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Gorham High School Graduation

Lucia Monaco Holloway, *GHS Intern*

Gorham High School's graduation took place on the high school field at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. The event started with the 2025 graduates walking in a parade to their seats as families watched and cheered.

Families, friends and graduates then listened to speeches by principal, Brian Jandreau, class president Timothy Nagle and valedictorian, Ashley Connally.

Connally's speech was inspired by a children's book most of the graduates read during elementary school, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" The purpose of this book is to teach kids about happiness and how readers can "fill their bucket"

and fill others' "buckets" simply by being kind. The imaginary buckets can be full or empty or somewhere in the middle. Her speech asked audience members to not only make sure their "buckets" are filled but make sure to fill the "buckets" of others.

After hearing the speeches, keynote speaker and Gorham High School teacher, Meghan Cushing brought graduates and audience members some meaningful life advice.

Graduation was a special event and ended in the class of 2025 singing "Upside Down" as a farewell. Hats were then thrown and the class of 2025 were official graduates.



Senior Walk Tradition

Michael Lortie, *School News Editor*



Seniors revisited Great Falls Elementary and sang with current students.

One of the wonderful Gorham High School senior activities is the Senior Walk, where the graduates revisit each of the schools that were steps on their K-12 journey through the Senior Walk Tradition. Continues

Gorham school system. Along the way, they were showered with cheers from the littles who admire them and congratulations and hugs from their former teachers who are proud of them.



Seniors revisited Village Elementary School

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Dear Gorham - Sincerely, The Class of 2025

Abigail Chamberlin, *GHS Intern*



Photo Credit: Heather Perry

Dear Gorham,

The Gorham High School Class of 2025 graduation has been a highly anticipated event; June 8 was a date whose arrival many students, teachers, and parents were never quite prepared for. Only yesterday were these seniors just

elementary schoolers, with small hands clapping for the seemingly enormous high school seniors as they paraded through the Gorham schools in their caps and gowns. Now, it's their turn.

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Gorham Voters Approve School Budget

Kathy Corbett, *Staff Writer*

On June 10, Gorham voters passed the \$57.5 million 2025-26 school budget by 204 votes. Total votes were 2083 in favor to 1,879 opposed. Figures for Ward 1-1 were 607 yes votes to 446 no; Ward 1-2 were 420 no to 381 yes. Ward 2 votes were 777 yes to 747 no. Central office votes cast by absentee and early voters were 318 yes to 266 no votes.

By a vote of 2,748 to 1,170, Gorham voters also elected to continue having the school budget validation referendum question on the ballot for the next three years.

On Wednesday Superintendent Heather Perry thanked "everyone who came out to vote yesterday." She said, "The annual school budget validation referendum is always such a great example to our students of how a democracy is supposed to function. We look forward to another great year of providing high quality education to our community."

Jaci R. Reynolds received 2,579 votes to retain her position on the School Committee until the November election. She had been appointed to the committee to fill the vacancy created when Stewart MacCallister resigned his three-year term. Marilyn Amoroso received 207 of the 376 votes cast for valid write-in candidates.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

Fighting To Keep Housing Affordable In Gorham

Rep. Parnell Terry

This legislative session, making housing more affordable and ensuring that people in our community can better afford to pay their bills are key areas of focus for me. One of the most important ways we can maintain affordable housing is by protecting mobile-home-park residents from rent increases and eviction. Manufactured housing remains one of our state's last naturally occurring affordable housing options — costing roughly half as much as a site-built home — and is often a good option for older Mainers on fixed incomes as well as young families.

Unfortunately, many mobile home parks are becoming less affordable because they're being bought up by out-of-state companies who only care about profit. Many of our neighbors are familiar with this story, because members of our community who live in Friendly Village in Gorham are being impacted by this right now. Currently, Friendly Village has received an offer from Crown Communities, a Wyoming-based investment firm, as part of a larger purchase including mobile home parks in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island for \$87.5 million.

To address the importance of preserving this type of affordable housing and help communities like Friendly Village, this year, the legislature has passed or is in the process of working on multiple pieces of legislation that will sup-

port residents like these by empowering them to purchase their own parks, and creating disincentives for purchase by large, out-of-state corporations.

The most impactful bill to help residents of Friendly Village is LD 1145, which has passed in both the House and Senate and, as of this writing, is on the desk of Gov. Janet Mills. This legislation would provide a right of first refusal for residents who form a cooperative and make a competitive bid to purchase their mobile home park over private businesses — often large, out-of-state equity corporations looking to jack up lot rent prices. This measure would have helped similar cooperatives throughout our state who attempted to buy their parks and made competitive offers but whose bids were not accepted. Multiple other states have similar right-of-first-refusal laws, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Another measure, LD 1183, was passed in May and ensures that Maine laws governing rent-to-own contracts apply to mobile homes and provide tenants who are working toward ownership the same protections that would be afforded to them if they were purchasing a different kind of property. This provides clarity for all and maintains mobile-home-park owners' responsibilities for keeping the park and its associated facilities in livable condition.

We're also considering other relat-

ed legislation that could help protect mobile home communities from outrageous rent increases, including LD 1765, LD 1723, LD 1016, LD 255 and LD 1768, which have all received initial support and face further votes. In particular, LD 1723 would amend the Manufactured Housing Act to establish a limit of a 10% increase in lot rent over a four-year period, with some exceptions.

As we wait to hear the outcome of the Friendly Village sale and the legislature considers these measures, I will continue to advocate for common-sense solutions like this to address the affordability crisis as much as possible at the state level. We need affordable housing to bolster our workforce and economy.

As always, please feel free to contact me at Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov with your questions and concerns. I can best represent our community by hearing your thoughts on legislation and issues both in our district and across the state.



Rep. Terry is serving his first term in the Maine House and represents part of Gorham. Terry is a member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

Regarding the June 5, Gorham Times article: "New Public Lands in Downtown Gorham," The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is creating the Gorham Community Forest, a "land which will be preserved as a new natural sanctuary" for community enrichment. Community land for enjoying nature is wonderful, but it is important to know that it came at the cost of destroying existing wetlands in the Narragansett Wildlife Preserve so the Robie Subdivision could be built.

This subdivision is a "mixed residential development within a designated 'growth area'" (Gorham's 2016 Comprehensive Plan) but it was originally set aside for wildlife. Because it is being built on undeveloped wetlands, huge amounts of fill must be brought in.

Stormwater detention ponds also must be built to accommodate runoff including one for the multi-family units adjacent to the Community Forest where an existing brook in a wetland had to be diverted. These ponds will create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Future residents of the subdivision could also have problems. The developers of the Robie Street Subdivision avoided a full DEP review by limiting the number of built units in Phase

1 to 44 because 45 units would have "triggered" a full DEP review. A full review could have revealed possible drainage issues that future tenants may face because of the location of the subdivision on poorly drained soil.

Another article in this GT edition, "DEP Goes to Gorham," is a reminder of the importance of a thorough environmental review. The DEP came because Lawn Avenue residents had flooding problems related to an adjacent condominium complex built on excavated higher ground. For the Robie Street Subdivision, the destruction of wetland areas could lead to runoff and drainage issues for both residents and wildlife.

Ruth Kelly, Gorham

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From the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention:

Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:

- Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations
- Changes in sleep (increased or decreased)
- Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context
- Recent increased agitation or irritability

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It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

- Talking about or making plans for suicide
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
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- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Sleeping too little or too much
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Gorham Times Celebrates Volunteers

Michael Lortie, President, Board of Directors

On June 12, the Gorham Times held a dinner to thank the volunteers who play a role in making our paper a success. It was a wonderful evening with good food, lots of happy conversation and a raffle of local gift cards. Thank you to all of our sponsors who helped to make this event a success:

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Banking Fraud: What To Watch Out For

Gorham Times Staff

A fraudster posing as a Fraud Department Representative is calling individuals, claiming to verify suspicious activity in your bank or credit union account. The caller spoofs a phone number similar to a bank's number, leading you to believe the call is legitimate.

DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY SENSITIVE CARD DETAILS, including Card Number, Expiration Date, CVV2 and PIN Number. If you receive such a call, call your bank if you are concerned about your account.

Secretary of State Warns of Widespread Bureau of Motor Vehicles Text Scam

Office of the Secretary of State

Secretary of State Shenna Bellows warned today of a widespread text scam being received by Mainers across the state. Recipients who click the link are sent to a fake website, and asked to provide a credit card.

The text says, "Maine Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Final Notice" and threatens the recipient with several consequences, including vehicle registration suspension and possible prosecution. A link is provided in the text and leads to a fake website where the recipient is asked to click a link to pay money due or fines. Neither the text nor the website is associated with the Secretary of State's Office or the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

"This message is a scam and an attempt to steal credit card numbers and personal information," said Secretary Bellows. "Anyone who receives the text should immediately delete it and report it as junk. If you did click the link and entered a credit card number, contact your financial institution immediately. If you were scammed out of any money, contact your local law enforcement."

Scammers often send mass texts ("smishing") or emails ("phishing") to as many recipients as possible with the hope that some will be tricked into falling for the ruse. Scammers seek to

obtain personal identifying information and/or financial information from their victims. If you are the victim of a scam, always notify your financial institution right away. If you fall for a scam, be sure to monitor your accounts for suspicious activity. You can also freeze your credit file to prevent scammers from using stolen personal information to open up fraudulent accounts in your name.

To avoid becoming a victim of a scam, always be suspicious of any unsolicited text, email, or call, no matter who they claim to be or what displays on your caller ID:

Legitimate government agencies will RARELY contact you by text for sensitive matters. The BMV will send such correspondence by mail.

If you're not sure if a message is true, ALWAYS verify its legitimacy by contacting the official source directly by looking up the number.

NEVER click a link in an unsolicited text or email.

NEVER provide identifying or financial information to an unsolicited caller.

Urgency is ALWAYS a red flag - if they are telling you that you must act quickly or risk a consequence, it is likely a scam.

Learn more about reporting fraud at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>.

Gorham Farms Up Close

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Local Farms

Gorham's farms are a treasure to our community, a treasure that no single photo can capture. More Gorham Farm photos on page 6.

Supporting our community, especially our local farms, has always been important. That is true now, more than ever. At the heart of each farm is a dedicated family- many with decades to one hundred plus years helping to build and sustain the Gorham community. This list is not a comprehensive list.

Parsons Dairy Farm, located at 321 Buck Street, is one of three remaining commercial dairy farms in Gorham. Now in the seventh generation of farmers, Parsons has a rich, long history in Gorham. Known for its Hood milk products, a variety of maple products, and the annual Antique Tractors Days held in October, Parsons is now expanding to include locally grown produce and honey. The new agricultural farmstand, run by Zak Parsons, is located at 126 Libby Avenue. Stop by and pick up in-season produce, jams, sour pickles, a variety of tasty pickled goods, maple syrup, maple barbecue sauce, rhubarb, and assorted plants! You can also find them on Wednesdays at Shaw Cherry Hill Farmers Market, and at the Gorham Farmers Market on Saturdays (May-October). For more information, find them on Facebook at Parsons Dairy Farm LLC

Orchard Ridge Farm, located at 236

Sebago Lake Road, is owned and operated by a dynamic mother/daughter team and driven with community at the heart of all it does. Breakfast and latte-check, lunch on the farm-check, pick your own fruit- check, enjoy a summer concert series-check, relaxing- check, visit the farm animals- check! Orchard Ridge Farm is a destination and open year-round. Stop in after a walk at the Mountain Division Trail! For more information, visit orchardridge.farm

Flaggy Meadow Farm, located at 160 Flaggy Meadow Road, is one of three remaining commercial dairy farms in Gorham. Four generations of the Young family have owned and operated this farm spanning a total of 105 years! This speaks to their dedication to the Gorham community. When Oakhurst Dairy products are purchased, you are supporting this local dairy farm. For more information, find them on Facebook and Instagram under Flaggy Meadow Farm.

Martin-Place Farm, located at 314 Fort Hill Road in Gorham, has been part of the community since 1901. Originally an operating dairy farm, it has since shifted focus while maintaining its agricultural roots. Today,

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Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz, Contributing Writer

If I could share my garden on this early morning walk I would have called the whole world to come and walk with me. The sun, not up, but the light of dawn invited the day The magic of quiet The first songs of birds Welcomed this glorious day. At thirty past five as the world awakened no breeze was blowing The stillness was magical I stopped to take in the mindful beauty that spring can bring. A meditative state of sorts where projects go unnoticed. With gratitude I spent those early morning hours with my reflective self. Thoughts of appreciation and awe at nature's gifts. A peace revealed As the sun rose I could feel the predicted wind It moved the budding maple branches. Spring gardens were bursting with color.

Recent rain encouraging their growth. Blue and white violets finding their way through the new green grass. Spring bulbs the colors of the rainbow lined the stonewalls. The iridescent forsythia blossoms Catkins hanging from the birch trees The mindful beautiful of what spring can bring. The winter cold a fading memory, The summer heat a fleeting thought. The magic of the moment A lasting memory.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through classes and garden events.

Browntail Moth Update

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

The greatest risk for exposure to the toxic caterpillar hairs which can be found on trees, shrubs, in the air as well as on the body of a Browntail Moth (BTM) caterpillar is between April and July. The second batch of caterpillars hatch from their eggs in August and are active until early October when they enter their winter webs to hibernate until the following spring.

The State of Maine reminds people that it is never safe to handle BTM caterpillars without precautions such as protective clothing, gloves, and a mask. The rash is itchy and the hairs can cause respiratory distress if inhaled. Experts also advise keeping outdoor lights off at night from the last week of June through the first week in August to avoid attracting the moths. It is also recommended not parking under trees with the caterpillars to avoid carrying them home with you.

Browntail moth caterpillars have distinctive orange dots on their tails and a broken white stripe, down their

back, while the tent caterpillars have a solid white strip and no orange dots.

Egg masses are usually found on the bottom of the leaves of host trees (oak, apple, crabapple, pear, birch, cherry, and other hardwoods). Clip off affected leaves with gloved hands, long sleeves and a mask. Soak the eggs in soapy water for two days then throw them away.

Pesticides can be also used to control these caterpillars. The Maine Forest Service recommends contracting a licensed pesticide applicator to control browntail moths. Products must be labeled for the site of treatment. Pesticide treatments should be done before the end of May. Later treatments will not reduce human exposures to the toxic hairs.

The Maine Forest Service maintains a list of licensed arborists willing to clip nests or apply insecticides. Contact: Maine Arborist Program (207) 287-3891 or contact: Maine Forest Service: (207) 287-2431 for more information.

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.

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

Mary Golden's 101st Birthday

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Chris Crawford

Happy 101st Birthday to long-time Gorham resident, Mary Golden. Mary is vivacious, laughs easily and is quite the conversationalist. She has many friends she enjoys spending time with and it's easy to see why. She was born on June 7, 1924. She had six brothers. She earned a degree in physical therapy at the University of New Hampshire and practiced at Maine General (now Maine Med). She and her husband, James, bought a farm in West Gorham which they named GoldMar. They lived there for 67 years raising cows and selling eggs with the help of their dear daughter before she grew up and moved away.

Arrive Alive, Nine GHS Students Recognized

Lucinda Stein, English Teacher GHS

In the past 22 years, the Arrive Alive Creative Contest has received more than 1,500 entries from over 125 Maine high schools. The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein are proud to have helped educate so many Mainers in their most formative driving years and salute these creative teenagers. Our hope is that these entries continue to influence drivers of all ages for years to come.

During the 22 years of this contest, Gorham High School has had seven first-place winners, nine second-place winners, and twenty-four third-place winners from Mrs. Lucinda Stein's

writing classes. First place winners receive a new laptop while second and third place winners receive a new ipad.

The following students from Mrs. Stein's writing class were recognized this year:

Ava Googins - 2nd place
Lucia Holloway - 3rd place
Lindy Moreland - 3rd place
Rowan Peterson - 3rd place
Anastasia Dolley - 3rd place
Abigail Rogers - 3rd place
Cheyann Densmore - 3rd place
Rhianon Saunders - 3rd place
Alicia Terry - 3rd place

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Gorham Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Chris Crawford, *Features Editor*

Gorham is growing. And whether we like it or not, growth is inevitable. But where and how it happens is not. With careful thought and planning, growth can be defined in a way that balances and protects the rural nature, open spaces and natural resources at the heart of the town we all love.

A group of dedicated community representatives and elected officials, with guidance from an experienced planning consulting group, is hard at work designing The Gorham Open Space & Trails Master Plan (GOSTMP). The plan represents an opportunity to be proactive and smart, essentially pre-planning for open space, trails and recreation in the face of residential growth pressures.

Carol Eyerman, Gorham's Town Planner said, "Open space planning is a critical aspect of town planning that focuses on the strategic use and preservation of land. The Town staff is proud to be working hand-in-hand with our community to develop Gorham's very first Open Space and Trails Plan. This important initiative will help shape the future of our parks, trails, and natural areas—ensuring they remain vibrant, accessible, and preserved for generations to come."

In order to accomplish this, the Gorham Open Space & Trails Master Plan (GOSTMP) is gathering a broad array of input from the community. A recent survey garnered 400 responses from residents with a large amount of data about the needs for Open Spaces in specific parts of Gorham. The final GOSTMP plan will become part of a new Comprehensive plan for the Town. Gorham's last comprehensive plan was adopted in 2016.

At a recent public workshop held at the Gorham Municipal Center, community members of all ages and from all parts of town met with members of the GOSTMP Committee to ask questions and to offer specific comments on several large scale maps of Gorham. Where should trails be built, and for what kind of use? How can we protect farm land? How to create a comprehensive trail connectivity plan? Where is there a need for recreational parks of all sizes and how big should they be? and what amenities would be desirable?

NorthStar Planning, a local plan-

ning company, has been hired to help the Gorham committee members make sense of the data being collected. NorthStar has guided towns throughout Maine as they worked to build solid, comprehensive plans. The Little Falls Comprehensive Plan, a joint Gorham and Windham revitalization effort, was facilitated by NorthStar.

GOSTMP members are Jenn Grant, Agricultural community; James Hager, Planning Board; Rob LaVoie; Town Council; Charlie Springer, Member of the public; Ernie Wells, Gorham Conservation Commission.

If you are interested in more information about the Open Space planning effort, visit <https://www.gorhamopenspace.me/> You can also sign up here to receive updates as plans progress and can also offer ideas and suggestions.

Gorham has a population of 18,346. It covers 51.29 square miles. Existing amenities include five parks, six tennis courts, six basketball courts, twelve 60ft softball/baseball diamonds (one of which is lighted for softball), one bike pump track, one skateboard park, eleven pickleball courts, two 90 ft baseball diamonds (one of which is lighted), one open-space field area, two indoor gyms, two community gardens, three ice skating areas, one riverfront dock, two playgrounds not attached to schools, three school playgrounds, one community space/ function hall, one activity center for childcare and senior programs, five multi-use fields, one concession/restroom/maintenance building and two multi-modal public paths/trails. This count does not include Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Preserves that fully or partially fall within Gorham.

June School Committee Meeting

Michael Lortie, *School News Editor*

The Gorham School Committee held their June meeting on June 11, 2025. Vice Chair, Nicole Yeo-Fisher called the meeting to order. She began the meeting by thanking Rhonda Warren, the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant for her forty years of service and the committee presented her with flowers.

The committee approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14 and the Special Meeting of May 28. (6-0)

There was a presentation by 14 students from Village school who outlined the Learning Beyond the Classroom Program at Village School. Each grade level participates in special activities including field trips and special presentations. Students shared their experiences and their excitement over these activities.

Assistant Superintendent Quinton Donahue shared Mrs. Perry's monthly report. He thanked the public for approving the school budget. School administration is also watching the possible effects of federal funding changes. The superintendent is also watching several bills at the state level that could possibly affect the school system.

School Committee members congratulated the GHS Class of 2025 and reported on activities that have occurred in the last month. They also thanked the voters for approving the budget and encouraged the public to become involved in the process early in the next school year.

Each subcommittee reported on the work of the last month. They also approved for a second read-

ing the policies, Child Sexual Abuse Awareness and Response Policy (JFLA) and Graduation Requirements Policy (IKF). (6-0) Policy Grievance of Persons with Disabilities (IHBAL) was removed and combined with another policy at the recommendation of Drummond Woodsum. There was a first reading of the policy School Board Self- Evaluation (BAA).

Assistant Superintendent Donahue reported on the progress of the search for a new Principal at Village School. After an extended process, the search committee decided that they could not support any of the candidates who applied. The decision was made to nominate Cheryl Fetter, the current Assistant Principal of Village School as Village School Principal for one year, and Jennifer Baker, the current Social Worker to fill the Assistant Principal position for one year. This plan provides continuity for the school and an opportunity to advertise earlier next year.

Both Mrs. Fetter and Mrs. Baker are experienced and well respected professionals who have been integral parts of the Village School staff for many years. These positions were approved. (6-0).

The committee approved the following appointments (6-0):

Sara Meehl, Grade 5, Great Falls
Nicholas Hilton, Special Education Resource Room, GHS

Jaclyn Mullen, Learning Strategist, GMS

Rachel Epling, 1 Year Social Worker, Village
Bridget Tharp, .5 Occupational Therapist



Cynthia Nellie Austin, 88, a/k/a "Gram" (1936 - 2025)

Our beloved Gram passed away on May 20, 2025, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born at Westbrook Hospital on November 3, 1936, the only child of John and Lola Hattenburg. She graduated from Gorham High School in 1955 and lived her entire life on Harding Road, keeping constant watch on the comings and goings of family, friends, neighbors, and wildlife, usually from the seat of her tractor. If Harding Road had streetlights, we would dim them.



She married Philip L. Austin, on June 16, 1956, and they had two children, John and Christy. She later had two grandchildren whom she more than adored, and two great-granddaughters she doted on. There was no one more intensely loyal and devoted to her family.

Gram was also fiercely independent and unique, a true Renaissance woman in every way. She worked on cars, split her own wood, and mowed, raked and baled hay until she was 86 years old. She was also a member of the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame, did stunningly intricate cross-stitch needlepoint, and made biscuits that were legendary in three states. She could paint, garden, and beat the pants off anyone at cribbage. She also loved hunting, fishing, and all animals (except for the woodchucks), and was a lifelong horsewoman and supporter of the ASPCA and Animal Refuge League.

She was predeceased by her husband, Philip L. Austin, her son John P. Austin, and her grandson D. Benjamin Worster. She is survived by her daughter, Christy (Austin) Cousins, her granddaughter, Angie (Worster) Keith, her son-in-law, Barry Cousins, her great-granddaughters, Caroline Keith and Emma Worster, her "adopted" daughter, Cheri Dyer, her half-sister, Sandra Chronopoulos, and her sisters-in-law, Evelyn Austin and Marion Mains. We would like to extend a very special thanks to Southern Maine Hospice.

Gram's graduation quote was from a Tennyson poem, emphasizing that inner goodness and compassion were more valuable than outward symbols of wealth or status: "Kind hearts are more than coronets". This would ring true of her long life in more ways than she could have imagined. She never had much, but she gave what she had with all of her beautiful heart. There will never be another Gram, and for that we are all lesser.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals in Windham, Maine and help save an abused horse in Gram's memory.

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In some ways those thirteen years took a lifetime to complete, but in others they went by in the blink of an eye.

Despite being divided among three elementary schools, thanks to summer camps, daycares, and clubs, these students were never strangers to each other. Their transition to middle school was smooth, with many old friendships growing or strengthening and several new ones emerging. However, COVID-19 cut the Class of 2025's seventh grade short, and made eighth grade a tricky hybrid year. Without a true middle school graduation, high school seemed a daunting challenge.

A strong senior class, the Class of 2022, helped to ease this intimidation with an impressive group of role models and positive leadership. The graduating groups from 2023 and 2024 were also full of siblings and friends that helped pave the way for the Class of 2025's success. It goes without saying that many of this class's motivations in academics, the arts, and sports were inspired by the legacy left by those who graduated before them.

In giving credit to those who shaped this group of students, it would be a mistake not to mention the fabulous teachers and staff at Gorham High School who made the past four years unforgettable. They have pushed this class not only academically, but also as people, to become the best versions of themselves. It seems that every single student in the Class of 2025 has made at least one meaningful, personal connection with a teacher.

Whether that's Mrs. Nelson's encouraging, yet honest life advice, Mr. Crosby's open door and listening ear, Mrs. Stone's unwavering updo and even more consistent smile, Mrs. Shvets parties for every occasion, or Mr. King's friendship and sense of humor, these teachers have undoubtedly shaped the minds, lives, and hearts of the students who were lucky enough to learn from them. Even on lazy Monday mornings and distracted Friday afternoons, and even when students were called out of classes to move their cars because

they were parked in teachers' spots, their gratitude for these mentors and friends has never wavered. This past Sunday, goodbyes with GHS staff were the among the hardest ones to say.

Gorham, as a town and community, is truly special. Many of the closest friendships you see today were formed over a decade ago, in elementary classrooms full of students who believed graduation was a lifetime away. It was far too easy for them to take for granted the charm, character, and closeness of this town until they realized their remaining time here was counting down. When they realized they'd seen their name on a lamppost in the center of town for the last time, or placed their final handprint in the halls at GHS, or taken down the senior sign on their front lawn—that's when it kicked in. That's when it really hit that they've crossed the graduation stage, among their closest friends, with the bittersweet finality they've dreamed about since kindergarten.

As this sensational graduating class embarks on their next journeys, their accomplishments will ring loud over the town, their legacy of perseverance and loyalty now cemented alongside the classes they once looked up to so much. They will turn the world upside down, spreading their leaves and growing flowers from the Carolinas to Florida to Australia and beyond, but always sharing the same roots from Gorham, Maine. Bringing with them the friendships that endured, as well as the ones that didn't, they are connected by the lessons they learned as they grew up together, and their everlasting pride and gratitude to be a member of Gorham High School's Class of 2025.

So, Gorham, thank you. Thank you to everyone who made the past 13 years so formative and memorable for this year's graduating class. Their present and future accomplishments are forever indebted to your support, stability, and love. People make the place, and there is not a better place to call home.

Sincerely, GHS Class of 2025

Gorham Receives Grant

Joann Leib, Staff Writer

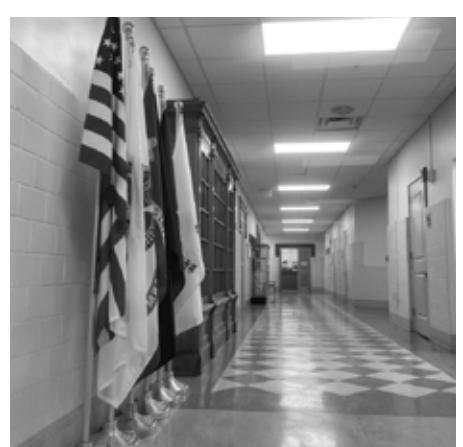


Photo Credit: Joann Leib

Gorham Municipal Building Hallway featuring new LED lighting.

If you are a student of minor details, you may have noticed that most fluorescent lights on the first floor of the Gorham Municipal Center were replaced with LED lighting on May 28, 2025, and as of June 10, the lighting retrofit was completed.

As part of the Town's commitment to help address climate change and reduce its carbon footprint, 488 fluorescent lights were replaced. The Gorham Recreation

Department installed LED lights in the Shaw Gym, and the Council Chambers were also converted to LED lights.

This project was made possible with funding from a Community Action Grant award from the Community Resilience Partnership, as well as a rebate from Efficiency Maine, both programs administered by the State of Maine and supported by the efforts of Assistant Town Planner Damon Yakovleff, Facilities Coordinator Kevin Wood and Town Engineer Chuck Norton.

The award of \$56,077 improves energy efficiency and saves taxpayers long-term costs. Facilities Coordinator Wood stated that the town received \$11,103 in funding from Efficiency Maine for this project. The CAG award is part of \$8 million in this round of grant funding to help Maine communities protect people, businesses and infrastructure from flooding, storm surge and other climate effects.

The funding, approved as part of a 2024 supplemental budget, will support projects in 166 communities throughout the state.

the farm specializes in hay production, composted cow manure sales, pumpkins, and raising dairy calves—many of which are used by local youth in 4-H projects. The farm is also home to a small herd of Nigerian Dwarf goats, popular with visitors and often included in youth programming. Martin-Place regularly hosts 4-H and small community events and is part of the Harvest Hosts network, providing RV travelers with a quiet overnight stop surrounded by scenic farmland. For more information, visit www.martinplacefarm.com

Findview Farm, located at 147 Mighty Street, is a multi-generational farm offering locally and mindfully grown beef, pork, and seasonal vegetables. Working to produce the safest and highest quality products is the goal at Findview Farm. Products are available year-round at the farm, on Wednesdays at Shaw Cherry Hill Farmers Market, and at the Gorham Farmers Market on Saturdays (May-October). Findview also encourages the public to stop in and see the animals! For more information, visit www.findviewfarm.com

Benson Farm Earth Products, located at 64 Plummer Road, once a dairy farm in Gorham, has turned its focus to producing green, environmentally sourced, and organically certified lobster-based compost. An expedited decomposition process takes would-be waste and creates a nutrient-rich soil, enhancing the nutrient uptake for your produce and soil structure for your garden. At the heart of Benson Farm is conservation—"a well-cared for environment and land produces healthy crops, healthy families, and healthy communities." Their compost can be purchased at many garden centers throughout Maine and some parts of New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.bensonfarm.com

Underhill Fibers, located at 50 Wilson Road, is one of only four small fiber processing mini mills left in Maine who will take your wool and/or pet fibers and turn it into yarn. Specializing in small batches of fiber ensures you get back what you drop off. Underhill Fibers is committed to environmentally friendly practices. You can find them at craft fairs in the spring and fall. Underhill Fibers also welcomes private showings by appointment. For more information, visit www.underhillfibers.com

Spiller Country Farm, located at 118 Spiller Road, has much to offer! Producing Maine maple syrup is top of the list. Add to that, honey, pickles, and more being added. But, there's more—Spiller Country Farm offers

the public an enchanting Harvest Walk and a festive Christmas/Holiday Walk just in time to get people in the spirit of changing seasons. For the thrill-seeking, winter enthusiasts, there is a Motocross event held in January. Stay tuned for more details about the Spiller Country Store opening. For more information, visit www.spillercountryfarm.com

Vienna Farm, located at 594 Fort Hill Road, is your go-to equestrian center. Vienna Farm, a training and riding school, has been in Gorham for 40 years. Lead instructor and trainer, Tanya Rennie, a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist has been teaching for more than 45 years. Tanya, and assistant trainer, Amy Libby, a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, enjoy working with all levels of riders. They provide boarding for those who are in the lesson program or in training. Competitions are held throughout the summer. Vienna Farm takes great pride in caring for equestrian athletes. For more information, visit www.viennafarm.com

Alpacas at Holistic Farms, located at 20 Berry Farm Way, has been raising alpacas since 2021. Holistic Farms currently offers seed stock (a minimum of three) for those getting started with alpacas. A sheering day is scheduled for the afternoon of 6/19/25. In collaboration with Underhill Fibers, the alpaca fiber is milled and returned as roving. Owners Terilyn Lopez and David Brower welcome tours of the farm, at no cost. They love meeting new people and talking about farming and, of course, alpacas. Holistic Farms also has pick-your-own blueberries. For more information, including scheduling a tour, visit www.holisticfarms.org

Shaw Cherry Hill Farm, located at 616 Main Street, has something for everyone, year-round! With seven well-manicured trails, maintained by the Gorham Rec. Department, Shaw Cherry Hill is a great place to walk. In the wintertime, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are a must. During the summer months Shaw Cherry Hill Farm holds its Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 2 - 6 p.m.—stop by to find a wonderful variety of items from many local makers. Group events and outdoor events are held and can be booked at this Gorham farm. Easy to find, Shaw Cherry Hill Farm is a Gorham destination. For more information, visit shawcherryhillfarm.org

Rusty Knoll Farm, located on Rust Road is a dairy farm, owned and run by five generations of the Rust family. They all work the farm and sell their products wholesale.

GHS Class of 2025

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Gorham Establishes Affordable Housing Committee

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

On June 3, the Town Council voted (7-0) to establish the Gorham Affordable Housing Committee. The charter states that the town "recognizes that various housing trends, including rising housing costs and limited options have led to a range of housing challenges for Gorham residents." The committee is charged with reviewing "key issues affecting the quantity, availability, and affordability of housing."

The committee will have seven members who are Gorham residents, residential property owners, or managers of residential property in Gorham. The goal is to include "representation of diverse perspectives and opinions." Members shall serve three-year staggered terms. Initially, two members will be appointed for one year, two for two years and three for three years. The town is seeking to fill these positions and encourages applications, which need to be received by June 26, 2025.

Instructions on how to apply for appointment to the committee are on the Town of Gorham website. Applications also are available in the Town Clerk's office. The duties of the committee are outlined in the committee charter. They include studying the issues and

making recommendations and proposed policies to encourage and support a balanced distribution of affordable housing throughout Gorham.

Every six months, the committee will report to the Town Council on the affordability of Gorham housing for those whose income is at or below the area median income. This includes identifying trends and barriers to achieving a supply of affordable housing options that would not require a household to spend more than 30% of its gross monthly income on housing costs.

In addition, the committee will meet with the Gorham Economic Development Corporation and a local affordable housing development corporation, such as Avesta Housing or Westbrook Housing Authority, to align housing goals and economic growth.

The committee will provide educational outreach about affordable housing programs and encourage community input and participation. To advance the goals of affordable housing in Gorham, the committee will also collaborate with nearby communities and state and regional organizations to learn about other community efforts that address these housing challenges.

Planning Board Results, June 2

Gorham Times Staff

May 5, 2025 Planning Board Minutes approved, 5-2 absent (Frank, Crisafulli)

National Attachments-Olle Canal Business Park's request for approval to construct a 9,800 sq. foot storage building with associated infrastructure was discussed including the traffic implications remaining constant and the Portland Water District's involvement in approval of stormwater ordinances, the project maintaining the same logistics as were reported to the Planning Board in April 2025. No public comments were offered, amendment approved 5-2 absent (Frank, Crisafulli)

Stargazer Subdivision's request for approval to combine six existing residential lots into condominiums and mixed commercial and residential uses was discussed. This project was discussed in 2020 and given preliminary approval and again reviewed in 2022. The HOA requires a third-party review, which is pending, as is a traffic evaluation. Block and utility requirements will be placed underground. DEP approval was recently acquired. Preliminary subdivision approved 5-2 absent (Frank, Crisafulli).

Maka Builders - Narragansett Reserve Estates' request for approval to construct a 102-unit condominium community for residents 55 years and older has been considered by the Board twice; there was a site walk in 2023. A master plan is needed and DEP permits are required. It is anticipated that approximately 5400 linear feet of additional roadway will be built and a water main extension added. During the public commentary Richard Foley and Richard Blake spoke in opposition to the expansion. The Planning Board resumed with several points: a need to check on septic planning, a focus on overflow parking, a reconsideration of upgrades to Newton Drive and to Shirley Lane, a discussion of sidewalks, contract zone issues overall and concern for trail use. Renderings of the project need review. A site walk will be scheduled. Chair Hager recused himself from discussion, no vote was taken.

Proposed ordinance revisions to parking standards found in Land Use Development Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-2 were discussed. Simplified language and other rewording is involved. No members of the public spoke. Approved 5-2 absent (Frank, Crisafulli).

Public hearing on ordinance amendments regarding back lot standards found in Land Use Development Code, Chapter 1, Section 1-1 DB. Clarity introduced, especially in regard to "flag lots" and "flag poles." No members of the public came forward. Amendments adopted 5-2 absent (Frank, Crisafulli).

After other announcements, the Planning Board adjourned. The next joint Gorham-Buxton Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025.

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April Real Estate Transfers

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
34 BLUE FLAG LANE	SUSAN M. VAN WYCK	MARCUS BUTLER, LINDSEY BUTLER	\$1,130,000.00
34 BLUE FLAG LANE	LAUREAT J. CARON,	ROCHETTE, DENIS G.	\$ 800,000.00
40 MIDDLE JAM ROAD	MIDDLE JAM ROAD, LLC	ROCHETTE, DENIS G	\$ 736,136.00
40 Mahon Ave.	ROBERTS, BENJAMIN D.	KIRBY, LESLIE	\$ 685,000.00
159 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS, LLC	ANNE H. SULLIVAN	\$ 613,400.00
20 BELMONT TERRACE	KAREN C ANDREASEN	BRADLEY B SCOTT	\$ 610,000.00
280 FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	BENNETT, WILLIAM	BRAGG, RENEE	\$ 610,000.00
8 MARATHON AVE	LEVINE, CECELIA E.	CLARK, DIANA B.	\$ 599,000.00
21 BAXTER LANE	J. BROWN INVESTMENTS LLC	CARMEN ANGELINA SUTYAK	\$ 565,000.00
19 BAXTER LANE	J. BROWN INVESTMENTS, LLC	STEVEN SCHEFCIK	\$ 549,900.00
37 LAURA LANE	GAHIMA, MICHEL N.	WADDELL, MARGARET A	\$ 546,500.00
6 KIARA LANE	JOANNE P. ANDERSEN	FRANK A. STEVENS	\$ 495,000.00
130 MAIN STREET	GOFAM LLC	EFL ENTERPRISES LLC	\$ 485,000.00
50 GRAY ROAD	BRAGG, RENEE	BENNETT, WILLIAM	\$ 480,000.00
752 GRAY ROAD	MANNING, AARON L.	STANTON, ANDREW	\$ 395,000.00
6 LONGFELLOW ROAD	TIMOTHY A VOKEY SR	FRANK NAPPI JR	\$ 340,000.00
LOT 5 MITCHELL HILL ROAD	HOME INNOVATIONS, LLC	S.V.T. PROPERTY, INC.	\$ 200,000.00
219 HUSTON ROAD	ERICKSON, CHRIS E.	HARMON, JULIE	\$ 130,000.00
WESTERN AVENUE	KELLIE S. BLANDING	MARY K. HALBLEIB	\$ 130,000.00
12 MIDDLE JAM ROAD	BANK OF AMERICA, N. A.	BANK OF AMERICA, N. A.	\$ 109,200.00

May Real Estate Transfers

49 BARNFIELD LN	PELLETIER, DAVID E.	EBERHART MITCHELL, GRACE WISMER	\$1,291,500.00
18 HUTCHERSON DRIVE	HUDSON NEW ENGLAND	1BHUTCHERSON LLC	\$ 950,000.00
38 HURRICANE ROAD	GEORGE H. FOX, CHRISTINE S.	KIMBERLY LATO, NATHAN HOLAHAN	\$ 750,000.00
67 FALCON CREST DRIVE	STRAFFIN, MARK, STRAFFIN,	BOUCHER, LILLIAN, BOUCHER, CARL	\$ 749,900.00
50 UNDERHILL DRIVE	CLARK RICHARD D., CLARK	SARGENT DARYL C., SARGENT	\$ 729,000.00
18 BOREAL DRIVE	JAMIE C KOO-KEPKA, DANIEL A	COREY BRETT ROMMEL, WHITNEY	\$ 660,000.00
163 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	JANICE E. MILLER, DAMON R. MILLER	\$ 625,735.00
145 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	BRENDA CASEY ANDERSON	\$ 619,900.00
157 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	DIANNE SMALLIDGE	\$ 579,900.00
25 SUGAR MAPLE LANE	ESTATE OF JANICE ANN	EVAN GREGORY BJORK, AVERY BOND	\$ 565,000.00
65 OLDE CANAL WAY	65 OLDE CANAL WAY, LLC	LANDANO PROPERTIES 1, LLC	\$ 560,000.00
24 CALISA LANE	TARYN WIEDNER, ZACHARY	BRITTANY MARIE ROTHFUSS, EVAN	\$ 560,000.00
181 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	DARE, JAKE	STEPHANSKY, CHELSEA,	\$ 435,000.00
9 GEORGE STREET	CASEY GRAY	ALYSSE M STONE, OWEN SANBORN	\$ 375,000.00
44 MEADOWBROOK DR UNIT 2	SHAW, ROSEMARY J	UMURERWA, JOSEPHINE	\$ 375,000.00
10 COW BELL DRIVE	HOME INNOVATIONS, LLC	S.V.T. PROPERTY, INC	\$ 200,000.00
11 COW BELL DRIVE	HOME INNOVATIONS, LLC	S.V.T. PROPERTY, INC	\$ 200,000.00
0 GREAT FALLS ROAD LOT 4	JDP LLC	KRISTOFER DERIK DEHAAN, HILARY	\$ 180,000.00
17 BOREAL DRIVE	DESIGN BUILD ASSOCIATES OF	JD BUILT CONSTRUCTION, LLC	\$ 180,000.00
77 COUNTY ROAD	TAPELY, ARTHUR	BASEPOINT LLC	\$ 163,000.00

SCHOOL

Norway Savings Bank Greets Students



Photo Courtesy of Norway Savings Bank

On May 30, students from Village and Gorham Middle Schools participated in a scavenger hunt throughout Gorham for a day of excitement and exploration designed to enrich their future aspirations. The "Amazing Race" paired eighth graders with fifth graders to solve and follow clues that led them on a journey to businesses and community organizations in town. Norway Savings Bank's Gorham branch happily greeted the students to give information and answer questions about the banking industry.

"It was wonderful to see the respect and courtesy the students showed to each other and to us, and observing their genuine interest in learning is a great sign for our future," said Amy Lehigh, Market Manager VP.



Photo Credits: Sarah Dolley

Eighteen of Mrs. Dolley's "Art 2" students just wrapped up the school year with a project called "Chair Masters." Students chose a work of art by a fine artist to recreate onto a metal folding chair. On the back of the chairs each student wrote an artist statement that describes the fine artist and artwork chosen as well as their reason for choosing it. The chairs will be part of the school's installation art to supply seating for use by visitors to events at GHS. Pictured from left to right: Natalie Wilkins, CeCe Sloat, Larissa Moore, Stella Wu, Terra Rioux, Eva Wandell, Jasmine Radjabova, Anna Nichols, Kennedy Peary, Liam Delaney, Tyler Olson, Max Lampron, Collin Bunch, Jacob Pike, Antoine Dube and Bennett Deveaux. Not pictured: Annabelle Vail and Arwen Bravo.

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GHS Valedictorian, Ashley Connolly

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



with their own academic achievements." Ashley is also appreciative of her teachers. As role models, their efforts inspired her to work just as hard as they did.

In addition to her classwork, Ashley's other focus has been soccer, which will continue during her college years. Ashley also enjoyed track. Ashley says, "I also spent much time in high school on the indoor and outdoor track and field teams. I competed in the sprints, becoming both a SMAA/STATE champion while also achieving school/state records. Track was a fun outlet, a positive social environment, and a sport to keep me in shape."

Ashley plans to attend the University of South Carolina, where she will major in Exercise Science and continue to play soccer. She hopes to continue post graduate studies and perhaps earn her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. "This has been an interest of mine for a while. I have spent a lot of time interning and job shadowing therapists in this field. It is very fulfilling to be able to help others towards an independent lifestyle."

Hard work, determination, and a solid village of support have contributed to Ashley's success and ensure a promising future. Good luck, Ashley! Gorham is proud of you!

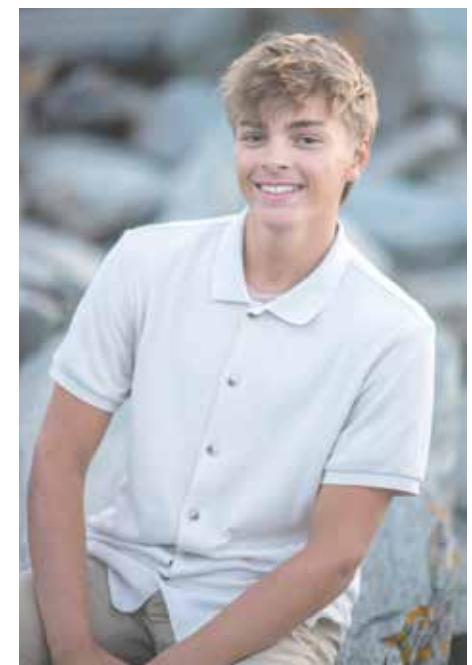
GHS Salutatorian, Timothy Nagle

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Timothy (TJ) Nagle is the Salutatorian of the GHS Class of 2025. When asked who has helped him during his high school years, TJ responded, "My incredibly supportive teachers have played a huge role in my time at GHS. They've all been so kind and helpful, and having that quality follow me throughout all my classes has been extremely valuable. My family and friends have also been the strongest backbone for me as they were always there when I needed help, encouragement, or even just a laugh. I could not have made it to the point I did without them, so I owe them a million thanks."

TJ is into racket sports, especially pickleball and tennis. He played on the recreational level and also competitively in tournaments. He also hopes to play pickleball at FAU in the fall. In addition to athletics, he has also enjoyed skiing for about eight years. Besides sports, he's always been really into math, so that will be his focus in the future.

TJ's future plans are to attend college at Florida Atlantic University, and majoring in mathematics with a concentration in



statistics and data science. He hopes to also obtain an actuarial science certificate for a future career as an actuary, or another career related to math. Even if he eventually moves to Florida, Maine will always be his home.

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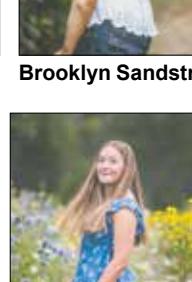
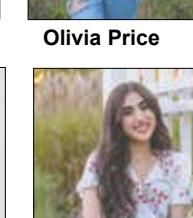
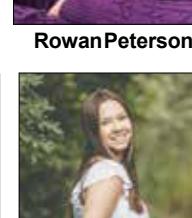
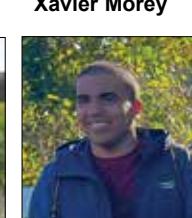
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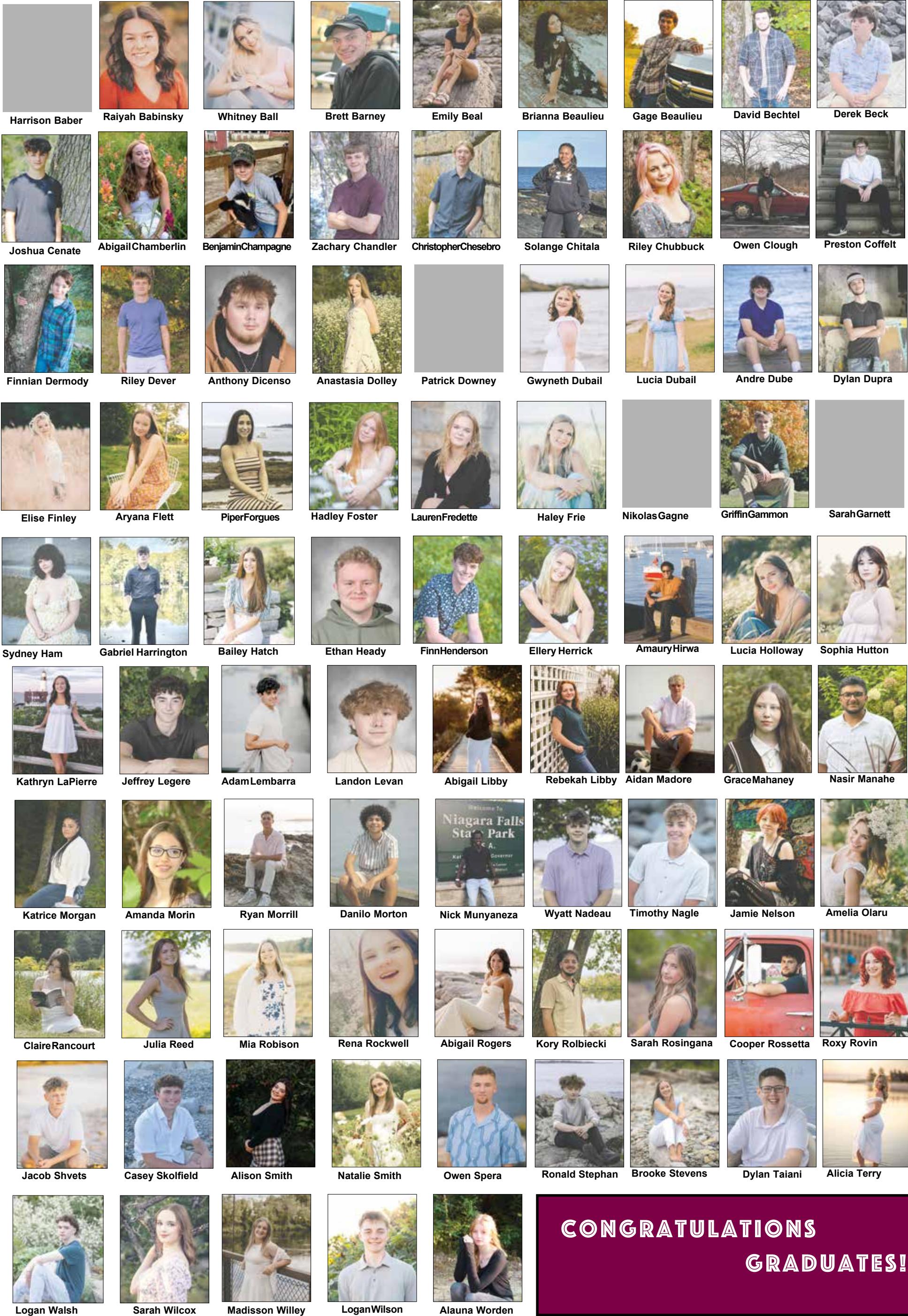


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MARK TWAIN



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GRADUATES!**

Gorham Middle School Sends Off Eighth Grade Graduates

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Lucas Witham, Principal, GMS
Eight Grade Graduates celebrate their transition from middle school to high school

Gorham Middle School eighth graders received their middle school completion certificates during the 8th Grade Celebration event on Thursday, June 12. The 8th Grade Celebration included a barbecue, a car parade, followed by the

final eighth grade dance inside the school, complete with plenty of food and fun. In addition there were accommodations with quiet spaces and board games put in place so that all eighth graders could have a comfortable and positive experience.



Photo Credit: Lucas Witham, Principal, GMS
That's a wrap on eighth grade for graduates of Gorham Middle School last week

Mustafa Abdulwahid
Benjamin Albrecht
Eva Alden
Sarina Alden
Camryn Allen
Joshua Allison
Christopher Amadon
Audrey Arsenault
Logan Arsenault
Matilda Arturo
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Timothy Hodgdon
Sawyer Holloway
Joel House
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Lily Hunnewell
Keelyn Hunt
Nolan Hurder
Jacob Ireland
Mia Johnson
Tycho Joslin
Fiona Keay
Jackson Keene
Hunter Keniston
Natalie Kenny
Damona Kim
Jazmyn King
Lillian King
Daniel Koo-Kepka
Joshua Kurlychek-Godard
Georgy Kushnar
Shelby LaChance
Faith Lajoie
Breanna Lampen
Kaiden Laughlin
Hailey Leconte
Theodore Leconte
Jeremy Levesque
Evan Lewin
Rebecca Lewis
Jessica Loiselle
Annie Lorfano
Alexia Lowell
Connor Lynch
Lionel Malembe Max
Brody Marchand
Kaidan Marchand
Elliot Margison
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Samuel Martin
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Samantha Page
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Mukeyle Pedro
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Zane Perry
Dominic Peyton
Urijah Pickreign
Lyla Placey
Emma Plummer
Quinn Poland
Kendra Poulin
Ezekiel Provencal
Brooklyn Pyy
Wesley Quang
Angelo Quatrano
Mia Rand
Gavin Reed
Mya Rego
Carmella Richards
Dominic Roberts-Spizzuoco

James Rock
Samantha Rockett
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Charles Sands
Lucy Sandstrom
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Violet Schmechel
Leila Schmoyer
Chloe Schuehle
Ava Scott
Ellis Scott
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Cale Severance
Ethan Shaffer
Brooklynn Shaw
Caroline Shaw
Darlene Shaw-Boissonneau
Devan Skinkle
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Maxx Snowdeal
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Grayson Turner
Viannah Vercoe
Jillian Vetterline
Amara Vincent
Loretta Vo
Elijah Wallace
Elijah Waterman
Gabriel Waterman
Isaiah Waterman
Emily Watson
Sophia Webster
Tristan Wells
Zoe Whitehead
Stephen Willette
Amelia Winkler
Harper Winkley
Kate Woods
Caleb Yaeger
Kayden Yahm
Jada Yates
Jacob Young
Ruthie Zaninelli

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Ashley Connolly, Valedictorian
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Ana Alonso, Carcedo Summa Cum Laude
Abigail Chamberlin, Summa Cum Laude
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Lucia Dubail, Summa Cum Laude
Chafek Matta, Summa Cum Laude
Julia Reed, Summa Cum Laude

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Aryana Flett Victoria Sands
Piper Forques Mina Sayed
Hadley Foster Ella Senatore
Lauren Fredette Jacob Shvets
Griffin Gammon Natalie Smith
Meghan Gendron Owen Spera
Ava Googins Brooke Stevens
Bailey Hatch Denali Tetrault
Finn Henderson Payton Thibodeau
Amaury Hirwa Madison Tibbals
Lucia Holloway Lily Tukey
Violet James Vanessa Walker
William Johnson

CUM LAUDE

Harrison Baber Solange Chitala
Raiyah Babinsky Cecelia Dellosso
Brianna Beaulieu Finnian Dermody
Abigail Capponi Riley Dever

Gavin Edwards Nasir Manahe
Mason Finck Samuel Merrow
Cameron Gasbarrone Abigail Rogers
Kuba Kaczmarek Sarah Sanborn
Jack Karlonas Alison Smith
Brooke Kazimer Logan E. Wilson
Alivia Keniston

Gorham High School Students Also Graduating with Technology Diplomas

Royce Guptill, Computer Repair/Net I WRVC
David Bechtel, Plumbing and HVAC PATHS
Anastasia Dolley, Commercial Art PATHS
Matthew Sallinen, Plumbing and HVAC PATHS
Jakob Buckley, Heavy Equipment II WRVC
Joshua Cenate, Automotive II WRVC
Christopher Chesebro, Business Tech II WRVC
Owen Clough, Automotive II WRVC
Elise Finley, Medical Occupations II WRVC
Chloe Goodwin, Heavy Equipment II WRVC
Royce Guptill, Comp. Sci, Multimedia II WRVC
Ellery Herrick, Medical Occupations II WRVC
Katrice Morgan, Automotive II WRVC
Brooke Piawlock, Automotive II WRVC
Olivia Price, Automotive II WRVC
Kory Rolbiecki, Electricity II WRVC
Cooper Rossetta, Automotive II WRVC
Celia Roy, Medical Occupations II WRVC
Ethan Verrill, Automotive II WRVC
Benjamin Walsh, Electricity II WRVC
Benjamin Champagne, Welding/Metal Fab PATHS
Timothy Curtis, Welding/Metal Fab PATHS
Finnian Dermody, New Media PATHS
Cameron Gasbarrone, Masonry PATHS
Abigail Libby, Commercial Art PATHS
Benjamin Mason, Cybersecurity PATHS
Luciana Orlando, Music PATHS
Diego Perez McLeod, Music PATHS
Liam Wagner, Masonry PATHS

Scholarship Awarded (since Scholarship Night listed in the last edition):

Douglas H. Brown Memorial Scholarship - Lindy Moreland

Summer Resource Guide for Families

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

Gorham Action Team for Youth (GATY) will soon release their first ever Gorham Summer Resource Guide for Families.

Through monthly meetings and dialogue with a diverse group of stakeholders, GATY determined that a need for resources for the parents and caregivers of Gorham youth became a theme. The Resource Guide was created in response, and will be available in both a printed and online version. The team is ensuring that it will also be translated and available to those caregivers for whom English is not a first language.

The guide includes valuable information for parents and caregivers of children of all ages, such as resources for mental health, activities and organizations that help kids stay busy, how to secure a work permit or find a volunteer opportunity, and guidance for monitoring teens to keep them safe.

"We know so many of our families rely on Gorham Schools for help addressing issues like mental health concerns and food insecurity, and for providing safe and supervised sports, clubs and activities during the school year, all of which is no longer readily available during the summer," said Brooke Proulx, Gorham Middle School Social Worker and volunteer GATY leader. "Gorham has many

wonderful resources that are available to our families, and agencies and organizations that are ready and eager to support residents year round. We hope that families find this resource guide helpful, and that it helps them connect with resources as needed, or to reconnect and to access all that Gorham has to offer our youth."

The Resource Guide will be made available electronically in the superintendent's blog, each of the principals' updates, and through school and district social media accounts. Print copies will be available at Gorham Town Hall, Baxter and North Gorham Libraries, Gorham Parks and Recreation Dept. and at the Gorham Pride Event, held in and around Shaw Gym on Saturday, June 28 from 11-2.

GATY is a coalition focused on promoting positive youth development and preventing at-risk behavior for youth in the Gorham community. Members include school and municipal employees and leaders, as well as business leaders, faith based members, parents, the rotary, and other community focused organizations. The all volunteer group held their final meeting of the year on June 6 during which finishing touches to the Resource Guide were made.

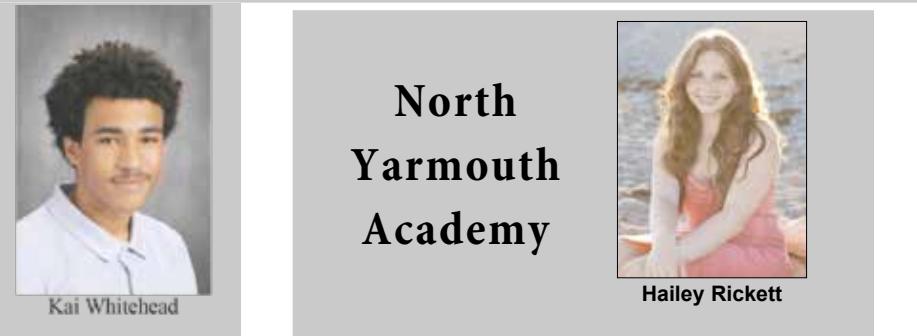
Gorham Students Graduating

From Area Schools

Baxter Academy



North Yarmouth Academy



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A group volunteers have worked this spring on cleaning up and beautifying Phinney Park. To see the results of their work take a walk by the park which is next to the cemetery on South St.

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High School Spring Sports Awards

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Spring Sports for most teams has concluded, with the exception of the Baseball and Softball Teams, who advanced to the baseball and softball quarterfinals and faced Thornton Academy. The Softball team moved on to the semi-finals. Great season to all of the spring sports teams.

Here is a list of all of the teams and athletes who were recognized for their accomplishments on and off the field for Spring 2025.

Spring 2025 SMAA All Conference All-Stars:

Baseball:
Wyatt Washburn 1st Team Outfield
Mason Finck 1st Team Catcher, All-Defensive Team

Wyatt Nadeau 1st Team Pitcher and Designated Hitter
CJ Whitehead 2nd Team Infield

Casey Skofield 2nd Team Outfield
Jack Karlonas All-Defensive Team
Miles Brenner Honorable Mention

Softball:

Bella McBrady All Conference
Sawyer Vonderhaar All-Conference
Lucy Dubail All-Conference
Lily Tukey Honorable Mention

Abigail Buckelew Honorable Mention
Boys Lacrosse:

Stephen Connolly All-Conference
Cole Chasse All-Conference
Max Duplisea Honorable Mention

Thomas Sylvia Honorable Mention

Girls Lacrosse:

Logan Doughty All-Conference
Madison Tibbals All-Conference
Piper Forges All-Conference
Winni Moreland All-Conference

Kennady Peary Honorable Mention

Haylie Nicely Honorable Mention

Boys Track:

Griffin Gammon 1st Team, High Jump
Jack Cyr 2nd Team, 400 Dash
Nick Munyanza 3rd Team, Triple Jump

Antoine Dubé 3rd Team, 300 Hurdles

Girls Track:

Ashley Connolly 2nd Team, 100, 200 Dash

Drew McManus 3rd Team, 1600 Racewalk

Girls Tennis:

Jasmine Radjabova 1st Team, Singles
Payton Thibodeau 1st Team, Doubles

Hadley Foster 1st Team, Doubles

Boys Tennis:

Owen Spera 1st Team, Doubles
Jacob Scvets 1st Team, D

All Academic:

Gorham Senior Athletic Awards 2025

Baseball:

Mason Finck
Jack Karlonas
Wyatt Nadeau

Girls Tennis:

Hadley Foster
Julia Reed
Sarah Rosingana

Girls Lacrosse:

Sophie Kaczmarek
Natalie Miner
Kathryn LaPierre

Boys Track & Field:

Riley Dever
Griffin Gammon
Finn Henderson
Kuba Kaczmarek

Smith Award (Scholar Athlete):

Ashley Connolly
Timothy Nagle

Outstanding Athlete Award:

Ashley Connolly
Griffin Gammon

Distinguished Athlete Award:

Julia Reed
Jack Karlonas

Gorham Spring RAM Awards

Baseball

Heart and Hustle Award Jack Karlonas
RAM Award Casey Skofield
Coach's Award Wyatt Nadeau
Most Valuable Player Mason Finck

Softball

Teammate Award Terra Rioux
Ram Award Sawyer Vonderhaar
Most Valuable Player Bella McBrady

Boys Lacrosse:

Spirit of the Game Award Aiden Dudley
D.I.G. Award Max Duplisea
Coach's Award Josh Centate

Girls Lacrosse:

Most Valuable Player Londyn Wright
Heart and Hustle Award Logan Doughty
Coach's Award Madison Tibbals

Boys Tennis:

Doubles Award Owen Spera
Doubles Award Jacob Shvets
Doubles Award Patrick Downey
Doubles Award Logan Wilson
Most Valuable Player Payton Thibodeau
Most Valuable Doubles Team Hadley Foster
Most Valuable Doubles Team Payton Thibodeau
Most Improved Award Lucy Orlando

Boys Track:

Most Improved Award Shane Morrison
Most Improved Award Nick Sallinen
Coach's Award Nick Munyanza

Girls Track:

Most Valuable Athlete Lindy Moreland
Most Improved Award Zoe Dellinger
Coach's Award Bailey Hatch

Potential State Record Turkey



Photo Credit: Sean O'Leary

Rory O'Leary, 10, of Gorham, ME with his potential state record, non-typical, turkey taken with a crossbow during the spring 2025 turkey season scoring 81 total points. Rory's turkey, weighing 18 lbs-0 oz, had two breads, measuring 9-7/16" and 9-9/16" in length. The bird also sported 1-2/16" and 1-6/16" spurs. Scoring completed by Tom's Avian Taxidermy located in Poland, ME. Rory was joined on his hunt by grandfather, Robert Grondin, and father, Sean O'Leary.

Rhonda Warren, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Is Retiring

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

If you have visited the Superintendent's Office in Gorham in the last four decades, you have undoubtedly been met by the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Rhonda Warren. Rhonda is retiring at the end of the school year after forty years in this position.

During this time, there have been eight superintendents, in three different office locations, but Rhonda, her professionalism and her smile have been the constant all along. Rhonda is familiar with every state rule for education, every policy decision and every building code and date of hire for staff and has the folders and papers within reach to prove it.

Rhonda came to Gorham after the birth of her oldest son when the school district was advertising for a Secretary to the Superintendent. She had previously served in the same capacity in SAD #6 in Standish and Superintendent Connie Goldman knew that this was a good hire for the office.

Rhonda will miss her interactions with administrators, parents and staff and the feeling of being part of a team whose work truly matters. Rhonda stated while looking back at her time in this district, "Gorham has a great school system and has always had an excellent staff of hard-working

professionals who care about kids. I have been fortunate to work with all of the superintendents and staff. I will truly miss the interactions with staff and parents."

Heather Perry, Gorham's present superintendent, spoke about her administrative assistant's retirement. "After 40 years of extraordinary service to the Gorham School Department, Rhonda leaves a legacy of unwavering dedication and professionalism. I have had the pleasure of working with Rhonda for the past ten years in Gorham. She has been the 'go-to' person for so many, including myself, always willing to go the extra mile for students, staff, and the community. Her knowledge, commitment, and steady presence will be deeply missed. She is one of those rare gems that is truly irreplaceable!"

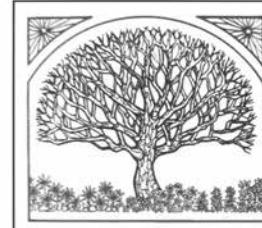
Rhonda's future plans involve an exciting camping trip to Alaska with her husband, and spending time with her family including her five grandchildren.

There is an Open House to honor and recognize Rhonda for her years of service on Thursday, June 26 from 1-3 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room. If you have had the pleasure of working with Rhonda, please consider dropping in to say, "So Long and Good Luck!"



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Free Outdoor Concerts Abound Nearby

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Music and theater fans in Gorham who wish to venture beyond the town line into Westbrook or Portland will find an impressive array of free outdoor concerts and plays happening this summer:

During July and August, Downtown Westbrook is hosting seven free concerts on the big Vallee Square stage next to Portland Pie Company, on Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. Most of this year's performers are cover bands, except for King Kyote on July 17.

July 10- Stolen MOJO, performing a variety of rock and pop hits of the 70's and 80's.

July 17 - King Kyote

He recently performed live on NBC's "American Song Contest"

July 24 - ECLIPSE: A Pink Floyd Tribute

July 31 - Say You Love Me - A Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Aug. 7 - Redneck Castaway - A Kenny Chesney Tribute

Aug. 14 - The Motor Booty Affair A 70's Extravaganza from "The Ultimate Disco Party Band"

August 21 - Masterstroke: The Ultimate Queen Experience

<https://www.downtownwestbrook.com/summer-concert-series/>

The 207 Music Series at Westbrook Common (next to Lighthouse Credit Union) will happen from 5 - 7 p.m. on ten consecutive Saturdays, from June 14 through September 6, featuring many Maine-based musicians.

www.downtownwestbrook.com/westbrook-common

June 14 - The Dooryarders

June 21 - Phil 'n the Blanks

June 28 - Ol' Tom Riley

July 5 - Dominic Lavoie

July 12 - Frank Gallagher

July 19 - Hildaland

Aug. 2 - Elias Judas

Aug. 9 - Joe Sweeney

Aug. 16 - Jeezum Crow

Sept. 6 - Connor Garvey

Just a half mile further down Main Street in Westbrook, the Riverbank Park Gazebo is the locale for a series of performances on Tuesday evenings, from 6 - 8 p.m. Members of the American Legion post sell snacks before and during the concert.

July 1 - Westbrook City Band

July 8 - JC & The Aces

July 15 - Phil'N The Blanks

July 22 - Down Two Earth

July 29 - David Good

August 5 - Darlin' Corey (a local favorite, featuring fiddler Erica Brown)

August 12 - The Covertones

The Westbrook Community Center at 426 Bridge Street hosts a food truck event every Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. Known as the Bridge StrEAT Food Park, it features as many as 18 food vendors, as well as live music.

At Portland's Thompson's Point, UnumGroup is once again sponsoring "Summer Sunsets LIVE" with a variety of food trucks and musicians. This "kid-friendly" free event takes place every Thursday and Friday, from 4 p.m. until sunset, June through early September.

June 20 - The Crowded Table

June 26 - The Dapper Gents

June 27 - Darlin' Corey

July 4 - Sunburned Sharks

July 10 - Frenzie

Additional Sunset LIVE concert performers will be listed at: <https://www.thompsonspoint.com/summersunsetslive>

Radio Station 97.9 is sponsoring Payson Park Summer Concerts at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of July and August:

July 2 - Bondeko

August 6 - The Flukes

As of this writing, just one concert is scheduled this summer at the Fort Allen Gazebo location on Portland's Eastern Promenade. At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday August 31, Chandler's Band will perform a blend of brass band styles, with military marches, big band favorites, and pieces for traditional concert wind band.

The Fenix Theater Company is giving free performances of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in Portland's Deering Oaks Park on selected dates from July 10 through August 2:

July 10 - 12 at 6:30 p.m.

July 17 - 19 at 6:30 p.m.

July 23 - 25 at 6:30 p.m.

July 31 - Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

From early July to mid August, Portland's Western Prom park will be the location of the free Western Prom Sunset Concerts on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. Performers to be announced. <https://westernpromsunsetconcerts.org/>

Right here in Gorham we have the Gorham Summer Concert Series in the Gazebo on Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.. Bring a picnic, a chair, a blanket and enjoy the show.

June 24 - Hot Damn Duo

July 1 - Andi Fawcett Duo

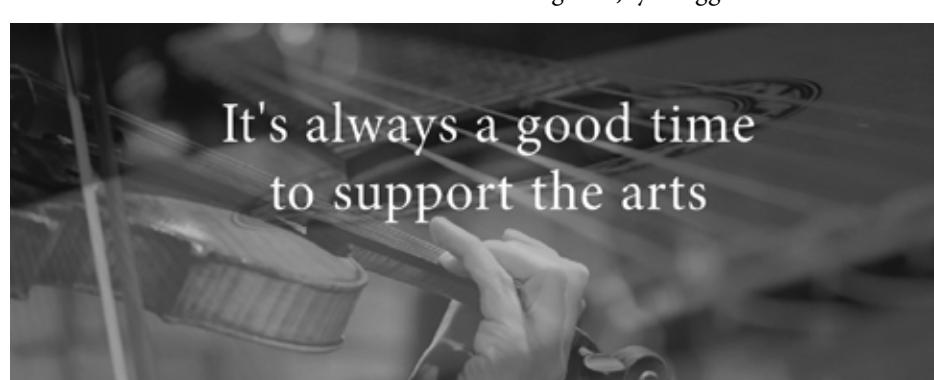
July 8 - Grassholes Duo

July 15 - The Tangle!

July 22 - Don Campbell Trio

July 29 - JC & the Aces

Aug. 5 - Jay Bragg



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A RAMS fan supporting the graduates.

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Abigail Chamberlin

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1 large onion, chopped
1 red pepper, chopped
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt & pepper to taste
4 tablespoons Mozzarella cheese, shredded
4 green peppers, top off and cleaned for stuffing

Combine all ingredients for stuffing green peppers. Stuff peppers firmly with mixture. Top with shredded Mozzarella cheese. Place in baking pan and bake for 35 minutes, until top is golden brown. Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com

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OF INTEREST

The 50th Reunion of the Gorham High School Class of 1975 will take place on Saturday, August 30 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Red City Ale house, 8 Main Street, Windham. FMI: Contact Donna (207) 831-2203 or Diane (207) 756-3740.

True North Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 23-27 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road Christian Church. Open to children ages four through finishing fifth grade. Register and FMI: <https://cresseyrdcc.org/> or 839-3111. (Register now and get ready to hit the trails for an ultimate Alaskan adventure where kids will discover they can trust Jesus in a wild world! Pre-register on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/crccvbs2025> There is no cost. Donations accepted. FMI: cresseyrdcc.org or 839-3111)

The Vigorous Tenderness concert series is once again visiting Gorham with their vibrant chamber music connecting new sounds, the environment, and the community, with chamber music in harmony with the landscape as the audience follows a path of listening and reflection. A summer solstice concert will take place on Friday, June 20 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Gambo Preserve in Gorham (park at Gambo Fields in Windham, rain date next day). Sliding scale donation, no advance tickets required. Family friendly, all ages are welcome. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1527628595290322>

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's veterans. We proudly support local veterans and their families through community service, patriotic programs, and veteran outreach. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Gorham Fire Station, 270 Main Street, Gorham, Maine. All eligible veterans and active-duty service members are welcome to attend and get involved. The Post organizes youth scholarships, flag placement ceremonies, community fundraisers, and support programs for military families. They are committed to fostering civic pride and ensuring veterans receive the recognition and support they deserve. To learn more about membership, upcoming events, or ways to support our mission, please contact us at vfwpost10879@gmail.com, visit facebook.com/vfw10879, or reach out to our Quartermaster, Jakob Bauder, at (207) 607-0370 with any questions.

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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 or contact us at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org

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Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, June 28 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out containers optional.

"Summer Thursdays" Weekly Food Truck Festival is in Gorham at the Little Falls Recreation Area every Thursday from June 26 until Aug. 28 with a rotating weekly line up from 4 - 8 p.m. at 664 Gray Road in Gorham. Learn more at gorhammaine.org (207) 222-1620.

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter House Museum at 67 South Street is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of June, July, and August. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

At the North Gorham Public Library, Tickles the Clown will entertain children of all ages with a Magic Show on Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m., then at 6 p.m. the library will host a presentation called River Secrets. When Dundee Pond was drained last summer because of a dam malfunction, the secrets lying below the surface for decades slowly revealed themselves, including the Presumpscot River. Presenters will be Michael Shaughnessy, president of Friends of the Presumpscot River and Julie Caswell, who will show and discuss buried artifacts she found with her metal detector. Portland Stage Company will be at the library on Friday, July 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m. The NGPL is open Monday 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. FMI: (207) 892-2575.

Baxter Memorial Library will host "Spring into Summer Reading at BML" on the lawn at 75 South Street on Wednesday, June 18. Drop in any time between 2 - 6 p.m. Take a tour through Chunk - a life-sized inflatable whale, sign up for summer reading, enjoy a hot dog and a sno cone, and listen to live music. The library will be closed on Thursday, June 19, "Juneteenth." Check the

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BIDDEFORD \$449,900 -

Lots of updates have been done to this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home, including vinyl siding, porch, deck, heating system, insulation, windows & kitchen. This level lot can be found towards the end of a dead end street. A 1/2 acre lot in the R1A zone allows for a 2nd unit. There's a large 2-car garage & shed for extra storage. What a convenient location to ball fields, shopping & more within walking distance, along with easy access to the turnpike & beaches.

GORHAM \$144,900 -

This 1986 Zimmer manufactured home has a spacious fully applianced kitchen, dining area, large living room with newer carpet. It offers a master bedroom w/ master bath, 2nd bedroom with newer laminate flooring & a 2nd full bath. There's a laundry area, 4 season bonus room, storage shed, newer paved drive & newer covered porch with composite decking. This is a 55+ community with clubhouse & a very maintained park. Close to all points, in this desirable location.

GRAY \$399,900 -

Great value for 1731sqft of living space! Convenient location south of Gray Village near the Gray/Cumberland town line where you'll find this home on 2.78-acres. Kitchen with dining area, front living room, two bedrooms and a full bathroom complete the first floor. On the lower level you'll find a family room, a third bedroom, a flex room that makes for a nice home office or exercise room, a full second bathroom and a utility room for storage.

GORHAM \$150,000 -

This new North Gorham subdivision offers 5-lots to choose from ranging in size from 1.47-acres to 3.20-acres. The lots are all surveyed with soils tests available. Relatively flat and level building envelopes. The 200+ feet of street frontage on each parcel is along paved public roads. You'll love NO HOA fees, restrictions or bylaws to live by. You'll love NO HOA fees, restrictions or bylaws to live by. Convenient North Gorham location just minutes to North Windham and Sebago Lake Station boat ramp.

STANDISH \$199,000 -

Gorgeous 2.58ac lot located off the end of desirable Westview Drive. The rolling landscape, mature forest & babbling brook have the makings for a picturesque private setting. The survey, soils tests, wetland mapping, conceptual dwelling locations, underground utility conduits and gravel driveway is roughed in for you. The Village Residential Zone allows multiple options, build your dream home with an accessory dwelling or outbuilding or the potential of subdividing the lot.



Julie Chandler



Mike Griffin



Peter Mason

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calendar for events and activities including Pirate RPG Tuesday, Books and Bubbles, Art in the Park, and the Book Club. Library hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

University of Maine Cooperative Extension announces a virtual Equine Speaker Series for 2025. The theme of the summer webinar series is "From Foaling to Farewell: Essential Knowledge Covering the Equine Lifecycle" with presentations by topic experts from Maine and across the country. All webinars start at 6 p.m. EST.

The first in the series will be held on June 26 with Devan Catalano, Ph.D, Extension equine specialist at Colorado State University speaking about setting up foals and young horses for success. On July 30, Dr. Fran Roew, DVM, Equine Nutritionist at Mad Barn, will discuss basic equine nutrition at every life stage. On August 15, Mary Walby, the founder of God's Window Senior Horse Rehab and Hospice, will talk about grief management for equine and livestock care givers, and on August 21, she will present her experience with senior horse care. Last in the series on September 3, is a talk about managing equine mortalities on-farm, presented by Nicholas Rowley, sustainable agriculture professional at UMaine Extension.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per event. Registration can be found on the program web page, <http://extension.umaine.edu/livestock/equine/summer-speaker-series/>. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sue Beaz and (207) 667-8212 or sue.baez@maine.edu.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H will offer its hands-on virtual summer learning series July 7–August 11. The series presents more than 20 workshops on a wide variety of topics to fit a broad range of interests.

Originally launched in 2020 to provide additional educational opportunities for youth during the pandemic, the UMaine Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series continues to play an important role in helping to alleviate some of the learning loss that occurs each summer. The series features engagement-building activities in the fields of arts and crafts, food and nutrition, STEM, marine science and aquaculture, animal science and agriculture, and more. Participants log on and learn from UMaine staff and volunteers with a variety of expertise. The workshops also provide opportunities to learn more about the 4-H program and to connect with other youth from across Maine. All materials needed to complete the hands-on activities will be mailed to participants at no cost.

Workshops are free with optional sliding scale fee and open to all youth ages 5–18. Registration is required. Find more information on the Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sarah Sparks at 207.581.8206 or sarah.sparks@maine.edu.

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Gorham, ME Job Fair, United States Post Office Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Gorham PO, 1 Post Office Square. Or contact USPS Recruiting, (207) 482-7233, menhvtrecruitment@usps.gov.

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 5

Baxter Memorial Library
Morning Book Club, "The Lost Bookshop" by Evie Woods, 10:15 a.m.
Library Trustees Meeting, open to the public, all are welcome, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, Juneteenth

Baxter Memorial Library closed

Friday, June 20

Vigorous Tenderness outdoor concert, Gambo Preserve, 6 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

Baxter Memorial Library, Pirate RPG Tuesday, elementary age and up, 2 p.m.
Gorham Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo - Hot Damn Duo, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25

Baxter Memorial Library, Books and Bubbles on the Lawn, birth-2nd grade, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library
Tickles the Clown Magic Show, 10:30 a.m.
River Secrets, a presentation, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

Baxter Memorial Library, Art in the Park (all ages), 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Gorham Summer Thursdays Weekly Food Truck Festival, Little Falls Rec. Area, 4 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1

Baxter Memorial Library,
Pirate RPG Tuesday, elementary age and up, 2 p.m.
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Gorham Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo - Andi Fawcett Duo, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2

Baxter Memorial Library, Books and Bubbles on the Lawn, birth-2nd grade, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Steam Thursday, 2 p.m. every other Thursday
Gorham Summer Thursdays Weekly Food Truck Festival, Little Falls Rec. Area, 4 - 8 p.m.

*Send calendar items, public service announcements and events to
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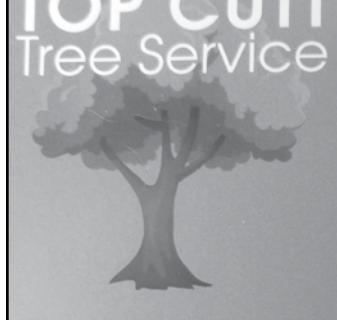
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the blotter

Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Officer received a call from a concerned person regarding an individual on Louise Street. They reported that the individual who lives there hadn't picked up his phone, answered the door, and hadn't been seen since last week. Another officer was able to make contact with the homeowner who told us that he was ok and believed he had accidentally stepped on his key fob.

Gorham PD received a report of two loose dogs running in the woods behind someone's house. The dogs were not caught or ID'd. Both were added to the log.

Caller advised that her motion-light in her driveway turned on and then she saw the back door of her car open. Two officers were first on scene and made contact with complainant. Officer searched the area and did not see any other signs of suspicious behavior. The two officers also searched the area and did not see anything of note. Officer made contact with the caller and told her that the area was searched the area. She was thankful and told dispatch that she thinks she may have left the door open before she went inside for the night.

Officer observed a group of five gentlemen, all with youthful appearance, loitering in the center grass section of the turnaround. They had a variety of candy, soda and energy drinks and were sitting, leaning against the signs. Officer stopped his cruiser on the raised concrete center of the roundabout and activated emergency lights to a solid blue "cruise" mode. Officer asked the group what they were doing in the middle of the roundabout, and they told officer they were just hanging out. Officer did not smell any marijuana or intoxicants,

nor did officer observe any indicators of recent use. The group then apologized for being in the roundabout and promptly walked back to their friend's house.

A female called in and asked if the Gorham PD could go to an individual's house, which she had moved out of, to grab her cat. Officer asked if she spoke to the other party in regard to retrieving that cat, and she stated yes, and they are refusing. Officer referred her to civil court.

Caller wanted Gorham PD to know there was a shopping cart on the sidewalk.

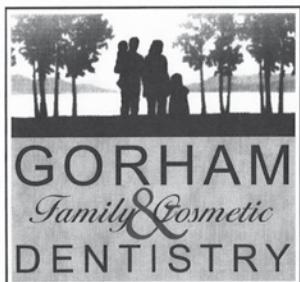
On patrol, officer located a vehicle on the side of Ossipee Trail with a flat tire. The driver was attempting to change his tire but did not know how to and was in the travel lane. Officer changed his tire for him and sent him on his way.

Caller stated she lost her shears on top of her car and wanted to see if anyone returned them.

Multiple calls notifying that there were vehicles parked up and down Church and Water Streets. This was in reference to an event going on at the church. All vehicles moved on by 20:00. Additionally an individual called because she had difficulty finding her vehicle. Officer was able to help her locate her vehicle. She had just forgotten where she parked.

Officer reported an individual got a letter from another individual and wanted to know if it was threatening in nature. It was not.

Travel nursing aide that was sleeping in her car. Nothing suspicious to report.



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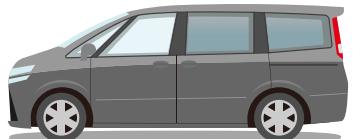
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