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## 2025 BFA/BA Art Exhibit at USM, a Senior Showcase

John Tiedje, Staff Writer

What a treat to see graduating students present their senior work. The 2025 annual Bachelor of Fine Arts/ Bachelor of Art exhibition currently at the USM Art Gallery is well worth the look. Seeing the collection of talent, one might wish there were a larger venue to see more of their work displayed. Given that, there are some gems to see.

When viewing emerging artists, look to see how well they have mastered their chosen medium and are able to use that medium to express a creative statement or vision. Can they render an image that is aesthetically pleasing or unique? There are several artists using painting to express their aesthetic, some more successful than others in their mastering of the medium and presenting a unique image.

Of note are the sculptures with some unique use of selected mediums, such as an artist that used ceramics as a material base to create a sculptural piece. Cecilia Marie Drysdale created several "pot-like" structures, one that has anthropomorphic or human-like shapes emerging from the surface. Another

is molded into a cradle for a female cuddling some kind of pet creature.

One of the more original sculptural mediums, used with great success, was created by Katie Riley. Her pieces used a very fine, translucent fiber which gave a soft "web-like" quality that was masterfully executed. When asked what that medium was, she explained that they were threads from a glue gun! Anyone who has ever used one has experienced the trailing of plastic string as a nuisance. Here, she has turned the tables and has made it a crafty medium.

Another noteworthy artist is Emily DeTroy's enlarged photography. There were a combination of various images that gave a collage-like appearance. Upon speaking to Emily, she revealed that she looked for images in windows—the combination of what is seen through the window with what is reflected. With photography, it is the ability to "see" the image and capture it. With these pieces, she shows she has it.

The artists displaying their work are Emily DeTroy, Cecilia Marie Drysdale, Emma Estes, Alyssa McNally, Jayda

Ray-James, Katie Riley, Ryan Stresky, Madeline Twombly-Wiser, Laima Vince Sruoginis, and Danna Wiggins.

The show opened on April 10, and runs through Friday, May 2. Stop by and experience all the unique art on display. The art can also be seen online at <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/2025-bachelor-of-fine-arts-exhibition/>.



Photos courtesy of the USM Art Gallery

To the left: Emily DeTroy's "Orange Light/Green Light," Photographs of reflections in a window.

Above: Katie Riley's "Continuum" A tower of plexiglass with hot-glue "strings."



The USM Art Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Saturday through Monday, and will be closed for the summer from May 1 to Sept. 24.

## 2025 Gorham Rams Spring Sports Preview

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Girls lacrosse in action

As March Madness comes to a close, high school sports are getting started for the spring season. Here is the outlook on the Rams' spring teams for 2025.

**BASEBALL: Coach Ed Smith**

Last year the Rams ended the season with a record of 11-7 and lost to eventual state champion Scarborough after beating

Sanford in the first round of the playoffs. The team graduated seven seniors from last year and three were everyday players: Brady Arsenault (OF), Caden Smith (OF/1B) and CJ Whitehead (C/OF). Coach Smith shared, "we will look to replace their skills and strong lead-

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## Village School Students Participate in Multi-State Competition

Stacy Sawyer, Village School Counselor



Photo credit: Danielle Quimby, Teacher, SAIL Program

Village School fifth grade Odyssey of the Mind students recently competed in a multi-state competition. Their teachers are so proud of their collaboration, creativity and hard work! These motivated students created an award-winning skit around the topic "the journey is more important than the prize." What a perfect life lesson for these students.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 108 and House District 109 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 on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

# Fulfilling Our Commitments to Mainers: A Responsible, Governing Budget

Rep. Ellie Sato

Last month, the legislature passed a two-year continuing-services budget that is a responsible, governing budget. During a time of deep uncertainty in Washington, D.C., the measure that we enacted will provide the predictability and stability that Maine people and communities across the state need – and that they have asked us for.

The budget maintains our commitment to fund 55% of K-12 public education and municipal revenue-sharing, giving towns and cities some financial certainty as they work to craft their local budgets. It also avoids a government shutdown. Without this critical funding, the burden of municipal costs for local services would fall even more directly on local residents, leading to an even bigger increase in property taxes during a time when many Mainers simply cannot afford it.

Additionally, this budget provides vital MaineCare funding and ensures that the state pays its bills to hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, and community-based service organizations. These payments enable providers to deliver life-saving care and remain operational, particularly in rural communities already experiencing significant health-care deserts. The budget also implements a 1.95% cost-of-living-adjustment for essential support and direct-care workers who provide crucial services to our most vul-

nerable citizens, while performing physically and emotionally demanding work that remains underappreciated and underpaid.

An important but often overlooked initiative this budget addresses is the eastern spruce budworm threat. This forest insect poses a real danger to our forests here in Maine, with outbreaks occurring every 30-60 years. In the 1970s and 1980s, a spruce budworm infestation devastated forests across 136 million acres in eastern Canada and Maine, resulting in hundreds of millions in lost revenue for our forest products industry. We now stand on the brink of another outbreak, with populations expected to increase dramatically soon. The budget addresses this threat proactively by providing \$2 million for mitigation efforts, which will help prevent a potential 40% destruction of our state's spruce wood, nearly 4,000 job losses, an \$800 million negative economic impact and increased forest fire risks.

I want to be clear, since there's a lot of misinformation out there: this budget is balanced, and it contains no new taxes or spending cuts to essential programs – anything you hear otherwise is simply untrue.

However, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. In the coming weeks and months, the Legislature has more time to take up our second budget bill to address

important remaining policy discussions. As we draft this second budget, we remain committed to pushing for new measures that actually make life better for Maine families – not just a privileged few. Over the next few months, we'll be working to improve fairness in the state's tax code, close the wealth gap, grow the middle class, lower costs, and put money back into the pockets of everyday Mainers.

Maine people and businesses deserve predictability, stability, and good governance, and that is exactly what this two-part budget process is accomplishing. My focus is – and always will be – to fight for the people of Gorham. That will never change.

I encourage you to reach out to me any time with concerns about issues you care about, questions on policy or legislation, ideas on ways to better our community, or even just to introduce yourself. Please do not hesitate to email me at [ellie.sato@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:ellie.sato@legislature.maine.gov), or call the House Democratic Office at 207-287-1430.



Rep. Ellie Sato, D-Gorham, is serving her first term in the House of Representatives and is a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

## Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

What a shock, to see our Edible Garden at the Activity Center being ripped out and sent to the mulch pile. Apparently, the Recreation Department chose this instead of doing proper maintenance.

In 2019 a group of interested parties; Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Gorham Village Alliance, Recreation Department, and Gorham Conservation Commission launched a unique plan to install an Edible Forest. This was funded by a generous \$20,000 grant from The Quimby Family Foundation. Volunteers helped with the planting of dozens of shrubs, roots, herbs and trees, all edibles, and Phinney Lumber provided a large wood grape arbor.

Within a few years Lakes Region Senior Center members and neighbors were harvesting asparagus, rhubarb, black raspberries, garlic, strawberries and bushels of tiny, tasty peaches. At first, our members attempted weeding, path mulching; then a Facebook group pitched in until 2022, Rec. Department mowed, weed whacked and brought in fresh mulch. But in the last two years little maintenance was done.

Gorham is about to commence a \$275,000 makeover of Robie Park next to the high school. A committee has been planning this for over a year. What is the plan for continuing proper maintenance?

nance? The trees, shrubs and blueberry plants don't take care of themselves. A responsible party, with experience, has to be assigned the task. It can be done; just look at the neat, well-maintained garden behind Baxter House and Baxter Library. I am sad that our Edible Garden became a 'jungle;' let's not repeat it at Robie Park. David Alexander, Gorham

The Gorham Times acknowledges the lands and waters of the Dawnland, where we live and do our work, as the unceded homelands of ancestral peoples indigenous to these places. We honor them. We acknowledge the difficult truths of settler colonialism as well as the healing work that remains for us to do.


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# Kinetic Massage Opens in Gorham, Bringing Wellness and Education

Nina Yeliseyev, Gorham Economic Development Specialist



Photo Credit: GoCAM  
Julia Adriance, Owner of Kinetic Massage & Performance

The Town of Gorham is excited to welcome Kinetic Massage & Performance (KMP), a new wellness-focused massage therapy business dedicated to promoting healing, education, and community care located at 347 Main Street in Gorham. Owned and operated by Julia Adriance, a licensed massage therapist, educator, and mother of two, KMP officially opened its doors on Thursday, March 27, 2025, with a grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“There are so many different things that can come about with massages. They can help any kind of injury that you may have. They can help with relaxation. They can help with blood circulation and

improving sleep. There are so many benefits to massage - all you have to do is find the right therapist,” said Adriance, Owner of Kinetic Massage & Performance.

Adriance brings a unique blend of personal experience and professional expertise to her practice. In addition to serving as an instructor at the Spa Tech Institute in Westbrook, she’s a former volleyball coach in Windham and a passionate advocate for supporting young people interested in careers in the trades.

Whether you’re looking for 60 minutes of relaxation, or a group/employee wellness day, Kinetic Massage & Performance provides a variety of services catering to her clients’ specific needs, ranging from Swedish massages to scar tissue therapy. Find out more by visiting their website at <https://www.kineticmassageandperformance.com/>. In line with her community-focused mission, Adriance is offering a discount to all employees who work in Gorham, as well as USM and Gorham High School students. She also hopes to partner with local schools to offer safe, hands-on learning opportunities for students exploring wellness and trade careers.

“Gorham is home to over 350 businesses and health and wellness is one we’re seeing a lot of growth in. Julia coming in with her business is a perfect fit for where we’re going,” says Kevin Jensen, Director of Economic Development with the Town of Gorham.

# Inter-Library Loan Program NOT on Hold

John Ersek, Staff Writer

**Corrected**

The recent cessation of federal financial assistance to libraries nationwide is likely to have only an indirect effect on Baxter Memorial Library’s operations, according to library director James Rathbun. He has clarified that the Baxter Library does not receive any direct federal assistance, but does rely on the Maine State Library to administer the inter-library loan program, and to facilitate access to several important databases which are used for many types of research.

Rathbun and librarians across the state are waiting to hear how the

state library will deal with the loss of the federal portion of its budget, which is approximately 30% of the full amount. Thirteen of the state library’s forty-four employees are federally funded, and these thirteen workers have recently received layoff notices.

The inter-library loan program remains active, but the state library is temporarily closed to the public until April 28, while the remaining staff assesses how to realign the library’s programs with the reduced funding and staffing levels. Access to the databases has not changed, for now.

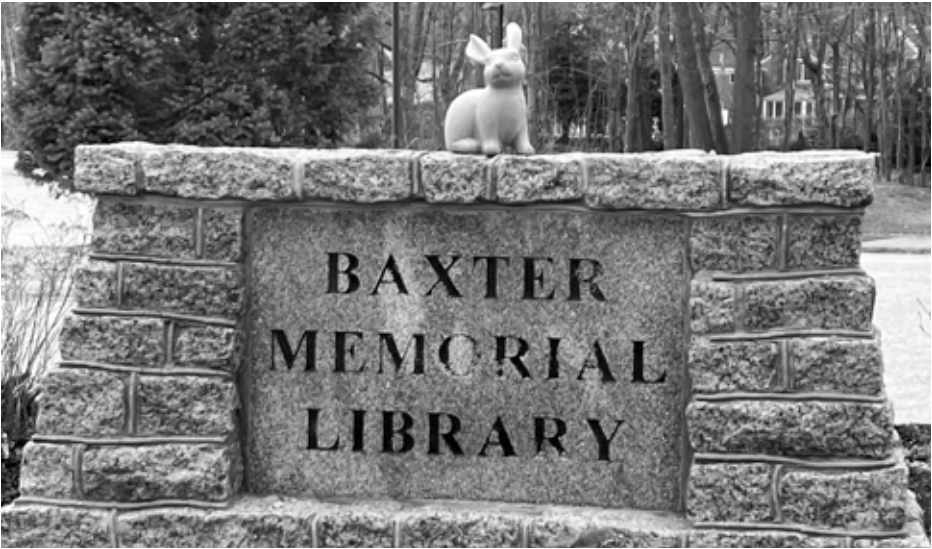


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# Friendly Village Residents Consider Buying Their Community

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Residents of Friendly Village met on April 13 and heard presentations from representatives of two nationwide nonprofits, the Cooperative Development Institute, and Resident Owned Communities USA. Both organizations assist owners and renters within manufactured-home communities in their efforts to join together to purchase the land on which their homes are located.

Several resident groups in other manufactured-home communities around

Maine have completed similar purchases, or have purchases in process. Friendly Village residents were informed in March that their community is about to be sold to a large out-of-state investment entity. A recently enacted 2024 state law makes it much easier for residents of manufactured-home communities to negotiate and complete such purchases. Friendly Village residents have scheduled another meeting to discuss the situation on April 27.

# Be a Harmony Lodge Blood Drive Donor

Gorham Times Staff

Harmony Masonic Lodge #38 on Cressey Road in Gorham is planning to hold a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The American Red Cross has over 135 years of experience providing humanitarian aid including more than 75 years of supplying blood to those in need.

Each pint of blood that is collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Lodge members are excited about the drive and

hope community members will donate and/or volunteer to help at the drive.

Al Tarkinson of Harmony Lodge ( [tarkinsona@gmail.com](mailto:tarkinsona@gmail.com) ) is leading this initiative. The theme is “Community and the Patients in Need of Blood.”

There are many ways to help, but most importantly, it is to help by donating. Volunteers can help be a recruiter, sign-up family and friends, spread the word about the blood drive. The Lodge needs 35 donors to commit before June 6 for the Sept. 6 drive. Sign up link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2Sm0h6EH1j>. FMI: Al Tarkinson, chair, [tarkinsona@gmail.com](mailto:tarkinsona@gmail.com), (207) 671-9872.

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# Movement is Life - Movement is Crucial for a Healthy Life

Ryan Hawes, Contributing Writer

Movement is one of the simplest, yet most powerful actions available for improving health and quality of life. Beyond exercise routines or gym memberships, movement is a basic human necessity — hardwired into the design of the body. Without it, health declines; with it, life thrives.

From the pumping of blood through the veins to the strengthening of bones, muscles, and joints, movement serves as the engine for physical vitality. More than simply burning calories or improving appearance, it plays a critical role in regulating blood pressure, improving mental clarity, boosting energy, and supporting emotional well-being. Regular, intentional movement helps combat the effects of stress, anxiety, and even depression. On the other hand, inactivity contributes to stiffness, fatigue, poor posture, and declining health over time.

Movement is not optional — it is essential. Thankfully, it doesn't need to be complicated or overwhelming. A common misconception is that maintaining health requires grueling workouts or expensive equipment. In reality, small and consistent actions are often the most effective. Simple daily habits such as walking, stretching, standing more often, or taking stairs instead of elevators can create significant positive change. Movement is less about perfection and more about consistency.

For those unsure of where to begin,

consider starting with easy, manageable steps. Parking farther away when running errands, performing a short stretch routine after waking up, or taking a short walk after meals can all make a noticeable difference. Even setting a reminder to stand up and move every hour helps maintain energy and reduces the effects of prolonged sitting.

These small adjustments, repeated over time, compound into lasting results. Movement builds momentum. Momentum builds confidence. Confidence leads to a healthier, more active lifestyle. There is no need to chase perfection or feel pressure to complete hours of structured exercise each day. What matters most is simply beginning — and continuing.

Movement truly is life. Whether at age 25 or 75, movement adds quality to each year and improves the years themselves. Every step, stretch, and effort contributes to long-term health, resilience, and vitality. Starting with small, consistent actions today leads to a stronger, more capable tomorrow.



Ryan Hawes is the owner of RYZE Personal Training, located in Gorham. He is a U.S. Marine veteran.

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# Jeepers Creepers...

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

How about those Peepers? Of course, Louis Armstrong didn't have amphibians in mind when he played that song. But I do. For the last 29 years, I have recorded vital (to me) spring statistics such as when the ice goes out of our small pond, when the first wild ducks arrive, and when the daffodils bloom.

One of my favorite records of warming weather is when the Spring Peepers first start peeping. And again, when the peepers' singing continues late into the evening, you know that summer is finally right around the corner.

Maine's northern spring peepers (*Pseudacris crucifer*) are very small, but mighty. These tiny amphibians can raise a ruckus. It's a marvel that such a little creature, about one inch for the males and slightly larger for the females, and weighing a fraction of an ounce, can produce such a boisterous racket.

Peepers are light tan to brown to gray-green and have a distinguishing "X" mark on their back. They are well camouflaged making them very difficult to spot. Peepers can swim, but they prefer to stay on the sidelines of freshwater ponds, streams, swamps and vernal pools. While they are good climbers, they tend to stay on the ground during mating season.

In the spring, like most of the natural world, peepers are focused on two things: eating and mating. Their joyful noise during mating season is so loud due to their large numbers. Each male establishes a small territory and begins calling very rapidly. The louder and faster he peeps, and the bigger he is, the more successful he will be in attracting a female.

Female peepers can lay about 1000 single eggs in a season, which helps keep their population numbers healthy. The eggs hatch within 6 to 12 days into brown or green tadpoles with gold flecks on their back. The lighter belly is iridescent and the tail fins are clear or orangish with black or

purple markings on the edges. They become adults in 45 - 90 days. A peeper's lifespan in the wild is unknown, but in captivity, they live to 3 - 4 years.

Peepers play an important role in the food chain of their environment. They eat large numbers of insects and also serve as prey for salamanders, snakes, skunks, raccoons and a number of birds.

Peepers hibernate in the winter, burrowing into mud, leaves and rotten logs. Their metabolism drops to a minimal level, allowing them to survive with no food. Like many frogs, peepers produce glucose that acts like antifreeze to displace water in their cells, so the cells can freeze without damage from ice crystals. They can survive temperatures down to 20 degrees F. throughout winter. By the time the peepers run out of glucose, winter is ending, and they become active again, sometimes even before ice is out.

### Jeepers Creepers Redux

John Herndon Mercer (1909-1976), an American lyricist, singer, and record label executive, co-founded Capitol Records. He wrote the lyrics of this song for the 1938 movie "Going Places." Jeepers Creepers was premiered by Louis Armstrong.

Its chorus is:  
Jeepers Creepers, where'd ya get those peepers?  
Jeepers Creepers, where'd ya get those eyes?

Jeepers Creepers is also an exclamation used in surprise, exasperation, or fear, or as a mild profanity.

Jeepers Creepers is series of horror movies based on a true-crime involving a man who disposed of his wife's body and then went on a killing spree. "Jeepers Creepers Reborn (or Jeepers Creepers 5 is available on streaming services.)

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# Gorham Planning Board, April 7

Gorham Times Staff

The April 7, 2025 meeting of the Gorham Planning Board opened with a roll call, appreciation of outgoing member Mr. Burrows, and welcome of a new board member, Stephen Crisafulli. Planning board officers were nominated and elected by unanimous vote of all seven members: James Hager, chair, William Benson, vice chair, and Barbara Nichols, secretary. Planning Board committee chairs were also elected by unanimous vote: David Walsh, chair of Ordinance Committee, and Russell Frank, chair of Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. The minutes of the March 3 meeting were approved (7 ayes).

ITEM 1 Public Hearing – Site Plan Amendment – Gorham Town, School Department.

Gorham High School. A request for approval to expand the kitchen and cafeteria by approximately 100 seats and to add a modular classroom building and 20 additional parking spaces. The modular building would consist of 7 additional classrooms. Map 106 Lot 47. The application is represented by Owens McCullough, P.E., with Sebago Technics, Inc. Discussed and moved to table review pending design revisions. 7 ayes.

ITEM 2 Public Hearing – Wood Contract Zone Termination – Mitchell. County Road. A proposed termination of the Wood Contract Zone on Map 6 Lot 14 and rever-

sion to underlying zoning. SGCC District. The applicant is self-represented. Discussed and moved to send to Gorham Town Council with a recommendation for adoption. 7 ayes.

ITEM 3 Discussion – Sketch Plan Review – Mitchell. County Road. A proposal to construct 30 units of multi-family housing with associated infrastructure on County Road. Proposed contract zone to be dissolved, underlying zoning is SGCC. Map 6. The applicant is represented by Andy Morrill, P.E., with BH2M. Discussed with no vote.

ITEM 4 Discussion – Sketch Plan Review – National Attachments. Olde Canal Business Park – A request to construct a 9,800 sq. ft. storage building with associated infrastructure. The property is located at 29 Olde Canal Way, Map 34 Lot 3.002 in the Olde Canal Industrial Zoning District. The applicant is represented by Chris Taylor, P.E., of Sebago Technics. Discussed with no vote.

ITEM 5 Discussion – Subdivision Amendment – Home Innovations – Meserve Farm Subdivision. A proposal to make an amendment to approved subdivision off Mitchell Hill Road to correct an error resulting in insufficient lot frontage. Zoned R, Map 1, Lot 12. The applicant is represented by Andrew Nadeau, P.E., with Horizon Engineering. Discussed and moved to approve. 7 ayes.

# Village School STEAM Night

Stacy Sawyer, Village School Counselor



Photo Credit: Stacy Sawyer

Village School welcomed over 450 students and family members to our annual STEAM Night. STEAM stands for the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics in education. Live animals, robots, dance, engineering and more, made it an exciting event for all. Village School is truly thankful for our community presenters and educator, Ms. Caddell for all of her planning and extra efforts. Pictured here: Student Rose O. and Village School Librarian Mrs. McAllister collaborate on an activity.



## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 28
  - Planning Board Optional Meeting Date, 7 p.m
  - Planning Board Site Walk, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 29, FY 2025-2026 Budget Workshop with School Department
- Wednesday, April 30, Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- Monday, May 5, Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

# April School Committee Meeting Notes

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

The April 9 monthly meeting of the Gorham School Committee kicked off with a presentation of the Great Falls Elementary School's art program. First year art teacher Mr. Poole was joined by 6 GFES students representing grades kindergarten thru 5, who each proudly shared their artwork and the medium they used. Poole explained that his program focuses on elements and principles of design, and helps students to find their voice and ideas in art. These and other artwork will be on display in the Burleigh Lovett Town Council Chambers.

8th grade science teacher Michaela Lamarre provided the committee with an update on her use of Teach with Tech grants awarded by the Department of Education's Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI). Last year, through a grant she received LEGO® kits with which she has been able to teach scientific concepts such as focus and motion, simple machines, as well as kinetic and potential energy. She noted the high level of interest for all ages when given LEGOs, and the development of skills including creative thinking, curiosity, and problem solving that comes from their use in her classroom.

Lamarre applied for and was awarded an additional \$10,000 grant, with which she purchased more kits, thereby allowing all students to have their own for class. She was also able to purchase more complex kits with which she can challenge students further. Her plan is to seek additional grants to provide opportunities to have 8th graders mentor students in grades 3 thru 5, using the Legos to teach science skills.

Both presentations received high praise from school committee members. There was no public comment.

Superintendent Perry began her report by ceding time for Jodi Mezzanotte, principal at Village Elementary School, to address the committee. Mezzanotte announced her resignation effective July 1, as she has been named Director of Educator Engagement with Educate Maine, a statewide non-profit organization that fosters business support for public education. She expressed gratitude to the committee members, Superintendent Perry and school leaders, and the staff, students and families of Village Elementary, noting that having spent 15 of 24 education years at VES, it was a very hard decision.

Perry advised that there are two ed tech positions and three driver positions open, and there are four new drivers in the training pipeline. Gorham's last day of school, barring any reason school is cancelled, will be a half day for students on Friday, June 13.

Committee members were also invited to attend the district's entire leadership team for a "Data Retreat", on June 16, where district and school leaders analyze data, looking for patterns and themes to inform goals for next year.

During communications, committee members noted that it was Assistant Principal Appreciation Week, thanking Gorham's six assistant principals. There was praise for the ten students in the Adult Education's CNA program who are testing into their clinicals, the Narragansett Talent Show, district-wide band and chorus concerts, and the Middle School's performance of "Tuck Everlasting." It was also noted that the Backpack Program is in need of donations; there is a list on the district website.

Of note in the subcommittee report-outs, a detailed school committee communications plan is in the works, responsive to the

committee's goal of improving community engagement. Over 400 southern Maine students visited Westbrook Regional Vocational Center as a first step to applying to and being accepted into one of their programs.

The committee did their second reading and unanimously approved updates to the district's policies related to harassment, discrimination, and substance use-testing for bus drivers. They had a first reading on updates to a policy related to canine searches on school grounds and another policy about school records.

The School Committee finalized the proposed FY 2026 budget, a process that began in November and spanned numerous meetings, all of which can be viewed on the school department's website. Superintendent Perry noted that this year's 3.1 mil increase is the lowest requested increase in ten years, and thanked the school committee and leaders within the district for the hard work to ensure this. Key cost-drivers for the budget include contractual obligations for salaries and benefits for the staff, ongoing costs for maintaining facilities, and the assumption of costs for the bus routing software due to the State of Maine's discontinued funding for it.

Each committee-member voiced approval of the process and budget. Mia Desantis noted her regret for those whose jobs were cut, but praised the commitment

to smaller class sizes. Nicole Yeo-Fisher and new member Jaci Reynolds reiterated that the budget is truly needs based. Reynolds and Eric Thistle noted the complexity and thoroughness of the budget process, urging residents to review the budget materials that are publicly-available.

Committee members Michelle Littlefield and Jen Whitehead both expressed their gratitude to the Town Manager and Town Council, noting that the level of collaboration and creative problem solving between them and the committee was unprecedented and productive.

Chairperson Sara Perkins reiterated this praise, giving credit for the improved relationships in part to the mutually established Fiscal Sustainability Committee and its members. She also noted the incredible effort of the school department in maximizing funding streams, and thanked the Gorham families who filled out the free/reduced school lunch forms, which provided \$700,000 in added revenue for the 2026 budget.

The committee unanimously passed the proposed 2026 school budget of \$57,544,067. The budget will next be delivered to the town manager and town council members, there will be joint school committee/town council workshops April 29 and May 6, a vote of the town council on the budget on May 13, with a referendum to the citizens of Gorham June 10, as required by Maine law.

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# Special Visitor at Great Falls School

Becky Fortier, Principal, Great Falls School



Photo Credit: Becky Fortier

Great Falls School is thrilled to welcome a special visitor therapy dog, Louise Cheese. She's an absolute sweetheart, and our students are loving every moment spent with her. So much joy and comfort in one fluffy package.

# Great Falls Art Presentation at the School Committee Meeting

Becky Fortier, Principal, Great Falls School



Photo Credit: Becky Fortier

Mr. Poole, GF art teacher, along with student representatives from each grade, showcased some truly fabulous art projects. Each student had the opportunity to share the elements of art they used in their design, impressing the school committee with their creativity and insight. These works will be on display next month in the council chambers and great Falls School is proud of budding artists. Pictured here are Mr. Poole with students Fiona, Violet, Everly, Henry, Vivian & Clara.

# Narragansett's Got Talent!

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



Photo Credit: Erin Eppler

Students in grades 3-5 demonstrated their talents (and courage) during the annual Talent Show. Talents included bird whistling, dancing, martial arts, singing, and joke telling. The success of the show was also the result of a student-led stage crew and trio of MC's to announce each act. This opportunity for students was made possible by our dedicated staff: Peggy Dean, Courtney Forbes and Gael Ketch. Pictured: Riley W. and Sadie L.

## Therapy Animals Make a Difference, Abigail Chamberlin, GHS Intern

Say cheese for Louise! Louise Cheese is a certified local therapy dog who is active in the Gorham and southern Maine community. She is a 6-year-old bullmastiff. Louise Cheese and her owner, Jamie Sprague, have been a certified therapy team since 2022, and make regular visits to Narragansett Elementary School and Baxter Memorial Library, as well as to the Children's Museum and Theater of Maine. She also visits the Dempsey Centers in Westbrook and Lewiston as one of Maine's 6 Dempsey Dogs. Louise Cheese is registered through the therapy animal organization Pet Partners, and participated in the Pet Partners' Pet of the Year competition this spring. This year, she earned her AKC Therapy Dog Advanced title for having completed 100 therapy visits. She also has her AKC Tricks Novice, AKC Canine Good Citizen, and Canine Good Citizen Advanced titles. Louise Cheese and Jamie Sprague will be celebrating National Therapy Animal Day on April 30.

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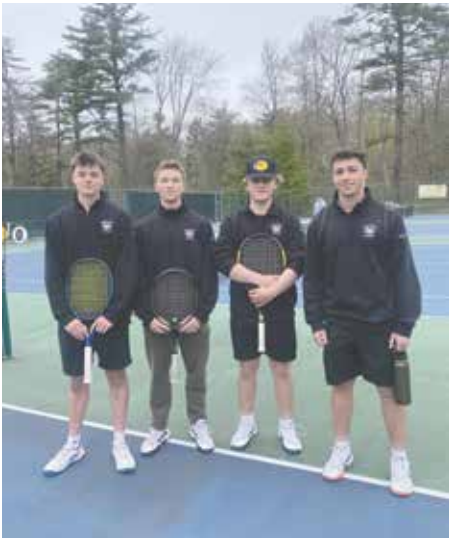
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Boys Tennis L-R Logan Wilson, Owen Spera, Jacob Shvets, Patrick Downey

ership with another strong group of seniors and experienced varsity players.”

This year’s captains are Mason Finck (C/3B) 2025, Jack Karlonas (LHP/1B) 2025, Casey Skolfield (RHP/LF) 2025 and Miles Brenner (RHP/SS) 2026. Coach added, “All of those guys will be impact players to watch along with Hunter Finck (RHP/IF) 2027 and Wyatt Nadeau (RHP/1B) 2025, who returns to Gorham after spending his junior year at prep school.” Finck will play at USM next year, Karlonas at Husson and Nadeau at Vanderbilt.

Coach reiterated, “We expect to compete among the best teams in the league, but this is a tough league to win in and every team has a pitcher who can beat any other team, on any given day. There will be no easy games, and I expect tough battles day in and day out. Defending State Champion Scarborough is the team to beat and SP,

TA, Falmouth, Massabesic, Noble and Marshwood will be very tough opponents.”

The players held a youth clinic earlier in the spring to fundraise for their spring preseason trip to Rhode Island. Coach shared, “once again this year the players will be found on off nights, volunteer umpiring Little League games throughout the season.”

**BOYS LACROSSE: Coach Zach Bryant**

Last season ended with a 3-11 record with multiple one goal losses. Coach shared, “It was a young team with lots of players returning this year who gained confidence as freshmen and sophomores starting on varsity.”

Coach added, “Our biggest loss from last year is senior goalie Bode Bragdon, he was a defensive leader on the field and a brick wall between the pipes. We have 3 goalies this year battling it out for the starting spot, with some big shoes to fill.”

According to coach Bryant, Cole Chase had a good sophomore season, but I think he’s set to have a big year as a junior. His off hand has gotten better and he’s dodging with more confidence than last season. With his speed and ability to shoot on the run he’s going to be a tough midfielder to keep up with.

Max Duplisea is a two-time captain and a starting varsity player since his freshman year. Max is a lock down defender and has great stick skills, he’s a big threat in transition and isn’t afraid to shoot the ball. Lucas Graham is a big lefty shooter. With a hammer of a shot he can finish from deep or inside. Lucas has gotten faster since his sophomore season and I can tell his field vision has increased. As a first-year captain his leadership has been great on and off the field.

Top opponents for the Rams this year will

be Scarborough, Windham and Falmouth.

**GIRLS LACROSSE: Coach Meghan Cushing**

Last Season the girls lacrosse team had a regular season record of 10-4, won their preliminary playoff game vs. Scarbrough and lost to Windham in the quarterfinals. Nine seniors graduated.

Coach shared, “This season we have six seniors leading our program. Some key returners are Piper Forgues, midfield, and Violet James, defense. We will also be led by Logan Doughty, junior midfielder, and Kennady Peary, sophomore midfielder. Both had dominant seasons last year and both will be impact players for us this season.”

Coach added, “The goals for this season are to continue building on the foundation that was set last year to establish us as a dominant program in the league.”

Challenging opponents for the rams will be Kennebunk, Falmouth and Windham.

Other news for the girls’ lacrosse program, on May 9, 2025 at Scarborough the team will be raising money for the American Heart Association. Varsity will play at 5:00 PM. Also, the team will be collecting items for the Backpack Program - Game TBD for that community event.

**OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD GIRLS: Coach Christina Stone**

Coach shared, “We have one of the biggest rosters we have carried in years with almost fifty girls. This year’s team is a strong mix of veteran athletes and newcomers, eager to learn and compete. The veteran group is headlined by senior captain Lindy Moreland who will compete as a multi-event athlete at Southern New Hampshire University. Lindy is versatile, experienced, and will lead the team in

the long jump, high jump, hurdles, and javelin. Other senior captains and leaders include Bailey Hatch and Abby Rogers, who will contribute a veteran presence in the sprints and two legs of the 4x100 relay. Zoe Dellinger, a junior and a captain, will set the tone for the distance group and run relays and open distance events.”

Grace Cunningham’s versatility will help the team cover a variety of events, and other juniors will carry the team with their experience. Most notably, Jessie Moreland and Laurel Emerson bring a strong mix of dedication and talent to carry them through the season, poised to score.

Coach added, “Though Scarborough has a few athletes who can score big points in big meets, Gorham’s numbers might help them be the surprise team in the postseason, much like they were during indoor track.”

**OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD BOYS: Coach Jason Tanguay**

Last season, the team finished as runners-up in both the SMAA and state championships.

Coach shared, “This season, we are looking to find our identity as we graduated some outstanding athletes. Many of which have gone on to compete in college. We do have some great returning athletes who will be called upon to mentor and guide our new athletes so we can be competitive in the league and post season.”

Top returners include: Riley Dever, senior, middle distance; Griffin Gammon, senior, HJ, LJ & javelin; Finn Henderson, senior, middle distance; Kuba Kaczmarek, senior, jumps; Nick Munyaneza, senior, jumps; Logan Brassard, junior, jumps; Shane Morrison, junior, sprints, HJ; Devin

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Swanson, junior, PV; Harvey Crider, sophomore, long distance; Jack Cyr, sophomore, sprints; Antoine Dube, sophomore, sprints and hurdles; Everett Hurder, sophomore, racewalk; Kevin Munyaneza, sophomore, hurdles and jumps; Nick Sallinen, sophomore, middle distance.

BOYS TENNIS: Coach Aaron Landry

Last year the team finished 4th in the league and lost in the Regional Semifinal to the eventual State Champion. The team is anchored by the returning doubles teams of Senior Captains Owen Spera / Jacob Shvets and Logan Wilson / Patrick Downey with Tyler Olsen (Jr) / Logan Spera (So) and Will Andreasen (So) / Cohen Landry (So) in support. The singles ladder is less clear at this time as Seniors Will Johnson and TJ Nagel, Juniors Derek Luo, Jeremy Hansen, TJ Nagel, and Sophomore Isaiah Whitehead all aim to be in the top four.

Coach added; "We look to improve on last year's result and make a deep run in the playoffs. We also look for our players to qualify for the state single and newly created state doubles tournament in May."

GIRLS TENNIS: Coach Nicole Bergeron

Last season the girls' tennis program had a record of 10-2, with no seniors on the roster.

Coach shared; "The underclassmen stepped up and faced some very challenging competition with excellent results, especially big wins over Scarborough and TA."

Player to watch this year is: Jasmine Radjabova. As a sophomore, Radjabova is already playing the first position on the team. This year's seniors include: Julia Reed, Sarah Rosingana, Payton Thibodeau, Hadley Foster and Lucy Orlando. Coach added; "We will be losing a strong set of experienced and skilled girls."

Expected challenges will once again be Scarborough and Thornton Academy.

Coach concluded; "I'm happy to see enthusiasm for this program, despite the condition of the high school courts which are much more than an inconvenience to parents and students alike. It shows great character and determination and an undying support from the parents of Gorham. I'm hoping that in the future, this program will not be forced out, and will only grow stronger."

SOFTBALL: Coach Jason Dubail

Last Season the team finished 13-4 and lost to Scarborough in the playoffs. Eight seniors graduated from that squad.

Players Returning include: Captains: Lily Tukey SR OF, Winnie Dubail SR 1B, Lucy Dubail SR C/OF, Sawyer VonderHaar JR SS, Terra Rioux JR OF, Abigail Buckelew JR C/3B, Bella McBrady JR P and Tatum Wing SO INF/OF. Newcomers: Brooklyn Giroux JR 2B/OF, Adyson Hutchins SO 2B, Maddy Leeper FR OF/P, Myka Bush FR 3B/OF and Sarah Wilson SO 1B.

Pitching: Bella McBrady (transfer from Deering) last year stats: 72 2/3 IP, 36 ER, 100 K, 1.79 WHIP Coach shared, "We are very excited to have Bella pitching for us this year. She is an extremely talented pitcher who is expected to have a fantastic year."

Returning Starters: Winnie Dubail will be starting at 1B for her 3rd year. She has a .400 average and .525 OBP over the last 2 years with 37 runs scored in 30 games.

Sawyer VonderHaar will be one of the top hitters in the South. She has slugged 15 extra base hits and 5 HRs in her freshman and sophomore seasons. She is moving from 3B to SS and will also be one of the best defensive SS in the South.

Lucy Dubail will take the lead as the catcher this year after playing OF the last 2 seasons. She has hit .350 the last 2 years.

According to Coach Dubail, Terra Rioux and Lily Tukey shared time last year in the OF and they are both ready to take on

a starting role this year. Defensively they will be one of the better OF pairings in the South. Both are looking to showcase their hitting ability also at the top of the lineup. Tatum Wing was a swinger last year and will step into a starting role this year as a sophomore. She can play all over the field and we will use that ability this year. Abigail Buckelew will split time as a C and 3B. She will be looking to establish herself in the middle of the order this year. Players to Watch: Bella McBrady, she will be one of the top pitchers in the South. 100 Ks last season and hit .441 for Deering. Sawyer VonderHaar, one of the best hitters in the South. Power hitter that is getting better each year. 4 HRs last year to go along with 10 extra base hits as a sophomore.

Coach added, "Gorham had 8 seniors graduate last year with 5 of them being multiple year starters. This year's team will be looking to continue where the last group left off. We will be strong up the middle with solid catching, pitching, SS and CF players on defense. RF and 1B are also very strong defensively. 2B, 3B and LF will have new varsity players but lots of

experience playing softball just not at the varsity level. The early season will be a lot of work to get these spots ready for the speed of varsity softball, but they are more than capable of having a great year. Offensively, the top 6 players in the lineup are strong hitters with the middle of the lineup having a lot of success at the varsity level. The bottom of the lineup will have players new to varsity but are good at getting bat on ball and will put pressure on the defense."

Coach concluded, "I think Cheverus and Windham are the 2 best teams and will be very hard to beat on any day. They are deep and have top level talent. Jules Pike at Kennebunk is one of the best in the State and will keep Kennebunk at the top of the standings all season long. Bonny Eagle will also be a team to watch as every year that team gets more experience and has a bunch of fantastic softball players."

The team is looking forward to celebrating the Volleyball team again for winning the state championship. The entire team will throw out a 1st pitch at a game TBD.

Good luck to all of the Rams teams this spring season.



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OF INTEREST

Share your input on Gorham's Open Space & Trails Master Plan through the end of April, 2025. <https://www.gorhamopenspace.me>.

Cricket Comforts Gathering to create pillowcases for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Old Robie School, 668 Gray Road, Gorham, ME 04038. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI Please contact Heidi at [CricketComforts@yahoo.com](mailto:CricketComforts@yahoo.com)

Gorham Public Works Spring 2025 Brush Drop Off Days, 80 Huston Road, April 26 and May 10, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Residents only, no commercial drop off, no stumps. Leaves and grass clippings are accepted in the designated area throughout the season.

Gorham Conservation Commission 5th Annual Gorham Cleans Up Event is Sunday, April 27. All ages invited from 8:30 – 11 a.m. to pick up trash in the Village and along the drainage basins along New Portland Road and South Street. To sign-up and find more information about the event, please visit <https://www.gorham-conservation.org/gorham-cleans-up/>.

Jane's Walk, an historic look at landmarks on South Street, will be held on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 1 p.m. in front of Baxter Museum and ending there at 2:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all and will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Alison Frazee at Greater Portland Landmarks. [afrazee@portlandlandmarks.org](mailto:afrazee@portlandlandmarks.org) (207) 358-7061).

Get ready for Shaw Cherry Hill Farm Parkrun/Walk beginning on Saturday, May 10 at 8:45 a.m. Parkrun is a free community event where you can walk, run, jog, volunteer or spectate. In conjunction with Gorham Rec, Parkrun is part of an international non-profit. Gorham's event will take place every Saturday morning (seasonal in Maine) followed by coffee at a local small business. Positive and welcoming, every run includes a trail angel, so no one finishes last. With a huge international presence in England and Australia, it is just starting to gain traction in the USA.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust invites community members to respond to an online survey by May 30. The survey can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/j49pths5>. FMI, contact Will Sedlack, executive director at [will@prlt.org](mailto:will@prlt.org). Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, P.O. Box 33, Gorham, ME 04038

The Maine Agricultural Mediation Program (MAMP) is soliciting original artwork for its 2026 wall calendar and notecards with a submission deadline of May 20. The

2026 materials, which showcase artwork by Maine-based artists, will celebrate the theme of farming and tending to the land and sea throughout the seasons. The deadline for submissions is May 20. Visit the program website for more information: <https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/agricultural-mediation/>

Gorham Public Works has started with rough street sweeping and will start with scheduled street sweeping as weather and snow melting permit. Please see below for full route information. Updates to the schedule will be made public as soon as the dates are determined. FMI: (207) 222-4950 or [dpw@gorham.me.us](mailto:dpw@gorham.me.us). The schedule is posted online at: <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2025-street-sweeping-schedule>

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The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. The closet is only open Monday thru Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 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 noon and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org) or contact us at [director@gorhamfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@gorhamfoodpantry.org)

SENIOR NEWS

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

The Lecky Brown Senior Center meets for games and cribbage on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Wednesday's Guest Speaker program, the Originals, begins with coffee at 10 a.m. then speaker/presentation to begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome, 3rd floor First Parish Church. FMI: Lisa Becker at [leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:leckybrowncenter@gmail.com)

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m., Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation is \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Take out containers are available.

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# GHS Students Recognized with SMAA Citizen Awards

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Tim Spear

GHS student athletes Emily Fadrigan and Nick Munyaneza.

Each year the Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) recognizes two seniors from each school for outstanding contributions to their respective schools. At the annual SMAA Citizenship Banquet on Monday, April 4, two Gorham student athletes, Emily Fadrigan and Nick Munyaneza were recognized with Citizenship Awards.

Emily Fadrigan exemplifies citizenship at the highest level within the Gorham school community. A dedicated and accomplished student, she is a high honors recipient and has earned SMAA All-Academic recognition in multiple sports. Graduating near

the top of her class, Emily is also a proud member of the National Honor Society.

As a valued three-sport athlete, Emily has excelled in Field Hockey, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track, earning Varsity letters in each. Beyond her athletic and academic achievements, Emily has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to service. She has volunteered countless hours with our youth field hockey program and contributed to numerous school and community initiatives, including the Interact Club, Adopt-a- Classroom, "Tatiana's Closet," Relay for Life, and Polar Express.

A true leader among her peers, Emily inspires others with her positive attitude, both on the field and in everyday life. Her energy and dedication are uplifting to her teammates, friends, and family alike.

The daughter of Gene and Kim, Emily will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall, where she plans to major in Business with a focus on Entrepreneurship.

Nick Munyaneza has consistently represented himself, his family, and the Gorham School community with exceptional character and integrity throughout his high school career. An honors student, Nick has managed to excel academically while actively participating in various extracurricular activities.

He is a proud member of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club, and

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the Dream Factory, all of which reflect his dedication to service and community engagement. As an athlete, Nick has competed in Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track, earning recognition as an SMAA All-Academic and All-Conference athlete. His leadership qualities have been evident while he served as a captain in all three sports, receiving numerous team awards for his commitment and guidance.

Nick's influence extends beyond athletics; he is a true leader among his peers and a valued member of the Gorham High School community. The son of Apollinaire and Hyacinthe, Nick will be attending St. Joseph's College in the fall to pursue a degree in Medical Biology while continuing his athletic career in Cross Country and Track and Field.

# GHS "Flavors"

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Intern

Gorham High School is hosting a special event celebrating the diversity of our town. "Flavors of Our Community" is an event that encourages community members and families to bring a sweet or savory dinner dish to share with others which reflects their cultural heritage or a family tradition.

On Wednesday, May 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., the event will be hosted at the high school. All community members are encouraged to come support. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of foods, socialize with others and learn about backgrounds that make up Gorham's community. The night will allow community members to connect, eat and celebrate unique identities.

# Blend It

Abigail Chamberlin, GHS Intern

Blend It is Gorham's new smoothie and juice bar located at 8 Main Street. It opened on March 17, and since then has been serving its wide variety of smoothies ranging from peanut butter, to green, to "oaty", to specialty, to classic smoothies like pina colada and very-berry. You can also B.Y.O.S., or "Build Your Own Smoothie."

Blend It also offers smoothie bowls, juices, and wellness shots. Its extensive food menu includes several kinds of toasts, pita crunch wraps, breakfast sandwiches and sides, finger foods, healthy desserts, and more. With so many delicious options, Blend It is the perfect new addition to Gorham, and will fit in smoothly. It is open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.



LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 3 – 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Story Hour is every Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Baxter Memorial Library’s Book Club will discuss “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters on Thursday, May 1 at 10:15 a.m. The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold a Book Sale on Friday, May 2 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., including a train show by the Maine3Railers. There will be an Author Talk on May 6 at 6 p.m. with Jule Selbo, award-winning novelist, author of “7 Days.” The library has an extensive listing of events at their website, <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.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

As the semester comes to a close, student work is on display in a variety of ways across campus.

The Osher School of Music presents the Osher Jazz Ensemble Concert under the direction of Prof. Chris Oberholtzer on Thursday, April 24 at 7:30; the Vocal Jazz Concert directed by Artist Faculty Amanda Roswick; and the Composers Ensemble directed by Prof. Daniel Sonenberg. Also on the schedule are several student Junior and Senior Recitals. The Composers Ensemble begins each semester with a different variety of instruments and voices and no music. The students begin composing for this unique ensemble in preparation for an end of semester concert of original student works. FMI: (207) 780-5265

The USM Department of Theatre is presenting the USM Spring Dance Concert with original choreography by USM dance faculty and guest artists. This will be held at Russell Hall, April 25-2. FMI: (207) 780-5289

The USM Art Gallery’s current exhibit features the work of graduating seniors. FMI: (207) 780-5409. Follow USM events at <https://usm.maine.edu/events>.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Gorham Food Pantry is seeking volunteer delivery van drivers to assist with food pick up and deliveries on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Drivers rotate from week to week. Must have a clean driving record and be able to lift up to 50 pounds. An on-line application is available. Please email the Pantry Director at [director@gorhamfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@gorhamfoodpantry.org).

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CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 24**  
Baxter Memorial Library,  
Game Day, 10 a.m. - noon  
Sewing Class (Group 3), 3 - 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Art Night! 6 - 7 p.m.  
Osher School of Music Student Ensemble Series: Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 25**  
Osher School of Music Student Ensemble Series: Vocal Jazz, 7:30 p.m.  
USM Spring Dance Concert, Russell Hall, 7 p.m. (207) 780-5289
- Saturday, April 26**  
Cricket Comforts Pillowcase Gathering, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Old Robie School  
Baxter Memorial Library RPG Club, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Public Works Brush Drop Off Day, residents only, no commercial, no stumps, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Living Waters Church Haddock Supper, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m.  
USM Spring Dance Concert, Russell Hall, 7 p.m. (207) 780-5289  
Osher School of Music: Student Ensemble Series: Composers Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27**  
USM Spring Dance Concert, Russell Hall, 2 p.m. (207) 780-5289
- Tuesday, April 29**  
Baxter Memorial Library  
Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.  
Evening Book Discussion: "The Friend" by Sigrid Nunez, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 30**  
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 1**  
Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m.  
Book Club: "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters, 10:15 a.m.  
Library Trustees Meeting, 6 - 7:30 p.m., open to the public
- Friday, May 2**  
Baxter Memorial Library  
Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, Shaw Gym, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3**  
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Jane's Walk, meet in front of Baxter Memorial Library, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6**  
Baxter Memorial Library  
Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.  
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Author Event with Jule Selbo, author of "7 Days"  
Gorham High School "Flavors of Our Community," 5 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 7**  
Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 10**  
Shaw Cherry Hill Farm Parkrun/Walk, 8:45 a.m.

Send calendar items, public service announcements and events to  
Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: [loriaam@gmail.com](mailto:loriaam@gmail.com)



Gorhamites of all ages took turns ringing the Paul Revere bell at the First Parish Church on April 19th to commemorate the Patriot's Day holiday weekend. Houses throughout the Town also displayed two lights in their windows in honor of the lantern lightings that warned the Minute Men of the British troops heading toward Lexington and Concord Massachusetts which was the prelude to the American Revolution against the British Empire. Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

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New Portland Road caller reported that there was an injured cat hiding under his neighbor's barn. No one in the area recalled the cat but caller had seen it limping across the property after it had gotten hit by a vehicle the night prior. Officer arrived at New Portland Road and met with the homeowners as well before finding the cat hiding in their barn. Crawling down on all fours himself, officer was able to catch the cat after multiple attempts. It was clearly injured and resistant but calmed down during transport. ARL took the cat into their clinic and gave officer a new carrier to replace the one they had taken the cat in. They were unable to scan for microchips.

Officer reported to the scene of a minor accident which resulted in scratches and paint transfer. The drivers exchanged information.

Officer advised a resident to stop feeding an animal and it will stop coming around. The officer also advised that they would pass the information on to the ACO (Animal Control Officer.)

Family arguing over a bottle of cologne that was smashed, and it was a gift. No assault or anything. No disorderly conduct warning issued to an individual.

Officer met with a Gorham citizen in the Gorham Police Department lobby to discuss an act of fraud he was a victim of. As a result of this fraudulent act he was not affected in a loss of property nor a monetary loss of any kind.

Dispatch advised officer of a possible baby stroller on the roadway. Upon arrival, officer found it was the front bumper that was just in an accident.



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