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Memorial Day 2024

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A misty day with intermittent showers did not seem to bother the large crowd attending the Memorial Day parade. The parade itself seemed larger than many in the past. The Gorham Times was represented by distribution coordinator Russ Franks representing the Marine Corps. The high school band sounded crisp as they marched down Main Street.

MIYHS '23 Middle School Data Presented to Town Council

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

At the May 7 meeting of the Gorham Town Council, 2023 data results from the state's Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) were the subject of a presentation by Gorham resident Brooke Proulx. Proulx, a social worker at Gorham Middle School, presented the results on behalf of Gorham Action Team for Youth (GATY), an unfunded community group of diverse stakeholders whose mission is to reduce risks and improve outcomes for the health of youth in Gorham.

The MIYHS is a statewide health survey that has been conducted every two years by the Maine Departments of Education and Health and Human Services since 2009. The survey is informed by national health surveys, and is carefully designed and calculated to ensure the integrity of the information gathered. The data from the completely anonymous and voluntary survey that is conducted in grades 5-12 classrooms across the state is used to inform local, state and national community health efforts, including prevention and education.

The survey varies by grade level, and may include questions that help determine trends for alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or vaping use, mental health, bullying, school climate, sexual health and decision making, nutrition and physical activity, as well as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and protective factors or factors for resilience.

Data presented for Gorham Middle School included responses from 352 grades 6 thru 8 students who elected to take the survey, more than half of the 633 enrolled for the 2023 school year. Of this, the percentage who responded affirmatively when asked about past 30 day use of the following was: alcohol 3%; marijuana 2%; illicit drugs 4%; vaping product 4%. While these percentages are higher than reported use in 2021, the changes are not considered statistically different, and remain below the reported state average of about 5% for each. 39% of Gorham middle schoolers reported that access to alcohol was "sort of" or "very easy" and 17% reported "sort of" or "very easy" access to marijuana. This was up from the 2021 survey, with previous results of 36% and 11% respectively. 7% students reported that they had been offered, sold or given alcohol or illicit drugs on school property in the last 12 months.

Perceptions of middle school students about the potential harm when using marijuana 1-2 times per week caught the attention of the Town Council and audience. In 2021 results, 21% of GMS students believed there was little to no harm in using marijuana 1-2 times per week, but in 2023, 29% of Gorham middle schoolers believed there was little or no potential harm. This is lower than the statewide

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Budget Referendum, June 11

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

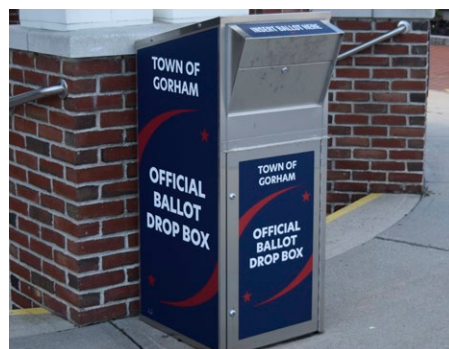


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Absentee ballots can be deposited in the Municipal Center ballot box up until 8 p.m. on election day.

In addition to the referendum on the \$53,111,427 FY25 school budget, approved by the Town Council, voters will be asked to authorize the purchase of a new fire truck. Purchase of the truck will not affect the mil rate, because the funding will come from an already approved capital account. Primary candidates for federal and state offices are also on the ballot.

Voters have until 7 p.m. on June 6 to vote absentee at the Town Clerk's office in the Municipal Building. That is also the last day to request a ballot. Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by 8

p.m. on election day, June 11. On that day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If a voter chooses not to vote their absentee ballot, they may vote in person at their regular polling place on June 11. However, they must not bring an absentee ballot with them. Eligible Gorham residents may register to vote on election day at their polling place.

This is a state and federal primary election. Voters registered in a political party, will receive that party's ballot to vote for nominees that will run for elective office in November. These include nominees for president, U.S. senator and District 1 congressional representative. Democrat and Republican candidates for Maine offices are running to be on the fall ballot for state senator, state representatives, and Cumberland County commissioner. Since this is a semi-open primary, voters not enrolled in a political party may request either party's ballot. No write-in votes will be counted.

Voters in Ward 1-1 will vote at the Gorham Middle School. Ward 1-2 residents vote at the Great Falls Elementary School. Those in Ward 2 vote at the Shaw Gym at the Municipal Center. Voters unsure of their polling place should contact the Clerk's office for that information.

Second Annual Gorham Pride Event

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

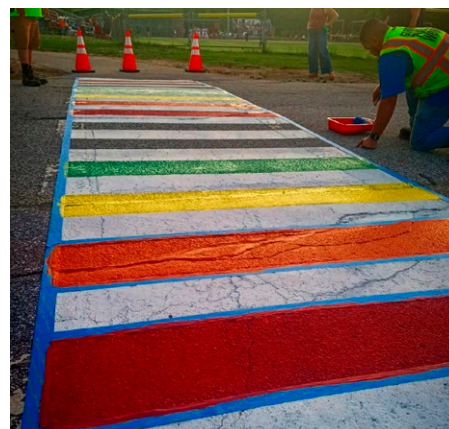


Photo credit: Letta the Queen, Gorham Pride Vice President

Gorham has two newly painted rainbow crosswalks.

On Saturday, June 29 from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Gorham will once again host a community organized Gorham Pride event at the Gorham Gazebo by the Baxter Memorial Library. All are welcome to the free event in celebration and support of the LGBTQIA+ community in Gorham and beyond.

Like last year, there will be live music as well as performances and storytime, food trucks, activities and face painting. Many local businesses and craftspeople will be on site and are also lending their support to the event.

Pride events began in the 1970's as a counter revolution to the history of shame and persecution faced by members of the LGBTQIA+ community. In 2000, through a presidential proclamation, June was nationally designated Pride Month, in

recognition of the 1969 Stonewall Riots.

When asked why it's important to honor and celebrate the queer community, Gorham resident Health Robinson stated, "Visibility and representation ensure everyone feels seen and valued. When diverse identities are acknowledged and discussed openly, it fosters an environment of acceptance and understanding." Robinson continued, "People, especially children, benefit from learning about different perspectives and ways of life because it helps them develop empathy, reduces bullying, and promotes inclusivity. By exposing people to a variety of identities and experiences, we are not telling them to be the same way; we are teaching them that it's okay to be themselves and to respect others who might be different from them."

The small group organizing Gorham Pride is composed of dedicated volunteers who first came together last year to put on the first ever Gorham Pride Celebration in June 2023. Along with the annual event, Gorham Pride also honors the queer community throughout the year, most recently by sponsoring an author talk at Baxter Memorial Library and paying to have rainbow crosswalks painted on Ball Park Rd and Access Rd. Gorham Pride advocated for and received approval by the Gorham Town Council on March 12, 2024 for the crosswalks.

Gorham Pride 2024 is sponsored by Hannaford, Maine Beer Company, and Martin's Point Healthcare.

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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.

Reflecting on My Final Legislative Session

Rep. Mo Terry

Sitting on my deck, following an early morning in the kitchen as the warm, nutty smell of granola swirls through the screen door, I can’t help but sigh that happy, satisfied kind of sigh that comes from being home after too long away.

Getting to spend more time in Gorham, especially during the summer, is definitely welcome after many long days in Augusta. As I approach my final days as your state representative due to term limits, I’m reflecting on our work this session and how lucky I am to have been elected to represent my friends and neighbors.

This has been one of the most interesting, exciting, frustrating and rewarding jobs I’ve ever had, and I will certainly miss both my colleagues and the work. But this session will be memorable for me because of all we overcame and accomplished for the people of Maine.

Over the past two years, we faced immense challenges and hardships from the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston to the devastating winter storms that decimated fishing communities, to inflation-related pressures making it harder for Maine families to keep up with everyday expenses. However, my colleagues and I in the Legislature met those challenges head-on, addressing many of these issues while also making meaningful progress in other areas. I am truly proud of what we were able to accomplish.

In 2023, we invested in the well-being of Maine workers and their families by establishing a historic, comprehensive paid family and medical leave program. We increased funding for Pre-K and childcare support and created a new, \$300 state child tax credit, making it less burdensome for young families to build their lives here. Additionally, we invested in more services and meaningful tax relief for older Mainers, so they can age with dignity in the communities they know.

This session, we built on our successes from last year by passing a smart and responsive supplemental budget that invests in Maine people without spending beyond our means. The supplemental budget includes \$60 million in critical funding for storm relief, \$76 million for affordable housing, \$12.9 million to expand childcare access and \$19.6 million to support essential mental and public health services.

The budget also ensures that we are delivering on our promises to Mainers by continuing to fund 55% of K-12 public education costs. It preserves the income eligibility expansion for Medicare Savings Programs and upholds the increase in the pension income tax deduction, providing ongoing tax relief for older Mainers.

Beyond the budget, the Legislature also took major steps to send gun safety legislation to the governor’s desk, including bills that would close the background check loophole on advertised, private gun sales, establish

a 72-hour waiting period for most firearm purchases, and ban bump stocks. While we did not get everything we hoped for, I am happy to report that the bills to expand background checks and implement a 72-hour waiting period are now law, making our state safer from gun violence while also protecting our deeply valued Second Amendment rights.

Even though our work in Augusta has largely come to a close for this year, I will continue to serve out my term as your representative throughout the summer and fall. So please, come find me at the farmers’ market or out and about around town! I look forward to connecting with folks in these final months where I will still be available to help connect you with resources and try to address any issues or concerns you may have.



Rep. Maureen “Mo” Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House majority leader, where she serves as head of the Democratic caucus. Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

On June 11, Gorham voters will head to the polls for the school budget referendum and the primary for the November elections. I encourage all eligible voters to come out and vote; I would also like to publicly support the campaign of Seven Siegel. In the years that Seven has lived in town I’ve grown to know them - both during my time on the School Committee and as a private citizen. And there are a few things that have particularly impressed me:

Seven has an energy I have never seen in local politics. I remember them running up and down Main Street on a cold October evening before the election, waving a sign at passing cars; that energy has continued into their time in office.

Seven is committed to listening to - and engaging with - the Gorham community. Seven’s ability to compromise, listen, and understand has served them well here in Gorham. I have seen them find common ground with people across the political spectrum. More than once, I’ve had community members tell me that - when they reached out about something - Seven responded quickly and thoughtfully.

That thoughtfulness is another important point: Every time I have asked Seven about a position they took, a vote they cast, or a comment they made, they have been ready with an explanation of where it came from. And that explanation always comes from a thoughtful place of wanting to do the most good for the most people in Gorham.

I support Seven now. I look forward to supporting Seven in the fall in Augusta. And I hope you will too.

James Brockman, Gorham
To The Editor,

My name is Jared Burt, I’m a fourteen year old boy who’s currently in eighth grade, and a member of BSA troop 73. Soon I’ll be transitioning to the high school as a freshman, which will be full of new challenges. One particularly relevant challenge is school overcrowding. Even the middle school is overcrowded, and we have to split lunches down into six separate groups of kids. The high-school is much worse, with many of the classrooms being without windows, since they used to be closets, or in a portable, or even several blocks away at the municipal center. The walk from the school to the municipal center is a considerable safety risk. Not only is it across a few busy roads; but in the event of a school shooter or safety threat as such, no one knows where those kids are. This is not an ideal situation. The overcrowding is not going away; in fact it is getting worse. There is a development going in, that will add three hundred homes to Gorham. Those kids will need to go to school, and this will make the overcrowding harder to deal with. So please, when considering options for the school budget, take this information into account.

Jared Burt, Gorham

To the Editor:

On June 17, the Town Planning Board is meeting to review the final Robie Street Subdivision Plan for Phase 1 which also proposes extending White Birch Lane to the new subdivision. The extension begins at the entrances of Avesta Housing

Apartments and the town ballfields behind Village School, cutting through the strip of trees that divides the two areas and continues to the end of the parking lot. It will continue through an undeveloped forest up to the boundary of the proposed subdivision. A road will then be constructed for the initial 44 single-family houses in Phase I, with 20 houses planned for construction in the initial year. Prior meetings have suggested that extending White Birch Lane is essential to alleviate construction traffic on South Street. But the developer plans to direct most Phase I construction traffic through White Birch Lane. How will this affect the White Birch Lane neighborhood including access to Avesta Housing and the ballfields used by the public and Gorham Rec Department? This extension requires the removal of a large quantity of trees including most of the wooded buffer between Avesta Housing and the ballfield parking lot. In addition, a tract of forest approximately 450 feet in length and 50 feet in width will be cleared through undeveloped land to link the extension to the subdivision property. The proposed subdivision is also located on undeveloped forest land and more tree removal will be necessary before construction can begin. It seems that during the initial year of Phase 1, most logging and construction vehicles will use White Birch Lane and the busy section of New Portland Road, which will disrupt access to neighborhood homes and the town ballfields throughout the summer's peak season.

Ruth Kelly, Gorham

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To the editor,

As June 11 approaches and we near the primary election for State Representative, I want to share some things about Seven Siegel. Incidentally, election day is the 5-year anniversary of our first date, and now that we're married with a 7-month-old baby, I've been feeling reflective. So here are some things that I appreciate about my spouse that I think you should know.

They are a nerd. I mean this in the best way possible. Seven spends their free time listening to podcasts about the housing crisis and reading books about what makes towns walkable. They are consistently expanding their knowledge and get very excited about good policy.

They care deeply about Gorham. Having moved around a lot while growing up, Seven is so happy to have settled in this place where they want to spend the rest of their life. I see them putting so much time and energy into building deep relationships with people in this town. From mentoring youth and encouraging their civic engagement, to replying to every constituent who reaches out. I get to see the time and thought Seven puts into those replies; they research every idea and suggestion to see if it's possible and if not, what else needs to change.

As a Town Councilor I see them trying to make positive changes in Gorham and I've witnessed their frustration with the state bureaucracy that can be a barrier to those changes. I am so impressed that, rather than giving up, they decided to run for State Rep to change things at the state level to benefit Gorham. I know if elected Seven will continue to show up consistently for Gorham. As a native Mainer, a resident of Gorham, and Seven's wife, I hope you vote for them on June 11.

Becky Wartell, Gorham

CORRECTION

Sincere apologies to Marti Allen, CEO of Casco Federal Credit Union, for printing her pronoun incorrectly in the May 23, 2024 issue.

Gorham Community Chorus Concert

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Jacquie Lortie
Gorham Community Chorus performing their spring concert at Gorham High School

On Sunday, May 19, the Gorham Community Concert, under the direction of John Rimkunas presented their annual

spring concert. This year, it was titled "The Common Ground" in tribute to the American composer, Alice Parker who passed away this past December. The concert included several of her compositions and arrangements. The Gorham Community Chorus is a singing organization founded in 1992 that includes Gorham area singers of all ages and musical experiences. For more information or to join the chorus next year, contact John Rimkunas at gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com.

Mr. Bagel Changes Hands

Kelli Deveau, Staff Writer

After 18 years, Mister Bagel, a popular breakfast stop in Gorham, is changing hands. Heather Moody has operated the Gorham location of the statewide franchise, and built a dedicated following at the downtown business. Over the many years, Moody and Mr. Bagel have been consistent supporters of community fundraising and other activities to benefit Gorham citizens.

On June 1, Moody will hand over the keys to another longtime Gorham resident and a familiar face behind the counter at Mr. Bagel. Kristen Fitz will take over ownership, a natural transition from her years of filling in at the business during school vacations and summers, while she was on break from her full time job as an administrative assistant in the front office of Gorham Middle School. The arrangement allowed Moody time off with her children, and sparked a love and understanding of the business in Fitz.

Fitz noted that she was drawn to the customers, and the presence that Mister Bagel has in the community; she is eager to carry on the legacy. "I can't say enough about what Heather has done on behalf of the Gorham community over the years," said Fitz. "She has not only built a business, she has made Mr. Bagel an institution. I am honored to carry on her generous and entrepreneurial spirit and to serve the people of Gorham."

In preparation for the transition, Fitz has actively been working with the Town of Gorham's Economic Development Office, noting the important role new economic development specialist Lea Duffy has played. "Lea has been very supportive throughout the process, helping with occupancy permits, arranging inspections, and guiding me through the process."

The business will be closed until June 15 to ensure a seamless transition and that all required steps are completed. Fitz intends to make the Saturday reopening a celebratory affair.

While much will stay the same, Fitz looks forward to building upon the well established success of Mr. Bagel. She plans to enhance some of the lunch options and hours by staying open until 1:30 on weekdays and offering special lunch sandwiches Tuesday thru Friday that will be announced on the business's Facebook page. She also plans to create a "Travel Mug Club" for the coffee drinkers, of which Fitz ironically is not. Customers will be able to purchase a travel mug that can be infinitely refilled for \$1.

Fitz says, "I hope Mr. Bagel is a place for people to come, sit down, and relax in a friendly environment." She wants Mr. Bagel to have that old school diner feel, and to continue being a bedrock business in the community.

44th Annual R.B. Hall Day

Gorham Times Staff

Casco Bay Wind Symphony (CBWS), Gorham's community band conducted by Will Kinne, will participate in the 44th Annual R.B. Hall Day on June 29. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Stevens Brook Elementary School, 14 Francis Bell Drive in Bridgton, hosted by the Bridgton Community Band. CBWS is on the schedule for 1:30 p.m.

Robert Browne Hall was a Maine composer of marches and other wind music during the John Philip Sousa era. Though not as well known nationally, his tunes are still recognizable and his legacy is celebrated every year on the last Saturday in June.

This year, Bridgton Community Band hosts the day of music with community bands from all over Maine as well as a noontime 'massed band' where everyone is welcome to play and R.B. Hall's own cornet will be featured!

There will be food vendors, crafters, bucket drumming, activities for kids, and one-of-a-kind R.B. Hall t-shirts for sale. The event is free and open to the public. Bring

a lawn chair. R.B. Hall Day will take place rain or shine, outdoors or in the school.

- Schedule for outdoors:
(Adjusted slightly for indoors)
- 8:50 a.m. - Opening ceremony

9:00 a.m. - Fanfare Concert Band

9:40 a.m. - Sacopee Valley Comm.Band

10:20 a.m. - Westbrook City Band

11:00 a.m. - Maine Pops Concert Band

11:40 a.m. - World Premiere of Hall Day Fanfare

12:00 - Massed Band (All welcome!)

12:50 p.m. - Bangor Band

1:30 p.m. - Casco Bay Wind Symphony

2:10 p.m. - Bath Municipal Band

2:50 p.m. - Sebasticook Valley Community Band

3:30 p.m. - Hallowell Community Band

4:10 p.m. - Harold Crosby Community Band of Dexter

4:50 p.m. - Bridgton Community Band

The Gorham Arts Alliance Summer/Fall Offerings

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Intern

The Gorham Arts Alliance is offering many activities this summer for those of all ages. Summer theater camp productions include "Willy Wonka Jr." Gr. 4-8; "Singin' in the Rain," Gr. 7-12; and "Alice in Wonderland," Gr. 3-6. Audition dates and rehearsal times can be found on the Gorham Arts Alliance website, <https://gorhamarts.org>.

They are excited to launch the new Performing Arts Center in the fall of 2024, located at 34 School St. Gorham. "I feel grateful to have the opportunity to nurture artists from the inside out," stated Kristi Grand, Artistic Managing Director for the Performing Arts Center. The Gorham Performing Arts Center will offer an afterschool program for grades 3-8 teaching kids everything there is to know about the production process including backstage, lighting, tech and offering classes in improv, acting, auditioning, vocals, dance and more.

The GAA has an amazing performance season starting with the first ever unified production of "Cinderella." This production will embrace people with different abilities whether that be cognitive or physical. It will be centered around those with different abilities, but auditions are also open to the public. Other productions in the 24/25 season include "The Wizard of Oz," "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and "Oliver".

The Art-Nature Center located at 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham, will be offering many camps this summer for Gr. K-8 which includes art, nature, music, poetry, sound art, digital design, science and many more. "We are excited to get out there, get messy and have a good time," stated Christina Thibault, director of the Art and Nature Center.

"I'm excited for the expansion of the Gorham Arts Alliance into two locations to further engage Gorham residents and those in our neighboring communities", stated Amy Valentine, executive director.

New Year Gorham Addresses Concerns With New Alternative

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

Just like every other year, the New Year Gorham Committee is planning a community-wide event to ring in the 2025 year. This annual occasion features all sorts of performances, face-painting, magic, and more. Details regarding that event will be announced in the upcoming months. For now, the group is proud to announce a new event called the Grand Finale Musical Laser Light Show.

The committee has considered adding in this additional event for years. This option, which replaces the normal fireworks display, responds to both environmental and noise concerns. The explosive sounds can be upsetting to people and harmful to some pets. A laser light show alternative eliminates these worries, however not without a major drawback—the price.

This change would more than double the cost of that of a fireworks display. To avoid raising admission fees for community members while still making this responsible change, the committee needs additional funding. They are looking for anyone interested in supporting the effort and ask that they consider making a donation. All contributions will go directly towards the extra cost. Donors will also be recognized in the display credits.

If you are interested in donating, willing to donate, or have any questions about this event, you can contact Danielle Laughlin: laughlin.danielle@gmail.com

To join the planning committee, contact the NYG Coordinator, Thomas Hasbrouck: trhasbrouck@icloud.com

PT Reports - Pickleball and PT

Mike Smith, Contributing Writer

To say pickleball has become popular is a bit of an understatement. Now the fastest growing recreational sport in the country, it certainly has exploded in and around Gorham, as far as I can tell. I had never heard of pickleball until 12 years ago, when I first opened the PT office, and had a few patients come in with complaints of various injuries because they were playing pickleball on a regular basis.

These days pickleball is discussed in the office on a regular basis, with many of our patients playing the game. I will be careful with my phrasing here, but the activity has been often considered for the “mature” population. However, in the last few years, younger people playing as well. One patient developed elbow tendonitis because he was working daily on spinning the ball off the paddle.

There is a misconception that pickleball is causing an increase in injuries to players, but there are a couple of reasons for this idea. First, the sheer number of people playing leads to a proportional increase in injuries. Secondly, and a more likely reason, is that many are trying pickleball for the first time and may not be ready to, “come off the couch” and move athletically.

If someone has taken time off from being active or is tending to do the same type of exercise regularly, they are more likely to sustain an injury from a sport that requires a lot more dynamic movement. If your main mode of activity has been walking, running, or jogging (straight-ahead activities) and you start playing pickleball, which requires

quicker and side-to-side movements, your body will most likely take notice.

Like any athletic activity, you have to be ready to move. Pickleball requires hand-eye coordination, side-to-side movement, and some quicker movements that many may not have done in a while. Also, the increased activity of Pickleball can lead to an overuse injury like a strained low back, sore shoulders, or knee sprain.

Don’t make the mistake of thinking that pickleball is an easy activity and you cannot get hurt. Many people get on the court and the old competitive edge takes over. This can lead to a quick lunge or over-reach, and all of a sudden there is a sharp pain or dull ache.

It is a good idea to take some lessons from someone who knows how to play. Also, spend some time stretching and warming up before you play. Try a jog around the court and basic hamstring and calf stretches.

Pickleball has become a very good activity for all ages and encourages fun social gatherings and gets people moving. That is a good thing. And yes, this middle-aged PT has tried it and is ready to take on a few patients. And they know who they are.



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

Baxter Library Hosts Superintendent’s Forum

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Superintendent of Schools Heather Perry held a public forum at the Baxter library on Tuesday May 28, at the invitation of library staff. The event was intended to give members of the public an opportunity to ask questions about the system’s educational programs, support services, and finances, including the budget, although it was not directly tied to the upcoming school budget vote. Despite the event being publicized, only five people attended.

The superintendent nevertheless gave an interesting presentation about the current operations of the Gorham school district and its finances.

Perry initially pointed out some differences between the school committee and the council. She said legally, the constituents of the town council are comprised of all the people of the town, not just the voters. On the other hand, the primary constituents of the school committee are the children of the town. She said the primary mandate of the school committee is to provide students with an excellent education.

Perry pointed out that the mandate of the town council is much more varied,

but they are still required to fund the school committee’s budget adequately. When the school committee submits a proposed yearly budget to the council, the council must individually approve or disapprove each proposed expenditure. They must also pay for the school budget, mostly through taxes.

Perry pointed out the recent town-wide property revaluation was mandated by state law. Once the revaluation determined that the town’s overall property value levels had increased, the state was mandated to cut the district’s state school subsidies.

Perry also pointed out how many of the school system’s expenditures are basically fixed in place. These include facilities and equipment maintenance and upgrades, energy costs, and employee health benefits.

80% of the system’s overall expenditures are staff salaries. While theoretically these could be negotiated downward, the district maintains a fairly high salary level in order to recruit and retain excellent teachers, so Perry believes salaries need to be in the median range for Cumberland County.

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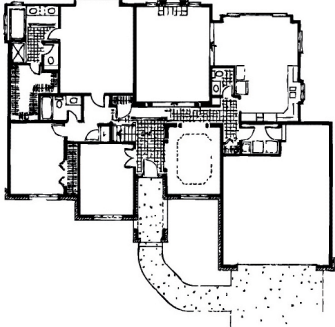
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Many costs are related to the fact that so many students have some type of educational, medical, psychological, or behavioral special needs, and some have several. For instance, when she arrived in Gorham, over 300 students had some sort of special need which required extra expenditures by the system, and now it’s over 500.

There is a great range of special needs; some are much greater than others. The highest level includes medical needs, including those who are nonverbal, those on feeding tubes, or having other serious medical conditions. The district currently has six full-time school nurses; five are assigned to individual schools, one is a “floater”. Similarly, the district needs to have enough social workers and other support staff due to the higher level of social problems that children now face.

When major budget cuts are proposed (such as after last year’s “No” votes) Perry believes the district has to point out the few optional areas, which include items like sports, music, theater, and art. Some types of classes can be cut, such as certain technology and language classes. However, much of the general curriculum is not optional, due to to state mandates.

In a follow up email, Perry maintained that Gorham schools are not

“over-staffed” with administrators. Regarding future trends, Perry believes that overall school costs are likely to continue to rise, due to many unavoidable factors. Similarly, she thinks there will continue to be few desirable options for major cost cuts.

While the district’s student population will likely rise fairly slowly, costs-per-pupil are likely to rise at a faster rate. While state subsidies will likely continue being cut because of the district’s rising overall property values, Perry is optimistic that the district does have some options for increasing reimbursements. She is optimistic that the town’s joint fiscal responsibility committee will come up with some positive ideas and suggestions.

A Few Notes from Public Works

Kelly Meslin, Office Manager, Public Works Department

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"New Fire Truck Urgently Needed," Says Chief Fickett

Gorham Times Staff



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Lucas Witham

Chief Fickett has been trying for three years to get a new fire truck on the ballot as two trucks, which are 24 and 27 years old need to be replaced as they can no longer be repaired due to the age and condition of frames and bodies of the trucks. Fickett noted that COVID-19 made a huge impact both in terms of the supply and demand for services as well as to the complexity of the services needed.

The Fire Department had to retire a truck recently, so they are down to one decent truck and one which is on its last legs. If the water tank goes on that truck, the vehicle is too brittle to repair. Any costs over \$500,000 must be approved by the voters. The Town has the money to pay for the truck in the Capital Part 2 budget, which has surplus money from the previous year.




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NOLAN IRISH

Nolan Knapp Irish, 22, passed away unexpectedly on April 30, 2024, as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was born March 13, 2002, in Portland, the son of Lester Irish and Lisa Taylor. He was born at 24 weeks gestation, weighing only 1lb 2oz. After spending 100 days in the NICU at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, he went home with his parents, one week before his expected due date. He proved over the next 22 years that he could be as stubborn as he was when he was born.



Nolan grew up in Gorham graduating with honors from Gorham High School in 2020. He continued his education at Maine Maritime Academy with a dream of traveling the world as Captain of his ship, with his OWN stateroom. He was very proud to be a part of the Maine Maritime family. He had just returned from a 12-week internship on a tugboat in the Gulf of Mexico, where he bunked with 3 others and left the ship only for groceries when in port. He handled the experience with his usual grace, style, and persistence with only a little cabin fever near the end. The President of MMA, Jerry Paul, shared that Nolan was exactly the type of student they wanted; dedicated and hard working. When he put his mind to something, there was no stopping him. Jerry was right about that.

Nolan was friendly with all who he met, from children to seniors. He brought a smile, conversation, and laughter to any situation. He was known for his respect for others, can-do attitude, tenacity, and the bright smile on his face. During a summer of door-to-door sales, strangers welcomed him into their homes and invited him to visit, play games, and meet their pets. He made everyone feel at home in his presence. He loved being on the water, downhill skiing, target shooting, motorcycles, and exotic cars. He shared his mother's passion for animals (but not chickens), helping her foster rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, cats, and dogs throughout the years. Nolan made life better and brighter. We will miss his light with all our hearts and feel him with us every second.

Nolan is survived by his mother Lisa Taylor and her husband Ron Stephan; his father Lester Irish and his wife Dorene; his bonus siblings, Grey and Ronny Stephan, Kate Clark, Colby and Chase Hunter; his Gram, Barbara Cousens who inspired his love for travel and adventure; his step-grandmother Carolyn Taylor; his great uncles and aunt, Ben Taylor, Lyman and Doris Cousens; many additional aunts, uncles, and cousins and his godparents, Terry and Kathy Davis and Joe Gallant. He was predeceased by his grandfather Bob Taylor and grandparents Lester and Shirley Irish. There is great comfort in knowing that there are so many loving arms to welcome him on his next journey.

Nolan was adored by so many, even before he was born. Our families are eternally grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support from family and friends and to the first responders who cared for Nolan after his death with kindness, patience, understanding, and great care. A special thanks to the many doctors and nurses who were involved in his birth and care at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital who were instrumental in his survival which gave us the opportunity to have him for treasured years. By all rights he was a miracle.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to make a donation in Nolan's honor to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, or extend a sincere kindness to someone in his honor

BARBARA CRIMP

WOLFEBORO, NH ---- Barbara Anne Bickford Crimp, 96, of June Bug Lane, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, May 23, 2024.



She was born January 7, 1928, in Flushing, NY, the daughter of Francis and Esther (Fuller) Bickford. She lived in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maine before moving back to New Hampshire. An English major, she achieved her higher education at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maine at Orono.

In addition to being a full time, stay at home mom, Barbara was later a newspaper editor for the Monadnock Ledger in Peterborough, NH and then became a successful real estate broker in Newcastle, ME where she worked for many years before retiring in 2001.

She loved spending time with family, reading, writing and performing in plays, traveling and watching the news. She was a devoted member of two churches before she died: First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, of Gorham, ME and most recently the First Congregational Church, UCC, of Wolfeboro, NH.

She was a former equestrienne, sailor, tennis player, farmer and Sunday school teacher. She did church mission work and sponsored many children through Child Fund until her death. She leaves behind two sons, Peter M. Crimp and spouse, Paula Cullenberg, of Homer, AK, David H. Crimp and spouse, Erica Crimp of Blodgett, OR and a daughter, Susan E. Crimp-Marcet and her husband Gary Marcet, of Wolfeboro. There are 6 grandchildren, Tyler F. Marcet, Nathaniel P. Marcet, James Crimp, Matthew A. Crimp, Ryan Bartlett Crimp and Ben Richardson as well as five nieces and three nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Frank W. Crimp, Jr. and brothers, Paul (and his wife Elizabeth Jenkins) Bickford and Norman F. (and his wife Virginia Clayter) Bickford; and a grandchild, Sky Richardson.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro, UCC, 115 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH.

A private burial will be held at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Lakes Region Humane Society, P.O. Box 655, Ossipee, NH 03864 or to the Granite Hospice and VNA, 645 South Main Street, Wolfeboro NH 03894.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services/603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com.



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Congratulations
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Young Engineers Rock Out

Terri Dawson, Technology Integrator, GMS



Photo credit: Suzanne Dix, GMS Librarian
Pictured: Ellis Scott, Nathan Perry, Terri Dawson, Ezekiel Provencal and Carter Bourgoïn. Missing is Jameson LaChance

A new wave of innovation and creativity struck Gorham Middle School as five enthusiastic 7th graders successfully completed a hands-on STEAM Guitar Build project. Piloted by technology integrator, Terri Dawson and generously funded in part by Aspire Gorham, and the Perloff Family Foundation, this initiative has turned budding scientists into rockstars. The project was originally created by Keith Kelley from Nokomis Middle School. Keith reached out to other educators around the State for a Teach the Teacher model consisting of three face to face meetings in which he demonstrated different techniques of guitar building and also provided STEAM lesson plans to use throughout the entire process.

The students, Ezekiel Provencal, Nathan Perry, Carter Bourgoïn, Ellis Scott, and Jameson LaChance, embarked on a journey that combined science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) with the art of music. Over the course of several weeks, these young builders cut, sanded, painted, and electronically assembled their custom guitars. The project aimed not only to teach practical skills but also to inspire a passion for STEAM subjects by blending them with the universal appeal of music.

Terri Dawson expressed her excitement about the students' progress. "Seeing their faces light up as they worked through each step was incredibly rewarding," Dawson said. "This project is a perfect example of how we can engage students with hands-on learning experiences that are both educational and enjoyable." When this project began, Michael

McCarthy, a 7th grade science teacher joined the effort. He assisted with the cutting and sanding and Dan Dupuis from the GMS Maintenance department also helped with the use of his shop and power tools.

The assembly stage proved to be the most challenging but rewarding part of the project. The students meticulously connected the electronics, ensuring each wire and screw was in the right place. Despite a few tricky moments, the team's perseverance paid off. Finally, the guitars were strung, and the moment of truth arrived.

With bated breath, one by one the students plugged their handmade instruments into an amplifier. The room erupted as the first notes rang out, confirming that their hard work had paid off. "Smiles for miles," was how Terri Dawson described the moment when they realized their guitars worked as intended.

Aspire Gorham, an organization dedicated to supporting educational initiatives, provided essential funding for this project. Their support has been instrumental in bringing innovative projects like this to life in Gorham, fostering a new generation of thinkers and creators.

The success of the STEAM Guitar Build project highlights the importance of hands-on, interdisciplinary learning. It demonstrates how engaging students in practical projects can ignite interest in STEAM fields and equip them with valuable skills for the future. As for the young guitar builders, their journey doesn't end here; they've discovered a newfound confidence and a reminder that with a little creativity and a lot of determination, they can achieve anything.

Following the success of the Guitar project, Heather Whitaker, the Alternative Education teacher at GMS, contacted Jeff Cole, a local woodworker who crafts guitar stands as a side hobby. Jeff generously donated a beautifully designed wooden stand made up of different types of wood for each student, allowing them to proudly display their new custom guitars. A big thanks to Heather and Jeff Cole for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

View the project: <https://bit.ly/GuitarBuild>

GMS Steam Night



Photo credit: Suzanne Dix, GMS Librarian
May 14 was the second annual STEAM Night at GMS with a Superhero theme. Over 250 students & families, educators & community members attended this evening of science, technology, engineering, art and math. The activity stations included Sphero races, rocket launches, drone flights, avatar creation and Indycar racing. The GMS Odyssey of the Mind teams performed, as well as the Jazz & Steel Bands. Food trucks provided dinner, snacks and dessert. Educator, community volunteer and former Assistant Principal Susie Hanley received the Legacy Award for her dedication to GMS. The evening concluded with a raffle giving away 2 3D printers, an iPad, Lego sets and other fun items. This night could not have been possible without the effort, creativity and boundless energy of GMS Technology Integrator Terri Dawson. She is a true GMS Superhero.

Lucas Witham Named New GMS Principal

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Courtesy of Lucas Witham
Lucas Witham

On May 22, the Gorham School Committee unanimously voted to approve Lucas Witham as principal of Gorham Middle School.

Mr. Witham grew up in Greene, Maine, and graduated from Leavitt Area High School. His educational journey then took him to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, where he earned his bachelor's

degree. He continued his studies at Regent University, obtaining a master's degree in educational leadership and is currently finalizing his Ed.D. at Liberty University.

For nearly ten years, Mr. Witham served Virginia's education system as a High School Science Teacher, Varsity Basketball Coach, Varsity Football Coach, and Middle School Assistant Principal.

After spending nearly a decade in Virginia, Mr. Witham and his family moved back to Maine in 2023, when he was appointed as the Assistant Principal at Gorham Middle School.

Mr. Witham commented on his new position, "This school year at GMS has been one of the most rewarding experiences that I have had throughout my educational career. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the students, staff, families, and community of Gorham over the last school year, and I am thrilled that I get to continue being a part of the great work that we are doing here and serve in an even greater capacity."

The Amazing Race of Gorham

Kenneth Tompkins, Aspire Gorham, Communications Coordinator

On May 17, ninety fifth graders, twenty eighth graders, and twenty adult chaperones (teachers and parent volunteers) participated in the "Amazing Race of Gorham."

This event is an annual event designed to foster community connections and real-world learning experiences for students in Gorham, Maine. This educational scavenger hunt brings together 5th-grade students from Village Elementary School and 8th-grade students from Gorham Middle School, as the older students mentor the younger ones as they navigate the Gorham Village area, visiting local businesses and engaging with community members.

The "Amazing Race of Gorham" is more than just a fun scavenger hunt. It is a strategic initiative to build community ties and provide students with valuable, authentic learning experiences. By interacting with local businesses and hearing their genuine stories, students gain insights into various careers and develop essential skills that will benefit them in their future endeavors.

There are four educational goals for the students as they participate:

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Track & Field Team: Reasons to Celebrate

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Coach Tanguay
Nolan Feyler, SMAA 400 winner

Congrats to the Boys and Girls Outdoor Track teams for a great SMAA Championship meet on May 24 at Kennebunk. The boys finished as SMAA runner-up while the girls finished in sixth place. The boys team



Photo credit: Coach Tanguay
Griffin Gammon, SMAA High Jump winner



Photo credit: Coach Tanguay
GHS Freshman team champs



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4x 400 SMAA winners

were led by Nolan Feyler with a 1st place finish in the 400 (league record and state all-time #3), Griffin Gammon winning the High Jump and the 1st place 4 X 400 relay team of Dylan Phillips, Aidan Lee, Joshua Wright and Nolan Feyler. The girls were led by Ashley Connolly who scored in two individual events and anchored two scoring relays. Another reason to celebrate, on May

GHS Stand-out Ellie Gay

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal
Ellie Gay with a beautiful shot during a play-off run at Cross Arena

Ellie Gay recently finished her stellar career as a Gorham Ram stand out on the basketball court. She is also currently in the midst of another outstanding Lacrosse season. She received numerous accolades, including: Southern AA Player of the Year, Southern AA Tournament MVP (2023 and 2024), Pressherald and Bangor Daily All-State, Miss Maine Basketball Finalist. According to Coach Laughn Berthiaume, Ellie also became the program's All-Time leader in 3 pointers made in a single season and in a career. Congratulations to Ellie Gay for a fantastic high school career; she will go down as one of the most enjoyable and exciting players to ever watch. Next year, Ellie is attending Saint Anselm College, in New Hampshire and is undecided.

28, the 9th graders competed in the Freshmen Track & Field Championships in Bath and took home first, as team champions. The girls finished in sixth place. Individual winners were: Antoine Dube in the 300 hurdles; Corbin Wilson in the pole vault; Rigel Arlet in the racewalk; Harvey Crider in the 1600; Sara Brawn in the 400. On Saturday, June 1, the athletes competed at the state championship meet at Thornton Academy.



Photo credit: Coach Tanguay
Captains, Southwesterns runner-up

MIYHS Data CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

reported averages of middle school students 38%. GMS students overwhelmingly believe their parents would disapprove of their use of marijuana or of their drinking 1-2 alcoholic beverages every day, with only 3% saying they think their parents would feel it was “not wrong.” 91% of GMS students believe that their families give them love and support, significantly higher than the Maine state average of 84%, however there was a drop in the percentage of students who reported that their parents talk with them about what they are doing at school. While 91% of GMS students answered affirmatively in 2021, this was significantly lower at 82% in the 2023 results. Also significantly lower was the number of students reporting that they were active for 60+ minutes for at least 5 days in a week, down to 50% from 62% in 2021. Alarmingly, 24% of GMS students reported feeling sad and hopeless for 2 weeks or more in the past year, and 14% of GMS students reported that they seriously considered attempting suicide in the last 12 months. Only 58% of GMS students agree that they feel like they matter to people in the Gorham community. After the presentation, councilors asked what more can be done to support Gorham youth and GATY’s efforts. Proulx explained that school staff are

using this data and best practice information to improve health curriculum when it comes to substance use prevention and decision making. An additional health teacher and required semester course was added to the high school during the 2023-2024 school year, in response to advocacy by students for more of a focus on their health and well-being. Proulx also asked the council to promote the community events for parents/caregivers that GATY hosts, as they are poorly attended. Previous topics have included: parenting during the risk-taking years; parenting strategies for modern challenges; technology and the adolescent brain; and how to take care of your body and mental health in your high school years. GATY has created a survey, and is asking Gorham residents to share what topics are of interest and what will get them involved in the community effort of supporting healthy youth. The survey can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/munme2eh>. In addition, GATY hopes to seek support and funding through local, state, and federal grant opportunities to expand their prevention and education efforts. One community member in attendance urged the Town Council to allocate a portion of opioid settlement money, of which Gorham officials anticipate \$117,000 a year for ten years, toward the work of GATY.






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School Committee Special Meeting May 22

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee held a special meeting on May 22, 2024. Chairperson Sarah Perkins called the meeting to order. Brian Penley and Lexie Caddell presented on the Alternative Learning Opportunities at Village School. They, along with several students described opportunities to extend learning including knitting, “genius hour”, Lego building, recycling paper, nature journals and multiple other examples of collaborative efforts to engage and enrich students' learning. Genius Hour is an activity where a student will choose a question to answer, do individual research and present findings to others. Mr. Penley explained that the recycling project grew out of one student’s desire to impact the environment positively by reducing waste paper at the school. Ms. Cadelle, the Alternative Education Ed. Tech. explained her goal to impact the entire school with her work. The board voted 7-0 to make a slight change in the school calendar. The kindergarten start day was moved from September 3 to September 4. This change only affects kindergarten students. The committee voted 7-0 to appoint Lucas Witham as Gorham Middle School Principal as of July 1, 2024. Mr. Witham currently serves as the GMS Assistant Principal and has several years of experience as an Assistant Principal in Virginia. Superintendent

Perry described a full hiring process involving two rounds of interviews. Several committee members praised Mr. Witham for his presentations and his work with students at the middle school. The committee voted 7-0 to appoint four teachers for the 2024-25 school year. They included Nicole Volosin, Alternative Education at GHS, Nicole LaFlamme Grade 3 at Narragansett, Rona Scott, Grade 5 at Narragansett and Beth Orlando, Grade 6 at GMS. Also approved unanimously was the Great Falls Construction quote for Narragansett Elementary School Bathroom renovation. The School Board reviewed several future CIPS projects and approved a list to present to the town Council for a future bond referendum. These included projects to address the issue with the tennis courts, high school modular classrooms, the HVAC system at Narragansett School, parking at Village School, GHS repaving and Great Falls sidewalk replacement. As part of their on-going review of current school department policies, they approved a first reading of eight policies; Emergency Evacuation Drills (EBCB), Bomb Threats (EBCC), Pest Management (ECBA), Drug and Alcohol Testing of Bus Drivers (EEACEA), Student Conduct on School Buses (EEAEC), Video Surveillance on School Property (EEAEFA), Competitive Food Sales (EFE) and School Records Retention (EHB).

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OF INTEREST

The Maine Hosta Society will hold its annual hosta auctions on July 6 at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden, 120 Flaggy Meadow Road. The Silent Auction will be from 10 - 11 a.m. The Live Auction begins at 1 p.m. Many new varieties will be offered. A complimentary self-guided tour of the Treworgy Garden is included. Free and open to the public. Cash and checks accepted for purchases.

A Community Garden at Cressey Road Christian Church has 3 sets of bucket steps with 12 buckets each available on a first come first serve basis. It's a work in progress and they hope in the near future to have 5' raised vegetable boxes and vegtrugs (raised boxes). Raise vegetables for your own table. You do not need to be a member to have a garden. Email Lorraine at lindcabin@gmail.com.



The Gorham Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from May to October in the parking lot of the municipal building.

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 or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

SUMMER CAMPS

Saco River Theatre at 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME presents summer theatre camps from August 5 - August 16, where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. FMI: <https://www.sacorivertheatre.org/srt-jr>.

Scuba Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 24 – 28 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road Christian Church, 81 Cressey Road. Open to children ages 4 through finishing 5th grade. Register now and get ready for a splash-tastic time where kids will dive into an underwater adventure and resurface with a richer relationship with God! Register on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/crccvbs2024> There is no cost. Donations accepted. FMI: <https://cresseyrdcc.org/> or (207) 839-3111.

USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps are still accepting registrations for this summer. Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth>.

SENIOR NOTES

The Lecky Brown Senior Center is open and welcomes the public. The group is winding down for their summer hiatus and will restart in September with games and cribbage on Monday mornings, and their guest speaker program, "the Originals," on Wednesdays and more topics in the fall. FMI: contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com. Some of the group still meets for "Open Studio Art" on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. at First Parish Church. Please call Pam Tiffany at 207 239-2766 for details and to be certain they are gathering. Great group, great artist talents.

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 is having a month-long art show curated by the Lakes Region Senior Center and 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 begins summer programs including Art Hour for Adults, French Language Discussion Group, Spring into Summer Reading, Pride Parenting, Steam Tuesday, Popsicles on the Patio, Baby Parenting, Toddler Parenting, Learn on the Lawn. Find them all at <https://baxterlibrary.org/> 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, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (207) 222-1190.

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GORHAM \$225,000 – Like new condition is this spacious 26x58 Skyline manufactured home. Features new interior paint, new carpeting & new laminate flooring. Offers spacious appliances kitchen, dining room, spacious living room, office/study, master bedroom with bath, utility room & open front porch. Convenient location.

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Maine Hosta Society Annual Hosta Auctions, 10 - 11 a.m., live auction at 1 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8
Gorham Farmers' Market, municipal center parking lot, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Mission of Hope Clothes Closet open from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Sunday, June 9
Gorham High School Graduation, stadium field, 4 p.m. FMI: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxfbc5y>

Monday, June 10
Lecky Brown Senior Center, cribbage and board games, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 12
St. Anne's Church Senior Meal Site, 12 p.m. (social begins at 11:30 a.m.)
Baxter Memorial Library Spring into Summer Reading, 2 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 13
Gorham Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to Noon.
Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 15
Gorham Farmers' Market, municipal center parking lot, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Mission of Hope Clothes Closet open from 9 a.m. to Noon.
Baxter Memorial Library Spring into Summer, 2 - 6 p.m. Summer fun, food, live music, and more. Sign up for summer reading.

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County Road caller had left her keys and her dog inside her vehicle. Officer was unable to unlock the vehicle.

Caller reported she did not get her money from the ATM and believed it had malfunctioned. She showed Officer the ATM receipt and it showed that this transaction request had exceeded her daily limit. Officer told her to check her balance and it showed money had not been withdrawn from her account.

Man called the Police Department thinking that a woman might be at his house despite his asking her to leave him alone. He was not at the house when the Officer arrived. This was a citizen dispute, not a police matter.

School Street couple got into an argument over drinking. Caller did not wish to pursue charges and went to a friend's apartment for the night. No further police action needed.

Officers received a report of a possible unknown person inside a residence on Mountain View Drive. While Police were responding, the caller realized that he knew the person downstairs and it was not a prowler.

Cressey Road caller had questions about domestic violence laws. Officer answered the questions. No police action was needed.

Call was received about a disturbance on Ash Drive. Everything was quiet when the Officer arrived and it appeared he had woken up the caller when she answered the door. She told Officer she had been sleeping and didn't know what he was talking about. There was no evidence of a disturbance and she said she was going back to bed.

Caller reported she had not heard from a Maple Drive man since the previous day and she was concerned about him. Officers went to the residence and a male advised he had lost his phone. The woman was given that information.

The Clerk's Office reported that after repeated attempts at contacting a dog owner and speaking with him on the phone, he still refused to license his dog. Officer left a written warning for an unlicensed dog at his home on Harding Bridge Road.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported receiving a call from someone who said they would arrest him if he did not send them money. Man advised the caller he was at the Police Station and the caller hung up.

Millet Drive caller wanted to know if a woman was alive and well as he had not had contact with her in several months. Officer

advised that he had had recent contact with her and did not have reports of any problems. Caller said that was all he needed to know.

Caller reported a young female walking a dog near the roadway and waving to vehicles. Officer located her on Old Dynamite Way and she was not in the roadway.

Washburn Drive caller thought their neighbor moved out and left his dogs behind. Officer contacted the dog owner who said the dogs were in a kennel as he was away for a week. Dogs were okay.

Owner of an unoccupied vehicle with its flashers on was parked at the entrance to the Police and Fire Departments. Owner had gone to the front lobby and was trying to call for help as his car had broken down. Officer facilitated getting AAA to pick up the vehicle and also called the vehicle owner to pick up the operator.

Caller reports a man dancing in public while walking past St. Ann's Church. Caller advised nothing was wrong but wanted Police to check on him anyway. A detective advised that he had just seen the man dancing, and speaking strictly professionally, the dance moves described, were not ones that an intoxicated individual would be able to perform with any ease. The detective did not think the person was intoxicated as he had headphones on and appeared to be jamming to the music and drinking what was obviously coffee. Thirty seconds later the caller reported the same man who appeared intoxicated and had a bottle of alcohol with him was now in front of the Police Department. Officer, who was parked by the sidewalk at the Police Department, said no such individual was present. Officer checked Main Street between Mosher's Corner and Gray Road and did not find anyone dancing nor carrying alcohol or coffee.

Wescott Road caller said someone had stopped by his house looking for him. He thought it was the Police and asked if the Gorham PD was looking for him saying a friend had told him about it. Officer said he did not have any warrants. Officer asked him if someone was looking for him and he said he didn't know. Officer suggested he contact the person who might be looking for him.

Main Street caller reported a group of teens hanging out in the parking lot when she was leaving work. They all ran off when she came outside. Officer was unable to locate the juveniles. Caller stated they weren't doing anything illegal.

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Pork Cuts

BONE-IN

1⁹⁹
lb.

Fresh
Cut
Daily

Save 50¢lb.

Boneless & Skinless
Chicken Thighs

3⁹⁹
lb.

ANTIBIOTIC-FREE

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Ocean Fresh Wild, All Natural
Cod Fillets

9⁹⁹
lb.

Save \$1.00lb.

Genoa
Salami



DELI

3⁹⁹
lb.

Sliced
Fresh At
The Deli

Save \$1.00lb.

Mozarella
or Provolone
Cheese

Galbani

DELI

4⁴⁹
lb.

Save 50¢lb.

MARKET BASKET
Quality Cooked
Shrimp 41/50 ct/lb.

FROZEN

6⁹⁹
2 LB Bag
\$12.99

Save Up to \$2.00

16 oz. bag

Southern
Peaches

1⁴⁹
lb.

Save \$1.50lb.

White Baby Button
Mushrooms

6 oz.

1⁴⁹
Save 50¢



THE LITTLE POTATO CO.
Baby Potatoes
3 Varieties

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3-LB.
BAG

Save \$1.00



Peet's Coffee
10-10.5 oz.

7⁹⁹
Save \$3.00

18 Varieties



THOMAS' Bagels
19-20 oz. 6 PACK

2\$6
for



Save \$4.98

Friendly's Ice Cream
All Varieties 48 oz.

2\$7
for

Save \$1.98



Siggi's Icelandic
Yogurt

• Drinks
4.4-8 oz.

5\$5
for

Save Up to \$3.34



Greco Greek
Feta

14.1 oz.

5⁹⁹
Save \$1.00

Imported from Greece



Orchard
Apple Pie

9⁹⁹
Save \$1.00

9 Inch 43 oz.



Store Hours: Mon-Sat: 7 AM - 9 PM Sun: 7 AM - 8 PM