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## Memorial Day: Honoring Our Service Members

Kerry Constantino, Staff Writer

Monday, May 30, the town of Gorham turned out in support of our Veterans for the Memorial Day parade and corresponding ceremonies. The town was bustling as crowds of people gathered on South and Main Streets, celebrating, cheering, and honoring our service members for their commitment, bravery, sacrifice, and perseverance.

The parade began with a wreath laying ceremony at Phinney Park, with the help of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. The Gorham VFW post 10879 led the way through the parade route, followed by an array of local organizations all marching in honor of Memorial Day. Following the parade, a ceremony honoring the lives of fallen soldiers took place at the Eastern Cemetery.

The Gorham High School Marching Band played the National Anthem followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Jean Osborne Libby was honored for the loss of her brother, Bob Osborne, a soldier who served and died in World War 2.

A powerful speech was given by guest speaker Col. Buff Burkel of Illinois. Col. Burkel, a wounded warrior, spoke about connection, looking at the people around us, and recognizing that there is so much good in our community. She reminded us that showing up as a community to pay respect to those who will never take off the uniform connects us, "The folks we are celebrating today believed in the good that is within all of us."



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Tim Sandeno of VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 and a member of the Girl Scouts stand in honor and remembrance of fallen veterans at Phinney Park during the opening wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.



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Gorham Middle and High School bands round the corner of South and Main Streets during the 2022 Memorial Day Parade. Inset photo: A WW2 era Willys Jeep MB rolls through the intersection of South and Main Streets leading the band.



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Left to right: Ben Hartwell, Frank Walton, Chad Butts and TJ Moore lead the Memorial Day Parade on South Street, May 30, 2022.

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## Gorham Police Department Emphasizes School Safety

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

"We are extremely fortunate not to have had any school shootings anywhere in Maine" said Police Chief Christopher Sanborn. Over the years, the Gorham Police have worked with the schools on crisis response plans, which include training with school staff. ALICE protocols, a crisis response training method has been adopted in Gorham as well as throughout Maine. There have been numerous

local and regional trainings to prepare Public Safety officers for these types of events.

Lt. David Kulgren from Newtown, CT was among those who provided active shooter training to district officers. There are ongoing plans to continue to coordinate the public safety response as well as managing major crime responses to this type of incident.

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## Little Falls Village Community Members Meet with Town Staff

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Members of the Little Falls/South Windham village community met with town staff from both Gorham and Windham along with a consultant hired by both towns to assess what changes the community members were hoping to see.

Many items were recommended for consideration: a trail connection to the river, more open space, additional recreational opportunities, extending the sidewalks, more bicycle connec-

tions and more local businesses such as Rosemont Market. The former Fire Station in the middle of the village is currently being converted into a restaurant.

Traffic calming issues were also raised with concerns that there should be clear indications that drivers would be entering a village and needed to slow down as well as making the entrances to Little Falls more appealing and noticeable.

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**Policy on News from Augusta:** The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

# Staying Safe and Enjoying Maine's Natural Beauty this Summer

Rep. Mo Terry

Summer in Maine is what makes this state the Vacationland that so many have come to know and love.

As business picks up at the Gorham Farmers Market on Saturday mornings, I've enjoyed seeing lots of familiar faces, as well as new ones. Connecting with friends and neighbors at the market is one of my favorite parts about summers in Maine, but getting to spend time exploring the outdoors and playing with friends and family is always a joy. For those of you who are looking for things to do outside, the options are endless but staying safe while having fun is critical.

You may have heard that Gov. Janet Mills has recently announced "Residents' Day" at some Maine State Parks. On Sunday, June 19, Maine residents won't have to pay day use fees at any of our parks or historic sites. This a great opportunity for families to enjoy the outdoors and explore a park you've never been to before.

We're lucky here in Maine to have access to 48 state parks and historic sites. If you're looking for a camping adventure, it's hard to beat one of the 12 state parks that offer campsites, like Sebago Lake State Park, right in our backyard. To learn more about some of these recreational options, visit the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands website.

Part of getting outside to enjoy Maine's summer is being prepared. By now, we all know that means more than sunblock and lots of snacks. With the rate of Lyme disease, Powassen

virus and other tick-borne diseases on the rise, we need to bring a good bug spray, the right clothing to repel ticks and a tick spoon or tweezers to make sure we can remove them quickly if they get past our defenses.

The UMaine Cooperative Extension offers plenty of information on tick identification and management that can help you and your pets avoid tick-borne diseases. The Cooperative Extension tick lab can test individual ticks to find out if they carry harmful diseases, which may be useful in detecting Lyme disease even before symptoms appear.

On the topic of insects, Mainers also need to be weary of the increasing browntail moth (BTM) problem across the state. We are fortunate in Gorham that our rates are still relatively low; however, the month of June is a particularly critical time for preventing infestations. Until the end of the month, BTM caterpillars become expert hitchhikers. When they catch a ride, BTM may post up in a new area and cause irritation to people and destroy foliage on trees and shrubs at their new location. That's why the Maine Forest Service is asking folks to check their cars, trucks, boats, bikes, ATVs and other vehicles for stray caterpillars.

The best method to kill a BTM caterpillar is to move them to a plastic bag or another container and freeze them or soak them in a bucket of soapy water before disposing of them in the trash.

To track BTM activity, check out the Maine Forest Service's interactive map that shows where infestations are most prevalent. The Maine CDC also has a lot of good information about how to identify BTMs, symptoms of irritation, how to stay safe throughout the summer and fall and how to combat the pests ahead of next season.

If you're interested in finding out more about staying safe and preserving our public lands and waters while enjoying the Maine outdoors this summer, I would love to hear from you. As always, you can reach me at (207) 287-1430 or maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her third term in the Maine House of Representatives. She serves as House Chair of the Taxation Committee. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 25 years of experience in the food service industry. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.



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## Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I read with no small degree of curiosity and bemusement, recent reporting regarding Gorham School Department's dustup with dominionist evangelical censorship efforts. It's an important question with important outcomes, no matter where you stand- are teenagers learning concepts like "transgender," "gay," and "straight," for the very first time, at middle-school health class?

Personally, I feel like that is a relatively naïve and inaccurate way to approach the issue. I think it's equally false to view any reference of LGBTQ life as part of a purported vast elite conspiracy against various religious sects or opinions.

Transgender characters have instead been appearing throughout American culture (and middle-schools) since before there was an America (or middle-schools!) You can see it in the Bugs Bunny cartoons of the WWII Greatest Generation, back through the silent films of Charlie Chaplin, all the way to Shakespeare plays (and beyond.)

We do a disservice to our school

kids by selling them short and assuming they're stupid. We are the greatest country on Earth and have been for a long time, even with words like "transgender" in existence. Those words aren't a secret NOW and they were never a secret THEN either.

The "good ole days" don't actually exist except in certain folks' minds. I support efforts to raise Gorham's children as optimists, but I also want them to be factualists. Censoring instead of teaching is quite simply the wrong strategy, for both parents and taxpayers.

Josh Gatling, Gorham

Dear Editor,

We, in Gorham, currently have over 230 AMAZING Gorham High School seniors and countless other students in our care at this moment who are looking to their community before they launch into the world, and we owe it to these kids to not detract from their moment and make it about US again. Why not rather try to solve our differences in a quiet, positive and productive way instead of a fury of social media strands con-

stantly calling out our school and community leaders in a cruel and very public way?

The constant disparaging of education, the "broken system", superintendents and other people who so desperately need the support of a community, rather being publicly taken down by it is exhausting and often, unsolicited, and always unnecessary.

We are at a tipping point with choices. We can be part of the problem of constantly bashing public education or we can appreciate and embrace what it has to offer. It is imperfect, but it is made up of people who do not

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## TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

To honor the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we will enjoy a short break after the June 23 issue. Our following issue will be dated July 21.

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# Gorham Times Editor Resigns for New Position

Gorham Times Staff

Christine “Christie” Paul, editor of the Gorham Times since December, 2020, has resigned to accept a position with an arts program on St. John US Virgin Island. Lori Arsenault has agreed to serve as Interim Editor until the paper hires a new editor.

Paul became editor during an unexpected period of transition which included challenges caused by the pandemic. During her tenure she helped recruit and train new writers and interns. She sought to enliven the paper with interesting photos. Although trained as a musician and working under difficult conditions, she and the staff came together to bring the news to Gorham.

“We are going to miss Christie,” Business Manager Donna Soper said, “but appreciate all she did for our community paper.”

“The best part of my experience with the Gorham Times,” Paul said, “is all the dedicated volunteers and contributors I had the privilege to meet. I have a newfound appreciation for the local news and the service such resources provide. And I will bring all this learning to my new endeavors.”

This summer Paul will be helping to organize a series of concerts in Maine before moving with her family to St. John in the fall. There she will achieve



Photo credit: Mint and Thistle Photography

Christie Paul, who is leaving the Gorham Times, will be moving with her family to the Caribbean in September.

her dream of a career in music, both by performing and by directing choirs for adults and children as associate director of Sing St. John.

Lori Arsenault, interim editor, started with the Gorham Times in March 2019 and is responsible for the public service section.

“All through my varied career and even into retirement, my work has been about serving organizations and collaborating with other talented colleagues and volunteers toward a common mission,” Arsenault said. She said on accepting the editor position that she hopes “my doing the same for a while with the Gorham Times will serve the community well.”

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have a “political or religious agenda”; and instead, care about the heads, minds and hearts of the kids you entrust in our care. We will make mistakes, sometimes big ones, but just as how we try to teach our kids, that when we do, we will help them find a way forward together. We are on the same team. Ask yourself this, do you do the same? And then realize, that they see, read and hear everything.

As we close the year, let’s shift the focus to the wonder of a system that attempts to accommodate, honor, teach and respect over thousands

of people, big and little, regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, gender or sexual orientation, physical attributes or mental disability. We don’t always do it right, and we make lots of mistakes, but I’d like to think that when we do, we have an entire community of good people who will help us figure out a solution in a way that we can feel good about and our kids can be proud of us. They are watching! They are always watching!”

Neile Nelson, Gorham High School Teacher

# Curbside Comforts Now Open Offering Vegan Cuisine

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

On Saturday March 28, a former food truck business opened a restaurant at 680 Gray Road and is now open daily. The business was previously operating in Portland but now resides where Sweets and Eats Ice Cream Shop was located.

Curbside Comforts, a vegetarian/vegan restaurant, officially opened at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning closing at 9 p.m. First customers Denise and Megan Brown say they had ordered online earlier in the day for their family. Ordering online is a great convenience option.

The restaurant offers not only plant-based foods but cornhole, hand

sanitizer at every table, fun outdoor seating including a kids table and water dishes for pets. For opening day, they offered plant-based donuts from Lovebirds Donuts located in Kittery, Maine. These donut flavors included Boston cream, raspberry jam, monkey muffin, ganache dipped, etc.

Employees were very happy with the turnout and the cashier, Suzanne, was friendly and welcoming. The menu includes mac & cheese, burgers, salads, fries, etc. When your order is ready your pager will buzz to let you know, then a store worker will meet you at the window with your order.

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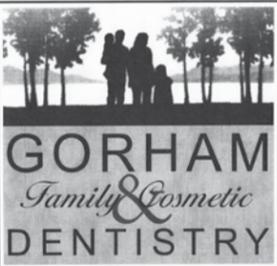
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# Back Pain in the Adolescent

Mike Smith, MSPT, ATC

Many of us will experience some low back discomfort sometime in our lives, and much of the time the issue will resolve within a few days with rest and Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Many low back problems are often associated with a particular incident or activity and tend to be different in different decades of our lives. The 44-year-old weekend rock wall climber is going to be treated differently than the 73-year-old with a bad looking x-ray and MRI. Their objective findings in the low back are not likely to be the same. The same is true for our adolescent population.

It could be argued that a child having back pain consistently would be considered abnormal, particularly if they have not sustained an injury. But many adolescents, ages approximately 12 to 16, both boys and girls, do have persistent back discomfort lasting longer than 2 to 3 months.

The symptoms are often low grade and become more intense after exercise and sport. In the past, these were often considered, "growing pains." The term may be old fashioned, but the truth often does lie in the fact the kid has gone through a growth spurt. In this age group, the skeletal bones are often growing rapidly for short periods, but the musculature system is lagging behind by a couple of months. This can lead to unequal strength in the hips and lower extremity and the core.

And many of these kids are participating in activities that require a lot of spinal extension or back bending,

such as dance, gymnastics and to some degree soccer. But athletes in other sports can also develop similar back symptoms. And sometimes the athlete may be participating in multiple sports at the same time, so the back and spine are not getting enough rest while under a lot of stress.

The treatment is often an x-ray to rule out any congenital issues and a course of physical therapy to work on the insufficiencies in strength and flexibility and stability. If the symptoms persist, then an MRI may be needed to rule out a stress fracture in one of the lumbar vertebrae. Though rare, stress fractures do occur in the adolescents. There might also be a diagnosis of stress failure, not quite a fracture, but the bruising of the vertebrae visible on an MRI.

In these last two cases, rest must occur along with continued self-care of exercises and postural awareness to work on trying to avoid excessive back extension during activities.

So don't let your adolescent back pain linger too long. Get it checked out if it lasts longer than 2 to 3 months. Adolescent kids can complain a lot, but they may actually be having an honest back problem that needs to be checked out.



Mike Smith is a physical therapist and athletic trainer and owner of Village Physical Therapy on Main Street here in Gorham.

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# BEE a Reader - Baxter Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program

Baxter Memorial Library Staff



Photo credit: Joanne Romano

Through constant touch and caring, honeybees evaluate/read their queen (the one that is marked with a dot) for the health and survival of the hive.

Summer Reading Programs at Baxter Memorial Library (BML) will focus on pollinator friends. The Summer Reading and Discovery Program (SRDP) is an eight-week whirlwind of activities, reading, and prizes for youth. Visit the library to get a reading game sheet anytime starting June 13th or grab it at the "Spring into Summer" event on June 21st. The goal is to complete 16 hours of reading by the end of August.

The kickoff for the 2022 Summer Reading and Discovery Program (SRDP) begins with the "Spring into Summer" event held on the library lawn, Tuesday, June 21st (rain date June 23rd) 2 - 6 p.m. The ribbon cutting for BML's new Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden will be held at 2:30 p.m., near the municipal parking lot. From 3 to 4 p.m. Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams will provide live music for kids to dance and sing along. Perennial favorites such as Touch-a-Truck, hot dogs, summer reading materials, and more will be available.

Listening to audio books or podcasts, reading graphic novels, reading stories together aloud, and doing any other activity involving the written word will count as "reading time." For every four hours of reading earns prizes including bookmarks, pins, a Subway kid's meal, a book of choice from the prize table, and a pizza from Domino's or Otto. Thank you to Gorham Subway, Gorham Domino's, and Gorham Otto for donat-

ing these awesome prizes in support of the Summer Reading and Discovery Program.

Parents and their children two years old and younger can also participate with the Wee Readers program which incorporates early literacy activities to do with your child. Participants receive a free board book and a nursery rhyme key tag.

BML has a summer reading program for adults, too. For every book read, fill out a raffle ticket in the library or online. Everything counts - beach reads, serious reads, audiobooks, books you read aloud to kids. Every week, a winning entry will be drawn to win great prizes from local businesses, with a grand prize winner to be drawn from all the entries at the end of the program.

Learn on the Lawn, a series of outdoor fitness class samplers for all ages taught by local instructors, will return for the summer. This is a great way to try something new by connecting to fitness classes being taught locally.

Summer Reading will finish strong with the Second Edition Print Run 5K on August 12 will feature an evening 5K and kids' fun run. Look for more information as the date approaches.

Check out [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org) or call 222-1190 for up-to-date information on BML's exciting programs throughout the summer. All library programs are free and open to the public.

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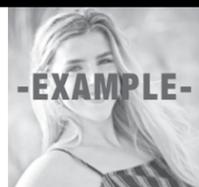
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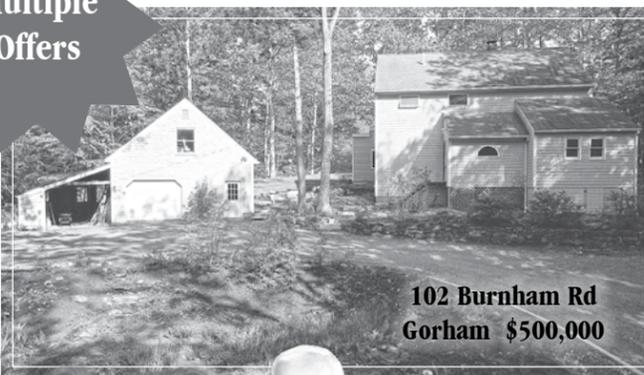


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# “Indoor Farmer’s Market” Opens in Gorham

Andrew Martin, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Wormell Farms, a combined butcher shop, bakery, and “Indoor farmers’ market” (as Gorham-raised baker Taylor Whitcomb describes it) opened at 29 School Street in downtown Gorham last month.

The store, which embodies the combined efforts of Windham’s Brendon Wormell and Raymond’s Taylor Whitcomb, sells just about any cut of local, antibiotic-free beef you can imagine: Skirt steaks, tenderloins, flank steaks, T-bones, ribeyes, porter-

houses, sirloins, briskets, roasts, tips, ground chuck, pre-formed patties, stew-beef, and more! The beef comes directly from Brendon’s Wormell Farms in Cumberland.

Meat isn’t the only thing available though. Also for sale are fresh eggs and dog bones from the farm, baked goods including whoopie pies and cookies from Whitcomb’s own bakery, hot coffee from Carrabassett Coffee Company, and several locally sourced grocery items including honey, maple syrup, chicken, pork, ice cream, etc.

Wormell Farms also offers a CSA (community supported agriculture)

program that allows community members to empower local farms while still getting all the prime cuts of meat that they want. Subscribers to the CSA program will receive the freshest, healthiest, and most environmentally friendly beef delivered monthly, along with the knowledge that they’re

helping a small business thrive in their own neighborhood. The farm, in return, gets a guarantee of security that allows them to better serve their customers and their families.

Customers interested in the CSA should act quickly though because subscriptions go fast.

Visit the store during the following hours of operation: Thursdays through Mondays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Find Wormell Farms online at <https://wormellfarms.com> or on Instagram at @wormellfarms, or call (207) 807-0571.

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# Chief Sanborn Reports

The Gorham Police Department has applied for and received funding for the following:

Highway Safety Grant: This runs through October and is for enforcement details on Routes 22, 25, 114, 202 and 237.

Enforcement Grants: Speed Grant \$5,835, OUI Enforcement \$21,000 and Distracted Driving \$15,900.

# Clerk’s Corner Updates

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely spring flowers and warming weather. The State Primary and School Budget Validation/Referendum Election will be held June 14, 2022. The last day to obtain an absentee ballot is June 9, 2022. Ballots can be returned through Election Day. You can drop off your ballots in the ballot box at the Municipal Center or at the Town Clerk’s office.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Election Day for voting. Ward 1-1 votes at the Middle School, Ward 1-2 at Great Falls School and Ward 2 at Shaw Gym. Only registered Republican and Democrat voters will receive a State Primary Ballot. If you are Unenrolled and wish to enroll in a party, you can do so at the Polls on Election Day.

The Senior Property Tax Refund application is available at the Clerk’s Office or you can download one on our website. Applications are due by August 1, 2022.

The second half of the 2022 tax bills were due on May 15, 2022. Late personal property and real estate tax bills are accruing interest daily.

ATV and boat registrations, along with fishing licenses can be purchased at the Town Clerk’s office, as well as online. Get out and enjoy this beautiful weather.

# April 2022 Gorham Arrests

Parsonsfield man, 23, was charged with falsifying physical evidence, unlawful possession of fentanyl and violating conditions of release. Buxton man, 26, was charged with speeding (35+ mph over the limit) and OUI.

New Hampshire man, 26, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Several hours later he was arrested again for operating without a license.

Buxtonman, 22, was charged with operating without a license (suspended/revoked) and OUI.

Burnham Road man, 26, was charged with OUI.

South Portland man, 49, was charged with OUI (no test).

Portland man, 24, was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs.

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# Gorham Times Announces the Scholarship Recipient

Gorham Times Staff

GHS Senior Megan Young was awarded the Gorham Times Scholarship for 2022. Young volunteered time as a student writer for the Gorham Times.

This was the first year Young interned for the paper. She was a great liaison between the schools and the paper, always a dependable, hard-working member of our team. Even when a story was requested at the last minute, she would produce an excellent article.

“Megan contributed many pieces to help us bring interesting stories of the young members of our community to the paper. She was also writing for the Aspire Newsletter at GHS. Her writing was informative and well-written, and she always met her deadline, often having new pieces submitted well before deadline. It was such an honor to work with Megan and I know she will be successful in anything she endeavors



to do,” said Christie Paul, outgoing Gorham Times editor.

Gorham Times Staff would like to extend a huge thank you to Young and wish her well in the next steps of her journey.

## April 2022 Gorham Arrests CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

South Street man, 57, was obstructing the report of a crime and assault.

Raymond woman, 32, was charged with OUI (no test).

Skyline Drive woman, 29, was charged with OUI.

Casco man, 19, was charged with failure to appear.

Bridgton man, 54, was charged with OUI. Two hours later he was again charged with OUI.

Standish man, 40, was charged with OUI (drugs or combo)

Standish man, 31, was charged with OUI (drugs or combo) no test.

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# Much-Anticipated Building Project Underway

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: John Ersek

From Left to Right: Pastor Ian Wallin, Dan Gerrish, Pastor Travis Bush, Jim Carlson, Zan Cadman. The main speakers at the ceremony were Pastor Travis Bush, Shawn Moody of Moody's Collision, Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction, Cindy Hazelton of Gorham Rec, and Dan Gerrish. Pastor Ian Wallin prayed to open the ceremony and Zan Cadman, Jim Carlson, and Dillan Hesseltine prayed over the land and building project to close out the ceremony.

After three years of planning, some unexpected delays, and much perseverance, Summit Community Church officially broke ground on their Cressey Road multi-use worship building on May 23. The church's large new facilities are being built on the west side of Cressey Road near the intersection with Narragansett Street, just across the road from the Masonic Hall.

For now, following the 2021 sale of their former building on Rt. 114 in Scarborough, the church continues to be based in rented facilities on County Road in Gorham, at the location of the former South Gorham Baptist Church.

The cost of the entire construction project is projected to be approximately \$5.7million dollars. This cost includes the building itself, the site work, and the land purchase. The footprint of the Phase 1 building will be just over 15,000 square feet.

The current plan is for Summit to move to the new church building by spring 2023, possibly in time for Easter Sunday. However, they have also made contingency plans to remain in their

current rented facilities until the fall of 2023, in case construction delays cause the move to be delayed until as late as the Christmas season of 2023.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Summit staff thanked all the community members of their project team for helping them make the needed changes to the project plans and for their help with permit approvals. Team members include employees of Great Falls Construction, Ryan Senatore Architecture, Sebago Technics, R.J. Grondin & Sons, and Norway Savings Bank. They also thanked Shawn Moody and the employee-owners of Moody Collision for selling the land to the church.

Church staff have said that many of the pre-construction delays were due to difficulties that the church encountered with financing and permitting, amid the multiple changes they made to the size of the building and the facilities that will be included in it. Over the past two years, the church staff and the other members of the construction team and

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## Gorham Times

### SEEKS NEW EDITOR

The *Gorham Times*, celebrating 25 years of community journalism, seeks a new Editor to lead our volunteer staff in "bringing the news to all of Gorham." This is a great opportunity whether you're a seasoned journalist or you're looking to gain valuable experience in the competitive world of journalism.

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The right candidate understands and values the goal of creating a forum for fair-minded discussion by airing different viewpoints and maintaining a neutral editorial stance. To learn more and express interest, email Tom Biegel at tombiegel86@gmail.com.



# Gorham School's Proposed FY 23 Budget ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET REFERENDUM MARK YOUR CALENDAR — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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Dear Community Members,

The proposed FY 23 budget totals \$48,015,345 (**before council vote**) and represents a 8.46% increase in expenditures over the final approved FY 22 budget of \$44,268,143. This budget requires a 11.71% increase in local appropriation, an increase of \$2.6 million over last year. Assuming General Purpose Aid (GPA) is finalized at the current level, the actual FY 23 property tax increases by a little over \$30 million in FY 23, the impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of 9.43% or \$1.19 on the mil.

Over the course of the budget development process, the District Leadership Team and the School Committee reduced a little over \$1.5 million in the originally proposed budget. Additions to the budget were made in the amount of \$1.3 million in order to address our five key budget priorities of (1) Meeting the social and emotional learning (SEL) needs of our students and staff, (2) Meeting the academic learning needs of our students after 2+ years of pandemic learning, (3) Improving technology capacity and maintenance of systems infrastructure, (4) Strengthening our transportation and maintenance/facilities departments and (5) Addressing recruitment, and retention for staff at all levels. Our THREE largest cost drivers to the proposed budget are:

Maintaining the "status quo" – Just to maintain existing positions with calculated increases in health insurance (8%) and salary requirements per negotiated labor contracts we needed to increase our overall budget proposal by \$1,335,000.00

New Bond Payment for Narragansett Modular Project – The first full year of principal payments for the second phase of the Narragansett modular expansion project is hitting the books this year. The budgeted total is an increase of \$520,000.00 over last year.

Increased Special Ed. Costs – We are having to add 6 new Ed. Tech. III positions to the local budget, as well as adding 1 new Functional Life Skills Teacher for students at the high school level. These new required costs total about \$350,000.00

Additional strains on our proposed budget include marketing adjustments made for support staff to maintain competitive wages for our region (\$250,000.00), increased Energy Costs (\$180,000.00) and Increased costs for our custodial contracted services as we increase square footage for cleaning (\$180,000.00).

On the revenue side of the budget, our state subsidy has gone up by \$635,565.00 mostly to account for increasing costs to special education. We have had to reduce the amount brought forward to offset taxpayer expense from fund balance by \$100,000.00 over last year in order to maintain appropriate undesignated balances, and \$80,000.00 of our new subsidy revenue will go to our new PreK partnership with the Gorham Arts Alliance in order to operate our first public/private PreK pilot in Gorham. All told, the proposed budget would increase taxes by \$1.19 on the mil. For a home valued at \$400,000.00 that would be an increase of \$476.13 cents. Please know these are estimates only and final amounts will be impacted significantly by a current town-wide Re-evaluation process being conducted by the Town.

With the continued dramatically shifting educational landscape caused by the pandemic and with the increased costs of doing everything right now due to inflation, the Gorham School Committee believes this proposed budget represents the funds necessary to continue to support the high-quality educational service we strive to provide for our community's most precious resource – its children.

Thank you,

Heather J. Perry, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools

## So What Do We Get for an Investment with Our Support of the Gorham Public Schools?

- 92.7% graduation rate at GHS, well above the state's 86.1% average.
- 82% of GHS seniors went on to post-secondary last year amidst the Pandemic. Another 8% went directly into the workforce and 4% chose a planned gap year.
- During the 2020-21 School year 139 students took over 1,200 college credits issued by USM via dual enrollment courses! That number continues to grow!
- 245 total colleges and universities are part of our student's "Future Story Wall" at GHS.
- Almost 60% of GHS students participate in extra-curricular activities with 45+ more clubs and activities for high school students to participate in as well! Our students are active!
- 70+ GMS 8th grade students participated in our new Tech Start program, exposing students to potential CTE programs early!
- A continued focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion across all schools with trainings, ongoing curriculum review and improvements in diversity hiring practices.
- ALL of our K-12 students participated in Aspire Gorham Career oriented programs ranging from Try it Days, to field experiences to 1:1 career conversations with the help of our local businesses!
- 15 GHS students participated in semester long internship experiences in local businesses.
- Strong community connections – business roundtable, Aspire Gorham, Senior internships, virtual career days, Amazing Race of Gorham, Collaborations with USM for early college . . . and so much MORE!

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# Gorham High School Student Awards

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Faith Connolly Yale Book Award  
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 Kaci Mollison Society of Women Engineers  
 Miranda Chasse Williams College Book Award  
 Hayden Anderson Phi Beta Kappa Assn of Maine  
 Sarah Rathbun RIT Computing Medal  
 Trevin Macomber RIT Computing Medal  
 Hailee Willey RIT Innovation and Creativity Award  
 Qasim Rabbani RIT Innovation and Creativity Award  
 Rachel Cummings Rensselaer Medal Award  
 Kevin Luo Saint Michael's College Book Award  
 Rylee Tenuta Saint Michael's College Book Award  
 Samuel Larkin Lasell College Book Award  
 Kieran Wilkins Suffolk University Book Award  
 Erin Lawrence Assumption University Book Award  
 Annie Cunningham Assumption University Book Award

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Presented by: Willie Goodman & Steve San Pedro  
 Morgan Walton Voice of Democracy National Oral Essay

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Grace Mahaney Outstanding Student  
 Madisson Willey Outstanding Student  
 Rory Meserve Most Improved  
 Kiely Burns Perseverance

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Jacopo Benedetto Presentation of American Flag

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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## ENGLISH

Rachel Perkins 9  
 Ashley Connolly 9  
 Abigail Chamberlain 9  
 Emily Lemont American Studies  
 Claire Boudreau American Studies  
 Julia Wareham Amer. Lit. Advanced  
 Megan A. Wentworth Creative Writing  
 Noor Sager Creative Writing in the Digital Age  
 Julia Ordway Theater  
 Ellie Perry Public Speaking  
 Lucien Beardsley 11  
 Trevin Macomber 11A  
 Faith Connolly 11AP

Sarah Valeriani 12  
 Jenna Parker 12A  
 Michelle Darling 12AP  
 Izabella Densmore PLUME  
 Sakara Crawford PLUME  
 Madisson Hatch 4-Year Award  
 Allison Bishop 4-Year Award

## ENGLISH (ELL)

Joyeuse Ntungane Excellence in English Language and Academic Achievement  
 Mercy Choglo-Tamay Excellence in English Language Perseverance Award

## HEALTH

Elsie Bradshaw Excellence in Health  
 Emily Lemont Excellence in Health  
 Miranda Chasse Excellence in Sports Medicine

## MATH

Haley Frie Excellence in Pre-Algebra  
 Camryn Caruso Excellence in Algebra 1  
 Victoria Sands Excellence in Algebra 1 Advanced  
 Brinn Irish Excellence in Geometry  
 Payson Plummer Excellence in Geometry Advanced  
 Brady Marquis Excellence in Algebra 2  
 William Armstrong Excellence in Algebra 2 Advanced  
 Dylan Cummings Excellence in Pre-Calculus  
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Pre-Calculus Advanced  
 Benjamin Shields Excellence in Financial Algebra  
 Anna Nelson Excellence in Calculus  
 Peter Wu Excellence in Advanced Placement Calculus  
 Curan Bassingthwaite Excellence in Statistics  
 Grace Johnson Excellence in Advanced Placement Statistics  
 Jude Huckaby Excellence in Advanced Placement Computer Science  
 Benjamin Shields 4-Year Award in Mathematics  
 Trevin Macomber Math Team Top Scorer

## MUSIC

Anya Mazaris-Atkinson MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Madeline Downey MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Raiyah Babinsky MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Kaylin Brown MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Annikka Mocchiola MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Katherine Dupuis MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Lily Rubin MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Mavy Ho MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Abby Fiore MMEA All-State Music Festival 2022  
 Anya Mazaris-Atkinson John Philip Sousa Award 2022  
 Megan A Wentworth Louis Armstrong Jazz Award 2022  
 Katherine Dupuis National School Choral Award 2022  
 Annikka Mocchiola Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus 2022

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Riley Dever Excellence in Physical Education 1  
 Patrick Downey Excellence in Physical Education 1  
 Lindy Moreland Excellence in Physical Education 1  
 Madison Tibbals Excellence in Physical Education 1  
 Owen Duplisea Excellence in Physical Education 2  
 Rhyder Pollard Excellence in Physical Education 2  
 Makayla Quintal Excellence in Physical Education 2  
 Julia Wareham Excellence in Physical Education 2

## SCIENCE

Lucia Holloway Excellence in Earth Space Science  
 Timothy Nagle Excellence in Advanced Earth Space Science  
 Laura Burt Excellence in Advanced Earth Space Science  
 Ashley Connolly Excellence in Advanced Earth Space Science  
 Eleanor LaBarge Excellence in Biology  
 Julia Wareham Excellence in Advanced Biology  
 Kaitlyn Cushing Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology  
 Brayden Perrin Excellence in Alternative Biology  
 Elizabeth Keil Excellence in Marine Science  
 Olivia Hopkins Excellence in Chemistry  
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced  
 Emma Mullin Excellence in Chemistry II/Advanced Placement Chemistry  
 Dylan Morrell Excellence in Physics  
 Clara Shvets Excellence in Advanced Physics  
 Colin McDonald Excellence in General Chemistry  
 Kathryn Gooch Excellence in General Physics  
 Elijah Wyatt Excellence in Advanced Placement Environmental Science  
 Bryce Lambert Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I  
 George Allison Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology II  
 Benjamin Shields 4-Year Outstanding Achievement in Science

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Amanda Morin WH 1  
 Gwyneth Dubail WH 1  
 Chafek Matta WH 1  
 Corinna Hahn WH II  
 Sofia Mankin WH II  
 Dylan Bauer American Studies  
 Victoria Sands Power & Privilege  
 Faith Connolly AP Modern Euro  
 Rachel Cummings AP Modern Euro  
 Bryce Lambert AP Psychology  
 Ethan Castonguay AP US History

## TECHNOLOGY

Mackenzie Buzzell Excellence in Back to Basics  
 Courtney Rent Excellence in Back to Basics  
 Kaci Mollison Excellence in Pre-Engineering

Austin Hanscom Excellence in Pre-Engineering  
 Bryce Gunn Excellence in Pre-Engineering  
 Tedi Gould Excellence in Technology Through Unselfish Acts of Helping Others  
 Brooke Farquhar Excellence in Graphic Arts  
 Lillian Andreason Excellence in Digital Media  
 Zoe Diffin Excellence in Digital Media  
 Claire Boudreau Excellence in Technical Drawing  
 Ella Downing Excellence in Architectural Drawing  
 Annikka Mocchiola Excellence in Video Production  
 Julia Ordway Excellence in Video Production

## WORLD LANGUAGES

Abigail Chamberlin Excellence in French 1  
 Ella Downing Excellence in French 2  
 Trevin Macomber Excellence in French 3  
 Megan Young Excellence in French 4  
 Kuba Kaczmarek Excellence in Spanish 1  
 Luke Burns Excellence in Spanish 2  
 Faith Connolly Excellence in Spanish 3  
 Anna Nelson Excellence in Spanish 4  
 Andrew Farr Excellence in Spanish 4  
 Jillian Feyler Special Recognition in Spanish - USM Class  
 Benjamin Walsh Excellence in Mandarin 1  
 Channitra Ly Excellence in Mandarin 2  
 Peter Wu Excellence in Mandarin 3  
 Sydney Haskell Excellence in Mandarin 4  
 Addison Canty Excellence in Latin 1  
 Amy Morin Excellence in Latin 2  
 Grace Johnson Excellence in Latin 3  
 Phoebe Richards Excellence in Latin 4  
 Samuel Reasoner Four-year Award Spanish/French  
 Aiden Dever Four-year Award Spanish/French

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George Allison  
 Noah Badeau  
 Curan Bassingthwaite  
 Caroline Bishop  
 Morgan Chapman  
 Hunter Conners  
 Mary DeWitt  
 Aiden Dever  
 Quinn Doyle  
 Hailey Edwards  
 Zachary Emmons  
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# Deb Roy, Longest Career in GHS History

By a Former Student

Spring 2022 has arrived, and with it comes the close of another school year for Gorham.

Additionally, it brings to a close the career of a longtime Gorham educator, Mrs. Deborah Roy.

Deb has taught Spanish at Gorham High School (GHS) since the fall of 1975, and will retire this spring after 46 school years, which is the longest career in the history of Gorham High School (GHS). Over her career at Gorham, she has seen a lot of change, having taught under 8 principals, 15 assistant principals, and 8 superintendents.

The high school building was expanded greatly during her teaching career in the mid-1990s. Pop culture, student dress, music styles, hairstyles, and technology have all changed multiple times during the years she has graced GHS with her presence. Even the staff has grown, from 49 in 1975 to 106 at the high school in 2022.

She is in the World Languages Department, and currently teaches only Spanish, but has taught some French classes as well. She is currently the advisor to the Spanish Club, but has also been advisor to the cheerleaders, has taken students to Spain, and has helped with the foreign exchange program.

Deb grew up in Waterville, Maine. After graduating from University of Maine in Orono she said, "I came to Gorham because they had an opening for a Spanish teacher. There were not many teaching positions in Spanish available at that time."

When asked about her choice of profession, she said, "Growing up, I loved my teachers. I wanted to be like them. My Spanish teacher noticed me, though I felt completely invisible. She believed in me, and I wanted to do the same for my own students." Her favorite part of teaching is the thrill of listening to her students speak Spanish on their own.



Photos taken from GHS Yearbook

Deb has only taught at GHS. She said, "I stayed in Gorham because I love my work and my students. It took years to build a Spanish department, and by then, GHS felt like "home." The fact that Gorham was a small town and had a small high school made it feel like a great place to be."

Deb has many wonderful memories of her years at GHS. One exciting event occurred when she was able to convince some of her students to compete in a state-wide Spoken Spanish competition. Deb said, "They each won in their categories. It was amazing. I still have the black and white photo of their victory."

Another great memory was being part of the GHS production of "Fiddler on the Roof" which in the early years helped her begin to feel part of the GHS community. Yet another favorite memory was being part of a group of teachers who played guitar and sang. "Roger Lord, Bob Stevens, Jim Pearson and I would spend lunch periods (45 minutes at that time) singing together. We sang on a float during Gorham's 250th anniversary parade. That was a wonderful experience," she said.

Deb does not have any big plans for her retirement right now. "I hope to spend more time with my family and take care of our home and my garden. I look forward to not doing work on evenings and Sundays most of all."

*Editor's Note: A complete coverage of retiring teachers will appear in a coming issue.*



Over 46 years, Deb Roy has shared her love of the Spanish language with thousands of Gorham children. She introduced them to the history, geography, culture, and food of Spanish speaking countries throughout the world. She also facilitated students from those countries joining our school family through exchange programs.

She traveled to Spain many times, exposing dozens of teens to new places and new experiences. She suffered happily through bad jokes and puns and glowed with pride to hear her students interacting with locals in "español" (Spanish). Those who were lucky enough to make those trips will never forget the time that they spent in Madrid, Granada, Toledo, and many other places.

Beyond being a teacher, she also became a friend to many of her students, myself included. I'm not sure at what point she was no longer Señora Roy to me and became Deb; but my life is richer because of it.

Her enthusiasm for the language is infectious, and has led many students to continue learning, and to travel to the places that we learned of on Morrill Ave. I believe that we all owe her a great debt, and hope that she enjoys her retirement. Deb is "Juan" in a million. "Buena suerte, enhorabuena, y felicidades" (Good luck, congratulations, and congratulations).

David Hill - GHS 1989

# GHS Foreign Language Field Trips

Grace Johnson, GHS Student Intern

There have been many great opportunities for students at Gorham High School this year that weren't available last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Notable among these are the many field trips that have been taken by classes in the World Languages Department.

Very few field trips were possible last school year. This year, Latin, Spanish, and French classes have all been able to visit local places around Gorham and southern Maine. In addition to being fun, these trips allow students a chance to practice speaking another language while doing everyday things, like ordering food.

Earlier this year, Spanish IV classes visited Azul Tequila, a Mexican restaurant in Gorham. All the students had to order and communicate with the servers in Spanish as a way of learning real-life applications of the language.

"We learned that even grammatically incorrect sentences are still understandable to native speakers," said Sam Reasoner, a GHS senior from Spanish IV.

Together, Latin IV and French IV classes went on a trip to The Portland Museum of Art this year. There, they took a short tour focusing on art related to their foreign language. This was supposed to show them how the

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# The Amazing Race of Gorham

Jen Belanger, *Aspire Gorham Communications Coordinator*



Photo credit: Jen Belanger

What do you get when you pair 8th and 5th graders together on a large-scale scavenger hunt throughout town? The Amazing Race of Gorham.

On May 20, Aspire Gorham partnered with the Town of Gorham's Economic Development Division to organize an event for Gorham students that challenged them to meet and converse with various local businesses. Students were divided into teams, distinguished by colorful t-shirts in hues including green, gold, blue, and red, supplied by local Westbrook vendor 320Ink. Along with each team was an adult "Group Leader" who helped to guide students to decipher clues and navigate using a map of the Gorham Village area.

At each stop, students practiced formal introductions (minus handshakes due to increased COVID-19 numbers) and asked questions about our community members. Conversations ranged from specifics of jobs to learning about winding career paths, to discussing community pride and ways to show that.

In addition to the positive connections with our community members, Gorham students were also building mentoring relationships among their teams. During downtimes, students engaged in informal conversations about what Gorham Middle School is like. 8th graders shared their experiences with their 5th-grade teammates, helping build confidence

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## GHS Foreign Language Field Trips CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

culture they were learning about still influences our world today.

"We saw pieces that had Greek and Roman influences," said Emma Mullin, a GHS senior from Latin IV. "It was very interesting to see newer pieces that had traditional influences."

Finally, a few different French III classes visited Sullivan House Bakery this year, which is located near the center of Gorham. They saw a few types of food that would typically be found in France and had the chance to practice ordering.

"The environment was so warm and friendly," said Rachel Cummings, a junior at GHS who is in French III. "I really felt at home there. I also highly recommend the cinnamon rolls."

All three of these field trips were successfully enjoyed by the students.

Hopefully with COVID-19 cases on the decline, more of these will be made possible going into next year.

"With less uncertainty surrounding restrictions and protocols, I would love to plan more trips around the community," said Colleen Chausse, who teaches Latin at GHS. "Whether more trips to museums or interacting with people who use the languages in their everyday life, getting out into the world and seeing the influence of the peoples and cultures we are studying will help deepen our knowledge and make it meaningful."

These field trip opportunities will be available for all of the foreign languages students next year. They are a great way for classes to get out into the world and see the language and culture they are studying in class.



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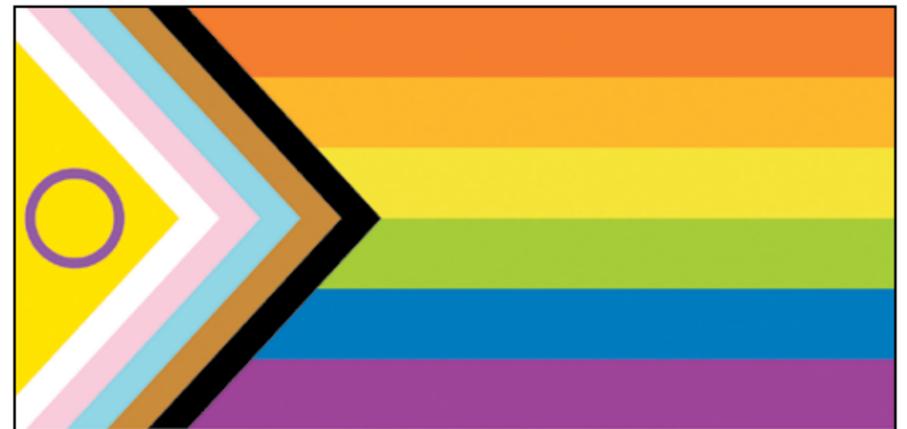
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# Village School Spreads Kindness

Cheryl Fotter, Assistant Principal



Photo credit: Alisha Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten students at Village School embarked on an exciting mission this month, to spread kindness in our community. Through a grant from Hershey's Heartwarming Project and a generous donation from O' Donal's Nursery, students were able to paint over 65 terra-cotta pots and plant marigolds for the residents at Gorham House Retirement Community. Students practiced singing and learning American Sign Language to Jack Hartman's song, One Small Voice.

With brightly painted pots, singing voices ready and plants in tow, kindergarten students and teachers walked to Gorham House on Tuesday, May 24. Surrounded by students, Gorham House residents were all smiles as the kindergarten children presented their pots and sang for all to hear. Kindness, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

## SPORTS

# SMAA Spring Champs

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Girls track team

Photo credit: Coach Caterina

The GHS Girls and Boys outdoor track teams competed respectively in the SMAA Championship meet on Friday, May 27 at Falmouth High School. When the evening was all said and done, the Girls' team finished as SMAA Champions and the Boys' team as SMAA runner-up.

Coach John Caterina reports, the girls' team was led by the five senior captains: Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connolly, Emma Green, Elisabeth Loranger and Maddie Michaud. Emma won both the 100- and 200-meter races, setting a new league record in the 100. Alyvia won

both the Long Jump and Triple Jump, setting a new school record in the Triple Jump.

The 4 X 100 relay team celebrates their victory on Friday as well. Maddie Michaud, Emma Green, Ashley Connolly and Sydney Connolly won in dominating fashion with a league record time. The 4 X 400 relay team also took home first place. Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connolly, Maddie Michaud and Elisabeth Loranger make up this team.

Coach Jason Tanguay reports, the boys team took home second place in

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# Kuusela Excels at UMO

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Derek Kuusela

Branden Kuusela, GHS '16 recently graduated from the University of Maine Orono, a Dean's list student, with a MS in Economics and a BS in Ecology and Environmental Science (concentration in sustainability, environmental policy and natural resource management).

Kuusela's accolades include several Track and Field accomplishments accompanying his academic achievements. Kuusela was the captain of the Black Bears Track and Field team, making the All-conference team and participating at the New England's. He finished in the record books as the 3rd all-time fastest UMO 400-meter hurdler.

Kuusela plans to hike the Appalachian Trail this coming July beginning in Maine and ending in Georgia. Congratulations Branden.



## 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 Curbside Comforts, a new roadside eatery located in the Little Falls Village.

### 1 Tell us a little about your business.

Curbside Comforts offers comfort food with a plant-based twist. One of our top sellers is our "Buffalo Chik'n Ranch Mac & Cheese." We have online ordering and outdoor seating. We have passionate customers, some on a plant-based diet and others trying it for the first time.

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

We are excited about our new brick and mortar location at 680 Gray Road in Gorham, Maine. We are looking forward to meeting new customers and expanding our menu, especially our plant-based ice cream menu!

### 3 If your business were a plant or animal, what would it be, and why?

A dog, specifically a yellow lab, in honor of our dog Dawson who passed away in 2019. That's because we're friendly and dedicated, we love meeting new people, and we love food!

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Curbside Comforts is located at 680 Gray Road. Online ordering available at [www.curbsidecomforts.com](http://www.curbsidecomforts.com).

# Art on South Art Fair Brightens Up Gorham



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The Art on South Art Fair on the Preble St. Common took place on June 4th. Ten artists, along with an art making space, and face painting were there to enjoy art on a June day.



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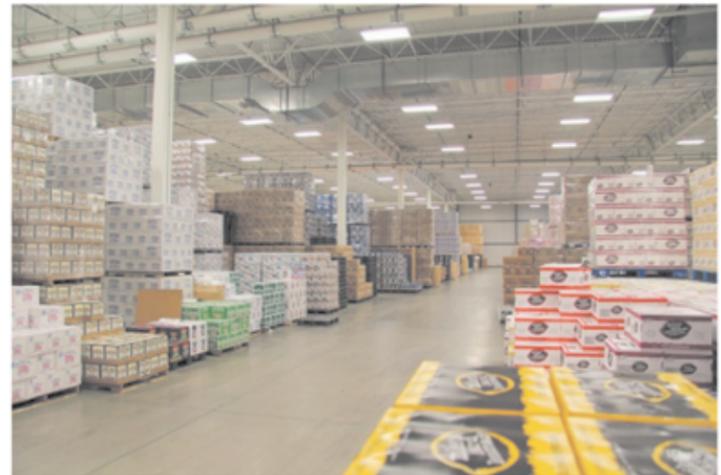
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## Gorham Police Department Emphasizes School Safety

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We currently have three (3) School Resource Officers. One S.R.O. is assigned to the High School, one S.R.O. is assigned to the Middle School and one S.R.O. is assigned to cover all three Elementary Schools. These officers are able to build connections with students and staff, and are focused on prevention. There have been incidents over the years that were averted by an SRO. It is important for residents to notify the Police Department about their concerns so those concerns can be investigated. All the schools are locked with access controlled by school staff.

In a recent interview with a member of the Gorham Times staff, Gorham Schools Superintendent Heather Perry said, "I want you to know that I am confident that our schools are safe as they can be right now. I also want you to know that none of us are taking for granted or minimizing the seriousness of these recent events and the need to deeply review our safety protocols. Please know that our current plan is being fully reviewed and prepared for a full update for the coming year. Safety remains at the forefront of our thoughts."

## The Amazing Race of Gorham

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in the younger and older students alike as they both navigate their transitions to the next stage of their education in Gorham.

As student groups hunted for their next stop, street crossings were supervised by the Gorham Police VIPs, who volunteered their time to help keep the event safe and fun for all.

The Aspire Program and the Gorham School Department are extremely grateful to our business partners who participated in the event, sharing their stories, selves, and sense of civic pride with our students: Great Falls Construction, Town of Gorham Planning Department, Otto's Pizza Gorham, Harvey Performance, Inn at Village Square, Chalmer's Insurance, PoGo Realty, ODAT Machine, Norway

Savings Bank, Seedlings to Sunflowers, Edward Jones Investments - Jessica Szafranski, Sullivan House Bakery, Baxter Memorial Library, Business Data Applications, Ferguson Enterprises, SyncGorham and JL Design Marketing.

This event was a true team effort, necessitating the collaboration between Gorham Middle School, Village Elementary School, the Town of Gorham, the Gorham Police Department, and, of course, the business community who so generously donated their time and expertise to make a positive impact on Gorham's youth. A special thank you is extended to Kevin Jensen, Gorham's Economic Development Director, for bringing members of the business community together for this event.

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

## COMMUNITY ARTS

# Gorham Community Chorus Returns to the Stage

Michael Lortie, Staff Writer



The Community Chorus directed by John Rimkunas

Photo credit: Jacquie Lortie

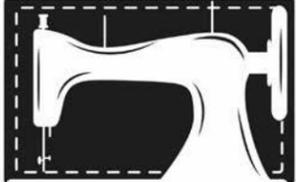
The Gorham Community Chorus presented a concert on Sunday, May 22. This was the first concert since December, 2019 due to the world wide pandemic. The group returned to rehearsals in February, after a two year gap.

The Gorham Community Chorus is a non-audition community group that meets weekly to sing together. It is made up of singers of all ages. They will begin again next September, meeting Monday nights at Gorham Middle School and welcome singers of all levels and ages to join them. Director John Rimkunas picked the first song, How Can I Keep From Singing? to reflect the time away from singing and performing

as a group. The chorus presented eight songs, each picked specifically by John to reflect resiliency, love and support. The chorus was accompanied by Eric Peppe on piano.

In addition the barber shop quartet, Points North, performed a set of gorgeous harmonizations during the intermission. This Portland-area group members are Jonas Rimkunas (tenor), Ryan Norfleet (lead), Chris Cutler-Wood (baritone) and Mike Soper (bass) and was formed through a love of singing.

The chorus' final song, Go Out With Joy, a triumphant song written by 95-year-old Hank Beebe of Portland, was the perfect exclamation for this group's return to the stage.



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**Curbside Comforts** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Opening day was the weekend before Memorial Day. The cashier offered special Memorial Day stickers to all the children coming in that weekend. Curbside Comforts is veteran-owned and always offers 20 percent off every order to military families.

The former food truck business has expanded their menu for their official building to include ice cream. Unfortunately, the ice cream machine was not ready for the opening weekend,

but the restaurant will soon be serving their new soft ice cream.

Just a few days after opening day many positive comments could be found online including, "The mac and cheese was 'so dope,' and the kids grilled cheese surprised me with how good it was! Can't wait to try the rest of the menu," and "It made me sooo happy eating your buffalo mac & cheese again! I'm so happy for you with this new permanent space."

**Much-Anticipated Building Project Underway** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

financing team have repeatedly been forced to revamp the project because of pandemic-related increases in the price of materials and labor costs.

Basically, as costs went up, the church had to shrink the size of the building, as well as make the decision that the planned community gymnasium and the worship space would need to be combined into one large room (at least initially). The new building will still include space for a daycare program, as the church continues to see that service as helping to meet a major need in the

Gorham area. In phase 1, the gymnasium will double as the worship space on Sundays, and the daycare space will double as the children's ministry classrooms.

So far, the Gorham Recreation Department has had some preliminary discussions with the church about using the gymnasium space for pickle ball, and as a space for adults to walk laps during winter. Gorham Rec has indicated the space could also be used an extra basketball court for practices and games that they host.



Photo credit: John Ersek

**SMAA Spring Champs** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

their meet. The boys were led by senior Andrew Farr who won the 200 and 400, setting a new league record in the 400. He also finished second in the 100.

Other top performers for the boys include Calvin Cummings in the 1600 and 3200, Nolan Feyler in the 300 hurdles, Evan Russo in the PV (2nd),

Lucien Beardsley in the 1600 Racewalk (2nd) and Griffin Gammon who scored 2nd in the High Jump and 3rd in the Javelin.

Both the girls' and boys' teams will be competing in the Class A State Championship Meet on Saturday, June 4 in Bangor.



Boys track team

Photo credit: Coach Tanguay

# UCC at North Gorham Votes to Be Open and Affirming

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

On May 8 the congregation of The United Church of Christ (UCC) at North Gorham voted unanimously by secret ballot to become officially an "Open and Affirming" church, joining more than 1,500 UCC churches in welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) members.

According to David Farrington, pastor of the church, "As part of this process, each church writes an original covenant that makes a public commitment to welcome and celebrate all people as they are, including and especially those in the LGBTQ+ community who are typically excluded from churches." By adopting this covenant, "North Gorham has now joined First Parish as the only two congregations in Gorham to have made this commitment," he said.

Early in the 19th century a small community in the northeast corner of Gorham began holding worship services in homes. In 1895 The North Gorham Sunday School Association became the North Gorham Chapel in a former school building near the Presumpscot River that separates Gorham and Windham. They belonged to the Presumpscot Union Parish until 1955 when members voted to become the Congregational Church of North Gorham. In 1962 they moved to the former Levi Hall School building at the corner of North Gorham Road and Standish Neck Road. The present church name comes from national mergers that created the United Church of Christ.



Photo credit: Kathy Corbett

Although the name and location of the church has changed over the past two hundred years, it has always been at the center of the community. Since 1975 the North Gorham firehouse and the public library have shared a building next door. Currently the church has about 100 members and friends and is well known in the area for public bean suppers held during the summer months.

"When a group of us began the process to officially become open and affirming," said Barry Atwood, "the most common comment from other members was that they thought we already were opening and affirming. But now it's official that we are welcoming to all, no exceptions."

# Steps to Help End Hunger



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Gorham Food Pantry receives donation to help end hunger. Pictured left to right: Bill Couch, Exec. Director of Gorham Food Pantry; Lesley Ridge, CCFC, UCU Community Engagement Manager; Madison Gray, CCUFC, UCU Branch Manager.



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 Kyle Landry  
 Marie Ange Lohomboli  
 Elisabeth Loranger  
 Bryce Lambert  
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 Joyeuse Ntungane  
 Anna Provost  
 Samuel Reasoner  
 Brady Sawyer  
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 Hannah Spickel  
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 Asa Wareham  
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 Collin Page French 2 - National French Contest  
 Trevin Macomber French 3 - National French Contest  
 Aiden Dever French 4 - National French Contest  
 Clara Shvets French 4 - National French Contest

### NATIONAL CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY

Sydney Haskell  
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 Vanessa Russell  
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 Evan Russo

### LATIN HONOR SOCIETY

Drew Baber  
 Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond  
 Erin Castonguay  
 Kayleigh Cloutier  
 Sydney Connolly  
 Kaitlyn Cushing  
 Katherine Dupuis  
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 Mavy Ho  
 Kiara Hodge  
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 Alexandra Light  
 Elisabeth Loranger  
 Bryce Lambert  
 Anya Mazaris-Atkinson  
 Andrea Mitchell  
 Ambrosia Moore  
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 Isabella Morrell  
 Jillian Morrill  
 Emma Mullin  
 Alexandra Myles

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 Anna Nelson  
 Julia Ordway  
 Hunter Pellerin  
 Grace Perreault  
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People on bikes, scooters, and foot made their way through the Memorial Day parade route.

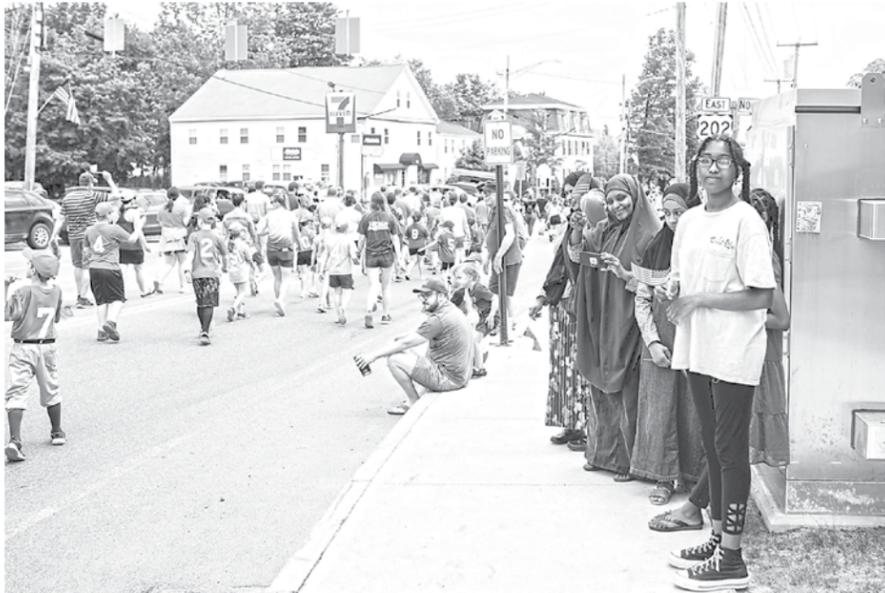


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Families gather on Main Street to wave their flags, show their support, and watch the parade as the Gorham Rec baseball program marches past.



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Students from Greater Portland Jukado wave their American flags and march in support of our Veterans in the Memorial Day Parade.



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Students representing the Dance Studio of Maine danced, skipped, marched, and bopped their way through the Memorial Day Parade.



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Members of Boy Scout Troop 85 take a short rest in the grass after the parade.



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Gorham High School Marching Band opens the Memorial Day Ceremony at Eastern Cemetery with the Star Spangled Banner.

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# Fire Department Visit Turns Surprisingly Emotional

Gorham Times Staff

Gorham resident, Heather Rose, took her two kiddos on a play date to see the fire trucks at the Gorham Fire Department recently. She posted the visit to Facebook, which we shared on the Gorham Times Facebook page. She then reached out to tell us about this “really thoughtful, informative and honestly/surprisingly emotional visit.”

“With so much going on in the world for everyone, but especially for kids,” Heather wrote, “it was the kind of light shining in the darkness moment we really needed.”

As she tells the story, “It was actually incredible to meet the firefighters by chance, not just for an opportunity to learn more about the depth of

what they do for our community, and take a look at the tools and the bells and whistles of everything which the boys absolutely loved. It also took kind of an emotional turn when one of the firefighters did an oxygen mask demonstration and kind of got down on their level and said ‘if you’re ever in a fire and you see someone that looks like this don’t be afraid, we’re here to help you.’ Then he showed them how it was still him underneath the mask and asked them to touch the mask, and we parents and other adults there realized that the firefighters would always be there to keep them safe. And in that moment, you know we couldn’t help but well up.”

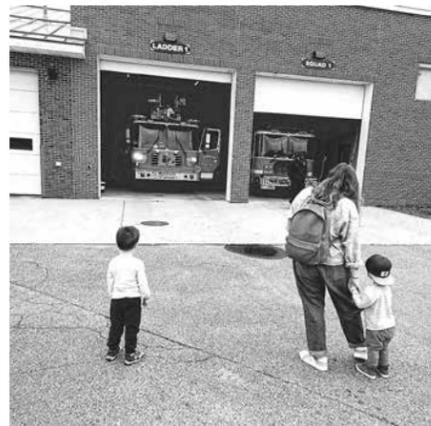


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# Phytoplankton in Danger

Tiny sea-dwelling creatures called phytoplankton which live in the oceans and in fresh water, produce the vast majority of the oxygen in our atmosphere: somewhere between 50 to 85 percent to be exact. These microscopic plants live in the upper layers of water and use the same method plants do—photosynthesis—to convert sunlight into energy, creating oxygen in the process.

They rely on nutrients found in

their surroundings, such as phosphate, nitrate, and calcium to thrive. They are also a major food source because every creature in the ocean, lake or pond either eats phytoplankton or eats other organisms that depend on it.

In the last half century, humans have managed to kill almost 40% of the phytoplankton in our oceans. Warming temperatures will only make this worse.

# Browntail Moth Caterpillars Are on the Move

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of the Maine Forest Service

Maine is experiencing a Browntail Moth (BTM) outbreak. They have been in Maine since 1904 and have been in an outbreak phase over a broad area since 2015. The caterpillars are found in patches along the Maine coast and more than 60 miles inland from the western Maine border to the New Brunswick border, with the greatest concentrations in mid-coastal Maine and the capital region.

Now through late June is the height of BTM caterpillar season and they have become expert hitchhikers. The Maine Forest Service is asking people to check their cars, trucks, boats, bikes, ATVs, and other vehicles for wandering BTM caterpillars. When they catch a ride, BTM caterpillars can set up housekeeping a new area.

If a BTM caterpillar is discovered before leaving an already infested area, it may be left on-site or destroyed. Never touch a BTM caterpillar with bare hands. If found after leaving the infested area, the caterpillar should be killed by putting it into a plastic bag or another container, freeze them or soak them in a bucket of soapy water before disposing of them in the trash.

BTM are a threat to a variety of trees and shrubs such as oak, shadbush, apple, cherry, beach plum, and rugosa rose. They are also a threat to humans. Their hairs can cause a red itchy rash. Symptoms can last anywhere from a few hours to several weeks and can be severe in some individuals. They can also cause respiratory issues if the caterpillar hairs are

inhaled. If you are having difficulty breathing, swallowing, or have swelling on your mouth, tongue or throat, call 9-1-1.

The rash can be treated with baking soda paste, Calamine or Caladryl lotion or Hydrocortisone cream used sparingly on the itchiest areas. See your health care provider if home remedies are not working. Eating fruits and vegetables that may have been exposed could be problematic and such produce should be thoroughly rinsed or peeled.

If you wish to remove caterpillars from decks, buildings, driveways and other surfaces do it in a way that will not increase your risk of exposure to their hairs (No leaf blowers allowed). You can dislodge them from out-of-reach areas with a strong jet of water. To remove them more permanently, add a couple of inches of soapy water to the canister of a wet/dry vacuum, vacuum them up, and allow them to sit until the caterpillars have drowned. Then safely dispose of the contents in the trash.

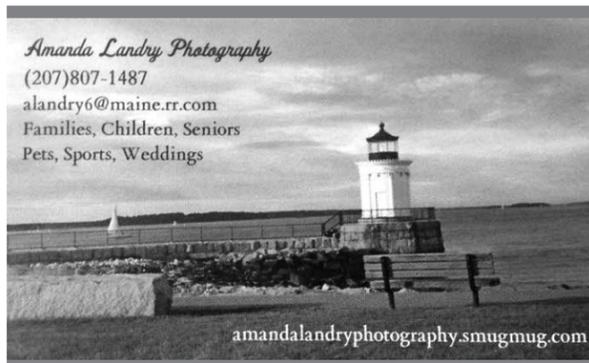
Management through insecticide treatment should already be made as treatment for browntail should be completed before the end of May to limit buildup of toxic caterpillar hairs and host foliage loss. The Maine Forest Service recommends working with a licensed pesticide applicator for insecticide treatments.

Contact 211 Maine for answers to frequently asked questions on browntail moths. Or contact Maine Center for Disease Control (Maine CDC) and Prevention at 1-800-821-58221

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## COMMUNITY

### GRADUATIONS

**Courtney Cushing**, B.S. Nursing, Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts  
**Garrett Higgins**, B.S. Environmental Science, cum laude, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont  
**David Nejezchleba**, B.A. Philosophy, cum laude, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Garrett Higgins** graduated "cum laude" and Honors College scholar from UVM on Sunday, May 22, President of the Club Soccer Team, Outstanding Service award, Boulder Society recipient, Intervarsity Group Leader and AdvoCat Tour Guide.

### DEAN'S LIST

**Garrett Higgins**, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont  
**Elyssa Johnson**, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont  
**Evelyn Kitchen**, Assumption University, Worcester, Massachusetts  
**Lucas Roop**, Assumption University, Worcester, Massachusetts

### OF INTEREST

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

Polls will be open on Election Day, June 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a state primary as well as local and referendum questions. Absentee ballots are now available for this election at the Town Clerk's Office.

The **Baxter Museum**, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment during June, July and August. The museum is located at 67 South Street. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. FMI call 839-3878.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879** will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For more information, please contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com

The **Maine Board of Pesticides Control** will hold a remote public hearing on June 17 at 9 a.m. to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 41, Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use. The comment period for these amendments closes on June 27 at 8 a.m. All written comments may be submitted by emailing the BPC at pesticides@maine.gov. FMI: maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/rulemaking.html

**Maine Residents Day is June 19.** All Maine residents receive free day-use admission to Maine State Parks and historic sites from 9 a.m. to closing. There is no rain date. The following parks are NOT participating: Baxter State Park, Acadia National Park, Allagash, Scarborough Beach, Swan Island.

**New Ventures Maine** will offer an online, tuition-free website development class, "Grow Your Business Online – Keep My Customers" on Wednesday, June 22 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and accessible online at bit.ly/GYBO-KeepMyCustomers. For more information, contact Karin Petrin at 768-9468 or karin.petrin@maine.edu. There is no fee for the training.

**Maine residents who are not required to file a 2021 tax return must file one this year in order to receive the \$850 relief check from the State.** For assistance, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is providing free walk-in tax preparation services for Maine residents through June 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at St. Anne's Church on Main Street. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, all income related documents, and information on any rent or property taxes paid in 2021. Face masks are required.

The **Town Council Appointments Committee** is seeking citizen volunteers to fill an opening on the Planning Board. Those interested in applying to serve on the Planning Board, or for more information, please visit the Town Clerk's office or go to the town website at www.gorham-me.org and under Boards & Committees, click on committee volunteer application. Fill out the application and submit. FMI: Town Clerk at 222-1671 or email Inordfors@gorham.me.us

### LIBRARY NEWS

**North Gorham Public Library - A 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 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

**Baxter Memorial Library invites everyone to "Spring into Summer" on Tuesday, June 21 from 2 – 6 p.m.** This is the annual Spring into Summer event on the lawn. At 2:30 there will be a ribbon cutting of the new Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden located near the municipal parking lot; from 3 – 4 p.m. Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams will provide live music for singing and dancing; there will be lots of perennial favorites including Touch-a-Truck, hot dogs, snow cones, summer reading game sheets and more. The rain date is June 23. On Friday, June 24 at 10 a.m., all ages are invited to join Mr. Jeff for at Frazier Preserve, located on Access Road behind the High School, for a fun-filled Nature Scavenger Hunt! Bring your sense of adventure, keen observation skills, and love for all things nature. The library will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance of Juneteenth. Regular library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, 222-1190 or baxterlibrary.org.

### YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

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Officer spoke to juveniles playing ding dong ditch on Johnson Road. Officer identified them and told them to stop.

Officer saw brake lights come on at Grondin's office on Bartlett Road. Vehicle sped away and turned right on Main Street, failing to yield to another vehicle. Officer stopped the vehicle and identified the operator and vehicle as there had been several thefts in the area. Registered owner said he was just passing through. He likes to go to Goodwill to check out what they have thrown away. He was released with a warning.

Suspicious person in the Industrial Park was getting newspapers to deliver.

Caller reported a man laying on the ground on South Street, yelling and screaming. Man then started walking towards Morrill Avenue. Officer asked the man if he was okay and he said "yes."

Main Street caller reported he had been verbally threatened while he and another party were arguing over the phone.

Line Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area the previous afternoon. Caller was advised to call the police at the time of the incident.

Night shift employee on Blue Ledge Road was concerned about a vehicle still in the

parking lot at closing. Vehicle belonged to a day shift employee and the vehicle would not start, so the manager gave permission to leave the vehicle in the lot overnight.

Suspicious person on South Street was looking for dropped change with his metal detector. He had pockets full of loose change.

Meadow Crossing Drive caller wanted a ride to Portland from her parents house. Officer asked if she was in distress or if she needed assistance from the Police Department. She stated she just needed a ride as she did not want to stay at her parents house. She was told to call an Uber and not to call 911 for rides or non-emergencies.

Birch Drive caller told the officer they had run out of oil and were trying to use the stove for herself and her teenage son. Oven was not on fire. Officer passed information on to the School Resource Officer who followed up with the family.

Officer responded to a disturbance on New Portland Road. Youth was calm at that time but kept saying he would continue screaming and causing a disturbance if he wasn't released. Officer talked to the youth and explained he could continue screaming but it would not get him what he wanted. Officers left without further incident.

**Community** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

**Little Falls Bible Church at 746 Gray Road in Gorham will hold the LFBC Vacation Bible School 2022 from June 20 – 24, 5:30 - 8 p.m.** FMI: contact Nikki at spanishnik10@gmail.com, 423-0659. Register online at [littlefallsbc.org/2022-vbs](http://littlefallsbc.org/2022-vbs). Registration closes June 15.

**Summit Community Church is hosting another year of Vacation Bible School.** It runs from 9 a.m. to noon, June 27 through July 1. The program will be held at 53 County Road in Gorham. This event is free and open to rising kindergarteners through fifth grade students. People can sign up online at [summitmaine.org/vbs](http://summitmaine.org/vbs).

**Time is running out to register youth musicians for summer band or choral camp at the Osher School of Music!** Visit [usm.maine.edu/music/summercamps](http://usm.maine.edu/music/summercamps). Tell a friend!

**CLOSE TO HOME**  
**The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recently naturalized 15 candidates for citizenship during a special naturalization ceremony in honor of Military Appreciation Month at the Windham Veterans Center.**  
 The 15 citizenship candidates originate from the following 10 countries: Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Congo Kinshasa, Jamaica, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia and South Korea. The candidates reside in the following towns: Auburn, Biddeford, Buxton, Cape Elizabeth, Eliot, Gray, Lewiston, Litchfield, Portland and South Portland. FMI: [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov).

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**Vacation Bible School 2022**

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**LFBC 746 Gray Road, Gorham**  
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**FMI: 423-0659 [spanishnik10@gmail.com](mailto:spanishnik10@gmail.com)**

**CALENDAR**

- TUESDAY, JUNE 14**  
 Election Day, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, JUNE 20**  
 Baxter Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance of Juneteenth.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 21**  
 Baxter Memorial Library, annual "Spring into Summer" event, 2 – 6 p.m., FMI 222-1190.  
 Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden ribbon cutting, 2:30 p.m.  
 Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams, live music, 3 – 4 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 24**  
 Baxter Memorial Library, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Frazier Preserve, 10 a.m.

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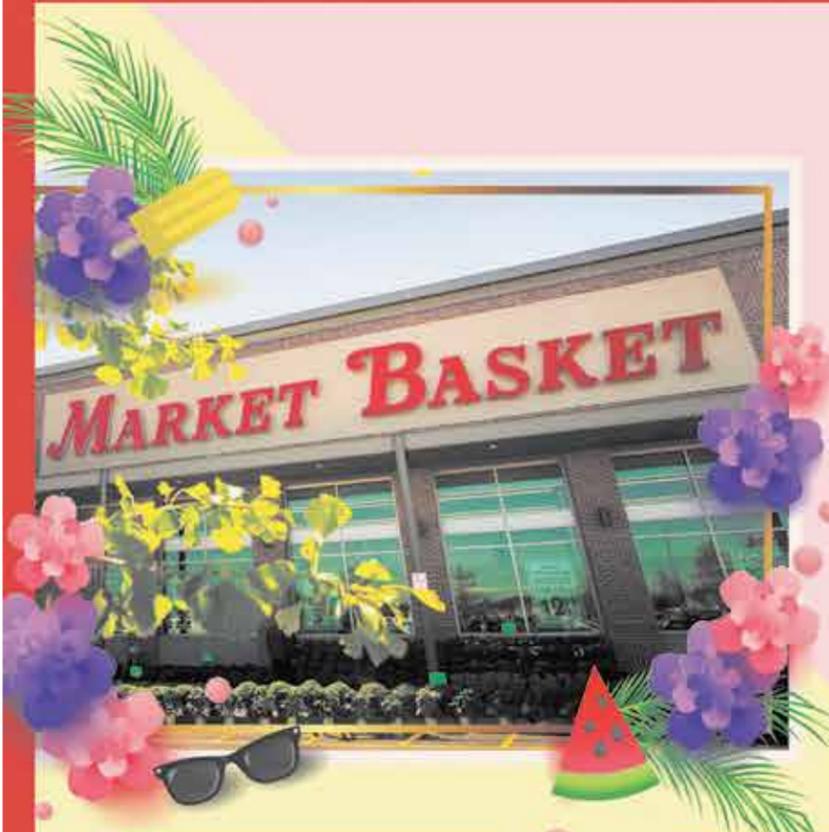
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