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## What's On Your Ballot?

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Although absentee voting is already underway, all Gorham voters will have the opportunity on June 14 to approve the F23 School Department budget and to vote on local referendum questions.

Voters registered as Democrats and Republicans will also choose candidates for state and congressional offices in their party's primary elections.

Registered voters with absentee ballots may vote the state ballot now, either by mail or in person at the Municipal Building, but no one may cast the local ballot until after June 9 when the Town Council approves the school budget.

The last day to get an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's Office is June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Voted ballots must be received by June 14. There is a secure ballot box in front of the Municipal Building for returning absentee ballots.

Candidates running for governor, congress, state senator and state representative are running unopposed in both political parties. Only write-in candidates who had declared would be counted, but there are none in either party.

The only contested election is to choose the Democratic candidate for district attorney. Voters have until the close of day on May 24 to change political parties. Voters who are currently unenrolled may enroll in a party up to and including Election Day.

The local ballot includes the school budget and a question asking if voters



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want to continue voting for the budget each year. The budget amount approved by the Town Council will be posted in the voting booths.

Voters also will be asked to approve four referendum questions, three for infrastructure projects and one for new financial software. These are not requests for additional monies, but for already budgeted projects. The Town Charter requires expenditures over \$250,000 go to referendum.

Voters in Ward 1-1 will vote at the Gorham Middle School. Ward 1-2 voters cast ballots at Great Falls Elementary School. Voters in Ward 2 vote at the Municipal Building.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 14.

## Governor Mills Visits Local Businesses in Gorham

Mary Wallace, Contributing Writer



Photo credit: Krista Nadeau

Governor Janet Mills and Erin Flett, with Flett's daughter.

On Wednesday, May 18, Governor Janet Mills paid a visit to local businesses and business owners in downtown Gorham. Her visit to Gorham accompanies her promotion of the importance of expanding child care during her visit to Creative Explorations Child Development Center in Windham.

One of her many stops in Gorham included Erin Flett Textiles and Home on the corner of Main Street and School Street.

Along with taking a tour of the shop, led by shop owner Erin Flett, Governor Mills got to see how everything is handcrafted and produced. When taking a tour of the studio



Photo credit: Krista Nadeau

Governor Mills left the studio with an Erin Flett & L. L. Bean tote bag and a matching bucket hat.

Governor Mills said that the shop "seems like a great place to work."

After her tour of the studio, Governor Mills had a chance to talk about her personal connections here in Gorham.

Governor Mills lived in Gorham for nine years and attended school here from 1st grade until her freshman year in high school. She spoke about her old house on the corner of Elm Street and Main Street, and discussed how she used to deliver newspapers as a young girl on her bicycle.

Governor Mills also reminisced on the "old downtown Gorham" as

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## Industrial Park Expansion

Gorham Times Staff

Individual lots are now listed for sale as part of the 141-acre Gorham Industrial Park - West Campus expansion project. The land was purchased by the Town in early 2020 and is adjacent to the existing Industrial Park.

Mike Anderson of Malone Commercial Brokers serves as the broker on the project.

Five lots are currently for sale, ranging in size from 3.4 acres to 52.5 acres. Prices for the lots range from \$450,000 to \$2,775,000 for the largest lot.

Permitted uses for these lots include manufacturing, warehousing, research facilities, public utility, retail service and wholesale businesses. Buildings can range in size from 15,000 sq. ft. to 250,000 sq. ft.

There will be public utility connections for water, sewer, power, and natural gas. The Town will provide grading and stormwater management system for the southern section lots, which are currently under DEP subdivision review.

Current plans are for new entrances and exits from Route 25 and Hutcherson Drive, as well as Cyr Drive via New Portland Road.

"This is a great addition to the region and especially for industrial-zoned land. Mike (Malone Commercial Brokers) is fielding multiple inquiries and we expect the majority of the southern subdivision to be sold over the next few months," said Kevin Jenkins, Gorham's Economic Development Director.

## Skatepark Groundbreaking



Photo credit: Leslie Dupuis

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Gorham Skatepark was held on May 20. Thanks to the efforts of business partners, the Town, and the Skatepark Project Team, as well as tremendous support from the community, the project is now underway. The skatepark is projected to open later this summer. Shown from left to right: Jimmy Shaw of Gorham Sand and Gravel, Town Councilor Ginny Cross, GMS student Timmy Curtis, Tom Dupuis of the Gorham Skatepark Project Team, Becky Winslow of Gorham Savings Bank, and Owens McCullough of Sebago Technics.

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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.

# Moving the Needle on Maine's Climate Goals: A Session Reflection

Rep. Jim Boyle

Last month, the legislature completed its work for the 2020-2022 session. After many long days and difficult conversations, we found bipartisan compromises to benefit Mainers today and for years to come.

From funding the \$850 direct relief checks that will be sent to over 850,000 tax filers beginning next month to establishing the Education Stabilization Fund so that the state can continue to pay its fair share of education costs into the future, reducing the burden on municipalities and property tax payers, we have done a lot of good for Maine people.

For my part, I was proud to have contributed to moving the needle on many important issues related to our environment this year.

We all know that the well-being of our people and economy depend on the health of the environment and natural resources. That's why it is a privilege to serve on the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee and to help develop legislation related to lowering greenhouse gas emissions, supporting climate resiliency projects and mitigating pollution. Because issues relating to our environment are so fundamental to the functioning of our society, it has been heartwarming to see other committees take on these issues, as well.

As I've mentioned previously, my committee worked on legislation to reduce the amount of harmful solid waste in Maine, address PFAS in our environment and establish the Maine Climate Corps, a service program for

young people in Maine to work on projects that lower greenhouse gas emissions and make communities more resilient to climate change. Each of these measures have become law and will go into effect in the coming months.

*A comprehensive measure like this will ensure that our new renewable energy industry is ready, well trained and sustainable, enabling our state to make real progress on our ambitious climate goals.*

Other committees took unique approaches to contributing to our stated climate goals. The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee also took on PFAS by working with Gov. Janet Mills and the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee to secure short-term and long-term funding, leveraging federal dollars, to support farmers impacted by PFAS contamination.

The Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee took on climate change by passing legislation that would establish the Maine Green Bank. Green banks aren't traditional banks, but rather quasi-public entities designed to attract private investment. That leveraged money can

fund clean energy and climate resiliency initiatives including insulation, solar panels, heat pumps, electric vehicles, battery storage and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Because the Maine Green Bank is mission-driven, it has the capacity to focus on underserved communities across the state. Initiatives like this help establish a holistic framework for addressing our climate crisis.

The Labor and Housing Committee also capitalized on their expertise to help advance Maine's climate goals. One measure established a framework for building out Maine's renewable energy workforce by attaching labor standards and goals to state funded clean energy projects. It additionally created a certified pre-apprenticeship program which will be key in training the next generation of Mainers skilled at all the tasks necessary for building clean energy infrastructure.

A comprehensive measure like this will ensure that our new renewable energy industry is ready, well trained and sustainable, enabling our state to make real progress on our ambitious climate goals.

Other legislative committees and agencies within our state government have been working hard to address climate change over the course of the past two years. I look forward to sharing more about what we are doing on the state level and what new support is available to local communities interested in climate resiliency in the coming months.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns or to chat about ideas that you might have for ways we can address this issue, or any others impacting our community.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Contact him at [Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov).

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Pursuant to MRSA, Title 21A, Sec 101, you are hereby notified that the Registrar for the Town of Gorham, Maine will hold the following office hours for the purpose of registering voters and making corrections to the voter list:

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Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

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Dear Editor:

Sometimes we don't think of all the good things that happen around us, like being a good friend and neighbor.

Take time to fill the bird feeder and play with the dog. Take time and walk the neighborhood. Breathe in the fresh air that Gorham has to offer. Check in on the elderly person next door; remember we will also get old someday. Pick up things that fall out of the can and Recycle.

This land is our land and our future. Share good deeds and pass

on good virtue. Listen to others who are new to the neighborhood. Keep the beat down with respect for others.

Offer to help the guy with the broken muffler. Pick up a rake and shovel and know that we love our humble town. Share all of our knowledge with the youth.

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# Gorham Business Exchange Cornhole Tournament Recap

Ethan Johnson, Gorham Business Exchange President



Photo credit: Suzanne Phillips

First Place Winners "X".

The Gorham Business Exchange (GBE) was fortunate to have fantastic weather for the Cornhole Tournament fundraiser on May 14, 2022. Twenty-two teams participated in the event, seven local business sponsors, and lots of fun was had by all.

The winner of the event was team "X" who received a \$200 cash prize. Second place was team "All-State" who received a \$100 cash prize. Teams who finished in third, fourth, and fifth places received a \$50 gift card to a local business.

The money raised at the event is used to provide scholarships to two graduating seniors at Gorham High School and to support the GBE.

A special thanks goes out to Sebago Brewing for hosting the event at their facility. Also a big thank you to Gorham Outdoors and Gorham Track for their tents. Signs were donated by local business Sebago Signworks. GBE really appreciates the support from the community for this event.



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Teams in the midst of competition.



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# Schools Confront Issues of Parental Involvement

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

For the first time in recent memory the Gorham School Department has received a number of requests from at least one parent that schools remove certain materials from a classroom or library.

Parents have raised questions about their involvement in curriculum decisions and the protocols the School Department has in place to resolve these issues.

At the May School Committee (SC) meeting Eric Lane, supported by a small group of parents, questioned the process Superintendent Heather Perry had used in responding to his objections to curriculum in the past. He also objected to the decision denying his formal request that the school remove two posters from the Gorham

Middle School health classroom.

Lane, who has a daughter at GMS, asserted that the district "promotes and pressures students to participate in gender theory" and that it did not respect his religious values. He accused the schools of fostering a "biased, corrupt, and pervertive culture." He said that "he did not expect the school to promote his values, but they should stop promoting theirs."

Gorham resident James Means spoke to denounce an email Superintendent Perry sent to teachers that requested their participation in a committee to evaluate the educational value of the posters. In that email she specifically said that she did not want to include students or par-

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# Benefits of Outdoor Exercise

Taryn Beaumont

It is finally warming up in Maine. The sun is shining more often and more strongly. Robin sightings and perennials popping up have shown us that spring has indeed sprung. A little bit of vitamin D lifts the spirits and makes us a little more motivated after the long, cold Maine winter.

It's time to take it outside. According to research, the health benefits of outdoor exercise and activity are numerous, for both our physical and our mental health.

Outdoor physical activity and exercise come in many forms, and can make us feel happier, more satisfied, and even feel like we have closer connections with our family and friends, particularly if they are joining us in outdoor activities.

Ready to step out that door and get after it? Here are some helpful tips to get you started:

The outdoors is a great for aerobic work or doing a walk/jog/run. You can utilize parks, stadiums, walking trails or paths, hills, or neighborhoods to get your sweat on. Try switching it up every once in a while, so you don't get bored with the same scenery.

Use what you've got. Look at your available outdoor workout spaces and think to yourself, "How can I use what is around me?" A column or light post makes a great place for a wall sit exercise, steps to the local city hall are great for cardio, and a local playground can easily become a pull-up bar. Creating new movement experiences using the world around you can be really fun and memorable.

Bodyweight exercise is your friend. This is a type of strength training where you use your own body weight to provide resistance against gravity. When you use your body weight for a workout, you are essentially using your body alone without any external exercise equipment such as dumbbells, kettlebells, or bands. Bodyweight training can be a very

effective, 'most bang for your buck' tool for improving your health and fitness.

Not sure how to organize your workout? There are many different ways to structure an outdoor workout for success. Some favorites are:

**Tabata Intervals:** Tabata is a popular workout structure that involves rotating intervals of 20 seconds of work and 10 seconds of rest, repeated 8 times. This is a total of 4 minutes. But don't underestimate the short time of the tabata – your heart will be pumping. You can utilize one exercise or alternate between a couple to keep things fresh while you work out.

**Ladders:** Multiple exercises performed in a row, with an increasing number of reps. For example, squats and lunges would be performed alternately for 5-10-15-20 reps.

**Pyramids:** Multiple exercises performed in a row as a set for an increasing then decreasing number of repetitions within each set. For example, squats, push-ups, and lunges performed as a set that includes a sequence of 5-10-15-10-5 repetitions.

Whether you are looking for a fresh change in your current workout routine or seeking to start an exercise program that is fun and non-intimidating, look no further than the great outdoors. Grab your friends, kids, coworkers, or family members for some movement in the local park or community space.

Remember, exercise is medicine, and being creative about your workouts can keep being healthy both engaging and enjoyable.



Taryn Beaumont is the owner of Anchored PT and Wellness and a Doctor of Physical Therapy for over 10 years. She is also a Crossfit coach, Certified Nutrition Coach, and Lymphedema Specialist.

# Town News

Ephrem Parachak, Town Manager

Gorham taxpayers will receive an informational flyer in the mail providing an update on the re-evaluation. Cumberland County Assessing can be contacted at 207-699-2475 with questions about the re-evaluation at [me.org/assessing-office/pages/tax-information-exemptions](http://me.org/assessing-office/pages/tax-information-exemptions).

Polls will be open on Election Day, June 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a state primary as well

as local and referendum questions. Absentee ballots are now available for this election at the Town Clerk's Office.

Starting June 1, applications for the senior property tax assistance program will be available in the Clerk's Office and on the Town website. The deadline to apply is August 1. An annual application is required to participate in the program.

## Grand Jury Indictments, May 2022

Joseph Faulkner, 40, of Evansville, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Crystal Rexford, 35, of Buxton, was indicted for trafficking in prison contraband and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought

by the Gorham Police Department.

Craig Sears, 59, of Parsonsfield, was indicted for assault on an officer, criminal OUI (one prior test refusal), refusing to submit to arrest, and operating after suspension on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

## Governor Mills Visits Local Businesses in Gorham CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

she recalled how there used to be a popular drug store, soda fountain, and movie theater. She shared that her mother taught English at Gorham High School (GHS), and her brother Peter was Valedictorian at GHS.

She was happy to remember her time as a young girl in Gorham and how it was expected that she would "go out and play, and come back around supper time."

Along with attending elementary, middle, and part of high school in Gorham, Governor Mills took ballroom dancing lessons in the same building that currently houses the Dance Studio of Maine, right across

the street from Erin Flett Textiles and Home.

Before heading to see Gorham's Chief of Police, Chris Sanborn, Governor Mills talked briefly with Erin Flett about the challenges and rewards of motherhood while having a professional career. Mills inherited five step-daughters when she married Stanley Kuklinski in 1984.

Governor Mills applauded Flett for her abilities to run her own business, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. To end her visit with Flett, Governor Mills left the studio with an Erin Flett & L. L. Bean tote bag and a matching bucket hat.



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# Gorham Schools Hires a New Technology Director

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Gorham Schools

The Gorham School Department is proud to announce that Sam Rigby will serve as the new technology director for the Gorham School Department, replacing Dennis Crowe who will be retiring at the end of this year after 20+ years of service to our schools.

Rigby comes to Gorham from Westbrook School Department, where he has served as director of technology and led the Technology Department and technology initiatives for nearly nine years.

Prior to joining WSD, he worked in the technology and foreign language departments with SAU 70 in Hanover, New Hampshire between 2008-2013 with a year in the middle where he worked with the technology staff for a network of schools in Santiago, Chile.

He holds a B.A. in history and education from Bates College, and has completed graduate

coursework in the MAT program with a concentration on teaching with technology at Marlboro College.

Sam comes to Gorham with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the area of technology. He has a



Photo credit: David Willis

Sam Rigby hired as the new technology director for Gorham Schools

demonstrated track record of excellence and leadership and is eager to bring his skills to bear in his new role as technology director for the Gorham School Department where he will lead a talented team of network and system administrators and technology integrators in ensuring our district's technology capabilities remain at the forefront of the field.

## School Committee Report, May 11, 2022

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

At the May 11 regular meeting of the School Committee (SC), Superintendent Heather Perry announced that Monday, June 13 will be the final student and staff day.

The Legislature has passed the biennial state budget, and the state subsidy amount used in the Gorham school budget is official. The legislation that would formally move pre-kindergarten educational services to the school districts was not passed in this term, but the FY24 deadline is still in effect. Perry will serve on the state-wide committee to discuss funding mechanisms.

During the time for public comment several parents of Gorham students spoke in opposition to Perry's

procedure for handling their request that a classroom poster and book in the Gorham High School (GHS) library be removed.

Another commenter protested the removal of several large trees from Robie Park and asked why there is no long-term plan for the park adjacent to GHS.

School Committee member Stewart McCallister reported that school water is being tested.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the 10-year anniversary celebration at Great Falls School.

Darryl Wright thanked everyone involved with the successful GHS

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ents. Means vowed to make the email "extremely public."

Standing SC policy does not allow it to respond to public comments. Consequently, there was no opportunity for Perry to describe School Department procedures for resolving curriculum issues or to respond to the criticisms Means made of the email she sent to the teachers. Although these are two separate issues, both involve the broader question of parental involvement in curriculum decisions.

Documents show that Superintendent Perry followed the policy for Challenged Materials Procedures (IJJ-RR) approved by the School Committee in 2018.

This policy states that a complaint should first be addressed by the staff providing the materials. If not resolved there it should be referred to the school principal. If not resolved at the principal level, the individual making the complaint can file the "Citizen's Challenge to Educational Materials." The superintendent can then refer the request to the K-12 Curriculum Committee for a recommendation.

This procedure was followed. Since the district has no standing K-12 Curriculum Committee, Perry referred Lane's request to the Teaching and Learning Committee, which does have student and parent members.

In this instance, however, she stated in her email to teachers on the committee that she wanted only teachers make the recommendation. Perry said later that she made this decision

"because I did not want to place students or parents in the position of professionals regarding curriculum. Teachers are professional educators."

Following IJJ-R guidelines, the committee carefully examined the posters and recommended that they stay in place. They concluded that the posters "are factual and do not promote anything."

They are definitions of terms that "follow the spectrum from 'straight' to 'non-binary' to 'gender non-conforming' and everything in between. The posters are visual support for vocabulary and are inclusive of all views."

The Superintendent accepted the recommendation of the committee and informed Lane that his request to remove the posters was denied. She added that he could appeal the decision to the School Committee.

According to Policy IJJ-RR the SC would then hold a meeting "for the purpose of receiving testimony from representatives of the various points of view." The School Committee decision would be final.

Superintendent Perry admitted that parts of her April email to the teachers had been poorly worded. In it she had suggested using as "as many 'rungs' of the ladder as possible to slow the process down and to insure that the parent has to 'work' a little on their end as well." She explained that her intent was for everyone to work at following policy.

Following the May 11 meeting she sent Lane a letter of apology for her "poorly chosen words."

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# Career and Cornhole Day at Gorham High School

Mia Kaufman, JMG Specialist, Gorham High School

The JMG (Jobs for Maine Graduates) program at GHS hosted its first Career & Cornhole Day on May 25. Put simply, it's a job fair combined with a cornhole tournament.

Over 15 businesses attended the job fair to network with GHS students and offer anything from internships to summer jobs, to future career connections.

Businesses were also given the option to sponsor the cornhole tournament either by providing their company's cornhole boards, or by purchasing a student-built cornhole board that will feature their business's logo.

This project was student-run from start to finish in order to provide students with essential life skills.

Different classes contributed to different components of planning this event — one class was used to make the initial cold calls and emails to over 50 businesses, another class learned how to sew cornhole bags, another class learned how to cut vinyl to decorate the boards, and we even had two of our seniors volunteer to make a website database of all of the jobs that the businesses in attendance are hiring for.

A handful of the employers are hir-



Photo courtesy of GHS

Career and Cornhole Poster created by some of the student participants for this event.

ing ages 14+, while others are only hiring 16+ or 18+.

There were prizes, live music, and food for students to enjoy the event and make meaningful connections with our community business partners. More information can be found on our website at [jobfair.goghs.org](http://jobfair.goghs.org)

# Thespians Society Induction

Josie Tierney-Fife, Theatre Director, Gorham High School



Photo credit: Josie Tierney-Fife

Michael Lortie and the members of the Thespians Society of Gorham High School.

On Friday, May 13, Gorham High School (GHS) Theater inducted 13 new members to Thespians Society Troupe #7533 and celebrated 10 graduating seniors.

The new inductees: Erin Abrams, Izzy Densmore, Tessa Dol, Cecelia Dellosso, Abby Fiore, Milo Harmon, Emily Lemont, Brady Mercier, Amelia Olaru, Emma Smith, Karise Thiemens,

Alauna Worden and Asa Wareham.

The graduating thespians: Erin Abrams, Kaylin Brown, Izzy Densmore, Tessa Dol, Will Feagans, Annikka Mocchiola, Julia Ordway, Hannah Reed, Karise Thiemens and Asa Wareham.

In addition, Michael Lortie was honored on his retirement after 17 years of producing the school musical.

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# Dr. Regan Thibodeau Inspires Village Students

Jodi Mezzanotte, Principal, Village School



Photo credit: Jodi Mezzanotte

Dr. Regan Thibodeau shared her story with students at Village Elementary School on Friday, May 13.

Dr. Thibodeau is a professor of American Sign Language (ASL) and deaf culture at USM. She is also a freelance deaf interpreter and advocate for policies that create a bridge between the deaf and hearing community.

She has become widely recognized in Maine during the pandemic as one of the interpreters of Dr. Nirav D. Shah of the Maine CDC.

In 2019, Regan was the first deaf person in Maine to earn a doctorate degree (PhD). She is passion-

ate about inspiring the next generation of interpreters and using education to improve the lives of deaf people. During her presentation, Dr. Thibodeau helped Village students see that differences don't have to be deficits.

Her message connects directly to the themes explored in the school's shared reading of *Hidden Figures*, the untold story of the Black women mathematicians who helped win the space race.

The event was collaboratively produced by Alison Penley, a teacher leader at Village, and Eliza Keigsberg of Aspire Gorham.

# Students Raise \$7900 for the American Heart Association



Photo credit: Collette Andreasen, School Nurse

Elementary students raised \$7904 for the American Heart Association (AHA) and an additional \$7904 for Learning Beyond The Classroom activities at Gorham elementary schools. This is the tenth year that the three elementary schools have worked together to raise funds for AHA and Learning Beyond the Classroom. Students earned the money by securing sponsorship in their family communities for physical activities. The elementary schools want to thank the students and family members for their continued support for this project.

Pictured: Michael Fortier, PE Teacher at Narragansett, Frank DeFrancesco, PE Teacher at Great Falls, AHA rep Gary Urey, and Gary Speed, PE Teacher at Village School

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# More Lunch Bear Winners



Photo credit: Cheryl Fotter, Assistant Principal, Village School

In a recent promotion of the school breakfast program, students were entered into a raffle to win a stuffed bear. Village students pictured L to R: Kristopher D., Grade 3; Cecelia M., Grade K; Kaleigh G., Grade 5

**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.

# Bird Buddies

Courtesy of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Birds are our constant companions, whether they stay year-round or migrate and return. Every season provides an opportunity to listen or look for birds.

The return of hummingbirds - as they do on or about May 1 each year - but always so exciting.

Turkeys making daily rounds through the woods to scratch for bugs and seeds, the males fanning their magnificent tail feathers and strutting for females, or puffing up to warn other males off.

Phoebes paired up and building nests.

Robins displaying their characteristic short sprint, quick stop, and a tilt of the head to listen before a quick grab of a worm.

Turkey vultures soaring overhead.

Hawks cruising the woods and wood margins in search of prey.

Ducks on the pond

The dawn chorus is more diverse and vibrant with each new day



Photo credit: Krista Nadeau

Baby bluebirds growing by the day. Mother and father are tending to them equally.



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Papa bluebird grabs a mealworm snack. Yum.



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The baby bluebirds have grown and are nearly ready to leave the nest.

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# Girls Tennis Squad is a Good Mix

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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Girls' Tennis Team

The Girls' Tennis Team is composed of a returning top-ranked player in the state while adding 13 brand new players to the sport. Most of the players, freshmen and sophomores, are new to tennis but bring their experience from other sports into the mix.

"Those who have experience on the team as a group of five last year are adjusting well to a new dynamic that a larger team inevitably brings," said coach Bergeron.

The new players are learning a lot from the upperclassmen, forming new connections on and off the court. The younger athletes are also learning more

about sport specific strategies including double strategies like simple returns, covering the back line, and playing the net.

A handful of freshman athletes who play soccer together joined the team this year including Sarah Rosingana, Ellery Herrick, Lucy Orlando, Evelyn Rush, Hadley Foster, Emily Beal, Erica Nygren, Julia Reed and Kayla McLean also joined.

All in all, this team seems to love being part of a team, which is what it's all about. The girls want to improve and are having more fun than expected. The varsity and top tier players are



Photo credit: Amanda Landry

Girls' Tennis Seniors

supportive of the newcomers and vice versa.

Senior captain Abby Emerson did not lose a match in team competition last spring. Unseeded in the MPA singles tournament, she advanced to round 16 before falling to the fourth seed. This season, Emerson is expected to go far in the state singles tournament, depending on where she is seeded.

Ainsley Christianson and Clara Schvets are also senior captains and expect to be competitive. Christianson returns with nine wins, and Schvets is returning with a strong performance despite missing a season.

May 20 through the 22nd is when the MPA tournament brings its 52 regional qualifiers down to four semi-finalists who are scheduled to play for the title on May 23 at Lewiston High School.

State-wide a total of 225 girls entered regional qualifying.

Qualifying for the singles tournament begins Saturday, May 14. According to the Portland Press Herald, the top two seeds return among boys, but the girls' field is wide open.

In other sports, playoffs are approaching and begin June 3.

# It's Not Easy Being Green



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Frogs are pretty amazing. Did you know that frogs don't need to drink because they absorb water through their skin? They can jump over 20 times their body length and their unique call can be heard for over a mile. That's impressive when you consider how small they are.

Frogs have a 360° visual range. They can pretty much see everything around them, including what is behind them. As if this did not make them difficult enough to sneak

up on, frogs also sleep with both of their eyes open and have excellent night vision.

Even more miraculous, during winter, their liver produces large amounts of glucose to increase blood-sugar levels. This acts like an "antifreeze" by limiting the formation of ice crystals in their bodies. They can survive cold temperatures and then "come back to life" in the Spring. What would Spring be like without tadpoles and frog songs?

## —Frog Laughs—

What do you call a sad frog?  
*Unhappy*

What do you call a frog that lies?  
*An am-fib-ian.*

What do frogs eat at McDonald's?  
*French flies and a Diet Croak.*

# Tips for Trimming Forsythia

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



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There is an old saying: "Three snows after the Forsythia bloom." While we may not have liked the cold, damp early spring weather, it produced a stunning, long-lasting bloom of Forsythia whose vivid early color signals the end of winter days.

Native to China, Japan and Korea, they were brought to England by William Forsyth, hence the name.

Because of their early bloom, Forsythia flowers are an important food source for bees and other pollinators when other flowers haven't opened yet. Their flowers are edible, but stems, leaves, roots, and seed are mildly toxic and should not be ingested.

To keep Forsythia looking their best, a little pruning right after their flowers have faded is the perfect time to give them a trim. Forsythia bloom on new growth and set their flower buds right after new growth appears, so trimming late in the season will diminish flowering next year. Be sure to prune well before mid-July.

To prune or not to prune is up to personal taste as well as the state of

each shrub. Some like the wild and leggy look while others prefer a perfectly shaped shrub. I like them somewhere in between, and how much to prune is determined by that personal choice. Forsythia has a naturally rounded, draping shape and pruning should keep that in mind.

Young plants may only need a modest trim. For a mature plant, cut at least one-fourth to one-third of the oldest, thickest branches close to the ground to encourage new growth from the bottom.

Older plants, untended for years and not blooming well may need to be totally lopped to four inches from the ground. New growth will appear and with careful trimming, within two years, you will have a rejuvenated plant.

Choose well-sharpened hand shears for smaller branches up to 1/2 inches. A pair of loppers are handy for branches higher up. To cut dead wood at the bottom, a small hand saw will do the trick.



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# USM Hires New President

John Ersek, Staff Writer and USM Office of Public Affairs

The University of Maine chancellor and trustees have announced the hiring of Dr. Jacqueline “Jackie” Edmondson of Pennsylvania as the new president of the University of Southern Maine, succeeding Glenn Cummings.

A first-generation college graduate and an accomplished faculty member, academic administrator and author at Penn State University’s Greater Allegheny campus, Dr. Edmondson will become the 18th President of the University of Southern Maine, starting July 1.

Dr. Edmondson was introduced to the USM community on May 16th by University of Maine System Chancellor Dannel Malloy. Her appointment by the Chancellor follows unanimous authorization by the University of Maine Board of Trustees after an inclusive national search that brought four final candidates to USM’s campuses in Portland, Gorham and Lewiston-Auburn to meet with faculty, students, staff and community stakeholders.

Since 2017, Dr. Edmondson has been the Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of Penn State’s Greater Allegheny campus near Pittsburgh, where nearly half of the students are the first in their families to attend college.

“I am thrilled to be joining the University of Southern Maine as its 18th President,” Edmondson said. “USM is a wonderful institution that is well positioned for an even greater future. I want to acknowledge and



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thank President Cummings for his success, and I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students and communities where our campuses are located to build on USM’s strengths, confront challenges and realize new opportunities that will expand its impact and reach in the University of Maine System, the great state of Maine and beyond.”

It is planned that Dr. Edmondson will live in the president’s residence on the Gorham campus with her husband, Michael. The couple has two adult sons, Jacob and Luke, who both live in the Northeast.

Edmondson brings to USM more than two decades of progressive leadership experience at Penn State, which currently enrolls nearly 90,000 students. She was a tenured professor and associate dean in the College

of Education and later associate vice president and associate dean for undergraduate education, where she worked across twenty campuses to develop curriculum and programs to advance college access and affordability.

Her research has focused on education policy, rural education, teacher education and popular culture. In addition to publication in numerous academic journals, she has authored eight books on subjects ranging from education policy to sports and popular music.

While heading the Penn State Greater Allegheny campus outside of Pittsburgh, Edmondson launched eight new degree programs in response to regional workforce and student needs. Many match popular programs at USM, including cybersecurity analytics and operations, information science and technology, and criminal justice, as well as recreation, park and tourism management, which was developed as a shared program with two other Penn State campuses.

Edmondson also earned her undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees at Penn State, where she was a first-generation college graduate who started as a music major, before transitioning to elementary education.

Chancellor Malloy stated: “She was valued, highly respected and, frankly, beloved, at one of our nation’s largest universities. I am confident that as

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Prom, and other members thanked teachers and nurses for their hard work during a difficult year.

Cooper Power, who directs the Adapted Physical Education program, made a presentation on the work he does with students with disabilities so that they can enter regular physical education classes. This involves formal assessments and individualized programs of instruction. He spoke also about the Unified Basketball program that pairs these students with their peers for practice and competition.

The Teaching and Learning Committee, the Anti-Racism and Equity Committee, and the Dropout Committee will be meeting later in the month.

The Strategic Re-visioning Committee and the Little Rams Early Childhood Project are working on initial drafts of their reports.

Perry reported that hiring for eight positions is underway and she is meeting with candidates recommended by the hiring committees.

The School Committee (SC) approved (5-0, Gagon and Schools absent) four policies that had been updated to bring them in line with statutes and heard first readings of four more that the Policy Committee is revising for the same reason.

They voted (5-0) to approve contracts for probationary teachers, moving those 1st year teachers to 2nd year contracts and also giving continuing contract to 3rd and 4th year teachers.



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our search committee quickly understood, USM and the broader community will soon know that she has the unique qualifications and characteristics to build on the progress realized under President Cummings to take USM as an essential educational, economic and cultural asset to even greater heights in its service to our students, System and the state.”

Malloy noted Edmondson’s longstanding commitment to equity and inclusion. At Penn State Greater Allegheny, she increased student and employee diversity, and in 2017, started the Crossing Bridges Summit to situate the campus as a catalyst for change in bridging racial divides in the region.

He also noted that her experiences as a low-income student, who, at 17, became the first in her family to attend college, have driven her dedication to fostering a sense of belonging for all students, and ensuring they have the services and support they need to realize their full potential, also that with an open door policy, frequent meals with students in the cafeteria and her commitment to the success of all students, faculty and staff, she quickly transformed the climate while also reconnecting the campus to the local community.

After hearing about Dr. Edmondson’s appointment as USM president, her colleagues in Pennsylvania were quick to praise her, and to note how much they will miss her.

“Jackie has been an outstanding chancellor and we will miss her greatly. She is recognized as a thoughtful leader, an outstanding community partner and a strategic thinker,” said Penn State President Emeritus Eric J. Barron, who retired this month.

“I am thrilled for Dr. Edmondson and the University of Southern Maine. Jackie is a visionary and passionate leader who understands the complexities and demands of a multi-campus university, and the importance of building a strong sense of community belonging and pride among its members,” added Dr. Madlyn L. Hanes, senior vice president for Commonwealth Campuses and executive chancellor emerita.

“She is a tireless champion of faculty and staff development, and student success. Jackie’s ability to forge

trusted relationships and partnerships with internal and external stakeholders will advance the rich history and strategic priorities of the University of Southern Maine.”

An avid runner, earlier this month Edmondson and four faculty colleagues ran the Pittsburgh Marathon together as a relay team, raising money along the way for a digital fluency initiative on campus that she launched that provides each student a modern device and training to optimize their learning and 21st-century workforce readiness.

“We are incredibly sad to lose her, but her whole career has led up to being the next president of the University of Southern Maine,” said Victoria Garwood, director for strategic planning and communications at Penn State Greater Allegheny.

“What she has done here in McKeesport is just remarkable. It’s

not just the new academic programs and the improved relationships with the community and the fact that we awarded more degrees during the first three semesters of the pandemic than the year prior, but most importantly is the pride we all feel when we come to campus. Jackie was our champion every day.”

In addition to all the new academic programs at Penn State Greater Allegheny, Edmondson raised more than \$4 million for scholarships and campus priorities, launched initiatives to address housing and food insecurity among students, and was the first to incorporate a student speaker into commencement ceremonies.

She was also known as a collaborator with and champion for campus employees, overseeing renovation of 35% of instructional, faculty and common space, supporting faculty promotion, including to full professor for a significant number of professors, and securing exclusive programs that elevated her institution within the university and the state.

For example, starting this summer, Penn State Greater Allegheny will have the sole Bachelor of Social Work program at Penn State. Students can start at 14 of Penn State’s campuses, but must complete the final two years of the degree program at Greater Allegheny.

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## LETTUCE BE HEALTHY

### Cabbage Casserole

2 pound lean ground beef  
1 large onion, diced  
4 cloves garlic, crushed or minced  
1 jar tomato/basil sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1 teaspoon thyme

1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained  
2 tablespoon olive oil, divided  
4 tablespoons water, divided  
1 large head cabbage, chopped into 1-inch squares  
2 cups asiago cheese shredded  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup milk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a large skillet on the stove-top over medium heat, add the beef and onion and Sauté until the beef is browned and no pink remains, for about 5-6 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in the tomato sauce, salt, pepper, paprika, thyme, tomato paste, and diced tomatoes (including the juices) and simmer until thickened, about 10 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat.

In a separate skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Once the oil is shimmering, add 2 tablespoons of water and 1/2 of the cabbage and sauté until just softened, about 5 minutes. Transfer the cooked cabbage to a plate and repeat the sautéing process with the remaining olive oil, water, and cabbage.

In a 9x13-inch casserole dish, layer 1/2 of the cabbage then 1/2 of the meat sauce on top of the cabbage in the casserole dish. Repeat the layers. Cover the casserole with foil and bake for 45 minutes.

In a small bowl, mix together the asiago cheese, eggs and milk. Remove the foil and top the casserole with the cheese mixture. Bake the casserole uncovered for 25-30 minutes til golden on top. Serve with rice. Enjoy.

Questions about the recipe can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at [btsme21@gmail.com](mailto:btsme21@gmail.com).

## Save Robie Park



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Over 50 signatures on a petition were collected at a rally called “Love Robie Park” on Saturday, May 21. Documentation, letters of support, and the signed petition was delivered to the appropriate leadership Monday, May 23. A vision for the park, along with other ideas, were shared at the rally. All of this will become available soon, accompanying additional signs. The effort to save Robie Park is ongoing.

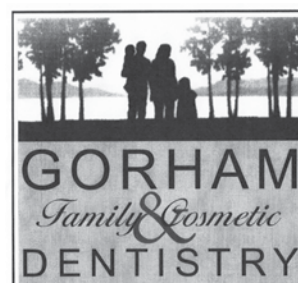
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# The Little Church with a Big Heart

Wilma Gould Johnson, Staff Writer

In 1956, the West Gorham Union Church had a choir of 24 girls ages 5-17. On May 15, 2022, 66 years later, the life-long influence of that little church with a big heart was evident, when approximately one-half of the original choir members returned for a reunion and sang a hymn to close the service.

These women, now ages 71-83, all expressed gratitude for the close-knit community where they grew up and for the values their families and the church gave them.

They shared many other memories such as inspirational Sunday School teachers, fond memories of bean suppers and oyster suppers on the second floor, with parents and grandparents carrying up water to be heated on the old cook stove since there was no running water.

Members recalled walking up to a mile carrying food from home, Christmas caroling through the neighborhood in the back of an old truck, and driving a farm tractor from Fort Hill, over a dirt road and across a rickety wooden bridge, to attend choir rehearsal.

Although the church was then and is still non-denominational, at the time of the choir, it received strong support from the First Parish Church with Reverend Dubbs coming out for their service an hour before the one in the village.

West Gorham Union Church traces its history to the 1860s when a religious revival after the Civil War began with meetings in local homes. The current

church building was completed in 1899.

In the ensuing 123 years it has been, and still is, a church with a big heart that welcomes anyone in the community.

During the service, the congregation sang a song with the words written by Pastor Nate Colson which includes the refrain:

(sung to the melody of "The Little Brown Church In The Vale")

*"There's a church on the corner of Clay Road, No lovelier spot in the town, No place is so dear to my childhood, Than that little white church can be found."*

*Refrain: "Oh come, come, come, come, come to the church in West Gorham,*

*Oh, come and sing your part.*

*No spot is so dear to my childhood, as the little church with the big heart."*

Old photo and church history were kindly provided by Ardyth and William Moberg.

**TOP PHOTO:** 1st row: Alysyan Martin Caruso, Marty Berry Towle, Nancy Elliott Coffin, Sue Parsons; 2nd row: Ardyth Martin Moberg, Claudia Hoyt Othuse, Adena Martin Bailey, Donna Thomas Molbeck; 3rd row: Dianne Elliott Libby, Carla Berry Davis, Gwen Shiers Rice, Pat Shiers

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**LIMERICK \$198,500** - Affordable living! Singlewide mobile home on a private 1.58-acre lot redone from top to bottom. Primary bedroom w/ full bathroom, kitchen open to living room, two-additional smaller BRs and a full common bath.



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**GORHAM \$303,000** - Desirable Meadowbrook townhouse style condo with 1 car garage. Sunlit floor plan featuring 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, gas fireplace, cathedral ceilings to loft area above and 2nd floor laundry.



UNDER CONTRACT

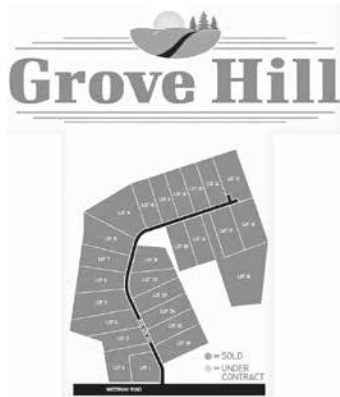
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### ACADEMIC HONORS



**Erik Aikins of Westbrook**, former sergeant of the Marine Corps and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, who recently completed his studies as a nursing student at the University of Southern Maine (USM), was awarded the 2022 Robert Masterson Nursing Scholarship. The \$2,500 Masterson Scholarship is awarded each year to a senior nursing student who is attending a Maine college or university and plans to pursue a career in critical care. Aikins is the grandson of Mary Jane LeCours of Gorham. [Photo: Staff from Northern Light Mercy's Intensive Care Unit present Erik Aikins with a \$2,500 check as the recipient of the 2022 Robert Masterson Nurse Scholarship award. Pictured, from left to right, are Jordynne Copp BSN, PNIII; Erik Aikins; Althea Masterson, Bob's wife; Kathleen Masterson, Bob's daughter; Carlene Stevens BSN, CCRN, Clinical Nurse Lead ICU.]

### OF INTEREST

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879**, invites the public to join them on Memorial Day, May 30, to honor fallen comrades with a parade and ceremony at Eastern Cemetery. The parade starts at 11 am along Lincoln, South St. Main St to Eastern Cemetery. The ceremony begins when the parade ends, about noon. The guest speaker is Colonel Buff Burkel, a Wounded Warrior. The next regular meeting is on Tuesday, June 14 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

**Alewife Migration and Natural History Hike will be held on Saturday, June 4**, from 10 a.m. to noon at Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's Mill Brook Preserve in Westbrook. The 2-mile round-trip walk will be led by a local alewife expert. Come learn about and see up-close the incredible migration of thousands of alewives on their way to Highland Lake while also hiking on beautiful, wooded trails. The event is free, but space is limited, and registration is required at prft.org/event.

**Members of the Gorham community are invited to line Route 25 and Main Street, South Street, and Morrill Avenue to cheer and wave signs honoring Graduates of the Class of 2022** and their families participating in the Graduation Convoy that celebrates our graduating seniors. Please refrain from throwing candy or other items. The convoy is organized by Gorham High School in collaboration with Gorham Project Graduation, the Gorham Police Department, and the Gorham Fire Department.

**Saco River Jazz is back with openings in trumpet, trombone, drums and guitar for regular and substitute members.** Good candidates would be young, high school or college, maybe new to big band and needing more experience, adults who want to keep their chops up or get their chops back, and older players looking to get back into big band music. The band is a non-profit, all volunteer big band, playing jazz standards around the local communities. FMI: Ross, 710-3375 or Steve, 298-9058.

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

**Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains Road in Buxton will hold Food and Plant Sale on Saturday, June 4** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a Bean Supper on Saturday, June 11. Pick up between 4 – 5:30 p.m. Take-out orders only. All orders must be placed prior to 5 p.m. the day before by calling the church at 929-3011 with name, how many orders, and food choices. \$10 per person for choice of beans, 2 red hot dogs, homemade cole slaw, American chop suey, 2 rolls and choice of apple crisp or a brownie.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**The North Gorham Public Library will hold a Plants and Book Sale on Saturday, June 4** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A weekly story time with songs and crafts is open on children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 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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the *Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department*  
**blotter**

Officer responded to a call on George Street. Caller was reporting the other party was controlling his life, saying he was being threatened. Officer told him to stop calling 911 for non-emergencies.

A truck had slid down a driveway on Sebago Lake Road and was on the ice in the road. Homeowner moved it out of the way.

Officer saw juveniles in the cemetery on Huston Road. One jumped over the fence. The others told the officer they hadn't damaged anything and were just looking around. Officer told them not to jump over the fence or damage anything. Juveniles told the officer they were just leaving.

Caller reported his W-2 form was taken from the front seat of his unlocked car. Nothing else was missing. He was told to notify his employer and to attempt to get another W-2 which he had already done. He was also advised to notify financial institutions.

Officer assisted a Maple Drive caller to be a more mature person and not comment on a Facebook post that she knew was about her.

Dispatch notified the Officer that an escort was needed at Hannaford, following a citizen dispute.

Man came to the Police Department to report he was being followed by a person

in a white Jeep Rubicon. Officer spoke with the driver and told him not to harass the caller anymore. He said he understood.

Fire Department confirmed that it was burnt toast that had set off the alarm at a Main Street residence and that there was no emergency.

Police were asked to do a welfare check at a Forest Circle address. Woman was fine. She had just overslept.

Scammer repeatedly called a woman telling her that she won the drawing for Publisher's Clearing House and that she needed to pay \$7,000 in taxes before she could get her prize money. She knew it was a scam but wanted the Police to have the information.

Two men were involved in a road rage incident that occurred in Westbrook at the gas station. Other party left. Caller wanted police to be aware of what had taken place. The license number he provided did not come back to the vehicle he described.

Caller reported a loose dog on Willow Circle. Officer contacted the dog owner and said no one was home but someone would be there soon and the officer could open the front door and put the dog in the house. Officer also shut the window so the dog couldn't jump back out.

9 a.m. to noon, June 27 through July 1. The program will be held at 53 County Road in Gorham. This event is free and open to rising kindergarteners through fifth grade students. People can sign up online at [summitmaine.org/vbs](http://summitmaine.org/vbs).


**Monumental Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 20-24** from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road Church in Gorham. Open to children ages 4 through finishing 5th grade. Register now and go off-road on a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. Register on-line at [www.cresseyrdumc.org](http://www.cresseyrdumc.org). There is no cost. Donations accepted.

**Youth Programs on the USM Gorham campus at [usm.maine.edu/summercamps](http://usm.maine.edu/summercamps).**


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**The Baxter Memorial Library Book Club will be discussing "The Chancellor" by Kati Marton on Thursday, June 2** at 10 a.m. Email [nflanagan@gorham.me.us](mailto:nflanagan@gorham.me.us) to be added to the invitation list. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. FMI, 222-1190 or [baxterlibrary.org](http://baxterlibrary.org).

**YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS**  
**Summit Community Church is hosting another year of Vacation Bible School.** It runs from

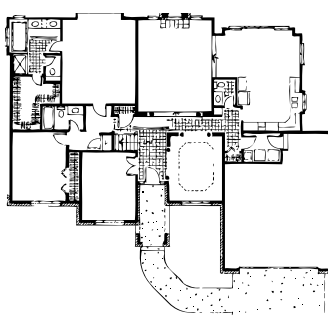


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**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

St. Anne's Church COVID-19 Memorial Service, 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 30**

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, Eastern Cemetery

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

North Gorham Library, Plants and Books Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

Baxter Memorial Library Book Club, "The Chancellor" by Kati Marton, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, Cressey Road Church, 9 a.m. to noon, free.  
 Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Food and Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 North Gorham Public Library, Plants and Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Alewife Migration and Natural History Hike, 10 a.m. to noon, Mill Brook Preserve, register at [prlt.org/event](http://prlt.org/event)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Take-Out Bean Supper, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 929-3011.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

GHS Graduation Convoy, Route 25 and Main Street, through Gorham Village, 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.

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199 GRAY ROAD	PAINE, ORINA	BROOKS, KATHRYN & GREGORY	\$265,000
6 NARRAGANSETT STREET	SCHNECK, KELLY & FERRAO, JENNIE	KENNEY, STEPHEN & SUZANNE	\$375,000
113 COUNTY ROAD	TRACY, RUSSELL	NICHOLAS, MARK	\$330,000
3 HODGDON ROAD	AKIMANA, LIESSE	BILODEAU, THERESA	\$415,000
4 HOPE DRIVE	TODORICH, BRENT & MICHELLE	MILLER, CHRISTOPHER & AMY	\$502,000
14 ALDEN LANE	BROWN, AMBER	BROWN, CHRISTOPHER	\$285,000
511 OSSISPEE TRAIL	SUMMA HUMMA REALTY-GORHAM LLC	WESTCOTT'S LLC	\$1,000,000
28 WILLIAM HENRY DRIVE	HORNE, ROBERT & NANCY	STURGIS, JONAHAN & AMANDA	\$115,000
41 ROBIE STREET	ZOLL, BRIAN	BOOTHBY, PHILLIP & CYNTHIA	\$342,000
15 OLIVER LANE	AUGUSTADT, JUDY & WILLIAM	PLOWMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$130,000
20 MASON LANE	HIRJI, SAIRA & BERNADINO, ERIK	STEINER, JOSPEH & CANNIZO-STEINER	\$470,000
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50 DUNTON LANE	BVIOLETTE, SEAN & TINA	STICKNEY, CHRISTIAN & TINA	\$599,900
763 FORT HILL ROAD	COHAN, CONNOR & KATELYN	CHRISTENSEN, KURT	\$450,000
110 JOHNSON ROAD	PERKINS, KIMBERLEY & MUNDORFF, KYLE	ESTATE OF JUDITH BOULANGER	\$327,000
2 CAITLIN DRIVE	PATTEN, SHAUN & KATHERINE	LARA, CATHERINE & RODOLFO	\$566,000
70 HARDING BRIDGE ROAD	TUTTLE, AMANDA & MICHAEL	SAM STRUMPH BUILDER, LLC	\$500,000
6 SAMANTHA DRIVE UNIT 2	DEGRACE, KATHERINE TRUSTEE	HARRIS, CHERYL TRUSTEE	\$395,000
20 LONGVIEW DRIVE	SCHLEH, EUGENE & JENNIFER	LACHANCE, ANNE & BENNETT, JANE	\$585,000
16 COLLEGE AVENUE	ROBINSON, HEATHRE & LYNDIE	SCHLEH, EUGNE & JENNIFER	\$535,000
46 ROBIE STREET	EARLEY, JUSTIN	BOOTHBY, MARK & FOWLER, NANCY	\$389,186
7 MAPLE RIDGE ROAD	CONSOLO, TRAVIS & SARAH	SURIAN, ANGELA & RYAN	\$430,000
15 RIDGEWAY AVENUE	KAY, GUILIANA & MELNYK, DEREK	GRIFFIN, JESSICA & KYLE	\$430,000
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46 MURRAY DRIVE	KNNE, WILLIAM & RACHEL	MAGEK, MATTHEW & SARA	\$521,000
6 MEADOW CROSSING DRIVE	HUOT, THOMAS	ESTATE OF HOWARD CANDAGE	\$650,000
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