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## Miriam Rimkunas Wins Author Award

Chris Crawford, Features Editor



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Miriam Rimkunas, award-winning author.

Miriam I. Rimkunas, GHS Class of '08, recently won the Maine Writers & Publisher's Alliance (MWPA) Maine Literary Award for their book titled "Survivor Concentrate: An

Apocalyptic Fable." Rimkunas is also a University of Maine, Orono grad with a bachelor's degree in English with a focus on creative writing.

This year's MWPA awards were chosen from a field of 165 books that were entered across the award's categories and from more than 150 manuscripts that were submitted for the Short Works competition in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama as well as in three youth categories. More than 40 writers, librarians, editors, teachers and literary professionals served as jurors for the awards.

Rimkunas won the Book Award for the Speculative Fiction category, which combines Fantasy, SciFi and Horror. The book tells the eerie tale of a strange cottage isolated in the midst of the Siberian taiga where the three Popov sisters once lived and left mystical secret portals and bloody secrets. Now the cabin is home

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## Lisa, 40 Years at Hannaford

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor



Photo Credit: Lori Arsenault  
Lisa King, well-known for her work at Hannaford in Gorham for 40 years.

Thanks to a story idea from Hannaford customer and 20-year Gorham resident Corinne Altham, we learned that 2026 is Lisa King's 40th year working at Hannaford.

Anyone who shops at Hannaford regularly will have, at some point, had their groceries packed neatly and efficiently by Lisa. Add to that her warm and cheerful smiles and greetings, she is well-deserving of this recognition.

Lisa told us that her parents first drove her to work at Hannaford in Gorham because the one in Standish did not open

early enough. Now her sister Kathy, with whom she lives, drives her to work. Lisa also told us that she'd like to recognize some of her early shift leaders, especially Danny Young, who now works for the Gorham Police Department, and his two sisters, Leslie Young and Amy Young.

It's apparent when talking with Lisa that her work at Hannaford is very important to her. When asked what her favorite part of the job was, she answered with a smile, "the customers." ...like Corinne Altham, and many more of us than we can count. And we've heard that for many customers, their favorite part of shopping is Lisa.

**Remember to vote: Tuesday, June 9th**



## Spring Sports Playoffs Are Ramping Up

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Baseball team huddle on Senior Day

The Maine high school spring sports regular season is in its final days, with the last countable regular-season games for baseball, softball and lacrosse scheduled for June 3. If you are tracking the Rams teams, the Baseball and Softball programs are red-hot head-

ing into the playoffs. Thus far the teams are 13-1 and 13-2, respectively, and are considered top-tier ranking. Following the regular season, the Maine Principals' Association (MPA) postseason tournaments will officially kick off with regional preliminary rounds

starting on June 9, culminating in the State Championships in June 2026.

Championship and playoff schedules are as follows:

- Regional Preliminary Rounds: June 9
- Regional Quarterfinals: June 11
- Regional Semifinals: June 13
- Regional Finals: June 16
- State Championships: June 20

The MPA brackets will be accessible through the Maine Principals' Association website with all team rankings and updates. Good luck to all of the Rams teams the rest of the way this spring.

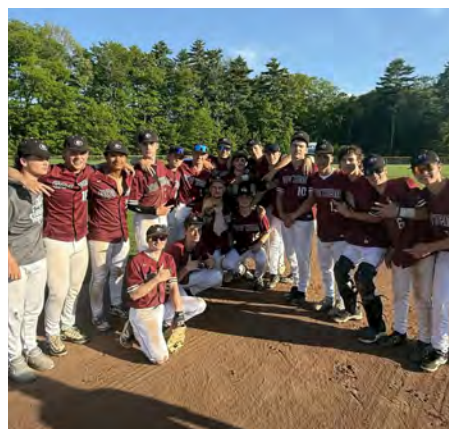


Photo Credit: Gorham Baseball  
Baseball team win over Westbrook 14-0 on May 26

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## Saco River Jazz Opens Gazebo Concerts

Lori Arsenault, Managing Editor



Photo Credit: Patrick Crockett  
Editor Lori Arsenault, looks on from the double bass as GHS senior Gavin Monkiewicz receives a band scholarship and plaque from Ross Bertran.

The non-profit big band Saco River Jazz took the opportunity at a recent performance to award GHS graduating trumpeter and 5-year veteran band member Gavin Monkiewicz the Saco River Jazz Scholarship. The band will open the Gazebo Summer Concert Series on Tuesday, June 23 from 6 - 7:30, rain or shine. Cut out the ad on page 6 for the full schedule.

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# Protecting the Rights of All Mainers

Rep. Ellie Sato

We recently concluded this year's legislative session, where we passed laws intended to make life better for families and working people. In Maine, we did the hard work of governing, passing policies I believe will help ensure our state is a place where families can live and work, where young people can put down roots and where we take care of our aging neighbors.

While there is always more work to be done, I am proud of what we accomplished this session and the legislation we passed over the last two years that aims to bolster our economy and protect the rights of everyday people.

As someone who has primarily worked in restaurants, the rights of workers are front of mind for me. We passed several initiatives this session that I believe will help workers, from establishing that people who show up to work for shift work receive minimum pay, to legislation that requires the Department of Labor to report to the Legislature on the impact of our current workplace sexual harassment policies and include recommendations for strengthening prevention efforts.

Additionally, we established the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council (MASSAC) in state law. MASSAC has been nurturing long-lasting relationships between the Aomori Prefecture in Japan and the State of Maine since the '90s. These partnerships have been shown to foster economic development in aquaculture and support exchange programs in education, the

arts and archeology. Now, we can continue to build and foster our relationship with Aomori as our communities face the shared effects of climate change.

Another bill, LD 2106, which is now law, is intended to uphold due process in Maine and protect residents from unchecked immigration enforcement. This legislation should help provide clarity for employees at public schools, state health facilities and state libraries on what to do if, and when, they encounter Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It requires immigration officers to obtain a warrant signed by a judge in order to conduct enforcement at places where everyone should feel safe.

The protections laid out in this bill are not new – they were part of federal immigration policy for years that largely prohibited immigration enforcement at sensitive locations. I saw “Operation Catch of the Day” and other reckless federal immigration enforcement in Maine create lasting terror in our communities. To me, this bill is about recognizing the humanity in one another and protecting the rights and safety of all Maine residents.

With help from advocates, the Legislature also passed LD 957 this session to integrate the history and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) people into our statewide system of learning results. In 2020, during the pandemic, we saw a sharp rise in hate crimes committed against the AANHPI community here in Maine.

As we work to improve public safety and prevent future violence, educators can utilize many cost-effective and free resources covering AANHPI history and key events in the U.S., like the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. AANHPI history is American history.

Finally, for survivors of sexual assault, we passed LD 412, which improves access to justice for survivors by prohibiting the sale of self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kits that distance survivors from critical services at medical facilities, like free evidence collection, advocacy services, legal assistance and time-sensitive prophylactic measures.

I believe, this session, that we passed bills to help address the concerns that Gorham residents have shared with me.

I can best represent our community by hearing directly from you about the issues you care about. You can contact me by email at [Ellie.Sato@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Ellie.Sato@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at 207-287-1430. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance navigating state services or even just to introduce yourself.



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

Judiciary Committee.

## Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

My name is Claude Rwaganje, a Gorham resident. I am a former Member-at-Large and President of Westbrook City Council. I resided in Westbrook for 10 years before recently moving to Gorham with my family.

I first met Rep. Sato when she was personal assistant and legislative aide in the Maine Senate Majority Office during the 131st Legislature. Sato was later elected to the 132nd Legislature.

Sato is passionate about creating access to quality housing, health care, and education. She is a strong advocate for workers' rights, generating good jobs for Mainers, and more. Her passion resonates with me.

I learned that she was running for an open seat in the Senate and I am proud to know that she will be representing me. I will happily vote for her and will urge other people to support her as well.

Claude Rwaganje, Gorham

To the Editor:

Having recently moved to Scarborough, I have found it to be a welcoming community. That is why I am so concerned by the rise in fear, racism, and the impact of ICE enforcement on immigrant families and our communities.

Recently I encountered Sophie Warren standing shoulder to shoulder with me at a protest about ICE. She listened carefully, spoke thoughtfully, and made clear that she believes every person deserves dignity and respect. She has advanced legislation to protect our

immigrant neighbors from civil rights violations by federal authorities, believing everyone has a right to due process.

Sophie also cares about protecting property taxpayers and enabling smart growth. In addition, she has fought to ensure reproductive rights, another shared value.

In her 3 terms in the legislature, she has worked tirelessly and effectively to ensure a better future for all of us. Please join me and vote for Sophie Warren for Senate.

Mary Ellen Galante, Scarborough

To the Editor:

Primary voting is now available at a polling station near you. For my comrades in District 30, that means voting for Ellie Sato to be our next state Senator. She has been a force in the legislature, and we now have this opportunity to see her continue in the Senate. Sato's term shows what collective care can look like when elected to office. In the Judiciary Committee, she has worked to improve the rights of workers, of survivors, of consumers, tenants, and to promote public safety. As a resident of Scarborough, I want a Senator who is committed to human rights, privacy, representation, dignity, and collective access. I am confident that Sato is the leader our community needs, and ask my neighbors to join me in voting for her on June 9. Thank you so much.

Elaine Williams, Scarborough

To the Editor:

In politics, it is very easy to stand up

to the opposing party; it is much more difficult to stand up to your own. Sophie Warren has shown the courage to do just that – to stand up to her party when it is wrong. Almost a year ago, Sophie co-sponsored legislation to lower the cost all Maine ratepayers are paying to solar developers for net energy billing. For a legislator who is passionate about renewable energy and climate change, this was a very difficult decision, one that put her at odds with many of her colleagues. But Sophie understands something most of her Democratic colleagues do not – if our policies serve to increase the cost of renewable energy and therefore the cost of electricity beyond what people can afford, they won't buy EVs; they won't install heat pumps – in short, they won't electrify their energy use but will instead continue to rely on fossil fuels, and our climate problems will continue to get worse. Sophie took heavy criticism from many Democrats for her position. Fortunately, her bill passed with bi-partisan support, and according to Maine's Public Advocate will result in well over a billion dollars of savings to ratepayers over the next 20 years. It seems to me that this is the kind of legislating that we all want to see in Augusta, but which occurs too infrequently. I am an unenrolled voter and generally don't vote in primaries – but this year, I will be voting for Sophie Warren for State Senate. We need people like Sophie in Augusta.

Richard Silkman, Scarborough

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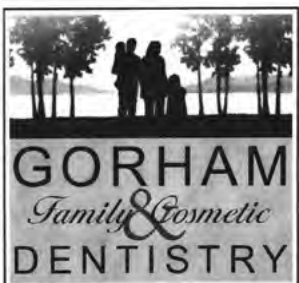


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## Narragansett School Family Picnic

Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School



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Narragansett hosted a family picnic themed "A Feast for Narragansett," based on the book *A Feast for Joseph* that was featured for the One School, One Book project earlier in the year. Families brought treats to share and enjoyed picnic dinners on the grass. Everyone enjoyed the playground, blowing bubbles, listening to live music and each other's company.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Encourages Summer Water Safety

Larissa Moore, GHS Student Intern

With summer being right around the corner, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is looking to prevent and spread awareness of water-related injuries.

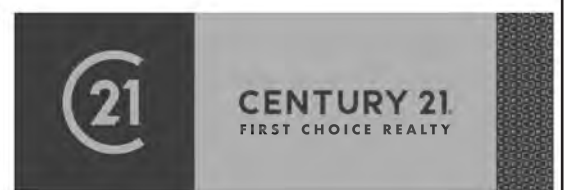
Throughout the country, the USACE manages over 400 lakes and rivers. Each year during the summer season, bodies of water managed by the USACE bring in millions of tourists. This also brings in an alarming amount of fatalities. Many of these incidents result from the absence of lifejackets and the invasion of non-swimming zones.

The USACE motivates visitors to continue to enjoy the outdoors in the summer, but they emphasize, "too often, accidents happen without warning and in just a matter of seconds," said Heath Kruger, USACE National Water Safety

program manager. "A properly fitted lifejacket remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to save a life."

This summer, the USACE encourages people to monitor all children in open bodies of water, avoid drinking alcohol before swimming, and be sure to wear lifejackets when participating in activities in the open water.

With Maine being a popular summer destination filled with many busy waterways, such as Sebago Lake and the Penobscot River, it is important for everyone to know the risk of unsafe swimming. These popular bodies of water attract people from all over the country for summer festivities, and the USACE strives to spread awareness for water safety, to keep as many people safe as possible.



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# Alzheimer's Disease and Early Detection

Linda Whitten, Contributing Writer

Early detection and diagnosis of any disease is important. The same is true of Alzheimer's disease. We are at a "Mammogram Moment."

Brain changes due to Alzheimer's disease may begin as early as 20 years prior to the onset of symptoms of dementia, such as memory loss. Over 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and the prevalence of this devastating disease will continue to rise significantly in the coming decades.

In Maine, close to 11% of the adult population live with Alzheimer's. Unfortunately, fewer than 10% of people living with mild cognitive impairment ever receive a diagnosis, meaning most people are not identified early enough to benefit from today's FDA-approved treatments. There is also a public health impact.

More than 11 million Americans provide their unpaid care and the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total more than \$360 billion, increasing to nearly \$1 trillion by mid-century. Early detection provides opportunities for families to access support services and make informed decisions about care.

When Alzheimer's treatments begin at the initial onset of mild cognitive impairment, people see the greatest benefit. Nearly 4 in 5 say they would want to know their Alzheimer's diagnosis while symptoms are still mild or before symptoms appear at all.

The good news is that researchers have developed blood tests that can detect the biological hallmarks of Alzheimer's through a simpler, more scalable approach than previous diagnostic pathways.

The problem is that Medicare is prohibited from covering screening tests unless Congress permits it to do so. The bipartisan Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act, led by Senator Collins and supported by Representative Pingree, ensures people benefit from this scientific milestone by permitting Medicare to cover

such tests once approved by the FDA.

More than 9 in 10 Americans polled say they would want a simple test to allow for early treatment. By facilitating earlier intervention, the ASAP Act could improve outcomes and reduce the burden of Alzheimer's on patients, families and the healthcare system.

When Congress enabled Medicare coverage for routine mammograms, screening rates soared, and breast cancer deaths dropped significantly. That early investment led to earlier detection, better outcomes and improved quality of life.

With the help of Congress, a similar breakthrough is on the horizon for Alzheimer's. This "mammogram moment" is an opportunity to make early detection and intervention the standard of care for Alzheimer's just like it is for all other major diseases.

To learn more about the Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act and for more information about Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia, contact the Alzheimer's Association. A free 24/7 Helpline is available providing access to many resources: 800-272-3900 or visit <https://www.alz.org/> to explore many educational programs. Statistics for this article came from the ASAP website.



Linda Whitten, a long-time resident of Gorham, volunteers as a Program Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association. She is president of the Board of

Trustees for Greater Portland Landmarks. She is a realtor at Dream Home Realty and the wellness director at RYZE Personal Training, both in Gorham.

## Miriam Rimkunas CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to young Song Min-jae, who learns he is not alone in this vast wilderness.

Daughter of Allie and John Rimkunas, of Gorham, the award-winning author is a lifelong Mainer, now living in Portland. Prior to the publication of "Concentrate," they wrote and produced the serialized podcast "Extraordinary Terrestrials." When not working, this cat lover enjoys knitting, playing bass, and gardening.

As part of the competition, the MWPA donates a copy of every book nominated for this year's awards (165 books in all) to a Maine library in need. The MWPA will announce the library that will receive this year's books in the coming weeks.

For more information or questions about the awards, please contact MWPA executive director Gibson Fay-LeBlanc at [director@mainewriters.org](mailto:director@mainewriters.org)

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# Protecting From Elder Fraud

Wendy Bowen, Contributing Writer

In 2022, 90-year-old widow Phyllis Weisberg lost \$20,000 after cybercriminals withdrew money from her account. Her story, shared by the National Council on Aging, is devastating — but far from uncommon. Financial exploitation is a growing concern for older adults, especially in the age of online scams. Here are steps you can take to help protect your loved ones from elder fraud.

**Communicate.** In a post-pandemic world, it can be easy to lose touch, but maintaining regular communication is key. Remind loved ones never to share personal or financial information through email, phone calls or text messages. Sign them up for the National Do Not Call Registry at <https://www.donotcall.gov> and talk openly about common scams targeting older adults.

**Appoint a financial power of attorney.** Establishing a financial power of attorney is an important step in protecting a loved one's finances if they become incapacitated. These documents should be completed before they are needed, while the individual is still able to make informed decisions and communicate their wishes.

Rather than relying on a generic form, consider working with an attorney to customize the document to fit your loved one's needs, whether that includes filing taxes, managing property or handling daily financial matters. Free and low-cost legal assistance may be available through the Eldercare Locator at <https://eldercare.acl.gov>.

**Vet caregivers carefully.** If you are seeking help with health care or home management, hire through a bonded agency that uses a thorough screening process. Continue monitoring after hiring by requesting updates regularly and observing interactions in person when possible.

**What can I do if elder fraud has occurred?** Alert financial institutions. Contact the individual's credit union, bank or wire transfer service immediately to request a

cancellation or reversal of fraudulent transactions, if possible. At minimum, financial institutions can monitor accounts for suspicious activity. You should also notify the Social Security Administration and the three major credit bureaus — Experian, TransUnion and Equifax — to help limit damage related to identity theft. Report abuse.

If you suspect a loved one is being financially exploited, contact Maine Adult Protective Services at 207-287-1234. Adult Protective Services connects older and disabled adults with programs and services designed to protect their well-being. Abuse can also be reported to the local district attorney's office. If the fraud involved an online or mail scam, file a report with the Federal Trade Commission or the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

**Offer support.** Victims of financial exploitation often experience shame, embarrassment or grief. Be patient as they process their emotions and offer reassurance while helping them navigate next steps. Simple gestures, such as running errands or organizing family gatherings, can help reduce stress during a difficult time.

**Create a game plan.** Consider holding regular family meetings to discuss budgeting, bill payments and any ongoing financial concerns moving forward.

While elder fraud can be financially and emotionally devastating, proactive planning and open communication can help protect the people you love. Staying informed, recognizing warning signs and putting safeguards in place can reduce the risk of exploitation before it occurs. Most importantly, remind loved ones they are not alone. With support, resources and a plan, families can work together to help older adults remain safe, independent and financially secure.



Wendy Bowen is marketing manager at Casco Federal Credit Union.

# Arsenic in Rice

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

When you have cooked as many meals as I have, it's amazing to discover that there are still things I have yet to learn. How is it possible that I have just recently learned that there is arsenic in both brown and white rice?

Cooks have debated for years over which is healthiest: brown or white rice? I took it as gospel that brown rice was healthier. A cup of brown rice has more fiber, almost six times more, and higher levels of magnesium, potassium, iron and B vitamins, making it a healthy choice to lower the risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, obesity and some cancers.

White rice is made by stripping brown rice of its bran and germ, leaving behind the starchy endosperm. Brown rice is a whole grain that contains three key components. It has a fiber-rich outer layer called the bran, as well as a core layer called the germ, which contains healthy fats, antioxidants and vitamins.

According to a recent Michigan State study, both brown and white rice contain arsenic, a heavy metal linked to cancer, neurological problems and other health issues. Brown rice on average contains more arsenic at levels around 138 parts per billion while the average levels in white rice are lower, averaging around 93 parts per billion.

Rice is typically grown in flooded rice paddies. When the soil is submerged underwater, arsenic in the ground becomes soluble and the plant's roots can easily absorb it.

Research shows that some groups, such as

infants and toddlers, may be more vulnerable to the harmful effects of arsenic. If you want to be cautious, you can limit your or your child's exposure. If your child likes rice, you could give them a variety of other whole grains, such as oats, barley, quinoa and farro, which all have less arsenic than rice. Thankfully, the amount of arsenic can be easily reduced by using the following cooking method:

Soak the rice for 30 minutes, then rinse thoroughly. Strain, then add clean water before cooking. Or, cook the rice in a fresh pot of boiling water, in the same way you'd cook pasta, using at least a four-to-one ratio of water to rice. Once the rice is cooked, strain it and discard the water. In a hurry? Soak the rice for five minutes, then finish cooking the grain in a fresh pot of water. This cooking technique reduces the arsenic by half for brown rice and by more than two-thirds for white rice.

Health experts from the Michigan study believe that concerns about arsenic in brown rice are mostly overstated for adults. That study found that the average American adult would need to eat more than three servings of brown rice — one-and-a-half cups — "every day for years" to be at an increased risk of developing health problems from arsenic in rice. Experts contend that the nutritional benefits of brown rice outweigh any concerns about arsenic when rice is part of a wide-ranging diet.

# More May Municipal Meetings

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

The monthly meeting of the Ordinance Committee took place on May 11, with all three members in attendance. The meeting was held in the Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers due to high public attendance at the April meeting.

The committee reviewed the issue of rent stabilization of mobile home parks of 100-plus units and recommendation of an ordinance enacting the same to the full Town Council. A motion was passed to forward the discussed ordinance to the Town Council, pending review by the Town Attorney and subsequent public hearing: 2 Ayes, 1 Opposed (Dearborn).

The committee also discussed several other proposed ordinances. On the matter of requiring vehicle idling standards, the committee agreed to continue reviewing the issue with feedback from the police chiefs of Gorham and Windham, who have enacted a vehicle idling policy. Regarding updating buffering requirements for industrial businesses, it was decided that feedback should be sought from the Planning Board. Updating standards for sidewalks was also an item of discussion.

With the monthly meeting of the Planning Board, held on May 4, having been devoted to the proposed Amazon warehouse, the board convened again on May 18, with five of seven members present (absent: Delaney, Crisafulli). Three items were on the meeting agenda.

A public hearing was held on a proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code regarding sign standards for multi-occupant properties. The matter was sent to the Town Council with a recommendation for adoption (5 Ayes, 2 Absent).

Rounding out the agenda were reviews of a site plan pre-application for construction of a 46,900 square foot self-storage facility and associated infrastructure on a 3.67 acre parcel on Ossipee Trail, zoned Roadside Commercial (RC); and a site and subdivision plan pre-application for construction of a 22-unit multi-family development and associated infrastructure on a 4.33-acre parcel located at 157 South Street, zoned Urban Residential (UR). The board discussed both proposals but no votes were taken.

# School Committee Special Meeting May 27

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee met for a Special Meeting on May 27. All seven members were present.

The committee voted (7-0) to approve the bid for a Great Falls School HVAC project for \$236,000 pending the budget referendum approval. They also approved (7-0) the Narragansett PreK and ADA compliance project at Narragansett School for \$320,000 and an insurance bid for \$220,196. The Narragansett project is partially funded through a previously approved bond and Capital Improvement Project funds (CIPs) also pending school budget approval.

The committee voted (7-0) to approve the appointment of the following teachers:

- Cadence Whitehouse as Special Education Behavior Teacher at Village
- Kayla Fotheringham as Special Education FLS Teacher at Narragansett
- Virginia Drew as Grade 5 Teacher at Narragansett

Emily Labbe as 8th Grade ELA Teacher at Gorham Middle School

Ashley Peterson as Kindergarten Teacher at Narragansett

They also approved (7-0) two administrative appointments: Jennifer Baker as Assistant Principal at Village School and Rosemarie Dyer as Assistant Director of Special Education. All new hires had been through an extensive interview and vetting process.

Superintendent Heather Perry presented a draft of the revised "Portrait

of a Graduate" document for committee review. This document is focused on the Maine Guiding Principles and will be the foundation of the school district for many years. Committee members will review the document and it will be approved at a future School Committee meeting.

A draft of the new, state-required cell phone policy was discussed extensively by the committee and administration. Through the passing of the Governor's budget, it is now required that all school districts have a bell-to-bell cell phone and personal device ban in place by August 1. Presently cell phones are unavailable at GHS for class time but students are able to access them and use them during lunch and in the hallways. This procedure has worked well for the high school but will need to be modified. A proposal to address changes has been drafted and will be on the agenda for a first and second reading at June committee meetings to comply with the new state law.

Superintendent Perry also presented a draft of the "AI Student Handbook" that has been developed by a committee including administrators, educators, students and parents. This draft recognizes the existence of AI in education and proposes the scope and guidance around its use based on security, transparency and trust. This draft will be available for approval at the June 10 School Committee meeting. This handbook will be followed by a staff handbook, which will be developed in the fall.

**Gorham MAINE**

- 6/8 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- 6/8 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 6/10 School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6/15 Planning Board Meeting (optional date), 7 p.m.
- 6/16 Conservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6/17 Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting, 8 a.m.
- 6/18 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

# The Trip of a Lifetime

Cole Stinson, Boy Scout, Gorham Troop 73

Over the last year and a half, a crew from Gorham Boy Scout Troop 73 has been preparing for a 9-day backpacking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The crew recently completed its fourth prep hike in the Mahoosuc Range to prepare for this trip. The boys have been working out and preparing physically for this trip in order to tackle the 12,000-ft. peaks at Philmont.

On Memorial Day weekend, the crew went to Shelburne, New Hampshire, and hiked part of the Mahoosuc Range where they covered about 16 miles and 3,800 ft. of elevation gain. The trail presented many challenges such as iron rungs, wooden ladders, and a few scrambles up and down boulders.

In addition to the challenging aspects of the trip, the crew had fun exploring a cave at the Gentian Pond campsite and relax-



Photo Credit: Nick Stinson

The boys Left to right: Joshua Allison, Cole Stinson, Jared Burt, Harper Winkley, Jacob Young, Zeke Provencial. Not pictured: Lukas Romano

ing in the shelters where they stayed both nights. On the day that the crew summited Mount Success, they encountered hail and winds exceeding 30 miles per hour.

With the trip to Philmont less than a month away, plans are being finalized to prepare for the trip of a lifetime.

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# Senior Scholarships, May 27

GHS Principal's Award:  
- Brodie Berlinger  
The Tyler/Grandmaison  
MELMAC Scholarship:  
- Tamia Lema-Santellan  
2026 Mitchell Scholar:  
- Ali Abdulzahra  
- Preston Zwart  
National DAR Good Citizen  
Award and Scholarship:  
- Grayson Cole  
Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship:  
- Aidan Dudley  
- Isabel Phinney  
Ann Mason-Osann Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Gavin Monkiewicz  
Arthur and Jane Fogg Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Gianna Berthiaume  
Atlantic Federal Credit Union  
Scholarship:  
- Elle Woodman  
Thomas Asa Fogg Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Preston Zwart  
Becky Hardy Philbrick Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Gianna Berthiaume  
- Olivia Nault  
Bennett Award:  
- Lauren Dunbar  
Bertha Bridges Willis and Ralph  
"Rusty" Willis Scholarship:  
- Logan Brassard  
Bill Chadwick Memorial Interact  
Scholarship:  
- Benjamin Keil  
Bob Grant Memorial Scholarship:  
- Gavin Monkiewicz  
Brady Mercier Memorial Scholarship:  
- Stella Moores  
- Claudette Wesse  
Brannen CPA Services Investing  
in Our Future Scholarship:  
- Cassidy Quimby  
- Ruby Soule  
Bruce Avery Memorial Scholarship:  
- Alexandria Gossen  
Casco Federal Credit Union  
Scholarship:  
- Cassidy Quimby  
Century 21 First Choice Realty  
"Moving On" Scholarship:  
- Elizabeth Springer  
- Lilith Svoboda  
Charles C. Shaw Scholarship:  
- Maddison Gines

Dana Allen Memorial Scholarship:  
- Annabelle Collier  
Daniel S. Clark Memorial Scholarship:  
- Adia Wezowicz  
Ernest E. Cressey Scholarship:  
- Addyson Simcock  
Frances H. Boothby Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Gavin Monkiewicz  
- Olivia Nault  
Gorham Athletic Boosters  
Scholarship:  
- Brodie Berlinger  
- Abigail Buckelew  
- Grace Cunningham  
- Lauren Dunbar  
- Eleanor Morgan  
Gorham Democrats Scholarship:  
- Abigail Buckelew  
Gorham Historical Society  
Scholarship:  
- Stella Wu  
Gorham House of Pizza  
Scholarship - In Memory  
of Al Edwards:  
- Grace Cunningham  
Gorham House of Pizza  
Scholarship - In Memory of John  
Reed and Dana Allen:  
- Hudson Banks  
Gorham Lions Club-Jim Burnham  
Memorial Scholarship:  
- Aiden Cahill  
- Finian Dixon  
- Aidan Dudley  
- Ava Fontaine  
- Jeremy Hansen  
- Gracen Roberts-Locke  
Gorham Public Safety-Dennis  
Hawkes Memorial Scholarship:  
- Jacqueline Parenteau  
Gorham Public Safety-Ernie  
Hawkes Memorial Scholarship:  
- Tabitha Lavigne  
Gorham Public Safety-Guns and  
Hoses Scholarship:  
- Gianna Berthiaume  
- Logan Doughty  
Gorham Public Safety - John N.  
Reed Memorial Scholarship:  
- Stella Wu  
Gorham Public Safety in Memory  
of Ken Temm:  
- Ava Fontaine  
Gorham Public Safety - Wayne  
"Pooch" Drown Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Olivia Nault

Gorham Public Safety-Wiley P.  
Chandler Memorial Scholarship:  
- Behar Hodgkin  
Gorham Teachers Association  
Scholarship:  
- Aidan Dudley  
- Gavin Monkiewicz  
- Olivia Nault  
- Isabel Phinney  
Gorham Times Scholarship:  
- Lauren Dunbar  
- Derek Luo  
Gorham Woman's Club (5)  
in Memory of Frances Meserve  
Cotton:  
- Hudson Banks  
in Memory of Elizabeth Fox:  
- Maddison Gines  
in Memory of Lena Day:  
- Lucas Graham  
in Memory of Edward A. Taber:  
- Gianna Berthiaume  
in Memory of Nancy Kenty:  
- Alexandria Gossen  
Gwendolen Flanagan Scholarship:  
- Alexandria Gossen  
- Tessa McNally  
Harry Shevis Memorial Scholarship:  
- Derek Luo  
Henry O'Neill Spirit of the Game  
Scholarship:  
- Andrew Migliorini  
Horch Roofing Trade Scholarship:  
- Preston Zwart  
Jacob P. Dupuis Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Aiden Cahill  
Julie P. Burnheimer Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Zoe Dellinger  
- Tabitha Lavigne  
Madolyn H. Quinlan Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Lauren Dunbar  
Maine Blue Collar Scholarship:  
- McGavin Turner  
- (Jackson Lavertu-11th grade)  
Maine Community Bank Scholarship:  
- Hanna Logan  
- Haley Vickery  
Malcolm Smith Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Maya Moores  
Martha T. Harris Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Hudson Banks  
- Delaney Coyne  
- Zoe Dellinger

- Logan Doughty  
- Lauren Dunbar  
- Rylyn McInnis  
Mental Health Champion  
Scholarship:  
- Lauren Dunbar  
Norton Family Scholarship:  
- Andrew Collins  
- Haley Vickery  
Pat Moody Foundation Scholarship:  
- Aiden Cahill  
Plummer's Ace Hardware  
Scholarship:  
- Rylyn McInnis  
Portland Water District-Joseph A  
DiPietro Scholarship:  
- Aiden Cahill  
Ralph "Rusty" Willis and Bertha  
Willis Scholarship:  
- Logan Brassard  
Ram Pride Award:  
- Logan Brassard  
- Annabelle Collier  
- Emily Fluet  
- Noah Williams  
- Elle Woodman  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Scholarship:  
- Jocelyn Clark  
Richard and Judy Curtis  
Scholarship:  
- Kaleigh Bauer  
Saco and Biddeford Savings  
Bank Scholarship:  
- Madison Hatch  
Saco Education Association  
Scholarship:  
- Rebecca Neumann  
Smokey's Greater Shows  
Scholarship:  
- Devin Swanson  
Southwestern Maine Swim  
Officials Association Scholarship:  
- Maya Moores  
Southwestern Maine Swim  
Officials Association - Randy  
Comeau Memorial Scholarship:  
- Stella Moores  
Stephen Gordon Ward  
Memorial Scholarship:  
- Grace Cunningham  
Student Council Scholarship:  
- Jocelyn Clark  
- Ava DeVinney  
- Laurel Emerson  
- Kylee Lebrun

- Rebecca Neumann  
- Tyler Olson  
- Claudette Wesse  
- Preston Zwart  
Ted Carter Inspired  
Landscapes Scholarship in  
Memory of Jacob Dupuis and  
Henry O' Neill:  
- Eli Castles  
The Q Memorial Scholarship:  
- Sawyer VonderHaar  
Thelma Sanborn Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Isabel Phinney  
Village Physical Therapy Allied  
Health Scholarship:  
- Mia Dodd  
Watson Family Trust Scholarship:  
- Derek Luo  
Wayne "Pooch" Drown  
Memorial Scholarship:  
- Gianna Berthiaume  
Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club  
Most Improved Student  
Scholarship:  
- Cole Chasse  
Westbrook Together Days  
Scholarship:  
- Hope Barney  
- Hanna Logan  
- Maya Moores  
- Stella Moores  
- Devin Swanson  
- Haley Vickery  
White Rock Friendship Club  
Scholarship:  
- Hanna Logan  
Willett Family Scholarship:  
- Ruby Soule  
Willis Real Estate-Dirigo Award:  
- Thomas Sylvia  
Worthington Scholarship  
Foundation  
- Logan Brassard  
- Benjamin Brown  
- Cole Chasse

VOCATIONAL AWARDS:  
PATHS:  
National Technical Honor  
Society:  
- Winni Moreland  
WRVC:  
Blood, Sweat, and Gears Metric  
Moto Show Scholarship,  
presented in Conjunction with  
Phoenix Cycle  
Shop:  
- Shawn Rumery  
Bruce Taylor Memorial  
Scholarship presented by  
Maineiacs Cornhole Family  
Fund:  
- Shawn Rumery  
IDEXX First Responder  
Scholarship:  
- Shawn Rumery  
Outstanding Student from  
Gorham:  
- Isaiah Eling  
Saco Biddeford Savings  
Institution Scholarship:  
- Hope Barney  
Shawn McKeough Memorial  
Scholarship presented by  
IDEXX:  
- Shawn Rumery  
Steve Plowman Memorial  
Scholarship:  
- Thomas Sylvia  
Student of the Program:  
Criminal Justice:  
- Isaiah Eling  
Student of the Program:  
Cybersecurity:  
- Preston Baker  
Town Fair Tire Toolship:  
- Chelsie Baker  
- Hanna Logan  
Westbrook/Gorham Rotary  
Scholarship:  
- Chelsie Baker  
- Hanna Logan  
Westbrook Gorham Rotary  
Toolship:  
- Hope Barney  
Westbrook Together Days  
Scholarship:  
- Hanna Logan  
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- Hope Barney



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**JUNE 30 Two Morrow's & a Mike**  
A longtime Maine music educator and accomplished pianist, Darrell brings decades of experience as a choral director, musical director, and accompanist. A former Maine High School Choral Director of the Year, he continues to perform as a jazz pianist & accompanist with local ensembles.

**JULY 07 Hot Damn! Duo**  
Delivering the sound and energy of a full band, this high-energy act features husband-and-wife musicians Norm and Debbie Pelletier performing country favorites, classic rock hits, and dance-floor classics with standout musicianship and crowd-pleasing fun.

**JULY 14 The High Spirits**  
A husband and wife duo, Anna & Dave Patterson perform stripped down arrangements of favorite songs from past and current catalogs. The High Spirits' sound is founded in American music from Etta James to Amy Winehouse, from The Beach Boys to Norah Jones, from Motown to Nashville.

**JULY 21 "Quiet" Riot Act**  
An acoustic band that brings to life five decades of favorite music, featuring the talents of Johnny "Jam" Martinez and Scott Lank. With strong musicianship, great harmonies, and a crowd-friendly style, their performances blend classic hits into an engaging, feel-good show audiences love.

**JULY 28 jc & the ACES**  
JC calls his music 'Roots Music', but while the music comes from blues, folk, swing, country, rhythm and blues, rockabilly, swing and more, the main thing is 're-purposing' great songs from any genre to fit their style.

**AUGUST 04 2 for Jackson**  
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**SPORTS**

**Spring Sports Playoffs** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



#12 Cooper Whitehead hustling around the bases for the Rams

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Softball Senior Night May 27

Photo Credit: Gorham Athletics

**You Once Had an Aunt Who Knew Music**

John Tiedje, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: John Tiedje

One of the paintings in the current exhibit, "You Once Had an Aunt Who Knew Music".

The USM art gallery is currently showing an exhibit by artist in residence Peter Bruun.

There are dozens of small, doodle-like paintings, presented in various groups, each with a statement about his departed daughter.

The paintings and statements are of a lost love. The statements are directed to his grandson in a manner to give him a profile of who his aunt was.

"You Once Had An Aunt" will be on display in the USM Art Gallery in Gorham until the end of August.

For more information go to: <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/2026-artist-in-residence-peter-bruun/>

The gallery is open 12 – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays/Thursdays and 12 – 4 p.m. on Friday through Sunday, and is located at 5 University Way in Gorham. (207) 780-5409.

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# Gorham High School Academic Awards, 2026

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Fatima Beshir - Clarkson University Leadership Award (new in 2026)  
Kevin (Ishami) Munyaneza - Clarkson University Achievement Award (new in 2026)  
Hazel Dolley - Endicott College Book Award  
Isaiah Whitehead - Harvard College Book Award  
Gillian Lachance - Lasell University Book Award  
Lola Vance - Maine Section of the Society of Women Engineers  
Abdulhalim Hakizimana - Rensselaer Medal Award  
Everett Hurder - RIT Computing Award  
Maia Downing - RIT Science and Math Award  
Annabelle Vail - RIT Humanities and Social Sciences Award  
Elsie Moreno - RIT Art and Design Award  
Lauren Roy - RIT Business and Leadership Award  
Sheila Casco - RIT Women in STEM Award  
Larissa Moore - Saint Michael's College Book Award for Community Engagement  
Jasmine Radjabova - Saint Michael's College Book Award for Community Engagement  
Molly Peters - Simmons University Book Award - (new in 2026)  
Isabelle Smith - Smith College Book Award  
Antoine Dube - Suffolk University Book Award  
Luna Button - Thomas College Book Award - (new in 2026)  
Zachary Bourgoin - WPI Innovation Award  
Lucas Lane - Yale Book Award

## LATIN HONORS

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kaleigh Bauer - Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude  
Eleanor Morgan - Salutatorian, Summa Cum Laude  
Tabitha Lavigne - Summa Cum Laude  
Elizabeth Springer - Summa Cum Laude  
Haley Vickery - Summa Cum Laude

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Brody Sargent - Outstanding Student  
Julie Stevens - Most Improved  
Nickolas Henderson - Perseverance  
Colby Allie - Distinguished Student  
Xavier Hill - Tenacity  
Rose Wandell - Personal Growth  
Joseph D'Ulisse - Resilience

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Ali Abdulzahra	Madison Hatch
Hope Barney	Tamia Lema-Santellan
Lily Beardsley	Derek Luo
Gianna Berthiaume	Lorisse Matta
Bria Bush	Mia Messina
Jocelyn Clark	Gavin Monkiewicz
Lena Cooley	Stella Moores
Aubriana Cossitt	Maya Moores
Grace Cunningham	Rebecca Neumann
Ava DeVinney	Tyler Olson
Mia Dodd	Jacqueline Parenteau
Logan M. Doughty	Isabel Phinney
Laurel Emerson	Addyson Simcock Carson

### CUM LAUDE

Colby Allie	Kylee Lebrun
Jay Banks	Reece Leclerc
Miles Brenner	Matthew Leo
Benjamin Brown	Hanna Logan
Addison Campbell	Isabella McBrady
Cole Chasse	Tessa McNally
Grayson Cole	Liam O'Hara
Annabelle Collier	Kassidy Quimby
Andrew Collins	Terra Rioux
Zoe Dellinger	Gracen Roberts-Locke
Aaron Dumais	Ruby Soule
Lauren Dunbar	Graham Staples
Isaiah Eling	Julie Stevens
Sophie Giberson	Adia Wezowicz
Alexandria Gossen	Natalie Wilkins
Elle Hanley	Stella Wu
Benjamin Keil	

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Mariana Castro  
Moritz Deppner  
Alvar Garcia Suarez  
Mia Messina  
Salome Richard

### NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY WRVC - WESTBROOK REGIONAL VOCATIONAL CENTER

Hope Barney - Electricity  
Gianna Berthiaume - Medical Occupations  
Isaiah Eling - Criminal Justice  
Hanna Logan - Electricity  
Shawn Rumery - Emergency Medical Tech

### PATHS - PORTLAND ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

Winni Moreland - Auto Collision Tech

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### Excellence in Physical Education 1

Matilda Arturo  
Mason McDonald  
Jessica Loiselle  
Xavier Hill

#### Excellence in Physical Education 2

Lola Vance  
Olivia Mason  
Anthony McGraw  
Carter McGonagle

## HEALTH

Payton Kontsas - Excellence in Health  
Drew McManus - Excellence in Health  
Preston Brown - Excellence in Sports Medicine  
Grace Cunningham - Excellence in Sports Medicine

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER

Benedito Moco - Excellence in English Language and Academic Achievement

## ENGLISH

Luna Button - Excellence in AP Seminar  
Brianna Carlo - English 9  
Emelia Frederick - English 9  
Addison Bunch - English 9  
Owen Eling - American Studies  
Alex LaBarge - American Studies  
Charlotte Deveaux - American Literature Advanced  
Bryn Cunningham - American Literature Advanced  
Abigail McCillis - Creative Writing  
Isaiah Eling - Public Speaking  
Rylee Ruby - Mystery & True Crime  
Lauren Roy - Literature & Film  
Antoine Dube - Sports Literature  
Eddie Grimard - Communication for the Trades  
Everett Rovin - English 11  
Gillian Lachance - English 11A  
Sheila Casco - English 11AP  
Tristan Karcanes - English 12  
Mia Dodd - English 12A  
Eleanor Morgan - English 12AP  
Claudette Wesse - PLUME  
Elizabeth Springer - 4-Year Award

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Matilda Arturo - World History 1  
Annie Lorfano - World History 1  
Sawyer Wheaton - American Studies  
Mia Messina - American Studies  
Clover Brown - American Studies  
Kyle Petrin - Imperialism and Revolutions  
Alex Tukey - Cold War Case Studies  
Ava DeVinney - Holocaust  
Haley Vickery - Holocaust  
Elsie Moreno - AP Modern World History  
Lucas Lane - AP Modern World History  
Mia Dodd - AP Psychology  
Charlotte Deveaux - AP US History  
Oliver Emerson - AP US History  
Carter McGonagle - AP US History  
Cooper Whitehead - Economics Advanced  
Cecelia Sloat - Economics  
Madison Hatch - 4-Year Award  
Madison Gines - Philosophy for Life

## MUSIC

### MMEA All State Music Festival 2026

Gavin Monkiewicz  
Zack Bourgoin  
Sophia Burns  
Anna Faatz  
Kaleigh Garand  
Madison Hatch  
Olivia Kennedy  
Isabel Phinney  
Isla Rutherford  
Dekarai St. Germain-Simms  
Loretta Vo  
Noah Williams  
Jayden Wing  
Ryleigh Wing

### ACDA All Eastern Honors Choir 2026

Ruby Couture  
Madison Hatch  
Isabel Phinney  
Sophia Soler

### MMEA Jazz All State Music Festival 2026

Gavin Monkiewicz  
Nicolas Andrade  
Dash Coolong

### Special Music Awards

Logan Brassard - John Philip Sousa Award 2026  
Gavin Monkiewicz - Louis Armstrong Jazz Award 2026  
Madison Hatch - National School Choral Award 2026  
Jayden Wing - Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus 2026

## MATH

Damona Kim - Excellence in Algebra 1  
Julia Giguere - Excellence in Geometry  
Logan Hall - Excellence in Geometry Advanced  
Cassidy Hjort - Excellence in Algebra Modeling  
Hope-Davina Bisimwa - Excellence in Algebra 2  
Carter Bourgoin - Excellence in Algebra 2 Advanced  
Antoine Dube - Excellence in Pre-Calculus  
Oliver Emerson - Excellence in Advanced Placement Precalculus  
Atticus Whitten - Excellence in Personal Finance  
Andrew Collins - Excellence in Calculus  
Zachary Bourgoin - Excellence in Advanced Placement Calculus  
Tabitha Lavigne - Excellence in Statistics  
Derek Luo - Excellence in Advanced Placement Statistics  
Owen Eling - Excellence in Advanced Placement Computer Science A  
Derek Luo - 4-Year Award in Mathematics

## TECHNOLOGY

Sage Mason - Excellence in Graphic Arts  
Rebecca Neumann - Excellence in Graphic Arts  
Harper McManus - Excellence in Technology  
Levi Heath - Excellence in Technology  
Jonah Shapiro - Excellence in Digital Media  
Julia Giguere - Excellence in Back to Basics  
Henry Hofmann - Excellence in Back to Basics  
Taylor Schutte - Excellence in Pre-Engineering  
Mia Messina - Excellence in Technical Drawing  
Nyssa Mocchiola - Excellence in Architectural Drawing  
Jessica Loiselle - Excellence in Architectural Drawing

## SCIENCE

Logan Hall - Excellence in Earth Space Science Advanced  
Rebecca Lewis - Excellence in Earth Space Science  
Kayeigh Garand - Excellence in Earth Space Science Advanced  
Alexia Lowell - Excellence in Earth Space Science  
Emma Spoiler - Excellence in Earth Space Science  
Carter Bourgoin - Excellence in Earth Space Science Advanced  
Avery Johnson - Excellence in Biology  
Julia Giguere - Excellence in Biology  
Brody Sargent - Excellence in Biology  
Carter McGonagle - Excellence in Advanced Biology  
Elijah Wallace - Excellence in Integrated Science  
Eleanor Morgan - Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology  
Lauren Roy - Excellence in Chemistry  
Salomé Richard - Excellence in Chemistry  
Sheila Casco - Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced  
Kevin Munyaneza - Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced  
Logan Brassard - Excellence in Physics  
Lorisse Matta - Excellence in Dual Enrollment Advanced Physics  
Derek Luo - Excellence in Dual Enrollment Advanced Physics  
Jack Sellick - Excellence in General Physics  
Eddie Grimard - Excellence in General Chemistry  
Sheila Casco - Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I  
Derek Luo - Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I  
Andrew Collins - Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology I  
Taylor Tenuta - Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology II  
Eleanor Morgan - 4-Year Outstanding Achievement in Science  
Rebecca Neumann - Excellence in Forensic Science I  
Colton Jenkins - Excellence in Forensic Science I  
Tabitha Lavigne - Excellence in Chemistry II Advanced  
Logan Brassard - Scientific Curiosity In Chemistry II Advanced

## WORLD LANGUAGES

Emily Watson - Excellence in French 1  
Shania Isimbi - Excellence in French 2  
Larissa Moore - Excellence in French 3  
Haley Vickery - Excellence in French 4  
Mia Messina - Excellence in French 4  
Rhannon (Robin) - Boissonneault Excellence in Spanish 1  
Bryn Cunningham - Excellence in Spanish 2  
Salomé Richard - Excellence in Spanish 3  
Lola Vance - Excellence in Spanish 3  
Hannah Lloyd - Excellence in Spanish 4  
Amara Vincent - Excellence in Latin 1  
Aliza Rickett - Excellence in Latin 2  
Sheila Casco - Excellence in Latin 3  
Laurel Emerson - Excellence in Latin 4  
Gretchen Paul - Multilanguage Award (Latin and Spanish)  
Tabitha Lavigne - 4-Year French Book Award for Excellence in French  
Tyler Olson - 4-Year French Book Award For Excellence in French

## Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

### Honor Cords - Spanish Honor Society

Jay Banks	Elle Hanley
Hope Barney	Jeremy Hansen
Kaleigh Bauer	Benjamin Keil
Miles Brenner	Reece Leclerc
Aiden Cahill	Matthew Leo
Addison Campbell	Hannah Lloyd
Logan Chhoeung	Lorisse Matta
Jocelyn Clark	Isabella McBrady
Annabelle Collier	Nyssa Mocchiola
Delaney Coyne	Gavin Monkiewicz
Madison Dalton	Maya Moores
Zoe Dellinger	Stella Moores
Ava DeVinney	Isabel Phinney
Logan Doughty	Ruby Soule
Quinn Drake	Elizabeth Springer
Aaron Dumais	Rebekah St. John
Lauren Dunbar	Graham Staples
Kylee Durgin	Taylor Tenuta
Emily Fluet	Brett Vaz
Mackenzie Foley	Sawyer VonderHaar
Abigail Fortier	Tobias Wane
Sophie Gaudreau	Atticus Whitten
Brooklyn Giroux	Natalie Wilkins
Alexandria Gossen	

## Société Honoraire de Français

### Honor Cords - French Honor Society

Abigail Baker	Jacqueline Parenteau
Lily Beardsley	Natalie Pouliot
Bria Bush	Kassidy Quimby
Aubriana Cossitt	Gracen Roberts-Locke
Lauren Greenier	Addyson Simcock Carson
Kristan Hirwa	Southyongnorath
Tabitha Lavigne	Olive Sturgis
Tamia Lema-Santellan	Haley Vickery
Tessa McNally	Claudette Wesse
Mia Messina	Elle Woodman
Tyler Olson	

### Honor Cords - Latin Honor Society

Brody Berlinger	Riley McCallister
Grace Cunningham	Eleanor Morgan
Grayson Cole	Shane Morrison
Laurel Emerson	Terra Rioux
Derek Luo	William Sturm
Campbell MacDougall	

### Seal of Bilingual

Keilla Inteyiteka - French  
Tamia Lema-Santellan - Spanish  
Kristan Hirwa - French  
Claudette Wesse - Portuguese  
Brody Berlinger - Latin  
Grace Cunningham - Latin  
Laurel Emerson - Latin  
Derek Luo - Latin  
Eleanor Morgan - Latin  
Shane Morrison - Latin  
Campbell MacDougall - Latin  
Sean Kenny - Latin

### National Honor Society

Ali Abdulzahra	Lorisse Matta
Kaleigh Bauer	Tessa McNally
Gianna Berthiaume	Maya Moores
Miles Brenner	Stella Moores
Bria Bush	Eleanor Morgan
Jocelyn Clark	Rebecca Neumann
Grayson Cole	Tyler Olson
Annabelle Collier	Jacqueline Parenteau
Andrew Collins	Isabel Phinney
Aubriana Cossitt	Terra Rioux
Grace Cunningham	Gracen Roberts-Locke
Zoe Dellinger	Addyson Simcock
Ava DeVinney	Elizabeth Springer
Logan Doughty	Taylor Tenuta
Lauren Dunbar	Haley Vickery
Laurel Emerson	Sawyer VonderHaar
Abigail Fortier	Claudette Wesse
Alexandria Gossen	Adia Wezowicz
Tabitha Lavigne	Atticus Whitten
Kylee Lebrun	Natalie Wilkins
Hannah Lloyd	Elle Woodman
Hanna Logan	
Derek Luo	



## COMMUNITY

### DEAN'S LIST

Emily Beal, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island  
 Lauren Bachner, Nazareth University, Rochester, New York  
 Madeline Downey, Nazareth University, Rochester, New York  
 Wim Eiten, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

### OF INTEREST

The Baxter House Museum will be open from 10-1 on Saturday, June 6. Visitors can take a self guided tour, and docents will be on hand to answer questions. Entrance to the Museum is free, but donations are welcome.

Cressey Road Christian Church will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursdays, June 4 and 18 from 1 - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are not accepted at this location; donors should visit the Red Cross website to make a reservation.

Boy Scout Troop 73's Second Annual Rummage Sale has been moved to a new date, Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Town of Gorham is currently accepting public nominations for the 2026 Spirit of America Award, honoring local individuals, organizations and projects whose service reflects the very best of community spirit, volunteerism, and civic responsibility, and meaningful contributions to the Gorham community. Nominations will be accepted through June 12 and must be submitted using the online nomination form. FMI: <https://gorhammaine.org/our-community/spirit-of-america-award-gorham-public-nominations/>

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

United Church of Christ at North Gorham will hold a bean supper on Saturday, June 20 from 4.30 - 6 p.m. Price is \$12 adults, \$8 kids. The address is 4 Standish Neck Road in Gorham.

Cressey Road Christian Church will have their monthly bean supper on Saturday, June 13. Beans, hot dogs, various side dishes, and desserts. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 7 - 17, Free under 7 years.

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment. The closet also accepts CLEAN donations. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. They are open Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Call Carol Robinson at (207) 400-7171 or Anne Murphy at (207) 671-5971 and they will assist you.

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 <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or contact the director at [director@gorhamfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@gorhamfoodpantry.org).

### SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op meets weekly at 34 School Street in Gorham, Mondays at 10 a.m. for "Games and Puzzles," and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for "Coffee and Conversation." Seniors from Gorham and neighboring communities are welcome. For more information visit: <https://www.gorhamarts.org/seniorscoop>.

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

The Senior Property Tax Assistance Program Applications are now available in the Town Clerk's Office, and on the Town website at <http://www.gorhammaine.gov>. Completed applications can be submitted to the Town Clerk's office now through the deadline of August 1, 2026.


### LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library hosts Jessie Dowling of Iron Ledge Farm in Whitefield for a presentation about another long and challenging horse race, The Gaucho Derby, a 500 kilometer, multi-horse endurance race set over a 10-day period in Patagonia, Argentina. The library offers this and many other events each week. Check the calendar in this issue for what's coming up soon at the library, or visit the library in person or online at <https://baxterlibrary.org/events/> to see what's happening. Children under the age of 8 require adult supervision. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.









North Gorham Public Library will host their Spring Book, Plant, and Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6 from 9 - 1 p.m. The six-week Summer Reading/Nature Program for grades 1 - 5 is every Tuesday between June 23 and July 28 from 10:30 - 11:30, facilitated by former teacher Paula Boyce, who has lots of experiences lined up for the children. The NGPL supports North Gorham and Standish, and is open Monday 3 - 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Donate books anytime (please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers Digest condensed books). FMI: email [libng@northgorham.lib.me.us](mailto:libng@northgorham.lib.me.us). Sign up for the library's email weekly newsletter: [northgorhampl@gmail.com](mailto:northgorhampl@gmail.com), or call (207) 892-2575.

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<b>GORHAM \$615,000</b> 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Garrison offers 1992sf of living space. The spacious kitchen is open to the dining area with sliders to the back deck & full day sun. In addition to the living room, the den could be used as a 1st floor bedroom. Upstairs, the oversized master bedroom has a full bath & walk in closet. This well cared for home sits on a quiet 1.4 acre cul-de-sac lot with a fenced in area for your furry friend, a deck & patio for entertaining. It's equipped with a generator, new well pump & radon mitigation system. A convenient location...just over 2 miles from downtown.	<b>GORHAM \$625,000</b> A sunlit 28x34 Colonial offering 1,904sf of thoughtfully designed living space. Set on a private 1.40-ac lot, this home provides a peaceful setting. Start your day with coffee on the classic front farmer's porch or unwind in the evening on the rear deck overlooking your backyard. Inside, the open-concept first floor is warm and inviting, featuring hardwood floors and a functional layout designed for modern living. The kitchen is a standout with custom butcher block countertops, a farmhouse sink, open shelving, tiled backsplash, pantry cabinet, and a gas range with hood.	<b>BUXTON \$1,999,995</b> An extraordinary custom-built estate offering over 5,400sf, thoughtfully designed for both luxury & versatility. Set on a beautifully landscaped 3.34-acre lot in the exclusive Grove Hill subdivision, this upscale home abuts 78+acs of protected open space, delivering privacy, tranquility, and sweeping meadow views--all on a quiet dead-end street. Step inside the dramatic foyer & experience the craftsmanship throughout. The elegant living room showcases a stunning coffered ceiling, while the show-stopping kitchen is truly the heart of the home.	<b>BUXTON \$485,000</b> This charming waterfront home offers a rare opportunity to own along the banks of the scenic Saco River. An impressive stretch of privately owned river frontage, this 3-bedroom, 2-bath Cape blends classic character with thoughtful modern updates. Inside, you'll find a beautifully appointed granite kitchen with tiled backsplash, seamlessly open to the dining area--perfect for everyday living and entertaining. Warm wood floors, charming architectural details, and abundant natural light create an inviting atmosphere throughout.	<b>HOLLIS \$559,900</b> Experience the ease of one-floor living in this desirable ranch set on a peaceful 3-acre lot on a quiet private road. Offering 1414 square feet of sunlit living space, this home features a welcoming front living room with a soaring cathedral ceiling that flows seamlessly into the open kitchen with center island and adjoining dining area--perfect for both everyday living and entertaining. The primary suite includes a private ensuite bath with double sinks and an oversized walk-in shower, while a second bedroom enjoys direct access to a full bath.
 Julie Chandler	 Mike Griffin	 Peter Mason		

# Real Estate Transfers, April 2026

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
8 MARTIN DRIVE	KELLY FOSTER KELTING	EMILY TAMIMIE	1,100,000.00
24 HARDING ROAD	ANDREW KIRSTEIN	JENNIFER K. PEROT	805,000.00
4 GERANIUM DRIVE	ALEXANDER J.P. MUMFORD	TUMAINI KALISA	800,000.00
17 LOCHWOOD DRIVE	ROBIE HEIGHTS, INC.	EMILY LEACH	785,662.00
65 GREAT FALLS ROAD	DWN ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.	CHERRY L. LISTER	784,769.00
15 GREEN STREET	STELLA M. FOHLIN	KYLIE CONTE	750,000.00
117 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	JUSTYNA PACHECO	ERIN BERGERON	725,000.00
127 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	GERALDINE SIROIS	720,000.00
20 CARLL LANE & 0 DUNLAP RD.	ROBERT W. MCNEALLY, JR.	PHOEBE B. MCNEALLY	716,667.00
7 ASPEN LANE	JAMES R. WELCH	RONALD H. ST. JOHN	672,000.00
555 FORT HILL ROAD	TERRY LYNN MOOERS	STEPHANIE CALAS GARLAND	660,000.00
31 FAIRWAY COMMONS, UNIT 12	FAIRWAY COMMONS, LLC	BENJAMIN EDWARD FORD	655,000.00
33 FAIRWAY COMMONS	FAIRWAY COMMONS, LLC	ANGELA L. MELLON	649,000.00
84 FALCON CREST DRIVE	GEORGE VENTRESCA	ALISON C. SCHMIDT	640,000.00
35 WINDSWEEP DRIVE	KATHIE TERRY	CHRISTINE SMITH	639,000.00
189 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	BETSY DEE BUEHRER	616,900.00
224 COUNTY ROAD	DANIEL W. MAREAN	JASON P. RULE	600,000.00
191 FALCON CREST DRIVE UNIT 32	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	TINA P. RAMSAY	596,400.00
80 MOSHER ROAD	KALEY LOTT	GILLIAN CAZZOLI	595,000.00
12 STROUT'S WAY	JOHN MARTIN	SAMANTHA BORBONE	585,000.00
192 FALCON CREST DRIVE	COTTAGE ADVISORS ME, LLC	GARY LIND	554,900.00
16 LAUREL PINES DRIVE	MICHAL KRYSINSKI	PETER MCVETY	525,000.00
46 FARRINGTON ROAD	LISA M. JOHNSON	BRADY PROVENCHER	434,000.00
9 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	BENJAMIN DUTIL	SCOTT GREGORY BRAUN	430,000.00
26 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	KAYLA J. ORMAN	DEBBIE CHRISTIANA ADAMS	430,000.00
16 DANIEL STREET	JOHN M. BURKE JR.	ALEC M. PARENTEAU	420,000.00
3 S BRANCH DRIVE	SHERRY A. GILE	MADELINE E. CLARK	415,000.00
284 GRAY ROAD	JESSE E. BUZZELL	JORDAN DENNIS BUZZELL	390,000.00
141 COUNTY ROAD	NORTHEAST RENTAL HOUSING LLC	MHG MAINE FUND 2 LLC	320,000.00
51 NEWELL STREET	TOYOKO U. LEONARD	DEREK GOSSELIN	315,000.00
696 FORT HILL ROAD	ESTATE OF DONALD C. SPEARIN	ALEXANDER GORELOV	280,000.00
81 NORTH GORHAM ROAD	MARCY J. DAY	HMH LLC	265,000.00
17 BOREAL DRIVE	JD BUILT CONSTRUCTION LLC	DACUNHA BUILDING SL LLC	197,000.00
176 BARSTOW ROAD	DON J. VELLANI II	SOWD LLC	100,000.00

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, June 4

Red Cross Blood Drive, Cressey Road Christian Church, 1 - 5 p.m., reservation required.  
Baxter Memorial Library Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.

### Saturday June 6

North Gorham Public Library Spring Book, Plant, and Yard Sale, 9 - 1 p.m.  
The Baxter House Museum will be open from 10-1 for self-guided tours.

### Monday, June 8

Gorham Seniors Co-op "Games and Puzzles," 10 a.m.

### Tuesday, June 9

Baxter Memorial Library, Jessie Dowling "Gaucho Derby" presentation, 6 - 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 10

Gorham Seniors Co-op "Coffee and Conversation," 10 a.m.

### Thursday, June 11

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library meeting, 6:15 p.m.

### Saturday, June 13

Cressey Road Christian Church Bean Supper, 5 p.m.

### Saturday, June 13

2nd Annual Gorham Troop 73 Rummage Sale, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Municipal Center Lawn, 71 South Street

### Monday, June 15

Gorham Seniors Co-op "Games and Puzzles," 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, June 17

Gorham Seniors Co-op "Coffee and Conversation," 10 a.m.

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An officer was dispatched to a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Fort Hill Road and Huston Road. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with the operator. Operator stated that the vehicle just stopped working and she already contacted AAA. AAA arrived on scene and took the vehicle.

An officer reported a vehicle parked at Fort Hill Park after dark. Officer made contact with the operator and advised him that he could not be here after dark. He complied and left the premises.

A citizen called in because she had questions about a ticket she had received. Dispatch spoke to the citizen over the phone. She was advised that she contested the ticket and had not received any answer. Dispatch told her it could be a couple of months before she gets a Zoom hearing but if she wanted to know if they got it she could call the Violations Bureau.

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