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## Keeping Gorham Singing for Over 30 Years

Cathy Walter, Contributing Writer



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Gorham Community Chorus rehearsing in preparation for their upcoming performance

The Gorham Community Chorus (GCC) will perform on May 21 at MPAC. The chorus started in 1992 and consists of singers of all ages, genders, voices, and abilities. They meet weekly to practice for half a school year to produce a concert at Gorham High every fall and spring, often sharing the stage with other local talent, such as the GHS chorus. They have also performed at several of the Gorham New Year's Celebrations. But what is it

that really puts the "community" in the Community Chorus? They perform their dress rehearsals at the Gorham House Assisted Living Center, bringing live music to those unable to attend the concert.

The chorus has had several directors in the past, but for twenty-one years, Gorham resident and recently retired music teacher, John Rimkunas, has been the one to "continuously coax out an amazing sound from a disparate group with both humor and the patience of a saint," according to members of the group. They say, "In his typical optimistic way he encourages the community to join in the fun."

The group encourages new members to join, grow as a singer with professional direction, and make a new family of friends. The chorus will be accepting new singers for the Fall 2023 season beginning on September 11.

There has also been a plethora of pianists who have given up their nights and weekends to accompany this chorus. The talented Eric Peppe, Buxton resident and avid piano tuner, teacher, and player, joined the GCC in 2017. When asked what he enjoys most about working with the chorus he replied, "The people and the music. They both are great. There are all types of people, from professional music teachers to people with no formal knowledge who just like to sing. And the music is diverse too, some easy, some challenging, some popular, some classic."

A sure sign of the success of this chorus is how long singers stay once they become a member. Several have been there since the beginning; longtime Gorham residents Cindy Smith and Kerry Dyer from day one, and Bill Tracy, a Standish native who said that his grandmother got him singing at age five, joined short-

ly thereafter. Over a third of the chorus has been involved for over a decade.

One member said, "I went to college and sang in a barbershop quartet with the original director, Chris Peterson, so both my wife and I were quick to sign up and create this new chorus," Kerry explained.

The GCC is often a family affair with married couples, parents and their children, sisters and brothers and aunts, uncles and cousins signing up together and getting a discount on registration as well. For example, Gorham resident Camille Rowe joined the first year and sang for many more before moving on; decades later, her husband Phil and daughter Katie joined the chorus.

Original member Cindy Smith shared, "My daughter Jen sang with me for the first year and my twins Nancy and Christina have attended nearly every GCC concert from the beginning when they were only 7. They went on to join the chorus in 1997 and have been singing in it ever since."

To join this non-audition chorus and share your love of music with the community, check them out on Facebook or contact the director John Rimkunas at gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail. com. And remember to catch the "Shine the Light" spring concert at MPAC on May 21 at 7 p.m. and get a bargain at their silent auction during admission.

## Brave New World of EVs

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

The race for electric vehicles (EVs) is on. Whether we're ready or not, there is a whole new alphabet of them: EV, BEV, HEV, PHEV, MHEV, and FCEV...what does it all mean?

Beginning with 2026 models, 35% of all new vehicles sold by car manufacturers have to be electric. That increases to 68% by 2030, reaching 100% in 2035. Owners of vehicles with internal combustion engines will still be able to operate or resell them after 2035, though their value will decline.

Electric Vehicles offer many pros. With zero tailpipe emissions, they help keep the air clean and fight climate warming. No engine noise/vibration means a more comfortable drive. Ease of recharging at home is a great convenience if you are a homeowner and have installed a home charger. Public chargers are beginning to pop up in Gorham and other places.

On the plus side, EVs have way fewer working parts (they don't have gears or catalytic converters, for example) and are cheaper to maintain and operate than gas combustion engines. According to The Kelly Blue Book, the operating price of an EV also depends on the cost/Kilowatt hour of electricity (kWh). Electric rates vary from state to state and can also depend on the time of day and even the time of year. In Maine, average electric rates average about 23¢/kWh, according to EnergySage

website, although there is a great deal of variation within different areas of the State.

EVs also have a downside. Their initial high purchase price is high but may be somewhat offset by manufacturer rebates or a \$2000 tax rebate in 2023 from Efficiency Maine. Their short driving range, 200-400 miles on average, may require extra planning for long trips. Long charging times and the inconvenience if you lack a home or work charger are issues, too.

Charging cables are now being targeted by thieves who cut unattended cables and sell the copper. Devices like large padlocks and or dash cams can help combat theft. Keeping the charge cable out of sight and locked to something inside a locked trunk is recommended.

Another con is that the transition to EVs will require lots of batteries which currently require expensive metals. Mining them can create an environmental hazard that negates some EVs benefits. Using better and cheaper battery materials will help cut costs. Currently, Lithium ion (Li-ion) is the standard, but they are expensive and slow to charge.

The good news is that scientists and engineers around the world are hard at work improving battery technology, with some surprising results. In a paper published in the online journal nature en-

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## Gorham's Volunteers in Police Service

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Gorham VIPs

VIPS volunteers and Police Dept. staff

VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) was established in Gorham in 2018. The majority of their work involves traffic control for events run by the schools and the library as well as races, graduations, and parades, including the Iron Man Triathlon which includes swim, bike, and run events. Volunteers go through a Citizens Police Academy run by Sgt. Ted Hatch who handles all training for the VIPS program. Officer Mark Sanborn is the VIPS liaison and handles other aspects of the training process. Volunteers participate in training on an ongoing basis.

VIPS members also do citizen patrols, which involve them being out and about

and being proactive in the community.

President Buffy Houp describes the role of VIPS as "providing another set of eyes and ears for the Gorham Police." Summers are especially busy for VIPS volunteers as so many events are taking place, including numerous events at USM. The majority of their work is traffic control for events at the schools, library, graduations, and parades including the iron man triathlon.

Currently, there are 15 VIPS personnel working with the Gorham Police and USM for events such as move-in day as well as other events at the university. People who will be away from home can request property checks through the Police Department. These checks are handled by VIPS. Volunteers have picked up trash by the road for the past three years, in a program known as Gorham Cleans Up.

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Participants in the VIPS program must be 18 or older, live or work in Gorham, and have a clean record. The hours worked by the VIPS members gives the police more opportunities to focus on more serious issues. Houp adds "Safety is the main goal of everything we do." For more information, contact Vips@gorham.me.us

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## Abortion as Health Care

Sen. Stacy Brenner

Health care is a human right, and that right includes access to quality reproductive care and safe, legal abortion care. Even before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and fifty years of federal abortion law precedent last June, access to abortion was under constant attack. However, the reversal of Roe v. Wade issued a message to individuals and families across this country: reproductive rights are not important. But I, and my fellow - and numerous - colleagues in the Legislature believe that this is untrue. Just as I have told myself and many others facing this decision, the right to abortion care is a fundamental right, and we will fight to protect that right.

In 2019, the Legislature passed a law that would require abortion services to be covered under MaineCare. Access to this critical care should not depend on whether you have public or private health insurance. However, a bill has been introduced, LD 494, that aims to repeal this 2019 law. If this bill were to pass, it would take away health care coverage for abortion services for thousands of Mainers. The right to an abortion depends on keeping this care affordable and accessible.

Standing up for reproductive freedom is about more than just protecting the right to abortion; it requires taking steps to improve access to care and remove barriers that prevent patients from exercising their rights. This year, 94 of my legislative colleagues and I proudly cosponsored LD 1619 which would ensure that a decision to get an abortion remains solely between the person who is pregnant and their licensed, trusted medical provider. This bill was introduced before the Legislature's Judiciary Committee in a 19-hour public hearing on Monday, May 1. No two pregnancies are the same, and no two medical complications are the same. As a nurse midwife and a mother, it is imperative that the government is not involved in making intimate and difficult choices regarding pregnancy.

On the same day, Rep. Laura Supica, D-Bangor, also introduced a bill, LD 1343, "An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation," before the Judiciary Committee. This important legislation would ensure that the only governing body in Maine that can legislate abortion law is the state government. Without Roe, many local governments throughout the nation have been working to take control of a person's right to abortion. We must ensure that this decision remains in the hands of the person who is pregnant and their medical provider. This legislation works in conjunction with the Governor's bill to protect this right.

Governor's bill to protect this right. The overturning of Roe reminded us of our responsibility as lawmakers to ensure our laws protect access to safe and affordable abortions. Across the nation, abortion access has been greatly limited, forcing many seeking an abortion to travel far distances at great emotional and financial cost to receive the care that they need. I have heard heartbreaking stories of families and young people having to spend the last of their savings to travel hundreds of miles for an abortion. Fortunately, Maine's laws protects most Mainers from experiencing this hardship. Still, our current laws have failed a number of Maine families in heartbreaking situations.

Maine has reached a crucial moment in its history. Are we a state that supports reproductive freedom, or not? These are just some of the bills we will deal with this session that could significantly impact the rights of Mainers to access critical abortion care. Safe and affordable abortion care ensures that families can make decisions that are best for them.



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 legisla-

tive office at (207) 287-1515. You can also follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/ SenatorStacyBrenner for frequent updates.

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# The Knights of Columbus 5K Run

**Lucia Monaco Holloway,** GHS Student Intern

On May 20, the Gorham Knights of Columbus is hosting a 5K run to help support local organizations like St. Ann's Church, Special Olympics, Local Food Pantries, ALS Association, Mother Seton House, Epilepsy Foundation, Coats for Kids, Boy Scouts of America, Maine Military Museum, Operation Ray of Light, Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center, Maine Needs Fatima, and Abba Women's Choice.

Pre registration is \$30 or \$35 the day of the race. Children under 14 are \$15 or \$20 the day of the race. The race takes place at 9 a.m. at 299 Main Street in Gorham. The Knights of Columbus Council is an award-winning Star Council and have received many acknowledgments.

Sponsors for the event include Rowe Westbrook, Gorham Savings Bank, Hannaford, Grondin, Plummer's Hardware, Gorham Sand and Gravel, Sebago Brewing, Broadway Gardens, Maid for You, Poland Spring, Moody's, Nappi Distributors, Casco Federal Credit Union, Gorham House of Pizza, MK Kitchen and CP Property Services. The hope is to raise \$2500 to donate to these charities.

The idea for this run was proposed as a way to race or walk in order to raise money for local charities as well as come together as a community to race for a good cause. The Knights want to raise awareness about their mission and expand community participation. Another benefit to the 5K is to educate on the organizations that

ANN "SUNNY" MURRAY MASON, 78, passed away peacefully at her home in Gorham, Maine, on Saturday, April 29th, 2023, with her family at her side. She was a beautiful, kind and compassionate individual with a heart of gold.

Sunny was born in Westbrook on August 4th, 1944 a daughter of Richard Wentworth Murray and Alta Maria Elkins Murray. She lived her earlier years in Cape Elizabeth until her family moved to Gorham. She was educated by the Gorham Schools graduating from Gorham High School in 1962. Sunny then attended the University of Maine, Orono, earning a Bachelor of Art in Mathematics with highest distinction. While

at the University, she was elected as a member of Phi Kappa Phi in 1965 and Phi Beta Kappa in 1966. She then went on to obtain a Master of Science in Education in 1978 at University of Southern Maine. After her studies, Sunny became a mathe-

matics teacher at Westbrook High School where she taught for many years. She typically taught geometry and consumer math and always expected the best from her students.

While studying in Orono, Sunny married (Philip) Craig Mason on Sunday, August 16th, 1964 by Reverend Harrison W. Dubbs at the Congregational Church in Gorham. It was a wonderful day with a reception following at her parents' home. After living for a few years in Stillwater, Carmel and Westbrook, Maine, the somewhat newlywed couple purchased a 60-acre farm in the northwest corner of Gorham. With a large garden, a lot of canning and a few animals, they were able to produce most of what the family needed. For years, they sold milk, butter and eggs at the door to help offset the cost of grain.

Sunny enjoyed sewing, making her own wedding dress and her attendants' dresses during the summer of 1964. Drawing and dancing were special pleasures as was traveling to visit children and grandchildren. Despite always preferring to be outside, she did what needed to be done to keep the house in order.

Sunny is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Craig, her children, Philip Wayne Mason, Rebecca Ann Mason Yang and her husband, Roger Yang, and Hugh Crague Mason and his signif icant other, Carol Daigle. She was blessed by five grandchildren: Kaitlin Mason, Caroline Mason, Zackary Yang, Zoey Yang and Chloe Mason. Also surviving is sister, Beth Murray Libby. She was pre-deceased by her parents and her sister, Rita Murray Loubier.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Hall Funeral Home, 165 Quaker Ridge Rd, Casco, immediately followed by a Service of Interment at Arlington Cemetery, 720 Roosevelt Trail, North Windham.

Condolences and tributes may be shared with Sunny's family at www.hallfuneralhome.net.

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benefit from the Knights of Columbus and volunteers involved in the Knights.

"The purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to serve its members and the community through youth, church,

council, and community programs. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church."

#### **Brazilian Restaurant Opening May 15**

By John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: John Ersek

Iaia Brazil opens on May 15th in Gorham

A new restaurant, "Iaia' Brazil", which features "authentic Brazilian street food" is about to open at 18 Elm Street in Gorham. It will be in the location previously occupied by Carter's Greenmarket, which has moved to an adjacent space in the same building.

Co-owner Claudia Katz had long wanted to start her own restaurant to honor the casual style of street snacks served by corner vendors in her home community of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Over the past eight years, and especially since she and her family moved to the Scarborough-Gorham area from Montana five years ago, Katz had made increasing efforts to find the right location so she could make her restaurant dream into reality. Now she is about to open "Iaia' Brazil "with the help of her husband Bob, and her daughter Ingrid. Most of the menu items are based on family recipes handed down to Katz from her late mother, whose family nickname was "Iaia."

The Katzes believe their restaurant is the first casual restaurant featuring Brazilian

street-style cooking to open in Maine. There are several tables for indoor dining, and all items will be available for take-out.

The menu will feature Minas Geraisstyle "pastels", which are small, savory turnover-style pastries. They will be available with a variety of fillings, including meat, cheese, vegetable, and seafood. There will also be "cloud pastels," which in Brazil are often eaten for breakfast or as a midmorning snack. Açaí bowls with various fruits are also expected to be popular menu items, as well as several types of Brazilian chowders Brazilian-style juices and sodas will be available, in addition to an assortment of coffees and teas, both hot and iced.

A Grand Opening is planned for Friday, May 12. Starting May 15, "Iaia' "will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday through Friday.

As an added feature, "Iaia' "will be displaying a number of art prints showing colorful Maine coastal scenes, created by Portland-based artist Karen Fisher.



Photo credit: John Ersek

Left to right: Ingrid Katz, Bob Katz, Claudia Katz, co-operators of the new restaurant, Iaia' Brazil.

## Ryan Cooper, Graduating Percussionist, Describes His Experience

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Ryan Cooper is an 18-year-old senior at Gorham High School who plays percussion in both the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra and Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. He is the only Gorham student to play in both ensembles this year and has been playing instruments in the Gorham schools since fourth grade.

Ryan will be attending USM in the fall and although he will not be majoring in music, he intends to be active in the music program, and to play music recreationally and in ensembles as he gets older.

In addition to playing in the youth ensembles at USM, and the concert band and jazz band at GHS, Ryan is also active in the Eco Club and volunteering through the Interact Club. He also manages to have time to listen and play music, play guitar and drums, hang with friends, run, and collect records.

There have been many remarkable conductors and teachers who have encouraged Ryan through the years, but he is particularly grateful to Mr. Ebersol, who was the band director at GHS for his first three years. Mr. Ebersol encouraged him to audition for the ensembles. The Osher School of Music Youth Ensembles have meant a great deal to Ryan. They are a great way to make connections and new friends who share a love of music. His favorite part of the ensemble experience was performing twice each year in Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Ryan describes the concert experience

this way: "You work relentlessly and practice constantly all semester to get your pieces to sound amazing, and then at the very end of the semester, you get to go out on stage in a truly gorgeous hall and perform for all your friends and family. Standing where the professionals in the Portland Symphony Orchestra perform and hearing the phenomenal music you're making reverberating off the walls is a truly magical experience unlike anything I have done before. I am so grateful to the Youth Ensembles for giving me that experience."

The Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra performed a "side by side" concert with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Ryan says, "It was an incredible experience, unlike anything I had ever done, and I truly loved the opportunity to play along with professional musicians."

Six other Gorham students performed in one of the youth ensembles in the April 24 concert including Gabriel Badeau, Dylan Bauer, and Rory Pigeon in the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, Raya Babinsky in the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra, Tristan Smith in the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra, and Rebecca Newmann with the Portland Young Peoples String Consort.

The Osher School of Music is holding auditions for the Youth Ensembles this month. For more information, visit https://usm.maine.edu/osher-schoolmusic/youth.



Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.

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### Remember When: Ye Olde Selectman's Office at 25 Church St

Wilma Gould Johnson, Contributing Writer



Photo credit: History of Gorham by H. McLellan Photo of the old Gorham Selectman's office once located at 25 Church Street.

As you travel down Church Street, you might notice a quaint brick building that sits on the right side of the road. Close observation of the home at 25 Church Street reveals a sign sharing its origin as being circa 1840. This brick home with no foundation sits on one of the smallest lots in Gorham and has an interesting history with maybe even a little mystery involved, as well.

A booklet prepared for the Gorham 250th (or 275th) celebration says that the building was first erected on Main Street in the area where Burger King stands today. Over the early years, it was a tannery where animal skins were made into leather, and it also became a jail. That source states that the building was eventually moved to 25 Church Street where it functioned for many years as the town of Gorham's Select-

man's office. The current owner, Marcia Hill, concurs that the home was once the Selectman's office, but does not think the home was ever moved. At this time, the Gorham Historical Society is being consulted to see if a definitive answer to this history/mystery can be found. If GT readers have any information about this home, please help solve this mystery by contacting the writer at the email address listed at the end of the article.

Eventually, the Church Street building became a private home, when Toppan Robie put two homes together, making a two-story single-family home with a wooden second story. The Selectman's Office was relocated to the brick building at 28 School Street in 1904.



Photo credit: Chris Crawford

The Gorham Selectman's office at 28 School Street



Photo credit: Chris Crawford

A plaque on the Gorham Town Selectman's office at 28 School Street

There was also a short period of time when the Selectman's office was housed in the old Masonic Block because of fire damage at the 28 School Street building.

In the early 1950s, James and Madeline Pillsbury purchased the 25 Church Street home and later added an attached garage. Son, Jim Pillsbury, mentioned that as a child, he found what appeared to be a very rusty door to a vault that had probably once held important town documents. The story is told that when a bathroom was later added, part of the side brick wall had to be dismantled so that a safe could be removed and replaced by a bathtub. The home was then purchased by a local native, Mary Marsh, who turned the garage into a living area allowing for more inside living space. Marcia Hill

has owned the property for the past 35 years, with its appearance remaining very much the same, except for a beautiful, new hand-crafted porch railing.

In 1974, the Selectman's office was again relocated, this time to the thennew Municipal building on Main Street and then again to its current location at the old Shaw School on South Street.

During the fire and several moves, some of the ledgers were lost and then found but most have been secured and are in safekeeping. It is interesting to note that the style and design of both the Church Street and the School Street buildings look very similar. Hopefully, the School Street building, (which was once the Gorham Historical Society's headquarters, but is now empty) can be restored to help preserve a part of Gorham's history.



Wilma Gould Johnson, born and raised in Gorham, graduated from Gorham High School '62, enjoys sharing Gorham History with

others. Anyone with a question or more information may contact her at iamwilma@comcast.net

## How to Safely Reach a Personal Record

Stacey Coleman, Contributing Writer

A personal record (PR) is an individual's best performance in a given sporting or fitness discipline. This may mean lifting your heaviest one repetition maximum in the weight room,

or running your fastest 5k, or achieving the furthest throw of your athletic career. These achievements are worthy of celebration as long as the frequency of pushing to reach a PR is carefully scheduled into your training program.

Along with the mental fatigue that often accompanies a constant PR mindset, failing to allow recovery time between personal records can cause overuse injuries, torn muscles and ligaments, or even broken bones.

Many popular fitness businesses promote the idea of reaching personal records too frequently. As a fitness professional, I strongly encourage you to avoid this practice and focus instead on sustainable results.

Here are three steps to help you safely reach your personal record. First, take an honest assessment of your current situation before sprinting toward your PR. Do not take immediate action until you have established your starting point by answering the following: What is your current fitness level? What is most important to you? What resources are available? What is your current weight? Is there room in your schedule?

Just like a car trip, you actually have to know where you are first before you can plan to reach a destination. If you skip this step, you are quite literally lost. You may try to set a destination that is either impossible to reach or perhaps too dangerous for you at this time.

Secondly, decide exactly what you want, and why you want it. People often work towards a PR without a definitive reason of "why" they want to reach it. If you want to lift your heaviest bench press or squat, is your goal to get stronger, to be better at bench pressing or squatting, to lose body fat, or to just be healthier overall?

Many people lift for personal records that are not very personal to them at all.

Their coach may just love to teach powerlifting. Perhaps the coach's own personal goals are for clients to reach PRs frequently. Meanwhile, their clients just want to lose weight or be healthier.

Lastly, make a clear plan before jumping right into action. Acknowledge any barriers you might encounter and establish methods to overcome them. Decide if you want to take the careful route, the fast track, or maybe the scenic route.

Bear in mind, these decisions have consequences, and each path will have obstacles that are unique. Ultimately, if you don't choose which route to take, other people and situations will choose for you.

If your goal is to lose weight and feel healthier, shift your focus away from lifting as much as you possibly can in each training session. Focus on nutrition and a balanced workout program that includes resistance training, steady cardiovascular exercise, metabolic conditioning, and functional mobility.

Your pace is set by you alone. Your

journey will have unique ups and downs. Stay consistent, re-evaluate frequently, and you will reach that personal record.

Without these conscious steps, you are likely to create false expectations about when and how you should achieve your PR, which could result in disappointment, frustration, injuries, and ultimately quitting.

Remember that there are educated fitness professionals who are passionate about helping you reach your optimal health. They can help you create the best plan for your health and your own personal records.



Stacey Coleman is a certified professional in fitness, nutrition, and mindset, with over 20 years of experience. She and husband Jesse are

owners of My-FIT-24 and Living a Champion Life.

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## **Town Council Report May 2**

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Two members of the public spoke about their concerns about the results of the recent property re-evaluation and asked the Town to consider restoring an in-house assessor. A third member spoke about the Mosher Corner zoning change, the school budget and increasing taxes. Another member informed seniors that there is a bill currently in the legislature to repeal the LD-290 Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program. He voiced his concern about the school budget that if passed, would raise taxes substantially. Hidden Pines Drive man expressed his support for the Gorham School system.

The Gorham Farmers Market returned on May 6 and will be held on Saturdays.

The Market at Cherry Hill will be held on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. starting on May 10. There will be food trucks as well as vendors. The Gorham Historical Society will be holding an open house at their new Cherry Hill Farm location at the end of May.

The Ordinance Committee discussed the ongoing long-term plans for pedestrian improvements as called for in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Director gave a visual presentation of the many services and programs offered by the Recreation Department.

Town Manager Parachak announced the annual school and budget meeting will be held on May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Brush drop off at the Public Works is scheduled for May 6 and May 20, both from 8 a.m. until noon. School Committee Chair Wright announced the final phase of modular expansion at Narragansett with the

goal of opening for use in fall of 2024. Gorham High School Graduation will be held on June 11 at the GHS field. The last day of school will be June 16.

The Council voted 7-0 to renew the liquor license for Azul Tequila.

Vote on the School Budget will be June 13. Residents will also be voting to adopt the 2023 Little Falls/South Windham Village Master Plan and voting to enter into a Community Resilience partnership with the State to benefit climate resilience.

#### **EVS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ergy, a team at San Diego University has found that lithium crystals grown on a substance they don't like produce crystals that can charge in as fast as hour. Other researchers are experimenting and getting good results using sodium batteries, like that found in baking soda or seawater, which can result in cheaper batteries.

Cathodes are typically one of the most expensive parts of a battery. The type of cathode called NMC (nickel manganese cobalt) is the dominant variety in EV batteries today. Those three elements, in addition to lithium, are quite expensive, so finding substitutes for some or all of them could help decrease costs and prevent environmental damage from mining. An alternative, lithium iron phosphate (LFP), is a lower-cost cathode material that can reduce the cost in lithium-ion batteries.

If you're ready to make the switch, do your research. Talk to EV owners and plan ahead, as there are often waiting lists. Eventually, we will all be embracing the adventure of a new way to drive.

## Arrests, April 2023

**Gorham Police Department** 

Male, 30 of Portland was charged with violating conditions of release, four counts of failure to appear and refusing to submit to arrest.

Male, 48, of Milo was charged with failure to appear.

Male, 26, of Phinney St. was charged with failure to provide his correct name and violating conditions of release.

## A Guide to EV Charging

There are 2 EV stations available in Gorham for Public Use.
One at First Parish Church and one in the parking lot next to

Universities, public transit stations, airports offer free chargers as well as places like malls and grocery stores.

You can use your favorite public charging app like Charge Point or Plug Share, EVgo to find free charging stations.

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Unattended charging is a risk for charging cable thieves.



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## One School, One Book at Village School

Christine Karcanes, Educational Technician, SAIL Program



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Village School Librarian, Gigi McAllister and Robert Gillies from the Baxter School of the Deaf lead full school assembly.

Village Elementary School kicked off its One School, One Book on Monday, April 24. El Deafo, written by Cece Bell, was selected by school librarian Gigi McAllister. Mrs. McAllister wanted to pick a book aligned with Gorham School District's focus on DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion) and that engaged a range of ages.

This graphic novel is playful but also allows conversations about people with disabilities. Students learned that their differences are their superpowers—some students who are hard of hearing shared their experiences.

Village School had a full school assembly to kick off the book. Special guest Robert Gillies, from Baxter School of the Deaf, taught students American Sign Language. Students and staff learned how to sign "good morning" or "hello."

Mr. Gillies emphasized being a good communicator by using a smile or eye contact with others. El Deafo is a book that all students, staff, and bus drivers can share and discuss to build empathy and compassion within the school community.



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On May 6th the Gorham Farmers' Market picked up where it left off last October with vegetable and flower seedlings and plants along with a variety of other offerings to the delight of Gorham residents.



## Local Business Icebreaker

Let's get to know a Gorham business a little better by asking them a few questions! This week, we talk to Aaron Manning, a local agent for **HealthMarkets Insurance**. Located at the Village Mall (102 Main St.), Health Markets distributes health, Medicare, life and supplemental insurance products from more than 200 insurance companies with thousands of plans available nationwide to individuals and families, seniors, small business owners and their employees.

#### 1. Tell us a little about your business. How did you get your start in Gorham?

I've been helping clients with health, life, Medicare and supplemental insurance products since 2018 and opened our new storefront Oct. 2022. With numerous plan options available, we make shopping for insurance simple and provide our expert help to all of our clients free of charge. Stop in and say hello!

#### 2. What are you most excited about this year?

I'm excited to have a greater local presence in Gorham. I have clients all over the state from Kittery to Fort Kent, but I wanted to become that local resource for Gorham families to come sit down, have a face to face conversation, and help them find solutions to their insurance needs.

#### 3. What is something about you or your business that might surprise people?

In addition to my job as an insurance broker I'm also a pastor of a local church in Gorham - Fort Hill Community Church located in Spire29 in the center of town. We've been blessed to serve and be a part of this community since June of 2020.

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## Grace McGouldrick Sets Stolen Base Record for UMaine Black Bears

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



McGouldrick reacts to her teammates in the dugout after she stole 3rd base to tie the school record

Grace McGouldrick, (GHS '18), Uni-

versity of Maine Graduate student standout, is among the NCAA's best in stealing bases. She tied the school record on April 30 and broke the record on May 5th. The outfielder for the UMaine Black Bears is the leadoff hitter batting L/R. She has found her niche in helping her team gain momentum in tough games; getting the black bears on the scoreboard first or creating key runs down the stretch. She is currently ranked 16th overall in the nation, racking up 31 stolen bases.

In early April, when McGouldrick found out she was on the brink of the stolen base record, she explained to Fox 22 of Bangor, " I didn't realize I was close to even breaking it," McGouldrick says. "I saw a Twitter post saying that I was already halfway to it and I was like, 'Oh my God.' It's really exciting. My sprint times from the past few

years just went up, and I've gotten a little faster this year," McGouldrick says. "We were like, "let's just try it!' It's fun, so we might as well." No surprise, McGouldick's personality exuberates positive energy.

McGouldrick is certainly a "star" in her own right. Her tireless energy and dedication is exceptional. She sees each and every game as a gift and is having the best time with her teammates. She is a role model for younger athletes, especially in her hometown, who have either had her as a coach or have worked with her in some capacity in the sport. She attributes her success to opportunities and hard work.

Leading up to the tournament, On April 29, McGouldrick tied the America East battle at one run apiece with a solo shot in the bottom of the third inning. It was the first home run of the season for McGouldrick.

The Black Bears prepared for tournament time and on Friday, May 5th v. Bryant University, McGouldrick broke

Photo credit: Katie Brown

McGouldrick rounding 3rd after her home run on April 29th

the school record with 31 season stolen bases. This feat in itself is inspiring. As a grad student, McGouldrick has provided strong leadership skills and has set the bar high for future softball players.

Congratulations Grace and Go Black Bears!



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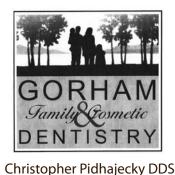
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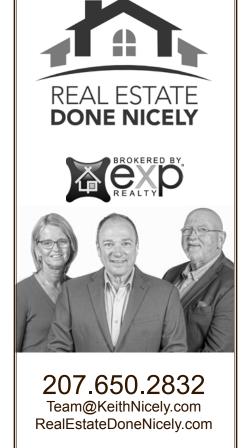
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Cherry Hill Farmer's Market opened for the season on May 3. Located next to Sebago Brewing Company on Route 25 in Gorham, the hours will be every Wednesday from 2 - 6 p.m. Contact: Jean Cayer, cherryhillfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Dept Training Room. FMI contact vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Knights of Columbus is hosting its first 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. Registration is \$30, or \$35 on the day of the event. Proceeds help support local organizations including Special Olympics, local food pantries, Boy Scouts of America, Maine Military Museum, and the Epilepsy Foundation. Participants get wicking shirt and refreshments. FMI, visit https://www.stanthonysparish.org/knights-of-columbus.

Books, plants, and baked goods for sale at First Parish Spring Fair on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get your reading/puzzles lined up for summer. Find lovely perennials for your garden. Scoop up delish whoopie pies and extra muffins. Be an Early Bird - books only - Friday, May 19, 12 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. 1 Church Street, Gorham.

The Gorham Community Chorus invites you to join them at their uplifting spring "Shine the Light" concert on Sunday, May 21 at 7 p.m., at MPAC in GHS. There will be a silent auction at intermission with baked goods, plants, and other items available. Suggested donation at the door is \$5.

An Alewife Walk will be held on Thursday, June 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mill Brook Preserve. Sponsored by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and The Gulf of Maine Research Institute, the 2 mile round-trip walk is on uneven, hilly terrain. GMRI scientists will demonstrate the process of observing and collecting data on these fascinating fish. Learn about the significance of the alewife to our ecosystem and the challenges they face during their spawning run. Observe the methods used by scientists to collect data on these fish and learn how the data help us gain a better understanding of the pace and direction of the changes taking place in the coastal marine fishery ecosystems that support our region. The Alewife walk scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 is already FULL. This 2nd event on Thursday June 1 is free, but parking is limited. Registration is required at www.prlt.org, click on events.

#### **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (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.

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#### **SENIOR NEWS**

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open. Gather for Cribbage on Mondays at 10 a.m., all levels welcome. Several different versions are being learned and played. Now, come for a different board game every week. Lots of laughing. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Upcoming: Maine Button Society, History of Malaga Island, Ham radio and more. Stay tuned for upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information about this welcoming community.

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/Westbrook TRIAD will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at the Gorham Police Dept. The speaker will be from Opportunity Alliance. The topic discussed will be Grandparent Programs needing volunteers. TRIAD is a cooperative partnership between law enforcement agencies, elder service providers, and seniors in our community. The primary mission of TRIAD is to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens, enhance the delivery of law enforcement services, and improve the quality of life for seniors.

#### **PUBLIC SUPPERS & BAKE SALES**

The West Gorham Union Church on Route 25, 190 Ossipee Trail, just 3 miles west of Gorham, is having its Spring Bake Sale. Baked goods, breads, candy, whoopie pies, and much more, including Rada knives, will be under a tent in the parking lot on Saturday May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a Baked Bean Supper at Buxton Centre Baptist Church on Saturday, May 13 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Supper is \$10 and take out is available. Call (207) 929-3011 for more information.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The North Gorham Public Library (NGPL) Book Club will be reading Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal. Copies are available for pickup at the library. The next meeting is Monday, May 22nd at 11 a.m. The library is hosting Superintendent Heather Perry on Wednesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. to talk about the school budget and answer questions.

Baxter Memorial Library hosts discovery times for different age groups. Find the times in our calendar. The next author event presents Martha Waters speaking about her latest book, to Swoon and to Spar, on Wednesday, May 17. On two consecutive Thursdays, May 18 and May

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#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES**

Congratulations to the newly graduated Class of 2023.

#### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, May 11

Baxter Memorial Library Toddler Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30-10 a.m.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Baked Bean Supper, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 16

Baxter Memorial Library

Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Gorham Fire Dept, 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 17

Baxter Memorial Library

Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos)

Author Event: Martha Water, 6 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 18

Baxter Memorial Library

Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m. Book Club: What is the What by Dave Eggers, 10:15 a.m. Understanding Gender and Sexuality Today: Part 1 of 2, 6 – 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 20

Gorham Knights of Columbus 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m. First Parish Spring Fair, 1 Church Street, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spring Bake Sale, West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gorham Community Chorus Concert at MPAC, 7 p.m. suggested donation \$5.

#### Monday, May 22

North Gorham Public Library Book Club reading Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal. 11 a.m.

#### Tuesday, May 23

Baxter Memorial Library

Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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# **The** Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Maple Drive caller reported a scam. Seller wanted money up front for a couch before letting the caller look at the couch. He did not send any money but wanted to make the police aware of the scam.

Officer came across a vehicle, which was running, behind a building on County Road. About 15 minutes later, a man walked out. He worked in the building and was closing up for the night.

Man came into the Gorham Police Department to report that he had been in an accident in Westbrook and wanted to report it. He was advised he needed to go to Westbrook Police Department to make the report.

Mercier Way caller, returning home after a weekend out of town, found trash stuffed into their mailbox. They did not know who had done this.

Mahlon Ave. man called to report that someone had sent him a threatening text. He was unable to provide any information other than the person's first name.

Robie St caller reported screws and trash, neither of which were his, all over his driveway.

Caller reported a vehicle had been parked in a lot on Ossipee Trail for 24 hours. Officer spoke with the operator who said she had been talking on her phone but only for a short time. She went into the store and then was going home.

Officer responded to Fort Hill Road to mediate an argument over moving out.

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Officer had been to this residence before because of arguments while parties were intoxicated. Male had gotten a ride home and left before the officer arrived. No threats had been made and no one was harmed. They were having a civil argument regarding rent and moving out that got a little heated. There was no need for police. She had only called because she was afraid things might escalate.

Officer was driving to work during a snowstorm and saw someone walking in the westbound travel lane. He was headed to work in Cornish and did not have a ride. He accepted a ride and the officer drove him to Cornish.

State Street caller reported a small red vehicle with a male and a female arguing in front of the caller's residence. She could not see the license plate so could not provide that information. Officer checked the area but did not make contact.

Caller wanted information on deer deterrents. Officer suggested he contact the Maine Game Warden.

A dog was reported loose at Gorham Middle School. Owner was there and reported the dog had gotten loose and she had been attempting to wrangle him for the last two hours. Officer offered treats, ball throwing and brought over the woman's other dog, all to no avail. Dog finally got close enough to grab him by the collar.

Buck Street caller wanted to know if police can pick house locks. Officer told him they cannot and he should call a locksmith.

DOUGLAS POCOCK, 56, of Gorham, ME passed away unexpectedly on April 8, 2023. Born in New York City and raised in Scituate, MA, he attended Scituate High School and graduated in 1984. He attended New Hampshire College and after graduation had a long career in pharmaceutical sales. A life-long sports enthusiast, he loved hockey and played weekly

until just a few years ago. He was an avid golfer and played a few times a week throughout his life with his sons and many friends. Nothing gave him more joy than spending time with his sons, ideally on a golf course or watching a Boston sports team.

He will be remembered as a wonderful and loving Dad, and a humorous and kind

We are devastated by this sudden loss and will miss him forever.



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