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## Proposal to Rezone Mosher's Corner Underway

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer



Mosher Corner, the intersection of Routes 25 and 237 in Gorham

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At the last Town Council meeting, a proposal was discussed to rezone farmland at the intersection of Routes 25 and 237 in the Mosher's Corner area where public water and sewer are located, from rural

to agricultural industrial as proposed by Gorham's Comprehensive Plan in 2016. The current proposal would bring this area into compliance with the Town's 2016 Comprehensive Plan. According

to Tom Poirier "The proposed changes continue to support agricultural uses in the area and it would provide future opportunities for future commercial uses where there is public water and sewer".

The properties for the rezone affect a number of land owners. The largest properties are owned by Abbott Mosher, Albert Mosher, Stephen Rines, and Dale Rines, all of whom are descended from the Town's earliest settlers. Captain John Phinney was the first settler in Gorham in 1736 and Daniel Mosher was among the second or third settler arriving in 1738. Mosher's ancestors started the farm at the intersection of Routes 25 and 237, an area now known as Mosher's Corner in 1770. Both of the Rines are descended from Captain Phinney and Walnut Crest Farm has belonged to the Rines Family since the 1890's. The two properties about Shaw Cherry Hill Farm, a new non-profit zone. Walnut Crest Farm was formerly a dairy farm that had previously raised beef, sheep and horses. Today it produces hay and leases the pasture to

Ben Hartwell who raises cattle. Mosher transitioned to growing corn in 1987 and the farm also harvests hay. A grandson has expressed interest in taking over the farm.

Rines and Mosher spoke about some of their concerns regarding the proposed rezoning as drafted, as did Town Councilor Phil Gagnon.

Poirier noted that the current rural district zone permits farming and residential lots over 60,000 sq. ft. The proposed rezoning would allow farming to continue. However, if the land was no longer being farmed, it would be zoned commercial but not residential. Property could not be sold for new housing if farming was discontinued.

The Town plans an amendment to the proposal to allow accessory residential dwellings which would be incidental to farm use. Much of Rines' property is protected by the Maine Farmland Trust easement which means the property could only be used for farming.

The proposal will be discussed at the Town Council meeting in April.

## The Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island: An Example of Survival and Persistence

John Ersek, Staff Writer

In Gorham today, the word "Narragansett" is usually associated with the name of an elementary school, as well as a local street, Narragansett Street, and the stretch of U.S. Route 202 that runs from Gorham through Buxton is known as Narragansett Trail. However, there is a connection that has become obscured between these local Gorham names and a historic (yet still very much thriving) Rhode Island Native American tribe. Today, the survival of the Narragansett Tribe from the mid-1600s to the present day, where they are based on a reservation located within their historic homeland in Charlestown, Rhode Island, can be seen as an example of persistence and fortitude that readers may still learn from.

Some people in Gorham are aware that the town's original name was "Narragansett Number Seven," as it was one of seven "Narragansett Townships" created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1734 to honor militia soldiers who marched to Rhode Island to take part in the "Narragansett War" of the 1670s.

Others know that the town's name was soon changed to Gorham to honor one of the town's first colonial settlers, John Gorham, who was descended from militia members who fought the Narragansetts.

However, fewer people today are

aware that the Massachusetts authorities chose the name "Narragansett Number Seven" to honor the colonial militia members who took part in a 1675 attack on the Narragansett people in their winter longhouses west of what is now Warwick, RI, in which over half of the tribe's people were killed, including almost all their women and children.

After the Rhode Island legislature officially terminated their tribal status in the 1880s and sold off their reservation, they moved nearby as a group. They maintained their traditional tribal structures, official titles, and seasonal gatherings, despite the hostility of the state and many of their neighbors. A tribal renaissance began in the 1930s and 1940s when they published a newspaper for a while, began lobbying the legislature about land claims, and built a new longhouse. In 1975 they filed a land claim in federal court, and in 1983 they gained federal recognition and were awarded federal funds to re-purchase about 1400 acres of their previous reservation near Charlestown.

Below is a quote from US Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), from a presentation he made to a Congressional committee. The speech was notable because Kennedy was one of the first of Rhode Island's recent political leaders to acknowledge the terrible history of how the Narragansetts were treated by the region's



Narragansett Street in Gorham

Photo credit: Roger Marchand

dominant [white] inhabitants for centuries and to publicly support the tribe's efforts to gain full sovereignty rights (like those of other federally recognized tribes) and receive funding for purchasing land to increase the size of their reservation.

"Almost 400 years ago the Narragansett Tribe lived in peace. Before the European settlement of southern New England, the tribal government was the sovereign authority over their people and their general welfare. They educated their children, cared for their sick, and fished in the bay that now bears their name."

From then to the present, the history of the Narragansett Tribe took place entirely in Rhode Island, far from Maine. Still, there is much that history can teach here in Maine about the Tribe's resilience. They

survived a brutal time in history, King Phillip's War, The Great Swamp Massacre, the War of Independence, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War, able to remain mostly neutral, which was important for their survival.

Although they were nearly decimated by colonial expansion and cultural conflicts, and their tribal lands reduced to a tiny fraction of what they once had, as of 2023, the Narragansett Tribe currently has about 2300 members, mostly in Rhode Island and neighboring states.

Learn more about the Narragansett tribe today by visiting their website, <https://narragansettindiannation.org/>. For the reader's interest, this article is provided in greater historical detail at the Gorham Times Website, <https://gorhamtimes.com>.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 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.

# Be In the Room Where Change is Made

By Sen. Stacy Brenner

Every right and freedom that women reclaimed was the result of decades – if not centuries — of battles for equality, dedicated advocacy and endless resilience. Women's History Month is a reminder to reflect on the numerous empowered women who paved the path that I now walk, like Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Shirley Chisholm. I serve among legislators who are making history beginning with their election victories and now with their policies.

The 131st Legislature has made history. Every member of the majority leadership for the House of Representatives is a woman. Both the Majority Leader and the Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate are women. The people of Senate District 27 elected the first Black woman to the State Senate. Ten out of the 22 members of the Senate Democratic caucus are women. When we have such strong representation in places of power, we have the ability to help our communities more effectively. Over the years, the Legislature has gradually become more diverse, and the policies we have passed into law have reflected this change.

Former Sen. Cathy Breen led the way in the struggle to address inequitable pay when lawmakers passed LD 278. This law prohibits employers from asking about prior wages or salary until they have made an offer of employment. Research shows that asking for prior pay information perpetuates and exacerbates the gender wage gap. One act of pay discrimination

early in a woman's career could adversely affect her for the rest of her life. By ensuring that employers stop asking for wages or salary history, women are no longer harmed by previous instances of discrimination. This legislation directly addresses a chronic issue that women have faced for decades.

In my first term, I sponsored legislation to require private and public insurance carriers to cover services by certified midwives just as we do for certified nurse midwives. We passed the bill, helping ensure that certified midwives in Maine have better access to equitable pay by requiring insurance carriers to cover their services. Midwives form an essential part of the health care system, which is why it's important that they are justly paid. Patients also have better access to their services because more providers are now covered. As a nurse midwife, I channeled my experiences into this policy to change many more lives than just my own.

This session, my colleague Sen. Mattie Daughtry is leading the movement to get paid family and medical leave legislation onto the Governor's desk. In the 130th Legislature, we created a commission to study how a statewide paid family leave would work for Maine. Last month, the commission released its final report. We are in a good position to finally bring paid family and medical leave to our state. This would improve the lives of all Mainers, but especially women, by giving them the ability to take care of

themselves and their loved ones without facing the shadow of financial security.

Change happens when women are in the room where decisions are made. Our experiences and knowledge are vital resources when drafting legislation. In order to ensure equity in law, there must be equity in who is writing it.

However, we still have a long way to go. Forming a Legislature of people with many different experiences is the only way we are going to truly make equitable legislation that improves the lives of all. Electing women is the goal we need to aim for, including electing women of color, women of the queer community, transgender women, those who are gender non-conforming or non-binary. Until we have all voices at the table, we won't be able to help all the communities of Maine.

If you have questions, ideas or comments throughout the legislative session, please feel free to contact me at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. You can also follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner for more frequent updates.



Stacy Brenner is serving her second term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, and most of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

## Letter to the Editor

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 as space allows and are subject to editing.

To the editor:

In communities throughout Maine, many are confronted with the painful daily reality of not being able to access enough food for themselves and their families. House Majority Leader Maureen Terry, the Sponsor of Maine's LD1046 Hunger Prevention Act passed in July 2021, reports that nearly 1 in 10 people in our state are currently experiencing hunger, including 1 out of every 6 children.

There are ways to help: 1. Donate to your local food pantry. 2. Volunteer at a local program that helps feed people. 3. FILE YOUR TAXES!

Now, Mainers have a new opportunity to help efforts to end food insecurity by simply checking a box on their state tax forms.

For the first time, there's an option on Form 1040ME for taxpayers to donate a portion of their refund to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund (or to respond to a request to mail in the amount if no refund is owed to the taxpayer.) Just select an amount on line 8 of Schedule CP of Form 1040ME. TEFAP provides emergency food assistance for low-income folks at no cost, supporting our most vulnerable and helping to create a hunger-free Maine for future generations.

A sample form can be found at

[https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov/revenue/files/inline-files/22\\_1040me\\_sched\\_cp\\_ff.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov/revenue/files/inline-files/22_1040me_sched_cp_ff.pdf).

Additionally, you can learn more about the program at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/tefap/index.shtml>. If every Maine income tax filer donates \$5, we can finally end hunger in Maine. Help end food insecurity for the whole state!

- Sara Lambert Bloom, Biddeford, Maine

To the editor:

Did you know that a loophole currently exists in federal law that allows foreign governments and their governmental entities to pour endless amounts of money into Maine ballot initiatives? You read that right: foreign governments can currently work to tip the scales in Maine politics without consequence, despite the fact that foreign campaign contributions are banned by the Federal government—all because of a disastrous loophole.

Regarding domestic influence, corporations, special interests, and the super-rich spend absurd amounts of money buying political influence through attack ads, mailers, and campaign contributions, often

hiding their identities in organizations like Super PACs. This is bad for transparency, bad for accountability, and drowns out the crucial voices of ordinary citizens.

Fortunately, the Maine State Legislature currently has an opportunity to curtail some of the most nauseating and dangerous effects of money in politics in our state by passing the Protect Maine Elections initiative.

Please consider contacting your state legislators to encourage them to pass the Protect Maine Elections initiative to close that foreign influence loophole and affirm Maine's support for an anti-corruption amendment to the U.S. constitution. With 89% of Maine voters supporting closing this loophole and 73% supporting an anti-corruption amendment, this seems pretty straightforward: It's time to get dark money out of politics and protect the voice of Maine voters.

- Jeremy Lynch

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### Correction:

In the March 16, 2023 article on page 5, "Garbage to Garden is now in Gorham" we misprinted the company's website address as a .com, and it should have been .org. The company's correct address is: <https://garbagetogarden.org>



# Best of 207 Business Winners From Gorham

Compiled by the Gorham Times Staff

In the inaugural edition of "Best of the 207" magazine sponsored by Fidium Fiber is the result of a month of exhaustively collecting nominations, tabulating close to 70,000 consumer votes to determine gold, silver and bronze winners across more than 240 business categories. Below is a list of winners from Gorham.

## Winners from Gorham

Great Falls Construction: 2022 Gold for Best Home Builder

Inn at Village Square: 2022 Silver for Best Assisted Living

Junction Bowl: 2022 Bronze for Best Bowling Alley

Merrifield Farm: 2022 Silver for Best Maple Syrup

Moderne Rug Cleaning: 2022 Gold for Best Carpet and Floor Cleaner

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# Green Matters: Time, Money, and Grass

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer

In deep winter when piles of snow cover the yards, the lawn care industry urges us to start thinking about our lawns. Commercials remind us that spring is coming and tempt us with the promise of closely manicured, weedless, insect-free lawns groomed to a shade of green seldom seen in nature. Much of the turf that we see in our neighborhoods, condos, athletic fields, golf courses, and businesses require a lot of time and money to establish and maintain. Why and when did we abandon natural landscapes that featured native plants and grasses favored by "Mother Nature"? When did this fixation with unnaturally perfect lawns become normalized?

It may all have begun in Europe in the 1700s when the size and lushness of your lawn demonstrated status, wealth, and superiority over mere mortals. No matter that Northern Europe has a cool rainy climate, perfect for growing grass, and that the upper classes had servants and sheep to keep up appearances around their estates. This practice migrated to the North America and other former English colonies, where lush lawns became a source of pride and reflected a strong Yankee work ethic.

This trend is beginning to fade as a warming climate, limited water, and more demands on our time reduce our ability to maintain such lawns. Younger generations are also less enamored with lawns and are embracing a more natural approach, limiting the size of lawns

and reducing maintenance costs. Millennials and Generations X & Z prefer to spend weekends relaxing with family and engaging in recreational activities, rather than sitting on a gas-guzzling, fume-spewing lawn mower.

Homeowners who grew up in the 50s believe that a perfect lawn increases the value of their properties, but younger buyers often have a different viewpoint. Real estate professionals say that prospective buyers focus less on the lawn and more on the inside of the house, as they try to imagine living in that space.

Instead of forcing non-native grasses to grow in unnatural ways, the lawn can be reimagined with native plants that thrive in our climate. Once established, a naturalized lawn is easier to maintain and saves money that was once spent on harmful pesticides, insecticides, fertilizer, and expensive irrigation.

Here are some suggestions to aid in converting your current lawn into a healthier, environmentally viable landscape.

**Adjust Expectations** - Naturalizing our lawn requires a shift in thinking and practice.

**Start Slowly** - Test ideas on a portion of your lawn to help you understand which plants and grasses grow best in different parts of your property.

**Observation** - Visit Garden centers, look closely at other properties, talk with a landscaper, and find out what

options might work best in our climate.

**Ground Covers and Native Grasses** - Try low-growing ground covers like vinca, clover, or pachysandra. Certain grass varieties require less water, are drought resistant, and need less care.

**Low-Growing Shrubs** - Plant shrubs and bushes that grow close to the ground, spread horizontally and are native to Maine. Low-growing junipers, yews, cedars and other plants thrive here and are easy to maintain. Check with your local nursery and landscaper to learn what might work best on your land.

**Model Behavior** - Your yard can serve as an example of sustainable landscaping and encourage others to adopt similar practices. Advocate for change in your neighborhood, town, and state.

**Be Patient** - Change is difficult and it takes several years of experimentation to see what works best for your yard.

A naturalized lawn might free up some time, save you money, and make you the envy of your neighborhood.

*Bruce Webb has been a Gorham resident for 40 years. He was a home energy auditor and is active in environmental activism.*

# The Athlete's Corner: It's Not About the Game

Stan Skolfield, Contributing Writer

All too often, student-athletes seem to only get excited about games or statistics. Many of them believe that the outcome of the game is what really matters and that is what sports are all about. If you are one of these folks, I'm here to tell you that you're missing out on the most valuable life lesson about being an athlete.

Growth and development in sports and life is not the result of games, wins, or losses. Where life really happens is in the trenches training, on the field practicing, and in the library studying. Growth and development comes from the process of doing the work, and this is where great athletes and outcomes are forged. This is the area that athletes should get the most excited about. Some of life's biggest lessons occur while you're doing the work.

This is where you learn the value of 100% effort: what it means to be committed to the weight room; the importance of discipline and forgoing video games to study for an exam; and the results of setting goals for yourself. For many, the construction of

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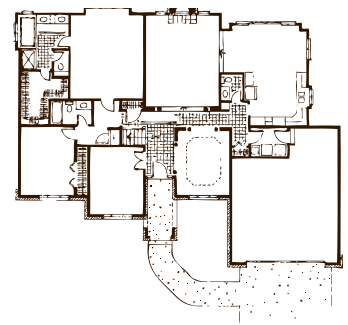
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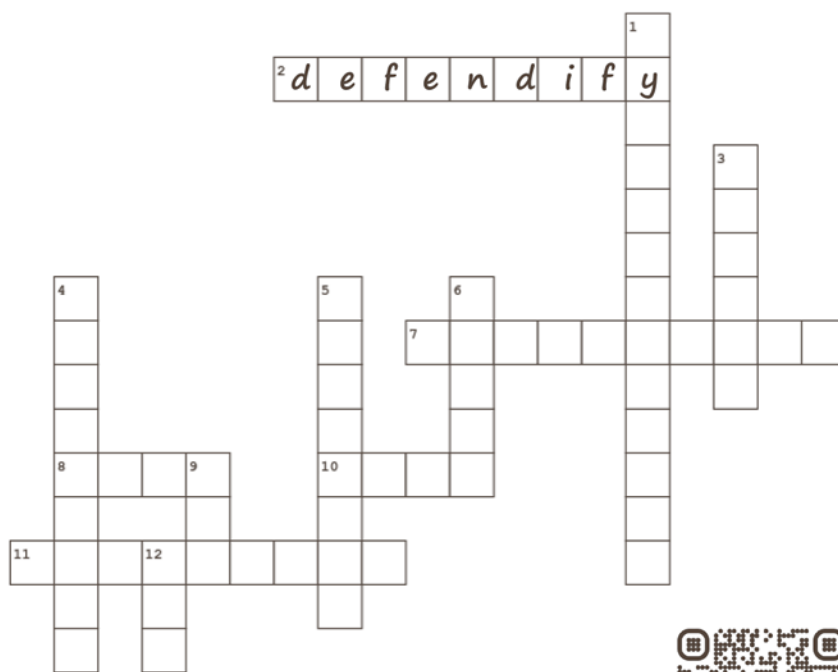
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# Gorham PD Welcomes New Patrol Officer

Christopher E. Sanborn, Chief of Police

The Gorham Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of our newest police officer, Taylor Stroup. Officer Stroup comes to the Gorham Police Department with four years of experience with the South Portland Police Department. She was a patrol officer and patrol evidence technician with the South Portland Police Department. She was heavily involved in community programs with the South Portland Police Department and looks forward to becoming involved in Gorham Police Department's extensive community policing programs as well.

Officer Stroup holds a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Southern Maine and is a graduate of the 35th Basis Law Enforcement Training Program from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.



Photo credit: Gorham Police Department  
Newest Gorham Police officer, Taylor Stroup is welcomed to the department by Chief Sanborn

Officer Stroup is excited to be a member of the Gorham Police Department and looks forward to introducing herself to the community.

# Public Works Report

Kelly Meslin, Public Works Department

We are looking to fill some positions here at DPW:

Seasonal Laborer: Summer May 1 to Sept. 1, \$17.25. Successful candidates that remain employed through Sept. 1 will be eligible for a \$250 bonus.

Driver/Operator I: Pay range for this position starts at \$21.04 per hour. Actual salary depends on experience, qualifications, and budget availability. Successful candidates will be eligible for a \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

The Public Works office will be closed on April 18 in observance of Patriot's Day. There will be no changes to the trash schedule the week of Patriot's Day.

Trash should be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. All trash bags should have a bag tag on them in order to be collected.

Public Works summer hours start April 18. The office & garage will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

Happy spring! The sun is getting higher in the sky and the extra daylight is a very welcomed sight!

Motorcycle re-registrations are due March 31. You can re-register your motorcycle on-line or in the Clerk's Office. Bring your old registration, current insurance card and mileage.

Fishing season starts April 1. Hunting and Fishing Licenses can be obtained online or in the Clerk's Office. Online boat registration starts May 1. You can also re-register your ATV for 2024.

Dog licenses for 2023 were due on Jan. 31, 2023. If you haven't licensed your dog for 2023, you will need to do it in person with a

\$25 late fee as the online registration program is turned off. The Animal Control Officer is out issuing summons for unlicensed dogs.

The second half of the 2023 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due on May 15. Pay your taxes online through our website.

The annual School Budget Election will be held on June 13, 2023. Request an absentee ballot now by calling the Clerk's office at (207) 222-1670. Ballots will be available by May 15 and will be mailed to you. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Election Day for voting in person. If you are unaware to where you vote, please call the Clerk's office before Election Day.

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# Gorham Native Mackenzie Holmes Dominates The Big Ten

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Mackenzie Holmes was named a First Team All-American by the Associated Press. It is the first time a Hoosier has earned that honor. The Indiana team earned the program's first-ever No. 1 seed as well. Coach Teri Moren, earned Big Ten Coach of the year. The atmosphere they have at Indiana is electric. It's all straight back and the team mentality is: they are all in it together. The arena is one of the best in the country, steeped with history and tradition.

Holmes did absurdly amazing things all season long, on and off the court. On the court she earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors (with 1.9 blocks per game). She is also among the top nation's most efficient shooters at 68.8%. Off the court Holmes is very involved helping to make a difference within the entire Bloomington campus community.

Holmes and her three teammate guards are tight-knit, and incredibly hard-working, making a big statement win in February beating Iowa State. Holmes and Berger combined for 50 points that game. This type of play continued all season long, with Holmes dominating. Another win in early March v. Michigan State, Holmes put up 27 points and 5 rebounds.

Holmes continues to be solid at the free throw line and big in the paint. She is aggressive and highly skilled, being able to score with either her right or left which is deadly. She is a very rare player. She is also bigger than anyone in her conference, making her incredibly tough to play against. Her play opens up space and opportunities for the guards. Holmes, and her teammates, (Grace Berger and Sydney Parrish) have put the spotlight on the program and helped earn Indiana a first-ever No. 1 seed.

On March 21, The Hoosiers were cut short to repeat a sweet sixteen appearance in a tough



Photo credit: Katie Brown

Gorham High School Girls Soccer

battle v. Miami. They knew it would take a tremendous effort to win it, but they had their sights set on going far in the NCAA Tournament. Indiana would need to be up in the first half of the game, that did not happen. They did, however battle back in the second half, going down to the wire in the last few seconds. With 6 seconds left in the game it was tied up. The Hoosiers homecourt would seemingly not benefit from any whistle calls on their end. Miami made a last shot and it fell. In the end, Indiana ran out of time. The Hoosiers 28-4 season record exemplifies many positive take aways from the season. And worth noting, their 4 losses (only combined 12 points total). This team will undoubtedly be back in full throttle next year, to finish what they have started. Holmes is a finalist for the Lisa Leslie Award, the Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy, the Wooden Award, and the USBWA Ann Meyers Drysdale Player of the Year. This was Holmes' second All-American season; she was an honorable mention as a sophomore in 2020-21. Holmes plans to be back next year for her last season, due to a year of (Covid eligibility). On behalf of the Holmes/Hoosier fans of Gorham, congratulations on an incredible season.

# Evan Spear Award Winner

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Tim Spear, Athletic Director

Senior Captain Goalie Jasper Crane

Gorham Varsity Goalie and Senior Captain Jasper Crane is the 2023 recipient of the Evan Spear Award. This award was created in '05 by the Yarmouth Hockey Boosters in conjunction with the Class B South Hockey Coaches Association. This award honors the memory and spirit of Evan Spear, a 2000 graduate of Yarmouth High school who passed away in 2004 after losing his battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Spear never lost his spirit to live on and made him extraordinary. The Evan Spear Award is given once annually to a Class B South hockey player who most personifies the spirit of Evan Spear. Congratulations to Crane.

# SMCC Captures back to back YSCC Championship

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The # 4 SMCC Men's Basketball team hosted #5 VTC in the quarterfinal round of the YSCC Elite 8 Tournament. The game was back and forth with SM pulling ahead with 6 minutes remaining, however, VTC pulled within 3 making it a nail biting finish. Bode Meader's late game clutch free throws sealed the win with a 62-60 Victory. This dramatic finish would send SM with momentum to play their arch rival CMCC in Auburn. The Seawolves did just that, they upset the Mustangs and held on to beat the Herons to win back to back YSCC championships.

The team, then traveled a familiar road back to Petersburg Virginia to compete for the National Championship. The team did not make it past the first-round game but not without a fight. It was tied up at the half and they closed a gap in the second half but could not convert late in the game. SM would return home, without a repeat National championship title. Congratulations to Gorham's Bode Meader, making a great run during his two-year career with the Sea Wolves.



# “The Terazin Promise” Finishes First at Regional One Act Festival

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: Josie Tierney-Fife, One Act Director

GHS's cast of the one act production, "The Terazin Promise"

At the Regional One Act Festival on the weekend of March 10, the Gorham High School entry, “The Terazin Promise” finished in first place. They will compete later this month in the statewide competition being held at Lawrence High School. “The Terazin Promise” tells the story of a group of young people in a concentration camp at the end of World War 2. This group is determined to stay at the camp to preserve their artwork and their history, as the few remaining guards are burning and destroying the evidence of the existence of the camp and the people who were held there. It is an emotionally powerful presentation that provokes the viewer to fully comprehend the importance of honoring our existence and those who came before us. Our stories need to be told and cannot be erased by the brutality of others. In addition to the first-place finish, the following students were also recognized for their work and earned the following commendations: Amy Morin for sound, Elsie Bradshaw for lights, Sofia Andrade and Emma Smith for choral arrangement of the Czech National Anthem, in English.

Named to the All Festival Cast in recognition of Excellence in Acting: Aera Hyson, Amelia Olaru, Emma Smith, and Sofia Andrade. Josie Tierney-Fife, the director, and an English Teacher at GHS, said, “I am so proud of these students and the entire cast and crew. They have worked incredibly hard to fully understand and portray the history and emotions of this sensitive dramatic presentation.”

# Gorham Middle School Students Participate in District 1 Music Festival

Rose Skilling, Band Director & Music Teacher, Gorham Middle School



Photo credit: Rose Skilling

Left to Right, Back Row: Harper Winkley, Nolan Hurder, Amelia Winkler, Lucy Cole. Left to Right, Front Row: Wesley Quang, Colin Crockett, Matilda Arturo



Photo credit: Rose Skilling

Left to right: Sophia Burns, Ella Dodd, Evelia Gonzalez, Josephina Faria

On Saturday, March 11, thirteen 6th Grade Gorham Middle School students participated in the 2023 District 1 Maine Music Educators Association Middle School 6th Grade Honors Chorus and Band Festival. Students from Bonny Eagle, Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Gorham, and Westbrook were nominated to participate in this special event. Students that were accepted into the festival spent the day working with guest conductors. The 6th Grade Honors Band was directed by Erin York from Freeport Middle School and the 6th Grade Honors Chorus was directed by Nate Menifield from Freeport Middle and High Schools. Students worked incredibly hard on challenging music and put on a concert right here at Gorham High School's McCormack Performing Arts Center for family and friends.

# GHS-FHS Robotic Team Season Underway

Singh Kohli, Team 172's Business Director

The Northern Force FIRST® Robotics Team 172, made up of students from Gorham and Falmouth High Schools, has made significant changes to its organization and team structure this year. These changes are designed to improve communication and collaboration. The team's objective is to design and build a robot that can navigate obstacles and collect or deposit game pieces. With hard work and dedication, they have been successful in



Photo credit: Singh Kohli

Gorham students Front: Laura Burt, Frank Verneau, Christian Randall, Back: Riley McCallister, Jason Verrill, Sam Merrow, Trevin Macomber, Kai Armstrong, not pictured Luke Boudreau

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# Village School Students Explore New Technology

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

On Thursday morning, March 10, Joanne Gauley, Technology Integrator for the Gorham elementary schools, invited children and staff members of Village School to come to meet the new Sphero Indi Robots. All of the students were very excited to drive these little cars along colored tiles in the hallway outside the Village School Library.

These robotic components are part of a statewide initiative to expand access to computer science in Maine classrooms, announced by Governor Janet Mills and Education Commissioner Pender Makin on Thursday Oct. 13 at the 35th annual Fall ACTEM (Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine) Conference.

The #MaineTeachesCS initiative centers around the provision and use of mobile computer science labs along with ongoing professional learning opportunities for each school as well as a computer science integration cohort for a full calendar year (Dec. 2022 – Dec. 2023). Schools were provided with a mobile lab that focuses on one of three computer science topic areas: Robotics and Programing, Coding and Circuitry, and



Photo credit: Christine Karcanes, SAIL Educational Assistant

Village Staff looks on as students explore state supplied technology equipment with Mrs. Gauley

Augmented and Virtual Reality. Each mobile lab will have equipment and supplies that teachers can use to integrate the topic area into their classrooms.

Through this initiative, each of the Gorham elementary schools received 6 Sphero Indi kits. Mrs. Gauley said, "Additionally, after introducing each elementary staff to these robots, I will unveil our second robot, the Sphero Bolt. Those are round robots that are controlled by writing some computer code on the Chromebooks."

# Great Falls Fourth and Fifth Grade Families Bake and Share



Photo credit: Becky Fortier, Principal, Great Falls School

Amy from King Arthur Flour and two student assistants, Benjamin Emerson and Adriaahna Napolitano, demonstrate and teach the 4th and 5th grade students how to bake bread as part of the Bake and Share program. This community project encourages families to bake bread together to enjoy one loaf and donate a second loaf. The students were very excited to make bread with their families and donate a loaf as an act of kindness!

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# Lions Club Donates to Maine Med



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L-R: Kate Richardson and Terri Morin. The Gorham Lions Club's Terri Morin and Ken Aldrich recently met with Kate Richardson, the director of philanthropy at Maine Medical Center to provide toys, games and art supplies for the young patients at the Barbara Bush Center, courtesy of the Gorham Lions Club.



Photo credit: Gorham Lions

L-R: Ken Aldrich and Kate Richardson

## Athlete's Corner FROM PAGE 4

your character occurs during the process.

In our culture, everything is about instant gratification. If you want your food cooked in a minute, you throw it in a microwave. If you want to get a piece of information in a Nanosecond, you go look it up on the internet. Want to get in touch with anyone at any time? Grab your cell phone. Unfortunately, it doesn't work like that in athletics and scholastics.

You can't get great strength, speed, agility, power, confidence, or good grades without committing to the grind. The process is about showing up every day and putting in the work. If you are excited about the process, the outcomes are going to take care of themselves. You will outlast all of your competition and stand exactly where you dreamed you would be.

Stan Skolfield, ATC, CSCS is the Owner of Skolfield Sports Performance, a comprehensive athlete training facility. He has been training athletes from 7 years old to the pros for over 25 years and helping them reach the next level.

# Gorham Celebrates Maine Maple Sunday



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Hoping to beat snow predicted for Saturday afternoon, by mid-day nearly 3000 visitors had celebrated Maine Maple Sunday at Merrifield Farm in North Gorham. Visitors enjoyed a pancake breakfast, watched sap being boiled to syrup, and purchased a variety of maple products, including maple-baked beans. At least four other Gorham sugar houses welcomed visitors for the fortieth anniversary of the event held every year on the fourth weekend in March.



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Mark Foyes and Art Goffar greeted visitors to the farm museum at Merrifield Farm. Thousands of tools, products, and original containers that Lyle and Joanne Merrifield spent years collecting are on display in the new building.

## Robotics Team FROM PAGE 6

designing and programming their robot, achieving an impressive 100% accuracy rate for the autonomous portion of each-game at the first event of the season.

To stand out from the competition, the team is portraying itself as Pink Vikings, sporting flashy capes and medieval gear while maintaining its unique pink team color. Most importantly, with the support of their community, Team 172 is enthusiastic about achieving another successful and enjoyable robotics season.

FIRST® Robotics is an exciting competition that challenges high school students to design, engineer, and program robots for various tasks. The annual competition season begins on the first Saturday of January, providing teams with a new game manual each season that outlines the objectives of the game. By encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity, the competition provides students with valuable real-world engineering and technology experience.

The Northern Force was founded in 1996 by Gorham High School, with Falmouth High School joining the team in 2003, and has a long history of success in the competition. They have won numerous awards and accolades, including qualifying for the highest level of competition, Worlds, four times, winning a spirit award at Worlds, and receiving countless awards at regional and district events.

This year, the Northern Force will compete in two weekend events leading up to the District Championships, which are held in early April.

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centerpointportland.com

## CRESSEY ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

81 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Pastor Joseph Saunders, (207) 839-3111  
cresseyroadumc@gmail.com,  
cresseyrdumc.org  
Apr 2 - Palm Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday - Lenten Soup Supper 6 p.m.  
followed by a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunrise Service around the fire pit, 6 a.m.  
followed by a Continental Breakfast  
Apr 9 - Easter Worship Service, 9:45 a.m.  
All services in person and live-streamed.

## FIRST RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

211 Mosher Road, Gorham  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday Services, 8 and 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

## FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

One Church Street, Gorham  
Lead Minister Christine Dyke, 839-6751  
April 2 - Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. In person  
Worship and Zoom  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Potluck,  
7 p.m. The Holy Week Story  
(In person and Facebook Live)  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. In person  
Worship and Zoom  
FMI 839-6571 or admin@firstparishgorham  
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## FORT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spire 29 - 29 School Street  
Pastor Aaron Manning (207) 592-4987  
Apr 9 - Easter Service, 10 a.m.  
forthillchurch.com

## GALILEE CHURCH

317 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor Mark Labacz and  
Pastor Kevin Lambertson  
(207) 839-6985  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Communion in the Round, 6 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Resurrection Celebration, 10:30 a.m.  
cgalilee@maine.rr.com, cgalilee.org

## LIFECHURCH

8 Elkins Road, Gorham  
Pastor Brian Undlin, (207) 839-6354  
lifechurchmaine.org  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.  
Children's ministry available at all services birth-6th grade

## LITTLE FALLS BIBLE CHURCH

746 Gray Road, Gorham  
Pastor Tony Vifiades, (207) 423-6730  
littlefallsbc.org/  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Service, 6 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Resurrection Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

## LIVING STONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish  
Pastor Alexander Grimaldi  
(207) 642-2309  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

## ORCHARD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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410 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100  
RedeemerMaine@gmail.com  
RedeemerMaine.org  
Services will be live streamed at

Facebook.com/RedeemerMaine

Apr 2 - Palm Sunday Divine Service, 10:15 a.m.  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 8 - Saturday Easter Vigil, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at 1725 Main Street, Sanford  
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Easter Morning Service, 10:15 a.m. in Gorham

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40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham  
Rev. Tim Higgins, (207) 892-8447  
stannsoffice@gmail.com, facebook.com/  
stannsepiscopalchurch.com  
Apr 2 - Palm Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m.  
Apr 5 - Palms to Go, No. Windham Post Office, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Apr 5 - Taizé service, 6 p.m.  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday Seder Service and Communion,  
5:30 p.m.  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.,  
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Windham, at 7 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. Service with Full  
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4 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook, and  
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham  
Apr 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
12 noon, St. Hyacinth, Westbrook and  
6:30 p.m. St. Anne, Gorham  
Apr 8 - Easter Vigil, Holy Night of Easter  
8 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord,  
8 and 11 a.m., St. Anne, Gorham  
8 and 10:15 a.m. Our Lady, Windham  
9:30 a.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook

## SUMMIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Road  
Rev. Travis Bush, (207) 839-4434  
summitmaine.org  
April 2 - Palm Sunday Service - 10 a.m.  
Gorham Middle School  
April 7 - Good Friday Service - 6 p.m.  
Gorham Middle School  
April 9 - Easter Sunrise Service - 6 a.m.  
New building at 26 Cressey Road  
Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m., Gorham Middle  
School

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT NORTH GORHAM

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham  
Pastor David Farrington,  
(207) 892-5363,  
northgorhamchurch.org  
Apr 2 - Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

## WEST GORHAM UNION CHURCH

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham  
Pastor Nate Colson, (207) 839-5946  
facebook.com/WestGorhamChurch  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. on Rust Road,  
followed by coffee and doughnuts.  
Apr 9 - Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

## WHITE ROCK FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham  
Handicapped Accessible  
Rev. Jonathan Marshall,  
wrfbc.org, (207) 839-1919  
Apr 2 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday Service  
with Holy Communion, 6 p.m.  
Apr 7 - Good Friday Service, 6 p.m.  
Apr 9 - Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. Sunrise Service  
Easter Breakfast, 8 a.m., Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. Easter Morning Worship

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Shannon Lawrence, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

### OF INTEREST

Jamie Kennedy (GHS '07) recently received an award at the 73rd American Cinema Editors Eddie Awards in Los Angeles, for Best Edited Feature Film (Non-Theatrical) as editor for "Weird: The Al Yankovic Story" (The Roku Channel).

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions meet on Tuesday, April 11 at the Moody's Community Room at 6:00, visitors welcomed. FYI. 207-929-9182.

Learn about the history of the Gambo Preserve on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon on a walk sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Former Land Trust board member, Don Wescott, will lead an easy, 2-mile guided walk along the Presumpscot River to share stories about the historic remains of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal and Towpath, and the Gunpowder Mill, both of which figured prominently in the 19th century in our region. The event is free, but registration is required at <https://www.prlt.org>. Register by clicking on Events.

A Wednesday Walk at Black Brook Preserve in Windham will be held on April 5, from 10 to 11 a.m. sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Wednesday Walks are held monthly; they last about 1.5 hours and include about two miles of walking. This program is designed for adults to learn about local flora and fauna. This event is free, but space is limited, and registration is required. Visit <https://www.prlt.org> to register.

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit <https://www.gorham-foodpantry.org> or send a message on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located 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 with a volunteer.

Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

The White Rock Community Clubhouse will be hosting a public bean supper at 34 Wilson Road on Saturday, April 1, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Eat-in or take-out options are available, no pre-orders. Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs, and dessert. Wearing of masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 12. Check their Facebook page for updates: <https://facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub>

There will be a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, April 8 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Buxton Centre Baptist Church in Buxton. Dinner will be red kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, chop suey, coleslaw, dinner rolls, and dessert, and will cost \$10. Call (207) 929-3011 for more information.

### SENIOR NEWS

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church gatherings for Cribbage on Mondays at 10, all levels are welcome. Several different versions are being played. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Upcoming; Stay tuned for more upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at [Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com) for more information.

Senior Meal Site is held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635

The Gorham, Windham, and Westbrook TRIAD will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 11 am at the Gorham Police Dept. Speakers will be Eileen and Stan Roth. The group will be discussing their trip through the Panama Canal. All are welcome to join.

### LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.,

Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI visit <https://north-gorham.lib.me.us>, and <https://facebook.com/northgorham-publiclibrary/>

Baxter Memorial Library serves families with the Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos.), the Toddler Discovery Time (18mos.-3yrs), and the Family Discovery time (ages 2-5). The 4-H Sustainable Fishing Program serves grades 3-5 every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Follow the Gorham Times calendar to schedule these events for your family.

Author Sherry Boschert will be visiting on April 5 at 6 p.m. She will be discussing Title XI's 50-year history.

The book club will be meeting on Thursday, April 6 to discuss "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. The meeting will begin at 10:15 and all are welcome to join. Learn more at <https://baxterlibrary.org>, (207) 222-1190.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

Dr. Scott Eaton, assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering, will be discussing his research on alternative fuels on Thursday, March 30 at 12:30 p.m. at the John Mitchell Center. FMI: Chris Maher at (207) 780-4377 or [cmaher@maine.edu](mailto:cmaher@maine.edu).

On April 6 at the Art Gallery, the BFA and BA Exhibition will be opening for the culmination of Art Department seniors' work. The event begins at 6 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Learn more at [usm.maine.edu/events](https://usm.maine.edu/events).

Osher School of Music presents faculty pianist, Anastasia Antonacos, in concert on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$15. (207) 780-5555, <https://usm.maine.edu/music>

The Osher School of Music and the Department of Theatre and Dance present a dynamic, collaborative reimagining of one of ancient Greece's most iconic myths. Eurydice Rising pulls from a diverse body of work surrounding Orpheus's journey into the underworld to be reunited with his young bride. Theirs is a journey of love, loss, and creative expression that exceeds the bounds of life and death, presence and absence. At its core, the Orphic cycle is an exploration of art and music as restorative, life-affirming acts, so powerful that they might reopen stories that seem to have concluded and transform death itself to an opportunity for new life. April 4 - 7 at 7:30 p.m. and April 8 at 2 p.m. on the Main Stage at Russell Hall. Tickets are \$16-\$22, (207) 780-5151. <https://usm.maine.edu/theatre>

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 30

Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Discovery (18m-3y) 10-10:30 a.m.  
Sewing Club (ages 7+), 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
USM Carbon Neutral meeting at the John Mitchell Center 12:30-1:15 p.m.

### Friday, March 31

USM Faculty Concert: Piano Alchemy 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 1

White Rock Comm Club supper 4:30 p.m.  
Gambo Preserve Walk of Presumpscot River 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
USM Baseball vs UMass Dartmouth 12 p.m.

### Monday, April 3

St Anne's Book Group meets at 10am at St Anne's Church

### Tuesday, April 4

Baxter Memorial Library  
Family Discovery Time (2-5y) 10-10:45am  
Baxter Digs Reading! 3:30-4:30p.m.

### Wednesday, April 5

Baxter Memorial Library  
Baby Discovery (birth-18m) 9:30-9:50 a.m.  
4-H Sustainable Fishing (grades 3-5), 3:30-4:40 p.m.  
Author Event: Sherry Boschert at 6 p.m.  
Walk at Black Brook Reserve, 10-11:30 a.m.  
USM Baseball vs St Joe's College 3:30 p.m.  
USM presents Eurydice Rising at 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 6

Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Discovery (18m-3y) 10-10:30 a.m.  
Sewing Club (ages 7 +), 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 8

USM Men's Tennis vs Bridgewater State University at 12 p.m.  
USM Women's Lacrosse vs Eastern Connecticut State 3:30 p.m.  
Baked Bean Supper at Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 10

Book Group at St. Anne's Church at 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, April 12

TRIAD meets at the Gorham Police Dept. at 11 a.m.  
USM Baseball vs Colby College 3:30 p.m.  
4-H Sustainable Fishing (grades 3-5) at Baxter Memorial Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Man came into the Police Department to discuss someone coming onto his property while he wasn't home. Dispatch located a number for the landlord who had sent the man there to measure the gutters.

While on patrol, Officer noticed a man who matched the description of a wanted felon. Upon making contact with the individual, it was determined to have been someone else.

Caller wanted to know why the officer had not given him back his license after he was charged with Operating After Suspension. He was told he cannot possess a driver's license while license is suspended. Officer advised him to get an ID card if he needed identification.

Caller wanted to talk about someone who was plowing in his neighborhood. Concerns were discussed and the caller was advised it was a civil issue.

Officer issued a ticket to a vehicle parked on South Street during the no overnight parking hours. This was the third ticket for the same offense in 46 days.

Buck Street caller had questions about a possible Protection from Abuse violation. It was determined that there was no violation as contact had never been made directly or indirectly with her.

Suspicious person on Alexander Drive and Ossipee Trail was waiting for a tow truck as his vehicle had gone off the road. Man came into the Police Station with concerns about his property line and a neighbor putting trash on his property. He brought an engineered set of prints with him. Engineer had also put a marker on the property. It has since been removed. He was referred to the Town Office to see if someone in the Zoning Department could help him with this property dispute.

Rust Road caller was worried because his cat was outside when he fell asleep but when he woke up, the cat was inside. He was worried that someone might have been in

the residence. Officer checked the residence and did not find anything suspicious, but the front door was slightly ajar and the cat may have been able to slip through the door.

Officer spoke to an Ashmar Drive resident about keeping the noise down. Man was watching a movie and the TV was on the dividing wall of the condominium unit. Resident agreed to turn it down and was apologetic.

Gray Road caller reported that while outside she heard a female scream. She called out, asking if she needed help and saw two unknown people running down Tow Path Road. Officer checked the area but did not locate anyone.

Robie Street caller reported trash in the woods but didn't know whose property it was. Officer responded to County Road for a report about a traffic hazard. Marijuana was on the ground when the officer arrived, and it did not constitute a traffic hazard.

Maple Ridge Drive caller wanted the officer to write him a permit to operate his vehicle to a repair shop as his registration had lapsed. Officer explained he could not do this, and the man said he understood.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported getting calls from a number that belonged to the Gorham Code Enforcement. She was advised to call the number and see if it was Code Enforcement and if it wasn't, to ignore the calls.

Straw Road caller reported receiving a call from Publishers Clearing House saying she had won a prize and they were coming to her house to deliver the prize to her. She was advised that this was a scam and if anyone showed up, she should call 911.

Man wanted to report that a known party was stealing his information and selling it on the internet. He had unauthorized charges on his credit card. He had canceled the card and was going to be reimbursed for the charges. He refused to provide a statement. He just wanted the police to be aware.

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