Fran at 892-9521 by Thursday, March 31 to reserve your order.

First Parish Church Chicken Pie Take-Out Suppa: Curbside pick-up only on Saturday, April 9 between 4:30-6 p.m. Preorders due by Wednesday, April 6. Dinner includes one serving of chicken pie, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, and dessert pie. Kid's chicken finger meal is also available. Cost: \$12.00/adult, \$8/kids' meal. Order at firstparishgorham.org/shop. FMI 839-6751.

Highland Lake Grange, 9 Hardy Road in Westbrook, will be having a roasted turkey drive-up, take out only dinner on Saturday, April 9 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. There will be roasted turkey, green beans, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, cranberry sauce, and cake for \$10. Please have exact price, drive up, pay, and receive your meal. No pre-order will be taken.

There are many ways to give to the Gorham Food Pantry. Learn more at sites.google.com/ view/gorhamfoodpantry. Pantry hours are Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SENIOR NOTES

Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD's next meeting will be April 8 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Fire Department. All are welcome. The guest speaker will be Rita Losee, author of a book about strategies for living well at 50, 60 or 70. FMI or to get involved, call 887-9222.

The Gorham Medical Closet, operating at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call. FMI, call Gerry Day at 839-3859.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging offers a lineup of virtual exercise classes, caregiver support groups, and more. Learn more at smaaa.org/events.html, call 1-800-427-7411 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library's April Story Adventures for ages 2-5 are on Tuesdays, April 5 and 12 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. The Book Club is discussing Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce via Zoom on Thursday, April 7 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 celebrate National Scrabble Day with a casual Scrabble Tournament evening at the library from 6 - 8 p.m. No competitive Scrabble experience necessary, all are welcome. Sign up at the Circulation Desk, call 222-1190, or visit baxterlibrary.org.

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 Mondays from 3 - 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

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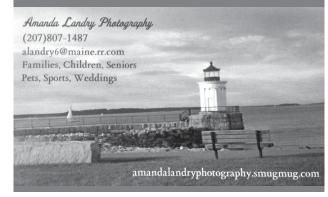
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Parker Hill Road caller wanted advice on an ex who would not leave him and his new girlfriend alone. Officer advised him of different solutions to the problem and advised him to document the harassing behavior. She told him she was going to come over to see his new place. When she was told she was not welcome, she told him that she could do what she wanted.

Officer provided directions to Rt. 95 to a driver on Wilson Road who was lost.

A residential burglary was reported on McQuillans Hill Drive.

Suspicious person on Dana Street was locked out of her house. Officer was able to pick the lock and she got in.

Railroad Ave. caller reported son's backpack had been stolen. Officer contacted the caller and she said they had found it.

Gray Road caller reported being harassed by a couple of people who had since left on foot. He did not want them to contact him. Officers served them with cease harassment notices.

Caller's GPS took him down River Road in Windham and down Gambo onto the walking trail. He crossed the train trestle into Gorham but could not get through the locked gate. Officer unlocked the gate and sent him on his way to his home on Narragansett Street.

Officer checked on a man walking on New

Portland Road with a blanket wrapped around him. It was cold out so the officer drove him to his house on Narragansett Street.

Officer wanted to report a violation of a cease harassment notice but paperwork had not been served on the other half.

Call was received from Stephanie Drive that male was drunk and the couple was arguing. Due to his level of intoxication, she was concerned the situation would escalate. Woman agreed to go with a friend to her home in Westbrook for the night.

Officer checked on occupants of a suspicious vehicle parked with its light on at Gorham High School at 12:40 a.m. The occupants were talking and listening to music. Officer asked them to depart and they complied without incident.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported a call saying it was from the tax collector and she owed nearly \$5,000 in back taxes. She was advised to ignore future calls and not provide any personal information.

Officers located an abandoned vehicle on the side of Ossipee Trail. Officers called the vehicle owner who said she had made it home okay and asked if she should have the vehicle towed. Officer advised her that was a good idea.

Officers responded to a report of suspicious people parked at Sebago Brewing at 12:16 a.m. It was the cleaning crew.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES

USM's community events in music, theatre, art, athletics and more can be found at usm. maine.edu/calendar.

The Osher School of Music at USM presents the Portland Brass Quintet on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m at Corthell Hall and the USM Concert Band conducted by William Kinne on Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at McCormack Performing Arts Center. The April music calendar is always filled with performances. Visit usm.maine.edu/music/events for more information or call the Music Box Office at 780-5555.

The UMaine Cooperative Extension hosts many online events and webinars through an online calendar. Learn more and register at calendar.umaine.edu/events/category/cooperative-extension/

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CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

First Parish Church Chicken Pie Take-Out Suppa, 4:30 - 6, Order by April 6, 839-6751 Highland Grange Roasted Turkey drive-up take-out, 4:30 - 6 p.m. \$10 exact change White Rock Grange Spring Vendor/Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Baxter Memorial Library April Story Adventures (ages2-5), 10 - 10-:30 a.m. VFW Gorham Memorial Post meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m. Gorham Lions meeting, Moody's Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

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