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## Dr. Quinton Donahue Selected as New Asst. Superintendent

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



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Dr. Quinton Donahue

The Gorham School Department announced that Dr. Quinton Donahue will serve as the new Assistant Superintendent of the Gorham School Department, beginning July 1, 2024.

Dr. Donahue enters this leadership position with extensive experience in both administration and the classroom, having over 20 years of experience in fostering academic excellence and cultivating positive learning environments. Over the past five years, he has served as the Principal of Gorham Middle School, focused on driving student achievement, implementing innovative educational initiatives, and promoting a positive school climate.

Dr. Donahue replaces Dr. Brian Porter who is retiring after thirty years as

Principal of Village School and Assistant Superintendent of the Gorham School System. Dr. Porter has been a well-respected and highly valued member of the Gorham educational system.

Previously, Dr. Donahue served as Principal of Mount View Middle School (Thorndike, ME.), where he earned recognition for his leadership focused on students achieving significant academic growth. Before his administrative positions he dedicated 10 years to teaching high school math at Hampden Academy (Hampden, ME.), inspiring students to excel in mathematics.

Dr. Donahue holds a Ph.D. in Education with a focus on Educational Leadership from the University of Maine. His research centered on enhancing critical thinking in mathematics classrooms. Additionally, he earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education from the University of Maine.

Dr. Donahue is a member of the Gorham community, where he resides with his wife, Jessica.

Dr. Donahue commented on his appointment, "Gorham is a special place! I have truly enjoyed my time as Gorham Middle School Principal. However, I am enthusiastic about deepening the relationships established with our staff, students, families, and community members, and serving the community in a broader capacity. I look forward to working together with all the Gorham stakeholders to help continue to prepare and inspire all of our students."

## In Search of a Kidney

Patrick and Cindy O'Shea, Staff Writers

Long time Gorham resident Dee Libbey is in search of a kidney donor. Dee grew up and went to Gorham schools. While in high school she started a career at UNUM, where she worked for twenty seven years.

Dee inherited polycystic kidney disease from her mother. This is a disorder in which clusters of cysts develop within your kidneys causing your kidneys to enlarge and lose function over time. For the past thirteen years she has been going for dialysis treatment three days a week. She explained that this is very limiting and has not been on a

vacation for a long time, so she decided to do something about it. Dee talked with her doctor and he explained she needed to be healthier to be eligible for a kidney transplant. In the past two years she has worked on getting healthier and in the process has lost two hundred pounds. She said, "The opportunity to be healthier and live a normal life would be a blessing for me."

Last Thursday she was approved for a kidney transplant. She is now searching for a donor. If you have any leads for her to follow she can be contacted at rangosmama@aol.com.

## May is "Bike Month" in Gorham

Gorham Times Staff

At its May 7 meeting, Gorham's Town Council issued a proclamation recognizing May as "Bike Month" in Gorham. The proclamation invites all residents of Gorham to enjoy a bike ride and learn more about the many benefits that bike-riding can bring to our community.

Bike Month also presents an opportunity to raise awareness regarding the current conditions of street safety throughout Gorham, particularly for bikers and walkers. In 2017, Gorham produced a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan which provides an excellent blueprint for improved safety and accessibility for multiple modes of transportation.

Gorham has a well-established network of off-road trails. Mountain bikers come from across New England to enjoy Gorham's unrivaled offerings. The great success of Gorham's trails demonstrates how safe and effective infrastructure can generate increased ridership, while also producing economic activity for our local businesses.

Improved safety for bikers and walkers can improve public health and increase opportunities for community building amongst our residents. What's more: in towns, villages, and cities across our country (and

across the world), there is a growing record of evidence that demonstrates safer streets result in increased community activity and more productive economic centers, as businesses tend to locate where there are people and viable market opportunities.

As compared to ever-expanding infrastructure costs for our cars and trucks, safety measures for biking and walking are relatively inexpensive, and have been proven to deliver a strong return on investment, both in terms of improved quality of life for residents, as well as moving the needle on economic development around village centers.

Gorham's Bike Month proclamation also recognizes May 13 - May 19 as "Bike to Work Week" and Friday, May 17 as "Bike to Work Day." Volunteers from our biking community plan to set up info stations along the Crosstown Trail for portions of Bike to Work Day / Week to help raise awareness around bike safety and community. We welcome all Gorham residents and visitors to be their own power and enjoy a ride this month!

For volunteering and/or learning more about biking, email Lou Simms at [csimms@gorham.me.us](mailto:csimms@gorham.me.us)

## In Search of a Home

Gorham Times Staff

A group of parishioners from St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Gorham, Windham, Westbrook) have been helping a family (of 5) from Rwanda. The family arrived in early March, having won a green card lottery (with permanent residence). They had to sell most of their belongings to make the trip here.

Their short-term rental was no longer an option, and one of the parishioners offered to put them up in their house for 6-8 weeks (rent free) to give them time to get on their feet. Other parishioners offered them jobs, and both parents are working now to earn and save for their own housing.

They are searching for an apartment or house rental in a reasonable price range, but that seems to be nearly impossible, especially for a family of 5. Many landlords are asking for a significant security deposit, established credit history, income that is 3x greater than rent, in some cases co-signers, and many won't take 5 people in a 2 bedroom (even though the mom says "twelve Africans could live here.") There are many other roadblocks and hoops to jump through. They are beyond grateful for the help they have received, but housing is

critical. They will, like too many, end up homeless if something isn't found.

Parishioner Kelly Roussel said, "They are hardworking, conscientious, faith-filled, and joyful. Their backgrounds are in professional fields (accounting, auditing, banking etc), but they are doing labor jobs here to earn and save." Roussel continued, "I've read many comments on rental groups about how easy it is to get housing if you're from Africa. Not true! There are Mainers and many immigrants and refugees in the same boat, I think."

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the many parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, as well as the Knights of Columbus at St. Anne's, for their kindness and generosity while they settle into their new lives here in Maine. They are grateful for the opportunity to come to America and to all the residents who have treated them with kindness and respect. They are looking forward to being able to give back to the community.

If you have any information about a housing rental for this family or what can be done to address the housing crisis, please contact Kelly Roussel at [findthecatalyst@gmail.com](mailto:findthecatalyst@gmail.com).

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

# Protecting Mainers from PFAS

Sen. Stacy Brenner

As we enter May, we welcome warmer weather and all the outdoor activities that we enjoy and love. For me, this is the time of year I spend time on the farm, tending to the flowers. I'm also mindful that I should not take this beauty for granted. We must have a sustainable society that protects Maine's natural resources and its environment.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), or "forever chemicals," are a pressing issue in Maine and across the country. In Maine, the situation regarding PFAS contamination has been particularly concerning. These chemicals, even in small amounts, are linked to compromised immune systems, developmental issues in children and multiple types of cancer. Maine has been leading the charge in preventing and mitigating the effects of PFAS chemicals on Mainers and Maine's natural resources.

As Senate Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I worked with public health advocates, the business community and my fellow legislators to revisit our policies about PFAS in consumer products, particularly complex products with multiple components like cars and computers. With LD 1537, we banned whole categories of products from being sold into the state if they contain PFAS, such as personal care products, ski wax and artificial turf. At the same time, we made exceptions for products where the benefit to human health and safety at this time outweighs the use of PFAS in the product. Working through this policy took a year and a half, and the outcome was a unanimous vote in committee as well as the full Legislature. We all recognize the need to be cautious.

This session, the Maine Legislature passed LD 2135, "A Resolve Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-owned Landfills," which would direct several state agencies to investigate and make recommendations on the State's solid waste management system. Data released to the Portland Press Herald shows 23 closed landfills across Maine are responsible for the contamination of 51 private drinking wells. This number is likely to grow as Maine has only tested 95 of more than 400 defunct landfills. Some of the highest concentrations of contamination in drinking wells in southern Maine include sites in Portland at 119.5 parts per trillion (ppt), Westbrook at 75 ppt and Gorham at 68.2 ppt.

LD 2135 was recently vetoed by Gov. Janet Mills, as she cited the first-ever national drinking water federal regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a reason not to implement this legislation. The new federal regulations would limit the presence of six forever chemicals in the drinking water for all Americans. LD 2135 would have required the operator of the state owned landfill to treat the leachate being released into the Penobscot River for PFAS. Earlier last week, the Federal EPA announced that both PFOA and PFOS, two of the oldest legacy PFAS chemicals, will be listed as hazardous substances. This new definition unlocks Superfund Site cleanup money. We can improve the quality of our drinking water while also lessening the pollution of PFAS chemicals from landfill leachate, protecting our surface waters. I do not believe the two are mutually exclusive. And, I feel strongly that the tribal communities adjacent to the state-owned

landfill are unfairly subjected to known contamination by the state's inaction on landfill leachate treatment. Additionally, evidence shows that contamination of surface waters leads to ocean contamination and has negative impacts on marine life and resources from the sea.

I urge my fellow legislators to help Maine adequately address PFAS contamination in the waters of Maine by overturning this veto. We must prioritize the long-term health and safety of Mainers and our environment over short-term economic concerns. I've heard the stories of too many Mainers who have been contaminated with PFAS directly (or indirectly) as a result of the sludge spread on Maine farmland and exposure as PFAS finds its way into Maine ponds, lakes and rivers. By taking a strong stand on the PFAS issue, the Maine Legislature has an opportunity to lead the way in protecting public health and the environment from the dangers of forever chemicals. Overturning the Governor's Veto of LD 2135 is one place for us to start.



*If you have questions, ideas or comments, please feel free to contact me at Stacy. Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or*

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

## Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I met Ellie Sato this year when I answered my doorbell and she introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative in Gorham District 109. We discussed issues important to me, and Ellie was knowledgeable and an excellent listener. I felt heard.

As a senior citizen who has experienced significant and worrying property tax increases since I moved to Gorham from Windham 9 years ago, I support Ellie's commitment to increasing eligibility and the maximum benefit of the state Property Tax Fairness Credit to offset the cost of property taxes. She will work to incentivize building affordable housing, particularly with the hope that more seniors can age with dignity in their community, and collaborate with housing experts to find ways to lower housing costs.

Ellie is dedicated to ensuring the state fulfills its commitment to fund local schools at 55%. She supports increasing access to trade schools and college, protecting and increasing access to health care and lowering prescription drug prices, advancing affordable access to renewable energy, and continuing efforts to preserve Maine's natural open spaces.

I think Ellie is exactly who we need in Augusta because she is a hard worker, collaborator, a good listener, and she has been a legislative aide at the State House for Sen. Stacy Brenner, serving Gorham residents. That experience provides insight about how to get things done there and prepares her to hit the ground running.

I hope you will join me to vote for Ellie

Sato in the June 11 Democratic primary for State Representative for Gorham, District 109.

Kyle Allen, Gorham

Dear Editor,

I am a 13-year-old Boy Scout in Gorham's Troop 73 and I attend Gorham Middle School. I am writing to express my concern that our nation is not using the metric system and I would really like us to use the metric system. A pound in Colorado is not the same as a pound in Western Africa because the gravitational force on each is different, but a kilogram is the same mass in each location. Teaspoons, cups, quarts, and gallons are harder to convert than milliliters and liters since the metric system is always in multiples of 10s or 1/10s.

The same issue is true with inches, feet, yards, and miles compared with centimeters, meters, and kilometers. There are many instances where using tools is frustrating because a 10mm metric socket is almost the same as 3/8" socket, but not quite, and it could damage your hardware to use a tool that doesn't quite fit. NASA lost the Mars Climate Orbiter due to a conversion issue when the computer mixed up metric and US units. Similarly, many businesses must use both systems because so much of the world is now metric. I hope that soon our country will convert to the metric system.

Daniel Deprez

To the editor,

As the State Representative for Gorham from 2012-2020, I know how difficult the job can be. It takes dedication, passion, and

hard work to do it right. It also requires a person who understands the community, listens well, and is able to work well with others. Our community needs someone who has proven they will put in the time and effort that the position requires. That is why I proudly endorse Seven Siegel for State Representative.

Seven's time on the Town Council has shown me that they clearly care about this community and the people that live here. They are approachable and willing to talk to anyone about any issue. Seven will sit down and get coffee with anyone who wants to talk about issues in our community. They listen to everyone, and actively try to find solutions for the issues our community faces.

It is more than just putting in the work though. Seven has actual policy solutions for solving some of Maine's most difficult issues, like expanding housing, properly funding education, and helping those with substance use disorder. You can really tell they have done their research. I was proud to support Seven when they ran for Council, and I am proud to support them now for State Representative.

We need leaders who will set Maine up for success in the future. We need leaders who are going to be bold and courageous. I am confident that as our State Representative, Seven Siegel will lead on efforts important to our state and advance legislation that involves solutions to some of our most vexing issues. I know Seven will be a strong voice for our community and our state and I ask you to vote for Seven Siegel on June 11.

Andrew McLean

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# Jessie Dowling Recalls Mongol Derby

John Ersek, Staff Writer



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Jessie Dowling in Mongolia

Jessie Dowling had been operating a successful artisanal cheese business in Whitefield for over ten years when she happened to read about the Mongol Derby in a blogpost. Although Dowling spent a good deal of time interacting with horses as a child, she had gotten back into riding recently after several years away from it.

Nevertheless, Dowling immediately knew she would have to do whatever she could to enter and complete the August 2023 race, which travels along a remote course stretching for about a thousand kilometers (620 miles) across the rugged steppe region of Central Mongolia.

The Mongol Derby is billed as the longest horse race in the world. It is a ten-day race during which the riders stay with local yak herding families (often in yurts).

It is especially known for its challenging opening and closing segments, which involve stretches of galloping, in difficult, unfamiliar terrain. In all, Dowling rode 29 different horses in completing the race.

In an interview last September with WCSH-6, Dowling commented "I was terrified. If you see any videos, on the start line you have 43 riders, and you start at a dead gallop down a hill. I tried to visualize that for months—trying to visualize myself not dying. Because there were 43 people [who] started the race, 25 finished, 11 ended up in the hospital."

## Jessie Dowling Talks Mongol Derby

Derby

May 16 at 6 p.m.

Baxter Memorial Library

At 6 p.m. on the evening of May 16, Dowling will be at the Baxter Memorial Library to present a talk and slideshow. She will describe the intensive training process she went through before traveling to Mongolia,

as well as her experiences during the race itself, which left her with a deep respect for the hundreds of horses that make the race possible. (Horses are provided by the race organizers and are paired with riders as needed along the route on a random basis.)

While in Mongolia, Dowling stayed in the homes of local families throughout much of her visit. Her presentation will additionally provide attendees with an introduction to the people of the Mongolian steppes and their fascinating culture.

# The Boston Post Cane - A Tradition Renewed

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Gorham Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors recently announced that the town has decided to renew the practice of honoring the town's oldest resident. In the tradition of the Boston Post Cane, a special plaque will be given later this year to the person who is certified as the oldest resident of Gorham.

For many years, a gold-tipped ebony cane was entrusted to Gorham's oldest resident, in order to honor their longevity. This local practice was part of a region-wide tradition that began in 1909, when the publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, Edwin Grozier, decided to order 700 finely crafted walking sticks from a top manufacturer of that time. He presented the "Boston Post Canes" to the oldest resident of 700 towns throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. (Cities were excluded.)

Grozier sought to institute this as a new tradition in all 700 towns throughout these four states, partially to honor the longevity of each recipient, and also to promote his newspaper. On accepting its specially engraved cane, each town agreed to honor Grozier's wishes in perpetuity, which meant arranging for the cane's transfer after each recipient's passing, as well as monitoring the

cane's whereabouts in the meantime.

Originally, only men were allowed to have the canes but in 1930 the Boston Post management recommended that all of the towns should begin including women in the tradition.

Many towns throughout New England have continued to honor the Boston Post Cane tradition in the original way, using their original cane. However, some years ago Gorham decided to stop entrusting its historic cane to its oldest resident, and instead put the cane on display in the town office, where it can still be seen. According to Nordfors, the last two residents to have the cane were Margaret Tabor and Edna Woodward, who each had the cane during the 1990s.

In the announcement, Nordfors stated that persons wishing to nominate themselves (or someone else) as the oldest resident can contact the town clerk at (207)222-1670, or they can fill out a nomination form obtainable through the clerk's office. Additional supporting documentation may be requested. A minimum of ten years' residency in Gorham is required. Nomination papers will be available until May 30, 2024. As of April 30, Nordfors reported that applications had been submitted on behalf of two people, one of whom is 102 years old.

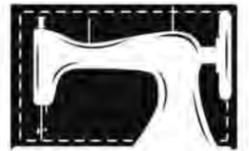
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# Your Garden Questions: Storm Damage in Your Garden

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*Red Twig Dogwood (Cornus sericea) is a large native shrub (up to 9 ft) that is excellent for windbreaks, erosion control and wet locations. Its fruit is a favorite of native birds.*

After the warmest winter on record, we were all ready to get a jump start on the spring season. A gorgeous March built excitement for Spring garden projects. But, alas, nature is unpredictable. The spring storms in March and early April dealt a cruel blow, bringing strong winds, ice and heavy snow down on gardens that were just waking up.

At the nursery, we've seen firsthand the damage inflicted on our landscapes. Broken branches, crushed garden beds, and fallen trees – it was disheartening to say the least. But now the snow has melted, the bulbs are out, and buds are emerging. It is time to address the damage to the plants in your landscapes.

Most damage to trees and shrubs will be handled by pruning. For large trees (greater than 10 ft), it is important to contact a local arborist to ensure damage is removed safely. Anything you can reach from the ground should be safe to handle yourself. We recommend using sharp bypass pruners to make clean, diagonal cuts just above a bud on broken branches. If pruning

is required right at the base of the branch, leave at least a centimeter of branch and do not cut flush with the trunk as these wounds are harder to heal. For branches that have broken and pulled away a part of the trunk, prune just to the bottom of the split. We do not recommend the use of pruning paint.

Unfortunately, some of your trees or shrubs may be beyond saving. A deep split through a trunk could be left for observation on a small plant, but this is not recommended for any large tree as it will likely grow structurally unsound.

Some of your shrubs may have been snapped off right at the base. In these cases, you can wait and see what grows back, but it will likely be time to consider replacements. The good news is you don't need to start from scratch. Staff at O'Donal's can help you determine what trees and shrubs can give your garden a boost.

You may also be wondering, how can we prevent storm damage in the future? The keyword is biodiversity. Biodiversity creates resiliency in the landscape. The Maine Audubon said it well: "One of our greatest tools in fighting back and building resiliency is to increase biodiversity in our developed landscapes. As trees come down from storms or have invasive insects and other pressures, we must be ready to replant in their place. Planting a diverse range of native trees in our developed landscapes can alleviate these concerns, and they also provide benefits for both humans and wildlife."

When replacing plants in your landscape, consider choosing native species to help restore the beauty and resiliency of your garden. It's good for the environment and for the wildlife that lives there.

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# Revenge of the Cicadas

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

The Broods are coming. While it sounds like the plot of a horror story, anytime from now to mid-June, more than a trillion cicadas will emerge en masse from underground in 17 states in Eastern and Southern U.S. Thankfully Maine is not on the list, yet another good reason to be grateful we live here.

This rare double emergence of the 13- and 17-year cicadas Broods last occurred when Thomas Jefferson was President and, by some accounts, will not happen again for another 221 years. As you can imagine, it is challenging to monitor such large numbers of these insects and can be an imprecise science because sometimes the Broods "straggle," arriving either early or late.

To add more confusion, there are 3 distinct groups of the Great Southern Broods which emerge every 13 years. Brood XIX is hatching this year. There are 12 individual groups of the 17-year Northern Illinois Broods (XIII is hatching this year). Illinois may have some overlap from both groups this year, a jackpot, so to speak. Illinois wasn't even a state the last time this happened.

Cicadas are about one inch long and have clear wings. There are 3,400 cicada species world-wide, but only nine utilize the unusual underground disappearing act during the juvenile stage. Seven of those species live in the Eastern/Mid-Western and Southern U.S. forests. The 13- and 17-year cicadas are distinct species. The 17-year Broods have red eyes, black bodies and orange striped wings.

And talk about noisy. People in the target areas may want to try ear plugs. Different species sing unique love songs.

Some cicada species can generate calls of about 100 decibels or more, which is comparable to the noise level of a lawnmower or passing jet aircraft, according to University of Illinois researchers. Apparently, they don't enjoy wet places, so rain will quiet them or you could sprinkle your yard and trees if they get too loud. There is no need to use pesticides, as they won't stick around for long and they do little damage.

Here is everything you NEVER wanted to know about the life cycle of these insects. The ones that are going to hatch soon were laid as eggs in tree branches in 2011 or 2007, depending on the brood. When the eggs hatched, the nymphs fell and burrowed into the ground under their birth trees, where they spend the next 13- or 17-years drinking tree sap and growing big. Too bad that wouldn't work for human teenagers. When the soil reaches 64 degrees, it's showtime. The cicadas emerge and spend a few ecstatic weeks singing their deafening love songs and breeding frenetically before they die.

Our Maine cicadas are much better behaved. According to the University of Maine website, we have four types: Says, Canadian, Linne's, and Dog-Day. They remain underground anywhere from 2-5 years, hatching in smaller, well-mannered batches annually in late July and August each year. Our little guys (the males) provide the music of late summer. The sex and then death part is the same.

You've got to love the novelty of all this. In honor of the 13-year Brood XIX, a chef in New Orleans has decided to add them to the menu. I hear air-frying works wonders.

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# Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

If April showers bring May flowers, then we should have plentiful blooms!

The Town of Gorham is reviving the tradition of the Boston Post Cane. We are looking for the oldest living resident of Gorham. The person must have lived in the Town of Gorham for a minimum of the most recent ten-year period and must be willing to receive the honor. If you know someone who may qualify, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670, or fill out the nomination form on our website. Additional supporting documentation may be required.

The School Budget Validation/ State Primary Election will be held June 11, 2024. Absentee ballots applications are available now. You can apply for an absentee ballot by calling the Clerk's office at (207) 222-1670. The last day

to obtain an absentee ballot is June 6, 2024. 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 - 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.

The Senior Property Tax Refund application will be available on June 1 at the Clerk's Office, or you can download one on our website after that date. Applications are due by August 1, 2024.

The second half of the 2024 tax bills are due on May 15, 2024.

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.

# Planning Board Results, March 4

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Dakota Cummings, 59 Wood Road, requested approval to construct a private way to serve a single-family house off Wood Road was passed 7-0.

Grant Gushee requested approval to reduce the depth of unimproved land behind an existing hammerhead was passed 6-1 (Benson).

Moody's Truck Center requested approval to divide lot 3 on Raceway Drive into lots 3 and 4 and to develop lot 4 into a 27,600 sq. ft truck repair facility to be placed on the consent agenda when the applicant is ready to meet the requirements, passed 7-0.

Gen X Capital Partners, LLC, Luxury Motor Toys requested site plan approval for 40 condominium garage units with associated clubhouse for luxury cars, boats and general storage was tabled until requested waivers as requested or mutually agreed upon were submitted was passed 6-1 (Benson).

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for unit bonuses for affordable

housing in the Town's growth areas (LD2003) was voted 7-0 to send to the next available Planning Board meeting.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to rezone lots on Preble Street from UR to OR was voted 7-0 to send the proposed amendment to the next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing.

A request for approval to construct a mixed-use development "The Residences at Gorham Country Club" was discussed.

Calito Development Group's request to construct a dry goods retail store and associated infrastructure on the corner of Ossipee Trail and Dingley Spring Road was discussed.

Greg McCormack, Samantha Drive, request for approval to construct a 323 ft. private way to serve a single family future house lot was sent to the consent agenda for the next Planning Board meeting, pending the submission of revised information addressing outstanding staff and Planning Board comments, was passed 7-0.

# Town Council and School Committee Workshop Report

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

On April 23 Gorham's Town Council and School Committee held their scheduled workshop in which the \$53.5 million school budget proposal for Fiscal Year 25 was presented and discussed. Superintendent Perry provided a detailed presentation that gave historical data, and explained state funding allocation factors, local and grant funding, additional revenue streams, and cuts that have been made to bring in a budget below the targeted 7% annual increase.

The tone was collaborative as all six councilors present posed many thoughtful questions throughout and after the presentation, all of which can be viewed on Gocat.org. Councilor Gagnon was absent from this workshop and the municipal budget workshop on April 13.

Superintendent Perry noted that there were two goals of the school committee during the budgeting process. The first

was to retain staff and programming to meet growing needs and maintain quality of service that is expected of the school system by the community, while the second goal was to ensure that facilities needs were addressed to provide safe and productive learning environments. School Committee Chair Sarah Perkins explained to the group that historically the school committee would engage in discussion about increasing opportunities or programs for students, but for the past few years, the focus has been on maintaining only what is required or necessary.

Gorham continues to have the second lowest per pupil spending in Cumberland County. The state pays approximately 40% of those costs. Vice Chair McAllister noted that for salaries and other costs, the district shoots to be in the middle of the county average. The state's school funding formula is based on the state's deter-



# Public Works Department Notes

Kelly Meslin, Administrative Assistant, Public Works

Please be sure to put tagged trash & recycling curbside by 7AM on your collection day.

The entire tag should be visible to Casella. This means the tag should be stuck to the bag or folded in half around the neck of the bag. If the tag is not visible in its entirety, trash will not be collected.

Please keep turnarounds free of vehicles and equipment. This hinders Casella getting in and out of roads safely and efficiently.

Please be responsible with your trash disposal. The roll off containers aka "silver bullets" located at Public

Works are for recyclable materials only.

Do not leave bagged trash outside the containers. If you need help with where to dispose of unwanted items or if you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage, please call the office (207) 222-4950, email us dpw@gorham.me.us or check out Ecomaine's free recyclopeda.

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# Town Manager's Report May 3, 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

The Town is planning to revive the tradition of awarding the Boston Post Cane to the Town's oldest living resident. The person must have lived in Gorham for most of the most recent 10 year period and be willing to receive the honor. If you know of someone who might qualify, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 207-222-1670 to fill out a nomination form. Paperwork will be available until May 30th.

Gorham residents, USM students and all area residents can take advantage of the benefits of riding the Metro Husky Line which connects Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and both USM campuses. The Husky line also stops at Westbrook Row Crossing as well as Congress Street, Ocean Gateway and the ferry terminal

in the Old Port. For information about fares, schedule and stops, please go to <http://gpmetro.org/318/Husky-line>.

The School Budget Validation and State Primary election will be held on June 11th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Maine has transitioned to a semi-open primary. Unenrolled voters may choose to vote in either party's primary. Voters enrolled in a party may only vote in that party's primary.

Absentee ballots are available. Contact the Clerk's Office to request one. They will be mailed out once the Clerk's Office receives them. The last day to obtain an absentee ballot will be June 6th by 7 p.m. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day June 11.

# Farmers' Market is Open

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: John Ersek

The Gorham Farmers Market has returned for another year. The first outdoor market of the season took place on Saturday, May 4, at the municipal center parking lot. The weekly outdoor markets will continue in this location through the end of October, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each Saturday. Some of the returning vendors include:

Glad Harvest Farm (vegetables, vegetable seedlings, flower seedlings); Findview Farm (vegetables, eggs, meat); Old Wells Farm (vegetables, vegetable seedlings, fresh herbs, flower seedlings); Boggs Bakery (various baked goods and coffee beverages); Noisy Acres Farm (soaps and other products made with goat's milk); and Mo's Munch (all-natural granola products)

# Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Accident

John Ersek, Staff Writer

At 1:34 p.m. on Tuesday April 30, a motorcycle operated by Nolan Irish, was involved in a collision while traveling westbound on Flaggy Meadow Road at the intersection with Cressey Road. Irish was pronounced dead at the scene. Local news reports have stated that Mr. Irish's motorcycle collided with a Honda Civic which was traveling north on Cressey Road, operated by a 21 year old woman from Biddeford. Gorham Police, Fire, and Rescue

units responded to the crash. The driver of the Honda was evaluated by Gorham Rescue but was not transported to the hospital.

The crash remains under investigation by the Gorham Police Department. Police would like to speak with a witness who was operating a white pickup truck in the area at the time of the crash. Anyone who witnessed the crash or actions prior to the crash are asked to contact Detective Stephen Hinkley at 222-1660 ext. 1.

# Law Enforcement Recognition

Chief Chris Sanborn



Photo credit: Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

L-R, Ted Hatch, Chief Christopher Sanborn, and Michael Coffin. Chief Sanborn presented the 2023 MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Certificate of Appreciate to Sgts. Ted Hatch and Michael Coffin for creating roadways in Gorham that are free from impaired drivers. Their continued support has made a significant impact in saving lives in Maine. MADD is Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

# Plus Power Coming to Gorham

Roger Marchand, Staff Photographer

Recently Plus Power introduced the project design and benefits of its future Gorham electric storage project, followed by a groundbreaking shovel event. The Cross Town Energy Storage facility is owned and developed by Plus Power which is a state of the art battery storage project that will provide energy and capacity services that enhance electric grid reliability, improve the integration of renewable energy, and create local jobs and economic benefits to Gorham and statewide. When completed it will be located in the Gorham Industrial Park.

Dan Burgess from the Governor's Diversified Energy Office welcomed the company's presence in Maine and said that the State looked forward to the project's implementation. Mark

Tourangeau, from Plus Power, spoke about the company's commitment to renewable energy and goal of accelerating the deployment of transmission-connected battery storage throughout the United states.

Lee Pratt, Gorham Town Council Assistant Chair, welcomed Plus Power to Gorham and expressed Gorham's commitment to the project and the benefits it will bring to the community. Gorham state Representative Mo Terry and State Senator Eloise Vitalli were also present to help welcome the company to Maine.

After the introductory remarks and speeches a groundbreaking ceremony took place with members of the company along with local and state representatives shoveling dirt with golden shovels.



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

In the picture from left to right are Mark Tourangeau, from Plus Power, Dan Burgess, from the Governor's Energy Office, State Senator Eloise Vitalli, Town Councilor Lee Pratt, and Gorham State Representative Mo Terry.

You're in the Know. **Gorham Times**

# Gorham Middle School Third Quarter Honor Roll

<p><b>6th Grade High Honors</b>                  Avianna Carr                  Moaen Elnimier                  Benjamin Emerson                  Evan Holland                  Hannah Kimball                  Audrey Krebs                  Hadley Kuntz                  Cecelia Lewin                  Palmer Madden                  Reece Marchand                  Adeline McCrillis                  Mika Towle                  Kayla Wolfe</p> <p><b>6th Grade Honors</b>                  Nola Albert                  Avery Allen                  Grace Allen                  Jacob Allen                  Cirrus Arlet                  Ethan Barney                  Cole Bennett                  Helen Bernier                  August Bischof                  Mason Bodkin-                  Rubino                  Auroralyn Bragg-                  Malloy                  Michael Brockman                  Robert Brockman                  Priya Cameron                  Daphne Capponi                  Teodor Carpenter                  Max Castonguay                  Madelyn Chaisson                  Angel Chhoeung                  Asher Clark                  Devi Clark                  Jackson Coffin                  Iyanna Coggins                  Cameron Connolly                  Quinn Cuneo                  Eleanor Damon                  Leah Dargie                  Matthew DeRice</p>	<p>William DeVinney                  Kelton Doucette                  Miral Dubai                  Ava Duchaine                  Tessa Emery                  Lexi Finck                  Ava Fiorito                  Mackenna Flagg                  Minjee Flanders                  Lila Fortier                  Sophia Gill                  Eli Gray                  William Haase                  Bennett Hall                  Philip Hanken                  Judson Harmon                  Chloe Hatch                  Graham Hebert                  Fiona Herrick                  Harper Hofmann                  Thomas Holland                  Mason Hopkins                  Emma Howe                  John Hutchins                  Nina Joy                  Boden Kennedy                  Andrew King                  Annabelle Klipple                  Ava Lambert-                  Adams                  Kylie LeMay                  Charles Littlefield                  Charles Livingston                  David Marks                  Bella Mason                  Keegan Maxim                  Lia Mazza                  Quinn McAdams                  Clara McBride                  Lillian McCarthy                  Greta McDowell                  Grace McPherson                  Isabel Miller                  Reid Minichiello                  Addison Moller                  Leela Morris                  Evelyn Morton</p>	<p>Ava Moulton                  Reagan Nash                  Travis Neily                  Maven Nguyen                  Piper O'Keefe                  Samuel Otis                  Alanna Pellegore                  Molly Penley                  Owen Perkins                  Avery Peters                  Riley Peters                  Kylie Plaud                  Mason Plowman                  Maci Pratt                  Lincoln Prunier                  Brianna Quang                  Evelyn Quinn                  Samuel Rioux                  Elijah Ritz                  Alden Rofe                  Jayne Rowles                  Jillian Roy                  Tyler Sampietro                  Caroline Sargent                  Jenna Schlicher                  Michelle Shaw                  Rosie Simpson                  Gabriel Soler                  Paysleigh-Jean                  Spiller                  Reid Stevens                  Rose Stover                  William Sundik                  Ella Todd                  Shylah Tracey                  Willow Verry-                  Gardella                  Brooklyn Walker                  Maddilyn Walker                  Simon Wallace                  Henry Walsh                  Atticus Wells                  Caleb West                  Luke Williams                  Nathan Williams                  Gracie Woodman                  Riley Young</p> <p><b>7th Grade High Honors</b>                  Eva Alden                  Brauneck Blanchard                  Carter Bourgoin                  Carson Brown                  Addison Bunch                  Lauren Chadburn                  Taylor Chadburn                  Lauren Drenski                  Josephina Faria                  Emelia Frederick                  Bradley Genovese                  Alia Herrick                  Nolan Hurder                  Natalie Kenny                  Jessica Loiselle                  Annie Lorfano                  Samuel Martin                  Madison Milligan                  Jayden Olson                  Samantha Page                  Mya Rego                  Chloe Schuehle                  Ava Scott                  Emma Spiller                  Samuel Springer                  Amelia Winkler                  Harper Winkley</p> <p><b>7th Grade Honors</b>                  Sarina Alden                  Camryn Allen                  Joshua Allison                  Christopher                  Amadon                  Audrey Arsenault                  Matilda Arturo                  Finnegan Bailey                  Aidan Beardsley                  Keagen Beaulieu                  Jason Bennett                  Elizabeth Bradshaw                  Ashton Brethauer                  Benjamin Cahill                  Julia Capozza                  Brianna Carlo</p>	<p>Lucy Cole                  Taylor Connelly                  Quaid Cossitt                  Chase Cote                  Abigail Cyr                  Jacoby Cyr                  Parker Cyr                  Daniel Deprez                  Addison Dougherty                  Briggs Downing                  Grace Dudley                  Jacklyn Dunbar                  Kaleb Dyer                  Colby Fernald                  Layla Forastiere                  Andrew Fortier                  Benjamin Fredette                  Gabriella Friedlund                  Shekinnah Gakunzi                  Kaleigh Garand                  Anabelle Gasbarrone                  Matthew Golden                  Evelia Gonzalez                  Abigail Gow                  Owen Gray                  Logan Hall                  Brady Higgins                  William Hjort                  Keelyn Hunt                  Jacob Ireland                  Mia Johnson                  Damona Kim                  Lillian King                  Faith Lajoie                  Breanna Lampen                  Kaiden Laughlin                  Jeremy Levesque                  Rebecca Lewis                  Alexia Lowell                  Brody Marchand                  Sophia Marquis                  Mason McDonald                  Grant McDonough                  Landen McIntyre                  Harper McManus                  Max Moreno                  Jaydn Murphy</p>	<p>Abdalla Nasr                  Yoan Kent                  Ndayishimiye                  Matthew Nguyen                  Grace O'Hora                  Jacob Palmer                  Devon Paradis                  Ezekiel Provencal                  Wesley Quang                  Mia Rand                  Gavin Reed                  Carmella Richards                  Lucien Roy                  Madison Russell                  Lucy Sandstrom                  Olivia Saunders                  Leila Schmoyer                  Ellis Scott                  Ethan Shaffer                  Brooklynn Shaw                  Caroline Shaw                  Carter Sprague                  Dominic Steller                  Hannah Symanski                  Charlotte Taylor                  Hailey Tracy                  Emma Tremblay                  Viannah Vercoe                  Elijah Waterman                  Emily Watson                  Sophia Webster                  Tristan Wells                  Zoe Whitehead                  Kate Woods                  Caleb Yaeger                  Ruthie Zaninelli</p> <p><b>8th Grade High Honors</b>                  Zackary Carlson                  Ty Caron                  Haley Chandler                  Bryn Cunningham                  Tucker Curtis                  Charlotte Deveaux                  Beckham Dezdel                  Owen Eling</p>	<p>Grant Emerson                  Oliver Emerson                  Anna Faatz                  Bailey Grimard                  Annaka Kuntz                  Sophie MacIsaac                  LJ Mason                  Abigail McCrillis                  Carter McGonagle                  Connor McHenry                  Isla Rutherford                  Alina Senasy                  James Swan                  Parker Thibault                  Dexter Vance                  Cooper Warner                  Sawyer Wheaton                  Trent Whitaker                  Tessa White</p> <p><b>8th Grade Honors</b>                  Ahmed Abdulzahra                  Aspen Blair                  Jared Burt                  Myka Bush                  Bayla Clark                  Stephen Connolly                  Camden Curtis                  Oliver Dennis                  McKenzie Dicks                  Velina Doucette                  Alexander Fernandez                  Clara Foinoia                  Abrie French                  Gianna Gakunzi                  Julia Giguere                  Neve Hanley                  Nicholas Harrington                  Ben Herrick                  Wyland Herrick                  Nara Holland                  Sydney Ireland                  Shania Isimbi                  Toren Johnson                  Caroline Jones                  Luke Jones                  Samuel Joy</p>	<p>Jackson Kontsas                  Alyssa Lampen                  Fiona Lane                  Madelyn Leeper                  Natalie Lyford                  Zachary                  McCormick                  Drew McManus                  Allison Mellow                  Jennifer Miner                  Asia Mohamed                  Lillias Mooers                  Isabella Moxcey                  Loreli Murray                  Julianna                  Normand                  Amanda Olaru                  Kian O'Sullivan                  Abe Palme                  Kasey Plaud                  Sophia Proulx                  Katelyn Pyle                  Ian Quinn                  Kenneth Reed                  Aliza Rickett                  Christopher                  Rumery                  Aaron Samara                  Lucas Santiago                  Abram Sargent                  Nora Schucker                  Finnegan                  Senatore                  Chloe Smith                  Griffin Tanguay                  Mackenzie                  Thompson                  Laurali Vail                  Whitney Varney                  Eston Vogel                  Wyatt Walker                  Jeremy West                  Nikolai Wilkins                  Jack Williams                  Dominic Woods</p>
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# Gorham High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

<p><b>Grade 9 High Honors</b>                  Rigel Arlet                  Fatima Beshir                  Zachary Bourgoin                  Preston Brown                  Luna Button                  Kayleigh Carlo                  Sheila Casco                  Harrison Crider                  Harvey Crider                  Erica Donnelly                  Antoine Dube                  Jordyn Fotter                  Everett Hurder                  Anna Johnson                  Lily Keene                  Sean Kenny                  Daniel LaBarge                  Gillian Lachance                  Lucas Lane                  Brandon Levesque                  Elliana Miers                  Drew Milligan                  Logan Mills                  Larissa Moore                  Molly Peters                  Jasmine Radjabova                  Rowen Reed                  Lauren Roy                  Ariana Russo                  Cecelia Sloat                  Isabelle Smith                  Annabelle Vail                  Lola Vance                  Aylla Vaughn                  Kaitlyn Wallack                  Henri Wichmann</p> <p><b>Grade 9 Honors</b>                  Fatimah Almukhtar                  William Andreasen                  Mateiah Asali                  Seamus Bailey                  Hunter Beckwith                  Arwen Bravo                  Sara Brawn                  Collin Bunch                  Kimarah Cajuste</p>	<p>Piper Cathcart                  Owen Cummings                  Chloe Cyr                  Jack Cyr                  Liam Delaney                  Bennett Deveaux                  Hazel Dolley                  Maia Downing                  Evalina Dukette                  Jackson Durgin                  Liana Edwards                  Baxter Flagg                  Jack Foisy                  Tyler Gendron                  Annabelle Gilman                  Bavin Hakizimana                  Evan Hall                  Claire Kennedy                  Rehoboth Kina                  Audrey Livingston                  Maxwell Lodgek                  Hannah Martel                  Chloe Mason                  Jack Mesires                  Elsie Moreno                  Tyler Morey                  Jamie Morse                  Ishami Munyaneza                  Rataj Nasr                  Haylie Nicely                  Anna Nichols                  Samuel Ottoson                  Gretchen Paul                  Kennady Peary                  Kyle Petrin                  Keaton Pollard                  Sydney Quimby                  Logan Rench                  Stephen Richards                  Madison Rogers                  Nicholas Sallinen                  Madison Sampietro                  Milo Saucier                  Jack Sellick                  Max Shvets                  Nevaeh Spiller                  Lucas Stover                  Carter Taiani                  Owen Todd</p>	<p>Elise Touch                  Alexander Tukey                  Charlotte Wallace                  Cooper Whitehead                  Londyn Wright</p> <p><b>Grade 10 High Honors</b>                  Ali Abdulzahra                  Hope Barney                  Kaleigh Bauer                  Gianna Berthiaume                  Cole Chase                  Jocelyn Clark                  Mia Dodd                  Logan Doughty                  Laurel Emerson                  Elle Hanley                  Keilla Inteyiteka                  Esther Jaume Ferrer                  Benjamin Keil                  Tabitha Lavigne                  Tamia Lema-                  Santellan                  Derek Luo                  Lorisette Matta                  Stella Mooers                  Eleanor Morgan                  Tyler Olson                  Jacqueline Parenteau                  Cassidy Quimby                  Carson                  Southyvongnorath                  Elizabeth Springer                  Haley Vickery                  Tobias Wane                  Adia Wezowicz                  Natalie Wilkins</p> <p><b>Grade 10 Honors</b>                  Oscar Alcaide                  Colby Allie                  Jay Banks                  Lily Beardsley                  Bria Bush                  Mikayla Buzzell                  Aiden Cahill                  Eli Castles                  Grayson Cole</p>	<p>Andrew Collins                  Lena Cooley                  Aubriana Cossitt                  Ruby Couture                  Grace Cunningham                  Zoe Dellinger                  Ava DeVinney                  Bryce                  Dipietrantonio                  Aidan Dudley                  Ariana Dukette                  Aaron Dumais                  Isaiah Eling                  River Engelter                  Taylor Ernest                  Mabel Esty                  Logan Foley                  Mackenzie Foley                  Abigail Fortier                  Griffin Gava                  Alexandria Gossen                  Jeremy Hansen                  James Hatch                  Nickolas Henderson                  Kristan Hirwa                  Behar Hodgkin                  Colton Jenkins                  Reece Leclerc                  Matthew Leo                  Hanna Logan                  Campbell                  MacDougall                  Rylyn McInnis                  Gavin Monkiewicz                  Maya Mooers                  Winni Moreland                  Olivia Nault                  Rebecca Neumann                  Liam O'Hora                  Madison Phean                  Isabel Phinney                  Terra Rioux                  Gracen Roberts-                  Locke                  Connor Rounds                  Shawn Rumery                  Addyson Simcock                  Rebekah St John                  Graham Staples</p>	<p>Joshua Strout                  Sonnitra Sun                  Taylor Tenuta                  Brett Vaz                  Shane Webber                  Claudette Wesse                  Lily White                  Atticus Whitten                  Lillyan Woodcock                  Lucas Yaeger                  Preston Zwart</p> <p><b>Grade 11 High Honors</b>                  Harrison Baber                  Abigail Chamberlin                  Ashley Connolly                  Anastasia Dolley                  Patrick Downey                  Gwyneth Dubail                  Lucia Dubail                  Mason Finck                  Hadley Foster                  Griffin Gammon                  Sherry Garnett                  Cameron                  Gasbarrone                  Meghan Gendron                  Amaury Hirwa                  Lucia Holloway                  Griffin Johnson                  William Johnson                  Kathryn LaPierre                  Chafek Matta                  Amanda Morin                  Timothy Nagle                  Julia Reed                  Abigail Rogers                  Sarah Rosingana                  Jacob Shvets                  Brooke Stevens                  Denali Tetrault                  Madison Tibbals                  Lily Tukey</p> <p><b>Grade 11 Honors</b>                  Sofia Andrade                  Emily Beal                  Brianna Beaulieu</p>	<p>David Bechtel                  Laura Burt                  Leigha Buteau                  Zachary Chandler                  Katelyn Cyr                  Cecelia Dellosso                  Finnian Dermody                  Riley Dever                  Andre Dube                  Gavin Edwards                  Gabrielle Evans                  Joshua Faatz                  Emily Fadrignon                  Aryana Flett                  Lauren Fredette                  Ava Googins                  Ethan Heady                  Finn Henderson                  Violet James                  Kuba Kaczmarek                  Sophie Kaczmarek                  Jack Karlons                  Brooke Kazimer                  Alivia Keniston                  Nicholas Kim                  Adam Lembarra                  Rebekah Libby                  Grace Mahaney                  Kayla McLean                  Natalie Miner                  Lindy Moreland                  Ryan Morrill                  Amelia Olaru                  Hailey Peterson                  Brooke Piawlock                  Payson Plummer                  Claire Rancourt                  Matthew Sallinen                  Sarah Sanborn                  Rhys Saunders                  Ella Senatore                  Casey Skolfield                  Alison Smith                  Natalie Smith                  Owen Spera                  Julie Stevens                  Vanessa Walker                  Sarah Wilcox                  Madisson Willey</p>	<p>Logan Wilson</p> <p><b>Grade 12 High Honors</b>                  Cole Allen                  William Armstrong                  Gabriel Badeau                  Luke Burns                  Addison Canty                  Samantha Davis                  Grace Desmond                  Mokadisa Faizizada                  Nolan Feyler                  Noah Kennedy                  Aislyn McLean                  Madison Miers                  Lillian Miner                  Riley Ottoson                  Haden Pelletier                  Lily Rubin                  Emma Smith                  Julia Wareham                  Joshua Wright                  Anna Yahwak</p> <p><b>Grade 12 Honors</b>                  Lillian Andreasen                  Kaylynn Ballard                  Samantha Barlow                  Dylan Bauer                  Nathan Bergquist-                  Guimond                  Hannah Bickford                  Jean-David Bisimwa                  Christopher Bolton                  Claire Boudreau                  Elsie Bradshaw                  Jackson Brassard                  Amber Bretton                  Ethan Castonguay                  Dylan Cummings                  Kalin Curtis                  Thomas Curtis                  Jack Decrow                  Ella Downing                  Cole Drinkwine                  Anna Dumais                  Owen Duplisea                  Mohamed Elshafie</p>	<p>Brooke Farquhar                  Taylor Farr                  Abigail Fecteau                  Lydia Fluet                  Kaitlyn Foss                  Summer Gammon                  Elizabeth Gay                  Katelyn Gonneville                  Addison Harjula                  Natalie Haskell                  Emerson Homa                  Whelane Iteriteka                  Jesse James                  Ashton Leclerc                  Aidan Lee                  Leighanna LeMay                  Meryk Lewellen                  Corey Lorfano                  Jack Luciano                  Kyleah Mack                  Lily McDonald                  Gabriel Michaud                  Kayleigh Mitchell                  Mia Mitchell                  Jacob Mora                  Amy Morin                  Caroline Morrell                  Abigail Nason                  Kaitlyn Nichols                  Lillianna Noel                  Samuel Parenteau                  Paige Perreault                  Dylan Phillips                  Elizabeth Phinney                  Rhyder Pollard                  Alicia Poschke                  Makayla Quintal                  Abraham Rabbani                  Christian Randall                  Brayson Reed                  Kaleb Reed                  Logan Sargent                  Caden Smith                  Kyleigh Staples                  Jonathan Stein                  Dylan Taiani                  Landon Turgeon                  Cameron                  Whittemore</p>
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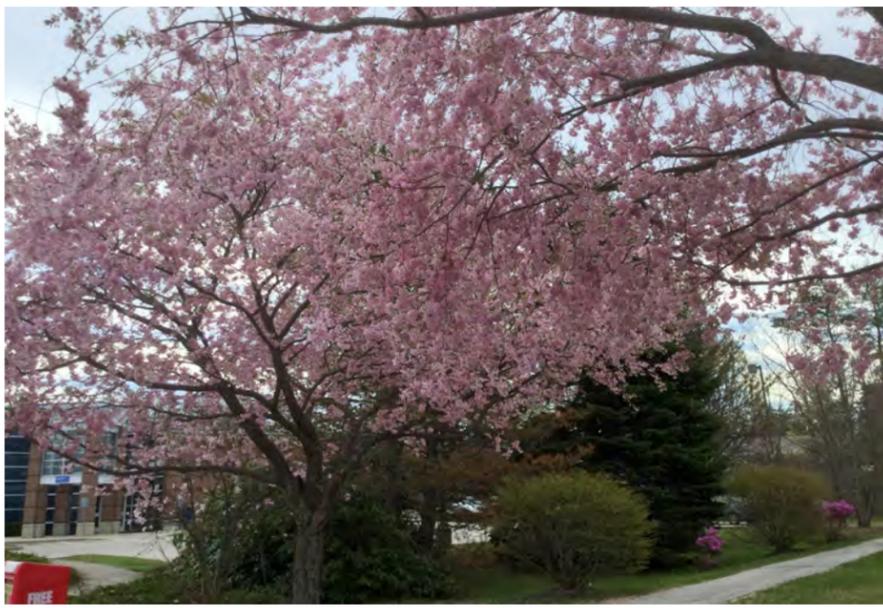


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## Early Spring Pink

Roger Marchand, Staff Photographer

The corner of Mechanic St. and Railroad Ave. behind Hannaford's has been a resplendent pink in early spring this year with the simultaneous blooming of Azaleas and Japanese Cherry blossoms.



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# Village School Presents STEAM Night

Lexie Caddell, Educational Technician, Village School

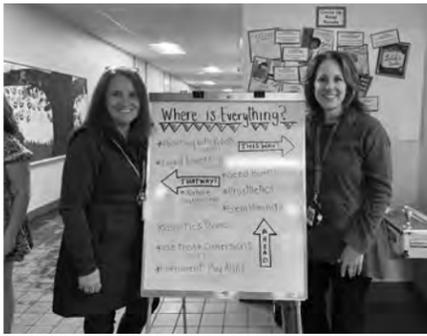


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Assistant Principal Cheryl Fotter and Principal Jodi Mezzanotte welcome families to the Annual STEAM Night Event at Village School

On April 11, Village Elementary hosted their annual STEAM night. The parking lot filled quickly as over 400 people walked through the door excited to learn, create and explore the night's activities. STEAM represents activities and education in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

This year's theme focused on community collaboration and emphasizing the importance of sustainability through "reduce, reuse and recycle". When this topic was introduced to our community the school was fortunate to receive enough donations of recycled materials to fully support the STEAM Night and fully functioning makerspace within our school. Students sorted and counted recycled items throughout the week to prepare for the big night.

With boxes of donated newspapers and over 100 egg cartons, Mr. Penley created seed bombs with students. Loose items were gathered for mystery bags and a printmaking activity for students to form their own creative masterpieces. Plastic bags were used to create

flower prints with Baxter Memorial Library who attended for the first time this year.

Village School welcomed many new guests this year and was fortunate to have EcoMaine join in on the activities. Students enjoyed learning about sorting recycling through their relay game. In addition, Saco River Rehabilitation represented science and presented many wonderful hands-on visuals for families to learn all about Maine wildlife and create beautiful nature journals. Throughout the building laughter and excitement were heard, as well as hip-hop music from the gym where Atlantic Dance Arts represented the art of dance by teaching a fun routine to all.

This night was made possible through the generous 50+ volunteers who shared their knowledge and passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics with the Village community. The school is especially grateful to Cunningham Prosthetics, St. Germain, and Maine, Gold and Silver for returning this year with fascinating hands-on activities for students.



Photo credit: Lexie Caddell

Parents, students, and staff participate in STEAM activities on the night of April 11

# Gorham Middle School Singers at ACDA Festival

Emily Lescatre, Music Teacher, Gorham Middle School



Photo credit: Emily Lescatre

Gorham Middle School singers at the Maine ACDA Choral Festival on Saturday, May 8 in Waterville. They worked tirelessly and performed an incredible concert for a packed audience.

# Laurie Chaisson Recognized as Art Teacher of the Year

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



Photo credit: Erin Eppler

The Maine Art Education Association Awards & Recognitions Committee has announced that Laurie Chaisson, Art Teacher at Narragansett Elementary School, has been recognized as the 2024 MAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year!

Laurie's commitment and dedication to the continued advancement of art education in Maine is to be commended. Mrs. Chaisson's ability to develop meaningful relationships with students through art is impressive. She provides a safe and welcoming environment for students to explore their own artistic talents, while encouraging problem solving and creative thinking.

# Allie Rimkunas Chosen MAEA Distinguished Art Educator

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Becky Fortier, Great Falls Principal

Allie Rimkunas, Art Teacher at Great Falls School has been recognized as the Maine Art Education Association Distinguished Art Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Rimkunas will be retiring this June after working as an educator in Gorham for twenty-five years. Congratulations Mrs. Rimkunas.

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# GHS Spring Sports '24 Update Part I

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Jeff Crider II

Aidan Lee -100 hurdles

The transition into spring sports is off and running. All eight teams have had a few games under their belts and are off to a great start for the Rams.

The Softball team returned home from a pre-season trip to Baltimore and Tennessee where they won 5 out of their 7 games. The team kicked off the regular season with a 14-0 win at Massabessic and downed the Portland Bulldogs 9-0 during their first home game. Lily Tukey, and Andi Cloutier each had a pair of hits while Sophia Diphilippo and Sawyer Yonderhaar each had a triple. Amber Bretton allowed one hit and struck out 10. The team will re-group after two tough losses recently. They have the potential to be very successful down the stretch.

The Baseball team is off to a strong start, despite their first loss to Falmouth (an offensive-heavy team). The Rams, however, answered back two days later with a 5-4 win over Kennebunk and the following week with a gritty win over

the Golden Trojans. How it happened: Mason Finck scored from second on a Caden Smith fielder's choice in the bottom of the sixth inning. Hunter Finck pitched 1 ½ innings of relief to earn the win; striking out three. Starting pitcher Casey Skolfield pitched 5 ½ innings allowing 3 hits and striking out seven. Repeat hitters for the Rams was M. Finck.

The Girls Lacrosse team is off to a 2-2 start with a recent intense match up v. Windham. The game went back and forth with high scoring action in all 4 quarters. The game was tied up 10-10 after 3 quarters. The Rams lost by one goal in this action-packed complete team effort. The boys team had a solid outing v. the Deering Rams. With the young team, their goal is to continuously improve and win games in the process.

The Tennis teams are on the road all season due to unplayable courts at GHS. Many area schools are hosting the Rams, Cheverus being one of the first schools to host both the boys and girls teams. Both the Rams teams are proving well on the road, beating Windham 4-1, 4-1 and improving their records: The Girls are 3-1 and the Boys are 5-0. Coach Landry shared, "We have been practicing on our courts. We are playing all our away matches together with the girls team so they go very long. We are making the most of the situation. The biggest impact has been on the sub varsity group." Coach added, "we will likely be 7-0 by the end of the first week



Photo credit: Dan Morin

Senior Caden Smith in action

in May, we are doing quite well so far." Both the girls and boys squad for Track and Field had a great season-opening meet in very challenging

weather conditions. The boys took first place by 0.5 points over Portland and Noble. The girls finished third in a close 3-way meet. According to Coach Caterina, Event winners include: Ashley Connolly (100, 200 meters), Sara Brawn (400), Lily Andreasen (Jav), Nolan Feyler (100, 200, 400), Aiden Lee (110 hurdles), Joshua Wright (300 hurdles), Griffin Gammon (Jav, High Jump), Nick Munyanesa (Triple jump), and Luke Burns (Discus). The team will host senior night on May 9, the team's only home meet of the season. Class A states will take place at Thornton Academy June 1 and New England's at UNH June 8.



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Tennis teams at Cheverus

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# Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week in Gorham

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

This week, May 6 through May 10, is Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers and staff work extremely hard to meet the needs of Gorham's students. Educators demonstrate kindness, nurturing and extreme efforts to meet students where they are and bring them successfully to the next level. The following quotes are from interviews conducted by Kenneth Tomkins, ASPIRE Gorham Communications Director, with six GMS students. They are representative of the appreciation that students in Gorham feel for their educators. (Thank you, Isla, Fiona, Riley, Max, Grace, Palmer, and Mr. Tomkins.)

"Teachers have taught me so much. My kindergarten teachers taught me how to tie my shoes."

"Without education, we can't function. I feel that teachers teach us life skills as well as what we need for future jobs."

"My second-grade teacher was adamant about manners and first impressions and that's really stuck with me."

"I feel what makes a good teacher is someone who's willing to connect with their students, wants them to improve, and provides a safe space, to make it a safe and easy space to learn."

"My math teacher has been amazing at helping and supporting me."

"My teacher is an adult I can go to if I need support."

"I know sometimes we can be difficult to work with, but they keep us going."

"My teachers are nice, supportive, and help out with any issues that we might have or just getting us through the day if we're having a hard day."

"They are patient, nice, and

understanding."

"Teachers do much more than teach you. People don't realize that."

"My fifth grade math teacher told me to never give up. That meant a lot for me, because I used to not try my hardest. Then I pushed beyond my limits."

"She had the right words at the right time."

"Ms. Ridge is my ELA teacher and she teaches what we learn about money, taxes, economy, finances, and things that will help me in later life."

"Ms. Higgins pushes us past our limits. And for Ms Dix, she's very kind and helps me out, and she just is nice to come say hi in the morning when I walk past, and for Miss Ridge is very kind and respectful of your boundaries. And she helps out the people who need help."

"They make it fun for us to learn and they show up every day and try their hardest to teach us and help us learn"

"Teachers keep us safe in a good environment and make everything by making us happy and making sure we're always at our best."

"Mrs. Joyce told me that I was good, that I worked my hardest, I've done everything I should, and I am the one who should recognize that."

"My teachers are pretty great. School is very important to me and the teachers make it fun."

"Sometimes the subjects are a little meh, but my teachers make me want to come to class. They make a great community here at school."

This is a sampling of some of the feelings that one group of students has for their teachers. Thank your child's teacher today for the big things and the little things that they do.

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## OF INTEREST

Find the Town of Gorham Street Sweeping Schedule at: <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2024-street-sweeping-schedule-updated-april-30-2024>

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Council 10221 is hosting its second annual 5k Race/Walk on Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m. at St. Anne's Church. The road race and walk helps support a number of local organizations including the Gorham Food Pantry, Special Olympics, the ALS Association, the Epilepsy Foundation, Coats for Kids, Boy Scouts of America, Maine Military Museum, and other organizations. Proceeds also help the council support needy families in the community, as well as the needs of St. Anne's Church. The cost to enter is \$30 for pre-registration, or \$35 on race day; \$15 additional family members (\$20 race day); youth 12 and under \$10 (\$15 race day). Virtual participation is \$30. The first 100 to register get a free t-shirt, and all participants get refreshments. For more info: St. Anthonys Parish Community - P.O. Box 69 - Knights of Columbus - Westbrook, ME ([stanthonysparish.org](http://stanthonysparish.org)).

**Correction:** Due to a scheduling conflict the Cricket Comforts sewing day scheduled for May 15 at First Parish Church has been postponed. A new date is still TBA, but is expected to be set for June. The sewing day scheduled for May 18 at Old Robie School is not affected by this error and will take place as scheduled, unless otherwise noted. The First Parish office offers apologies to the public for the confusion. For more information, contact Heidi Farrin at (207) 632-2542 or email [cricketcomforts@yahoo.com](mailto:cricketcomforts@yahoo.com).

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The Closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of Spring and Summer clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

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 [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org) or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

## PUBLIC SUPPERS

Summit Community Church at 26 Cressey Road will hold a Potluck with a Purpose on Friday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Presenters for the evening will be Ben and Cristine Vickery who are passionate about offering hope and help for individuals who have been affected by addiction to pornography, both directly and indirectly.

Cressey Road Christian Church will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Artisan Craft Fair, All Church Yard Sale, Bake Sale, and Perennial Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See what local crafters have created, browse the old treasures that can be your treasures, check out what their bakers have made, and start your gardens with some shared perennials. 81 Cressey Road.

Buxton Center Baptist Church will hold their Old Fashioned Baked Bean Supper at 938 Long Plains Road (Route 22) in Buxton on Saturday, May 11 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. They will be serving red kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, chop suey, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$10. Takeout is also available. Call (207) 929-3011.

West Gorham Union church is having its annual spring bake sale on May 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located on Route 25, 4 miles west of Gorham center at 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham. The sale will take place in the parking lot under a large tent. They will have homemade pies, sweet breads, cookies, bars, brownies, whoopie pies, candy and some dishes all cooked for your supper, plus many more yummy items. They may also have some plants and Rada knives for sale. Cash/Check only.

## SENIOR NOTES

The Lecky Brown Senior Center, on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church, is open and welcomes the public. Join the group on Mondays at 10 a.m. for cribbage/board games. Join the weekly guest speaker program, "the Originals," on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. with a different speaker each week. Upcoming speakers include Gorham Schools ESL, Malaga Island, wild Maine Turkeys, Gorham's Civil War Monument, Transatlantic Telegraph Cable, Maps & Genealogical research, Maine Women Photographers, S. African Safari, Carol Bailey String Band, etc. FMI: contact Lisa Becker at [Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com).

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library will hold a Candidates Night on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meet the candidates for state legislature, ask your questions, and enjoy refreshments. Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m., children's author, Kalee Gwarjanski, will read her book, "Miss McDonald Has a Farm," followed by a craft activity for all ages. June 1 is the library's Plant and Book Sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. That will also be the opening of a month-long art show, featuring local painters. More info on Facebook. Library hours are Monday 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Closed Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327.

Baxter Memorial Library is wrapping up their Discovery times this month getting ready to begin the summer programs. Library hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays. On Thursday, May 16 at 6 p.m. Jessie Dowling will be giving a presentation on what it was like training for and competing in the Mongol Derby, the longest horse race in the world. FMI (207) 222-1190, or <https://baxterlibrary.org/>.

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Christine Kimball went home to God on March 12, 2024. She was born in Saco on Sept. 5, 1935, the sixth of nine children of Mildred (Plummer) and Oscar Letellier. After graduation from Thornton Academy she attended Gorham State Teachers College, where she met her future husband, Ervin Kimball. They were married for 63 years until his death in 2018.



They lived in North Berwick for 4 years where Ervin taught school, then moved to Buxton when Ervin began teaching in Gorham. In 1968 they moved to the Gorham farm where Ervin's parents had lived. There was room for large vegetable and flower gardens, and lawns for family softball and volleyball games.

They were blessed with 6 children. Family was very important to Christine and she hosted many gatherings and cook-outs. She was very active in St. Anne's church and the Gorham Ecumenical Council, and was a proud Democrat.

She was the secretary at White Rock Elementary School in Gorham for 24 years, then later participated in the Gorham Schools' Foster Grandparent program. She also helped with the distribution of the Gorham Times newspaper right up until this year.

Christine was predeceased by her parents, her husband Ervin, their son James, and six of her siblings. Her sister Eva and brother Sherman and sister-in-law Patricia Letellier survive her. Also surviving are children Mary Thomas, Sharon (and Mark) Beever, John (and April) Kimball, Robert (and Kathy) Kimball, and Kathryn (and Randy) Richardson, as well as 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

She was "Gram" to Michael Thomas, Mary Dibinga (and Pata), Susan Thomas (and Meredith Morgan), Jonathan Beever (and Laurie Pinkert), Kate Beever (and Michael Start), Emily Kimball, James Kimball, Patrick Kimball (and April), Dana Williams (and Michael), Shane Kimball (and Natasha Richards), and Ben Douglass.

Great-grandchildren include NgolelaChristine wa Kamanampata, Dibinga Said Ervin wa Kamanampata, Henry Pinkert Beever, Caroline Jane Pinkert Beever, Ethan Kimball (and Izzy Sutton), Shawn Kimball, Evan Kimball, Micah Williams, Asher Williams, Hannah Williams, Benjamin Williams, Xayda Kimball, Archer Douglass, and Maisey Douglass.

Ellowyn Kimball is her great-great granddaughter.

A Memorial service was held at St. Anne's Church on Saturday April 13, 2024. A private burial will take place later at the Hillside Cemetery in Gorham.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, the Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Church, or the charity of your choice.

**CALENDAR**

**Thursday, May 9**

Gorham Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to Noon.  
 Baxter Memorial Library  
 Toddler Discovery Time, 10 a.m.  
 Friends of Maxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 North Gorham Public Library Meet the Candidates, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 10**

Summit Community Church Potluck with a Purpose with Ben and Cristine Vickery, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 11**

Cressey Road Christian Church 3rd Annual Artisan Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Perennial Sale 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Baxter Memorial Library Board Game Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 14**

Baxter Memorial Library  
 Family Discovery Time, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**

Baxter Memorial Library Baby Discovery Time, 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
 Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m.  
 Lecky Brown Center, the Originals guest speaker, Louis Miller, USM's Cartographic Reference and Teaching Librarian, topic: 19th Century maps/atlas in historic and genealogical research. 10 a.m.

**Thursday, May 16**

Gorham Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to Noon.  
 Baxter Memorial Library  
 Toddler Discovery Time, 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
 Presentation by Jessie Dowling, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, May 18**

Mission of Hope Clothes Closet 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cressey Road Christian Church  
 St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Council 10221 Annual 5k Race/Walk, 9 a.m.  
 West Gorham Union Church annual Spring Bake Sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Cricket Comforts gathering for pillowcase making, Old Robie School, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 21**

Family Discovery Time, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 22**

North Gorham Public Library All Ages Story Time, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
 Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m.  
 Lecky Brown Center, the Originals gues speaker, Libby Bischof, professor of history at USM, topic: Women Photographers in Maine, 10 a.m.

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Two people got into a fight during the soccer game at Gorham Sports Complex. Everything had calmed down when the officer arrived as the manager had already kicked them out.

Westbrook man was concerned about tractor trailer units that he knew came from Gorham even though a sign on the Gorham side said no thru 3 axle vehicles. Officer said police would watch it, but the man said he thought truckers take that route as the GPS tells them to. He asked how to get the GPS to change. Officer advised him he did not know.

Officer responded to Winslow Road for a domestic verbal argument about the number of people in the household and how it was getting overwhelming. Both agreed to take time for each other.

Dispatch requested an Officer assist Cumberland County Sheriff's Office with an intoxicated individual at the Circle K on Ossipee Trail. While enroute, Officer was told he was no longer needed as there was a deputy on the scene.

All subjects at a bonfire on Dundee Road were warned for having a bonfire and moved along. Gorham Fire Department put out the bonfire.

Officer responded to a report of someone shooting targets on Dundee Road. Officer told the caller that police warn for trespass, anyone who they think is conducting unsafe behavior. Officer advised no one should be making fires or shooting on the property.

Wood Road caller believed someone was walking around her household and she wanted the officer to check. Officer did not find anything suspicious.

Brackett Road caller reported seeing smoke and wasn't sure if it was a fire. Officer confirmed smoke was coming from a factory in Westbrook. The Fire Department was made aware of the situation.

Manager of a business on Main Street wanted a truck towed from the parking lot. Officer gave the store clerk the address and phone number for the truck owner.

Gray Road caller reported a large amount of trash had been put in their dumpsters without permission.

Fort Hill Road caller reported he, his wife and son were arguing. Nothing physical had occurred and no one was forthcoming about what had happened.

Man called from Saco to report he had hit a deer about 5 a.m. on Burnham Road. He was unable to find the deer. There was substantial damage to the vehicle. Officer found no sign of a crash nor of the deer.

Helm's Way caller wanted to sue someone in Standish because he was not satisfied with the Physical Therapy he was getting. Caller was advised he would have to hire an attorney and sue them civilly through the courts.

A subject was watching a movie on their phone in a parking lot on Gray Road. He told the officer he would go home. Officer pointed out that their license was suspended. Subject said they would call for a ride.

Buxton Police Department asked for help locating a silver Honda Accord with New Hampshire plates that ran from Buxton Police on Parker Farm Road going towards Gorham during a traffic stop. Officers searched Ossipee Trail and Dow Road with negative contact with the vehicle.

Caller who was building a house on Huston Road reported two unknown males approached one of his workers and asked if they were going to put windows in the house. Caller thought this was odd. He was advised to call the police if he saw the two men and to report this kind of incident when it happens.



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