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Vaccination Clinic to Be Rescheduled

Sue Dunn

Gorham schools held seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccination clinics over Nov. 2-3 at the different school buildings, with the exception of Gorham High School. The GHS clinic, planned to happen on Nov. 3, was postponed at the last minute due to increased demand in the younger grades resulting in a shortage of manpower and the actual vaccination.

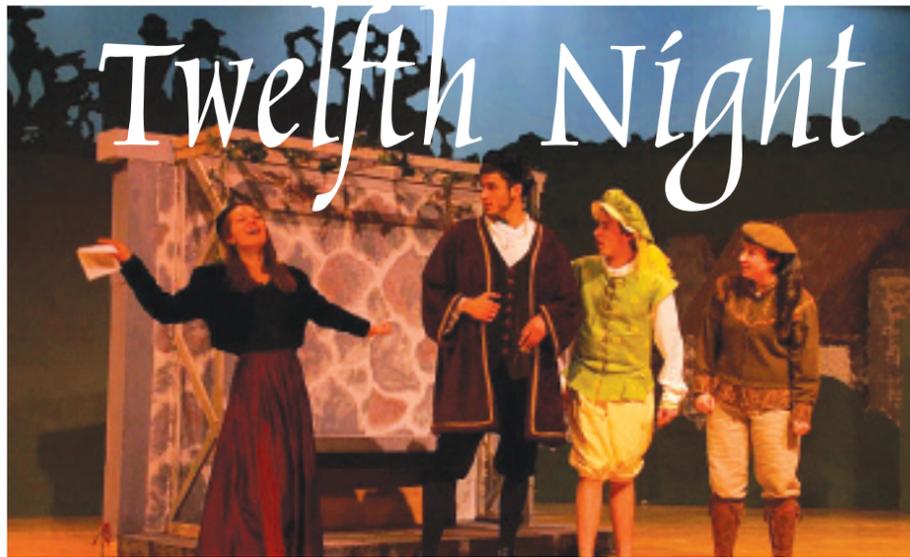
Teresa Merrill, Gorham Middle School Nurse who is organizing the clinics, commented that the number of students requesting H1N1 immunization more than doubled in comparison to those who requested the seasonal flu immunizations. "To add to the confusion, there were many students requesting to be immunized for both the seasonal and H1N1 at the same time which translated to extra time and manpower at the younger level.

Gorham High School is the next priority, as well as those who signed up for the original clinic but were absent at that time. "The high school make-up clinic is being planned and will happen soon," assured Merrill. "The next clinic will be handled by the Gorham nurses only. Our outside agency is not available to return to assist us any earlier than December due to helping other schools with their clinics so we are just going to all put in the extra time to get everyone immunized who originally signed up."

Merrill also stated that if there are any extra doses, they will be offered on a first come, first served basis to Gorham students. All parents are urged to check their child's backpack regularly for more details about the rescheduling of the clinic.

X-Country

The Boys' Cross Country team will participate in the New England competition on Nov. 14, see story PAGE 8.



Photos Credit Martha T. Harris

The Gorham High School Drama Program presents William Shakespeare's hilarious, cross-dressing comedy, *Twelfth Night*, also known as *What You Will* under the direction of Eileen Avery. Performances are at Gorham High School in the McCormack Performing Arts Center, November 13-14 at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$6 and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door. See story PAGE 8.

How Gorham Voted

Sue Dunn

The election is over and the results have been broadcast across the state. A high number of voters across the state cast ballots for an off year election. In Gorham, approximately 51% of the registered voters made it to the polls and way the Town residents voted was reflective of outcome for the entire state with the exception of Question 1. There were slightly more votes cast on the State Referendums than on the local positions. Below is the break down on how Gorham voted on each question:

Ward 1 had 2,674 voters
Ward 2 had 1,757 voters
Absentee and early voting ballots equaled 2,454 voters

Question 1: Repeal of current law allowing same-sex couples to marry.

YES 3,146
NO 3,708

Question 2: Reduction of excise tax on newer motor vehicles.

YES 1,674
NO 5,080

Question 3: Repeal the 2007 law on school district consolidation.

YES 1,914
NO 4,576

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USM Implements Guidelines for Fraternities

Sheri Faber

After a series of meetings between USM staff, members of the off campus fraternities and their neighbors, there was general agreement that guidelines were needed for the fraternities (or other off campus student housing) to better co-exist with their neighbors. Neighbors have been complaining for years about late night noise and vandalism by students returning to campus from the fraternity's houses, frequently in an intoxicated state.

Although the University had hoped the students would develop and implement such guidelines, this did not happen and USM stepped in to develop guidelines for the fraternities. In a letter to neighbors,

Bob Caswell, Executive Director for Public Affairs at USM wrote "The time has come for university staff to ensure that guidelines are implemented so that we can move toward improving the quality of life in your neighborhood."

The Behavioral Guidelines noted that "student organizations and their members with University recognized off-campus houses have an obligation to be respectful and cooperative neighbors. It is imperative that those organizations and their individual student members comply with the following behavior guidelines in order to help foster a positive relationship with the residential and business neighbors in their community whenever an event has the poten-

tial to generate complaints and/or violate quiet hours."

The guidelines call for students and their guests to be "considerate of neighbors in the communities" and to maintain "an environment conducive to normal living and studying 24 hours a day." Specifically "quiet hours" are in effect from 10:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and from 1:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings. All other hours are to be considered "courtesy hours" with students expected to be considerate of their neighbors. Fraternity house residents are expected to keep their property "reasonably presentable at all times" and

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New Videos

Check out the latest GoCAT "Sessions in the Shed" video on the latest craze—Zumba—on YouTube at www.youtube.com/gorhamtimes.



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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA



Honoring Our Veterans

Sen. Phil Bartlett

Every year on November 11, known as Veteran's Day, we take a moment to recognize all of those who served our country. They are among America's finest - the many men and women who fought to protect the freedoms and rights of our great nation.

As a State Senator, I always make it a point to best represent the interests of our veterans and military personnel. I figure it is the least I can do for all they have done for us. This past session, the Maine Legislature was able to support our veterans through legislation.

Despite the major economic challenges facing our state, I was honored to join with fellow lawmakers to pass a new law, which offers free day passes to most state parks and historic sites for veterans and active duty personnel who are Maine residents. For more information about the program and to apply for a pass, contact the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services at: (207) 626-4464 or mainebvs@maine.gov. To download an application, go to: www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/Park%20Passes.htm.

The Legislature also made it a little easier to identify Maine veterans. Anyone who has served in United States Armed Forces and has been honorably discharged is eligible for a special veteran's license plate, but until now if you reenlisted in the military you would

lose your special plates. Now, veterans who reenlist will be able keep their veterans plates, helping us to support them as they defend our country.

One may also recognize a veteran through the "Honoring a Veteran" program. The program honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in defense of freedom, those former POW's as well as those who are still POW's and/or missing, those who were wounded in action and received the Purple Heart, and all of our veterans who honorably served our great nation and state. Criteria and applications can be found online at: www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/Honoring_Maine_Veterans.htm.

Many veterans should also know that there are a host of other benefits the Maine Legislature has worked hard to make available over the years as a way of saying we care about you and thank you. These benefits represent only a small measure of our state's gratitude. For a more complete list of state and federal benefits for veterans, please go to www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/benefits.htm or call (207) 626-4271.

To all of Maine's veterans, thank you for your service to the United States of America and the State of Maine.

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Around Town

Policer Officer Sears Edwards received a 10 year service pin for serving the Gorham community.

Deb Fossum, the Gorham Town Planner for the past 15 years, retired on October 30. Fossum was honored on her last day with a luncheon.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Hot of the Press

Bob Dowdle of Phinney Lumber takes a quick break to catch up on the news of Gorham after the *Gorham Times* was delivered to the store.

Letter to the Editor

Dear *Gorham Times*,
Bill and I would like to commend the road crew for the Town of Gorham that worked on the Route 112 project. They did an excellent job.

Ann Rust

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROFILE

Gorham Lions Restoration Project

Jackie Francis

Two giant millstones create a standing monument in front of the Baxter Memorial Library. The millstones, which date back to 1804, were original equipment from a corn mill located in West Gorham.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Did you happen to notice when voting a few weeks back, the millstone monument that was recently installed behind the Baxter Memorial Library? Adjacent to the Municipal Center is a two-ton granite wheel base and millstone which is about five feet in diameter and 14 inches thick—in other words, you can't miss it.

According to Josephine Manchester Scholl's Chronology of Great Falls, these two millstones were carved in 1804. The date is believed to be engraved somewhere on these granite stones assures Gorham Lions President Norman Wedge, "but I wasn't able to find it – maybe a more discerning (and younger) eye could find it."

Evidently, there was an old corn mill that operated on the Little River near the foot of Brandy Brook Hill on what was West Gorham Road, using these millstones to grind corn from cornfields into cornmeal for cooking. On one side of the upright millstone, you can see the repeating pattern of grooves where the upper millstone would have moved across the surface of the lower millstone grinding the corn. Surrounding the 10" hole that held the shaft in place are four carved "dogs" explains Wedge, (grooves shaped like dogs legs) that were hooked to the shaft allowing the wheel to turn.

The millstones were presented to the Town of Gorham by Joseph Manchester of North Gorham at the

time of Gorham's Bicentennial in 1936. Prior to that, the Clement family of West Gorham owned them. The Gorham Public Works Department moved the two millstones from their previous residence, at Mosher's Corner, to the front entrance of the Baxter Library because "it is part of Gorham history" according to Wedge. Former President Bruce Hill says that an 8'x10" bronze plaque is currently being cast, commemorating the history of these seemingly famous millstones. The installation of the plaque should take place in another month.

The Gorham Lions are always welcoming new members (men and women) and are "here to serve," explain both members. Their core belief is the betterment of community, all monies earned through fundraising stays in the town of Gorham. The Lions recently completed a wheelchair ramp for a family in Gorham's Friendly Village and their annual Thanksgiving basket donations for Gorham families have been ordered and ready for November delivery.

As always, the Gorham Lions are grateful for used eye glasses, hearing aids and cell phones thankfully collected at Hannaford's and Maine Optometry, P.A. on Main Street in Gorham. Anyone in need of new eye-glasses who cannot afford them (the Lions work directly with Lenscrafters) may call Jim Burnham at 892-6540 or email Norm Wedge at nwedge@maine.rr.com.



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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

New Shaw Bros. Facility Christine Ludwiczak

Dan Shaw painted a picture of the new facility envisioned for his company's 329 Mosher Road location, when he addressed the Planning Board during the Nov 2 meeting. Shaw spoke on behalf of Shaw Brothers Construction, requesting approval on the first phase of redevelopment of the LaChance Brickyard facility to Shaw Brothers Construction offices.

In order to avoid a repeat of the financial difficulties and downsizing the business saw last year, Shaw explained, "We've decided this slow economy is a good time to invest in our company and our employees. We've decided to go forward with plans for a new facility and replace our now twenty-five year old site."

Shaw Brothers explained they were solely seeking approval on the first phase of development at this time and acknowledged that, "When we come back with plans, we understand there will be some hurdles to go through. But if the plan meets the ordinance, we'd like to be confident that we can get a timely approval."

Planning Board Member Michael Parker expressed his support on the current Phase I plan presented, however, cautioned against allowance for difficulties that may arise. "Changes, especially with submission deadlines, can slow us down. The other thing is surprises. To the extent that late changes and surprises pop up, I think Phase I looks straight forward."

"This looks like a good addition for Shaw Brothers," Parker stated. "I'm sure that we can look to do it expeditiously, but not to the disregard of the code, which is what we're here for."

Planning Board Member Douglas

Boyce advised, "If it's of right use of the ordinance and you can meet the standards, than you'll get it approved." He also voiced his support on the project, noting, "I think it's a very good use, or re-use, of the balance of this property."

After discussion, the Board provided Shaw Brothers with specifics on next steps and materials needed in order to ensure the item is re-visited during next month's meeting.

Councilor Parker emphasized, "Although we can't give tacit approval, we can say that it is a permitted use within an industrial zoned area. So as long as you keep within code requirements, I don't see how you could end up making a big investment and then not getting it approved."

Also on the agenda, the Board reviewed a number of proposed amendments to the Gorham Land Use and Development Code. "It's a complicated list of small changes," explained Council Chair Susan Robie. "The basic thrust of this change is so that the developer will know how much money they have to set aside for review and inspection, as the project is approved. It provides for the ways in which it can be done, the timing, and the return of the money." The amendments were recommended to the Town Council for adoption, with select revisions.

Paul Erskine stood before the Board and requested approval on a private way, Juneau Way, to be located off New Portland Road. The Black Brook and Brackett Road area is zoned Suburban Residential, and was approved, pending conditions.

Lastly, Susan Duchaine spoke on behalf of Design Dwellings, regarding

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CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

Halloween Car Chase



On Oct. 31 at about 4:40 p.m. the Dispatch Center began receiving calls about an erratic driver on Route 25 near the Gorham/Standish line. Sgt. Young attempted to stop the vehicle but the suspect continued to drive at low speed going into Buxton. Suspect lost control of his vehicle on the soft shoulder at the intersection of Bonny Eagle Road and Chicopee Road and spun out. He then rammed Sgt. Young's cruiser and attempted to flee, striking Officer Coffin's cruiser as well. The suspect, Scott Hayes, 44, of Westbrook, got stuck in the soft shoulder and was taken into custody after a brief struggle. Hayes was believed to be under the influence and was charged with Reckless Conduct with a Weapon, Eluding an Officer, Aggravated Criminal Mischief and OUI. No injuries were reported.

Residents are again reminded to lock their vehicles and homes. There have been a number of reported burglaries

from unlocked vehicles and houses. In addition, there have been thefts of blank checks from homes and mailboxes. The checks are being cashed in a variety of communities, and are being used for some very substantial purchases. In some instances, the thieves are writing a fake license number on the check before giving it to the merchants who are then not asking for further proof of identification. Police are pursuing some strong leads in some of these cases. Police suggest that if you are having checks mailed to a rural mailbox, to keep a close eye out for the checks and notify your bank immediately if they do not arrive. Police further suggest that if you are to be away from home, arrange for your mail to be stopped or picked up by a neighbor.

The November Grand Jury returned the following indictments on charges brought by the Gorham PD:

- Erich Koeler, 24, of Brunswick was indicted for Burglary and Theft.
- Derek Nelson, 18, of Gorham was indicted for Burglary and Theft.



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Why Libraries Matter

Mary Collins, *Baxter Friends of the Library president*

When budgets are tight and the economy is down, libraries matter more than ever. According to recent news reports, library usage has increased dramatically across the state and country. People use library computers to search for jobs and borrow books and DVDs, rather than buying or renting. Others take advantage of the many free programs offered for all ages.

According to an article in the "Planning Commission Journal" Summer, 2009, town planners are seeing libraries as being helpful to economic development. The article continues that some housing developments are being built with a library as the centerpiece. Also, a library attracts as much foot traffic as the typical small department store which obviously helps nearby businesses.

Often libraries are important components of the public spaces that make a community a desirable place to live. In Gorham, the Baxter Library shares its location with the Municipal Center, the Recreation Department and has schools nearby. This creates a perfect opportunity to enhance the use of these spaces.

Imagine a miniature of London's "Hyde Park" in Gorham, where people could convene to socialize and pontificate. Envision the Gazebo moved to the open area in front of the Municipal Center and adjacent to the library to be used not only for concerts, but also as a

"soap box." The library could pose questions to debate and provide reference resources. Put in benches and tables and maybe a sculpture or two. The schools, Rec. Dept., library and others could plan programs to utilize the space. Local vendors could set up stalls for food and inside space could be provided at the library and Municipal Center during winter months.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial are eager to partner with others in promoting the utilization of this common space. Good examples already taking place are the Garden Club and Friends fall sale of "Pies, Plants and Produce," and the "Spring Into Summer Event" held each June on the library lawn to thank the community for its patronage. There is talk of many ideas such as having the schools partner with the Youth Services Program for "active learning" projects.

Recently the library utilized the municipal center for its fall used book sale to raise funds for the library. Used books are donated throughout the year and volunteers sort and box them. (For this very labor-intensive endeavor, the Friends are enormously grateful to Jack Farrar and Judy Egers.) When the event is over, the remaining books are given to a charity for their sale. All the books are used and process starts fresh after each event. This is obviously a win-win situation providing a way for people to

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Enjoying the Holidays More this Year

Linda Morris

The holiday season is looming. This year, instead of getting caught in a mounting spiral of stress fed by a list of too many things to do, take a moment, get quiet and really listen to what you want—on the inside. Perhaps the smile and laugh of a child will touch your heart the most this season. Possibly volunteering at your favorite local charity will renew your spirit. Perhaps going for a long walk (or snowshoe or cross-country ski if conditions permit) with your spouse, sister or brother will satisfy your heart and soul. Maybe baking cookies or mulling cider with your nieces and nephews or aunt and uncle will delight your heart and your senses. A visit with older folks who might not have family nearby or are unable to get out much might warm and brighten your holidays—and certainly theirs. Possibly something as simple as enjoying a rare bath, with special aromas and bath salts, candles and soothing music might warm your body, mind and spirit.

There are many ways to enjoy the holidays and make them more personally meaningful. If you have children you could “assign” them to come up with something they really want to do that is special and different this year. You might discover something you had-

n't realized they might enjoy.

When you don't need any more “stuff” in your life, consider spending time together instead of exchanging gifts. An old friend and I are planning to go to a unique music venue in western Maine as our gift to each other. My sisters and I often go to a wonderful place in Portland for a foot soak and pot of special tea, as a way to celebrate my oldest sister's birthday which falls just a few days before Christmas. I also like to go for walks on the beach. They are quiet and beautiful this time of year and I often remember those I love who are no longer here with us.

There are many ways to enjoy the holidays and make the season even more meaningful to you and your family and friends. Time is a very special commodity and sharing it with loved ones is truly a wonderful gift. So, take a few quiet moments and ask yourself what would make your holiday season extra special this year. And remember - it is so often the simple things in life that brings us comfort and joy.

Linda A. Morris, BA, LMT owns Gorham Massage & Wellness and is very grateful for all her wonderful clients - past, present and future. She wishes everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season filled with everything and everyone you love.

PLANNING FROM PAGE 4

the site plan for Hawks Farm subdivision. The Board provided final approval on the 44-unit single-family residential condominium subdivision, located on over 13 acres, near the intersection of Main Street and Elizabeth Street.

To view additional items addressed or results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham website for posted minutes, or view on local access television, GoCAT Channel 3.

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recycle books, provide readers in the community new material to read and to raise money for the library.

Please join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and help support the library. For more information, go to the library website www.baxterlibrary.org or call the library at 839-5031.



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Ready, Set, Kindergarten

Heidi McGouldrick, *Gorham Adult Ed. and Family Literacy Program*

Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next fall? If so, it is time to think about the preparations that will be helpful to you and your new kindergartner as you both begin this great adventure. Today's kindergartners are expected to start school equipped with many more skills than in years past. Some of these skills include: recognizing some numbers, counting to ten, knowing letters of the alphabet, knowing how to print his/her name and recognizing it, and much more.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. The role you play in helping your child prepare for the successes of school starts at home. Here are a few easy tips to ready your child for the world of reading. Remember, you are your child's biggest advocate.

- Make your reading time special. Turn off the TV and find a cozy spot.
- Find time to read with your child daily. Doing this lets your child know how important reading is.

- Make reading fun! Let your child choose the book, even if you have read it many times.
- Look for books with lots of bright pictures and rhyming.
- Follow along with your finger while reading the words, this will allow your child to start with letter and word recognition.

Book examples with rhyme and colorful pictures include *Hairy Maclary and Zachary Quack* by Lynley Dodd, and *Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire. You can also check out some favorites by Dr. Seuss such as *Green Eggs and Ham* or *Horton Hears a Who*.

Look for more Ready, Set, Kindergarten information in the *Gorham Times*. Future columns will give examples of skills your child is expected to know when entering kindergarten as well as offer tips for developing the skills, book suggestions, and activities for you to try with your preschooler.

USM and GHS Key Club Trick-or-Can for the Gorham Food Pantry

Katie Brooks, *USM Campus Involvement and Activities*

As part of an effort to enrich the resumes of some of USM's upper-class residential students, the Upperclass Experience Learning Community teamed up with Gorham High School's Key Club to collect canned goods for the Gorham Food Pantry during the month of October. Trick-or-Can took place in two stages. First, members from both groups placed collection boxes in several local businesses for the month of October so members of the

community could donate canned goods. Gorham House of Pizza, The Gorham Grind, and the Art Guru all graciously volunteered to place boxes in their place of business.

Second, members from both groups went door-to-door in Gorham neighborhoods and Trick-or-Canned on October 26. Thank you to all who helped to make this project a success - the groups were able to make a substantial donation to the pantry!

Twelfth Night Playing at GHS

Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham High School Drama Program presents William Shakespeare's hilarious, cross-dressing comedy, *Twelfth Night*, also known as *What You Will* under the direction of Eileen Avery. Avery, stated, "The high school students involved in this production have been rehearsing since September to bring Shakespeare to the stage of Gorham High School. Their creativity and enthusiasm for theatre has translated into characters that are believable and come alive as soon as they appear upon the stage."

This delightful comedy, full of romance, action, and smart humor, has been well received by the public and will wrap up this weekend. *Twelfth Night* is one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies and is great fun for every age. This classic plot has been the inspiration for many television and movie story lines.

The play begins with Viola (Ellyn Touchette) and her twin brother Sebastian (Cameron Cupps) shipwrecked somewhere off the coast of Illyria. The twins are separated, and in an attempt to protect herself, Viola disguises herself as a man, called Cesario, and finds her way into the service of Duke Orsino (Quincy Owens). Viola begins to fall in love with the Duke but cannot reveal her feelings as she is dressed as a man. Meanwhile, the Duke is in love with the Lady Olivia (Alyssa Rojecki), who is in mourning after her brother's death. The Duke sends Viola to woo the Lady Olivia in his stead. Olivia, believing Viola to be male, falls in love with her. Unwittingly, entering into this comedic crazy love triangle is Viola's brother, poor Sebastian. The gender-confused characters of this production must deal with the inevitable results of Viola's disguise.

Other entertaining and colorful characters abound, including Sir Toby Belch (Jason Badeau), Sir Andrew Aguecheek



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Duke Orsino, (Quincy Owens, center) loves The Lady Olivia (Alyssa Rojecki, left) but she only has eyes for Viola (Ellyn Touchette, right), believing her to be a man called Cesario. Meanwhile, Viola is in love with Duke Orsino.

(Lincoln Gray), Malvolio (Ian Hawkes) and Feste, the clown (Nathaniel Dombek).

"Several students are no strangers to Shakespeare's works," shares Avery. "For example, seniors Jason Badeau and Molly Lortie, and sophomore, Nathaniel Dombek, have been in 3 previous Shakespeare productions.

Other cast members include Seniors Aaron Bartlett, Jared Chesley, Kate Gurney, Molly Lortie, and Stephanie Morin. Juniors are Emma Alden, Sarah Kennedy, Alena Kiel, Raisa Luck, Clara Dawn Piazzola, and Morgan Stickney. Sophomore, Clara Stickney and Freshmen Cole Cross, Stefanie Farrington, Kristin Nelson and Forrest Plaisted.

Performances are at Gorham High School in the McCormack Performing Arts Center, November 13-14 at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$6 and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

\$1800 Shoes Wins Novice Award



Photo Credit: Julie Perrin

The Gorham-based quartet, \$1800 shoes, recently competed at the Northeast District competition of the Barbershop Harmony Society and walked away with the trophy for the novice division. The Northeast area encompasses Quebec to New York City and all points in between with the age of competitors ranging from 16 to 75 and the average age around 45. All members of the quartet attend Gorham High School. Pictured are (l to r) Jonas Rimkunas, Mitchell Perrin, Ian Hawkes and Andrew Ernest.

Parent Computer Information Night

Thursday, Nov. 12

MPAC Gorham High School will be hosting a Student Laptop Information Night for Gorham residents from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The session will include information and resources for students, parents and members of the community to help everyone utilize this new resource. Specific topics will include MAC information, parent login and use, Internet safety tips and issues, and a question and answer period.

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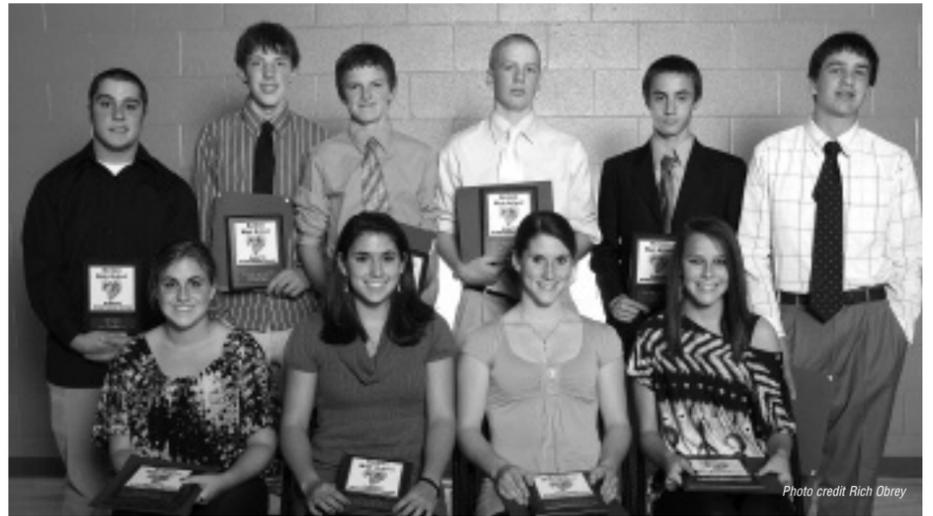
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GHS Fall Sports Awards

GHS Athletic Director, Gerry Durgin, assisted by master of ceremonies and senior soccer player Colin Lubelczyk as well as all of the fall coaches, presented awards to athletes during a November 3 ceremony at GHS. Football and Girls' Soccer were to announce most of their award winners at a later date, but the other recipients appear in the pictures below.



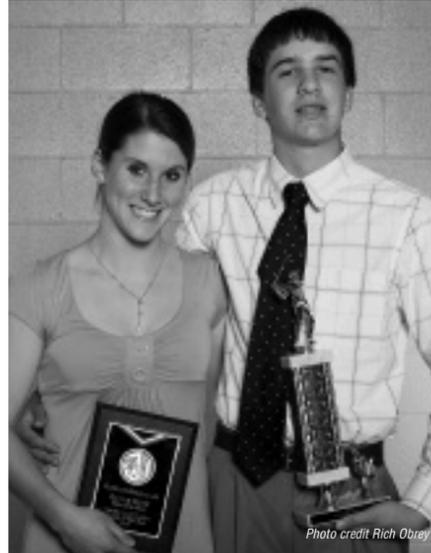
All-Conference Awards: Front row, from left to right: Kathryn Whitehead (Field Hockey), Hannah Shorty (Volleyball), Hannah Prince (Field Hockey), Kayleigh Ballantyne (Field Hockey), Mia Rapolla (Girls' Cross Country), Emily Southard (Field Hockey) and Rachel Wilkinson (Girls' Cross Country). Back row: Adam Hawkes (Boys' Cross Country), Logan Marshall (Boys' Cross Country), Connor Reagan (Boys' Soccer), Greg Gagne (Boys' Soccer), Tommy Stirling (Golf), Colin Lubelczyk (Boys Soccer), Seth Wing (Boys Soccer), Mike Arsenault (Golf). Football and Girls' Soccer All-Conference awards to be announced at a later date.



Team Achievement Awards: Front row, left to right: Melanie Hebert (Field Hockey Leadership Award), Hannah Shorty (Volleyball MVP), Hannah Prince (Field Hockey MVP) and Kayleigh Ballantyne (Field Hockey Offensive MVP). Back row: Paul Gonnevillle (Football Ram Pride/Bill Bennett Award), Adam Hawkes (Boys' Cross Country Most Dedicated Award), Logan Marshall (Boys' Cross Country Co-MVP), Mike Arsenault (Golf Most Improved), Jeremy Earl (Boys' Cross Country Co-MVP), Tommy Stirling (Golf MVP).



All-Academic Awards: Front row, left to right: Hannah Shorty (Volleyball), Elizabeth LaMontagne (Girls Soccer), Lauren Chouinard (Girls Soccer), Melanie Hebert (Field Hockey), Casey Weed (Field Hockey) and Rachel Wilkinson (Girls' Cross Country). Back row: Molly Lortie (Volleyball), Hallie Balcomb (Volleyball), Melissa Deering (Field Hockey), Luke Tanguay (Girls' Soccer Manager), Tommy Stirling (Golf), Colin Lubelczyk (Boys' Soccer), Solange Carpenter (Girls' Cross Country), and Emily Southard (Field Hockey).



GHS Individual Achievement Awards: GHS seniors Hannah Prince and Tommy Stirling both received special recognition awards. Prince received the Faith Littlefield Award as the Field Hockey Player of the Year for Western Maine Class A while Stirling was recognized for finishing second in the Western Maine Class A individual golf tournament.

GHS senior boys' soccer player Greg Gagne (below) was named the conference Defensive Player of the Year by the Southwestern Maine Activities Association. He received his award November 3 at the GHS fall sports award ceremony.



Team Achievement Awards: Front row, left to right: Brittney Sinnett (Cheering Coach's Award), Shanice Mitchell, (Cheering Leadership Award), Mia Rapolla (Girls' Cross Country Co-MVP), Rachel Wilkinson (Girls Cross Country Co-MVP) and Kesley Rex (Girls Cross Country Most Dedicated). Back row: Colin Lubelczyk (Boys' Soccer MVP), Tim Hardy (Boys' Soccer Defensive Player of the Year) and Eric Plourde (Coach's Award). Missing from the photo is Sarah Day (Cheering Coach's Award).



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Introductory Volleyball Clinic: For K-8th grades, Nov. 14, 21 and Dec. 5, 12. \$25 registration fee for K through Grade 4 with sessions taking place each day from 9 to 10 a.m. Registration fee for Grades 5-8 is \$35 with sessions taking place all four days from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. FMI call Gorham Rec at 839-5034 or register online at www.gorhamrec.com.

Four GHS soccer players have been selected to play in Maine Soccer Coaches Senior Bowl November 15 at Hampden Academy. Rams players chosen to boys' team include seniors **Greg Gagne** (Back) and **Colin Lubelczyk** (Midfield) while seniors **Lindsay Wilson** (Midfield) and **Kristi Zarrilli** (Midfield) were chosen to the girls' team. The girls' game starts at 2:30 p.m. while the boys' game starts at noon.

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Cross Country Still in the Running

Gorham Times Staff

Eight GHS cross country runners have qualified to run in the New England Cross Country Championships November 21 in Manchester, CT. The boys qualified as a team, and junior Mia Rapolla qualified as an individual in the girls' race. Rapolla qualified by finishing sixth in

the 5K Girls' Class A State Championship November 7 at Twin Brook Recreation Area in Cumberland. She ran the course in a time of 19:42. The winning time of 18:08 was turned in by Abby Leonardi of Kennebunk H.S. In the boys' Class A State

CONTINUED BELOW MIA RAPOLLA PHOTO



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

New England Qualifiers: The GHS boys' cross country team has qualified for the New England Championship on Nov. 14 in Manchester, CT. The team earned the qualification at the Class A State Championship November 7 in Cumberland by finishing with one of the top-three fastest times among all of the runner-up teams across the three State classes. Running for the team and picture above, front row (l to r): Joe DeRoy, Adam Hawkes, Andy Turner, Logan Marshall, Jeremy Earl, Evan Peoples, Alex Thuotte. Back row (l to r): Tom Moutinho, Willy Ross, Foster Blake, Jon Foster, Cortlandt Dunn and Coach Schwanda



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New England Qualifier: GHS junior Mia Rapolla, in her first year running cross country, finished sixth in the Class A State Championship November 7 at the Twin Brook Recreation Area in Cumberland. Rapolla finished with a time of 19:42 and qualified for the New England Championship November 14 in Manchester, CT.



Photo credit John Dunn

Meet, Gorham was led by juniors Logan Marshall and Jeremy Earl, who placed 11th and 12th with times of 16:55 and 16:56 respectively. The boys' race was won by Will Geoghegan of Brunswick H.S. with a time of 15:43. Other top finishers from Gorham that also qualified for the New England meet team competition include senior Adam Hawkes (33rd place/time of 17:42), junior Andrew Turner (35/17:44), senior Jon Foster (65/18:37), sophomore Joe DeRoy (70/18:47), and freshman Alex Thuotte (71/18:47).

In the team competitions, the boys finished fourth with 138 points while the title was won by Cheverus with 83 points. Gorham qualified for the New England meet by turning in the third fastest time among all the runner-up teams across the three State classes. The girls' team finished fifth with 160 points with the title going to Cheverus with 52 points. Junior Rachel Wilkinson just missed qualifying for the New England meet as an individual with a time of 20:51.84. She finished 19th in the Class A race.

In the Western Maine Class A Regional Meet October 31, also at the Twin Brooks Recreation Area, the girls' team finished third with 102 points while Cheverus finished first with 43 points. Individuals finishing in the top 25 included Wilkinson (7th/20:16) and Rapolla (10th/20:26). The boys' team finished fourth with 105 points while Cheverus finished first with 44 points. Individuals finishing in the top 25 included Logan Marshall (7th/17:09), Adam Hawkes (10th/17:24), and Jeremy Earl (20th/17:56).

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GHS Fall Sports Wrap-Up Part I

Jeff Pike

Five of Gorham High School's eight fall teams qualified for post-season play while the programs combined for a record of 78-35-1. The season came to a close November 7 as the boys' and girls' cross country teams participated in the State Meet (look for results elsewhere in this issue's sports section). Other teams that recently wrapped-up their seasons included the girls' soccer team, which lost in the Western Maine Class A final to Thornton Academy, 2-1, on November 4. The field hockey team advanced to the Western Maine Class A semifinals, where it lost to Cheverus, 1-0, while the boys' soccer team lost in the quarterfinals to Greely, 2-1, in overtime. This article includes season wrap-ups on golf, volleyball, field hockey and football. Look for coverage of boys' and girls' soccer as well as the girls' and boys' cross country in the next issue.

GOLF

Regular Season: 5-5

Post Season: Tommy Stirling finished second in the Western Maine Class A individual qualifier and posted a top-20 finish in the State championship.

Graduating Senior: Tommy Stirling

Individual Accomplishments: Tommy Stirling, the team's MVP with a 37.6 scoring average, was selected to the first team conference All-Stars as well as the conference All-Academic Team. Junior Mike Arsenault was selected to the conference All-Star team and averaged 39.0 strokes per nine holes. He also received the Most Improved Player award.

Team Accomplishments: A 3-2 home record and a team score of 200 strokes vs. Biddeford.

Coach Comments: "We had a very good year considering the team started just one senior, two juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen," said head coach Rick Altham. "We practiced hard and were rewarded with a satisfying record. We were disappointed we didn't qualify for the post season, but the returning players are determined to qualify next year. We will have next-year seniors Mike Arsenault and Sullivan Conley returning, who are both good players and have strong leadership abilities. We also have a core group of younger players working hard to improve their games and who gained a tremendous amount of experience starting on this year's team."

VOLLEYBALL

Regular Season: 5-9, eighth in Western Maine.

Graduating Seniors: Molly Lortie, Hallie Balcomb, Daisy Portlock, Annie Mitchell, Shannon Davis, Casey Galipeau, Stevi Michaud, and Hannah Shorty.

Individual Accomplishments: Hannah Shorty was named to the Senior Showcase played at Husson College November 7. Players named to the conference Academic All-Star first team for a GPA of 3.6 or better included Hallie Balcomb, Hannah Shorty, Casey Galipeau and Molly Lortie. Named to the second team for a GPA of 3.3 or better were Annie Mitchell and Daisy Portlock.

Team Accomplishments: "Our highlight of the year was the match against Scarborough at home," said head coach Lisa Curley. "We took them to five games and played some of our best volleyball. The Scarborough coach was complimentary on how much we had improved and how tough our serving was."

Coach Comments: "It was disappointing to miss the playoffs, but everything else was good," Curley said. "We had a great group of girls with terrific chemistry. They

worked hard, and the crowds were energetic and supportive. If we want to be competitive next year, our athletes will have to invest time in off-season of programs. We have four varsity players returning and many JV girls looking to fill the other eight positions. The girls that get extra time playing in the off season will be the ones ready to step-up to the plate. I loved what I saw on the JV court this year. They were strong on their fundamentals and showed great court sense."

FIELD HOCKEY

Regular Season: 12-2, third in Western Maine Class A.

Post Season: Defeated Kennebunk, 1-0 in quarterfinals; lost to Cheverus, 1-0, in semifinals.

Graduating Seniors: Hannah Prince, Kayleigh Ballantyne, Carly Perkins, Melanie Hebert, Kathryn Whitehead, Emily Southard, Casey Weed and Melissa Deering.

Individual Accomplishments: Hannah Prince tallied nine goals and seven assists while Kayleigh Ballantyne scored six goals and set a GHS single-season record of 21 assists. Kathryn Whitehead and Chelsea Black were also scoring leaders with 12 and nine goals respectively.

Goalie Emily Southard had 86 saves with 10 shutouts and allowed only 11 goals all season.

Team Accomplishment: Started the season with a 12-0 record.

Coach Comments: "Our highlight of the year was defeating Sanford in double overtime," said head coach Becky Manson-Riou. "We had an excellent season after having lost 12 seniors and getting a new head coach. The players worked hard in the off-season, and it paid off during the regular season. With a large group of returning varsity players, the field hockey team looks to be strong again."

FOOTBALL

Regular Season: 3-5, 10th in Western Maine Class A.

Graduating Seniors: Jon Day, Cody Stover, Abe Kilborn, John Phinney, Bill Tebbetts, Paul Gonneville, Ryan Luxton, Adam Hawkes, Mark Walrath, Connor Walker, Kyle Butterfield, Kristan Bowie and Craig Leconte.

Individual Accomplishment: "Cody Stover became one of the best linemen in the history of the program," said head coach Dave Kilborn. "He became a role model for every other lineman that we have in our program, and he had an ability to control the line of scrimmage every play of every game."

Team Accomplishment: "Our team highlight of the year was seeing our guys play well, without costly turnovers, and winning against a South Portland team that needed to win our game to reach the play-offs," Kilborn said.

Coach Comments: "I enjoyed watching the younger guys on our team develop throughout the season and become excellent contributors towards the end of the season," said Kilborn. "We relied on them a lot, and they responded with great plays. Our seniors did a great job focusing and creating a positive atmosphere during practice so we could improve. Without this leadership and work ethic that they displayed, our season would have been longer. We will be young but have some talent. A key to how we will do next season is the ability to get our players involved in our off-season conditioning program. This will help all of them become better contributors both on the field and in the weight room."



Maine Turnpike Authority Gorham Meeting

Thursday, November 19

The Maine Turnpike Authority will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Building, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine.

Local Matters

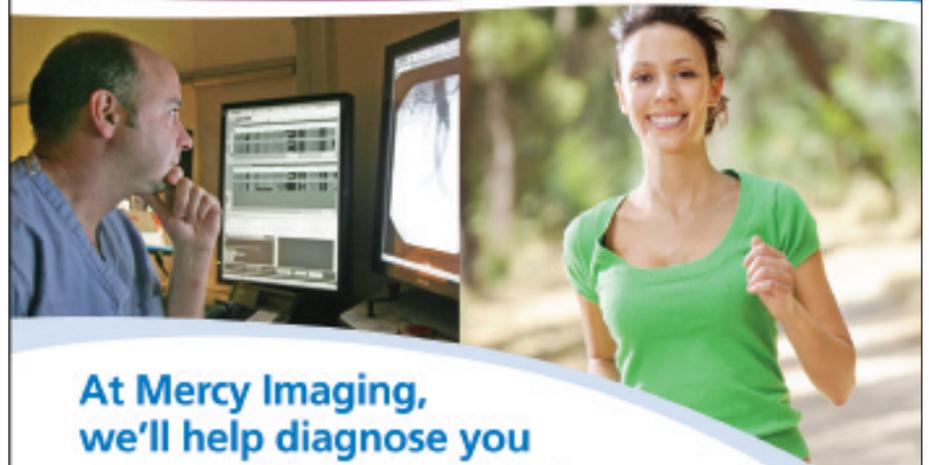
Several times each year the Maine Turnpike Authority holds its monthly meeting in a community served by the Turnpike. All residents and business owners are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

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Gorham Night at the Maine Red Claws

January 8, 2010 Dede Perkins

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The Maine Red Claws, minor league team of the NBA and affiliate of the Boston Celtics and the Charlotte Bobcats, will play the first of its 24 home games on parquet at the newly renovated Portland Expo on Dec. 4.

Gorham will have the chance to fill the Expo to watch the Red Claws battle the Springfield Armor on Jan. 8, 2010. That night, the Gorham Middle School Chorus will open the game by singing the National Anthem and dancers from the Dance Studio of Maine will perform during one of the game breaks. Besides being Gorham Night, the Maine Red Claws will also celebrate Elvis Presley's birthday with special activities planned throughout the evening.

If you would like to reserve tickets for Gorham Night at the Maine Red Claws, you must do so by Nov. 27. Tickets are available in three price ranges: Side Center Court for \$25 each, Corner Court for \$10 each, and End Zone for \$5 each. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Gorham Business & Civic Exchange at 892-5515, Gorham Middle School at 222-1206, Gorham Recreation at 222-1630 or the Dance Studio of Maine at 839-6161.



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North Gorham Writers Create New Children's Book

Mary Snell, North Gorham Writers' Group

Following up on the huge success of last year's fundraising effort, the North Gorham Writers' Group is publishing a second book in time for this holiday season.

Come Sit By Me: Stories for Children features seven original stories and two poems, all geared toward the younger reader or a reading parent.

The little book was edited by Mary Snell and is illustrated with wonderful original drawings by Diane Atwood, both of North Gorham. This unique, limited edition will sell for \$8 and is available at the Bookworm in Gorham and at local craft fairs. As before, all profits will benefit the one-room North Gorham library where the Writing Group meets fortnightly. Last year *Christmas Memories* netted enough money to purchase a copier.

"I was very happy to learn the writer's group will print their second book," says North Gorham Librarian

Virginia Rundell. "I'm anxious to read it and excited that it's a children's book this time."

The first story by John Labrecque is based on local North Gorham history—of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal that ran through town. Other stories introduce the readers to little boys and girls, or imaginary animal characters, who learn important lessons—being brave in order to have wider experiences, turning a wrong to a right, and the value of friends.

Authors include Labrecque, Snell, Terri Cole, Warren Gilman, Delina Eisenhauer, Linda Strout, all of Gorham, and Frances Mains of Raymond, formerly of Westbrook and Gorham. This project is a wonderful example of local people giving of themselves to help a community resource. For information about the book and how to get a copy, contact Mary Snell at 892-9831 or stop by the Bookworm to purchase a copy.

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YES 2,601
NO 4,108

Question 7: More time for clerks to certify petitions.
YES 2,981
NO 3,527

Question 5: More medical marijuana treatment and with a regulated system of distribution?
YES 4,174
NO 2,607

Town Council (2 of 3 were elected)
Brenda Caldwell 3,782
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Shonn Moulton 2,772

Question 6: Transportation bonds
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NO 2,171

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Tim Allard, Preble Street resident, feels that USM has moved forward with these guidelines and "finalized this doc-

ument without neighborhood buy in." Allard had proposed five changes to the guidelines, including moving the weekend end time back to midnight to mirror the policy on campus. None of his proposed changes were made. "Who has to live on Preble St. with these guidelines-us (the neighbors) or the University?" questions Allard. Allard has contacted the National Executive Directors of the two fraternities on Preble Street and apprised them of the issues. Currently the situation is much improved, but Allard sees this as a temporary solution and wants to see effective guidelines in place "to solve these issues once and for all."

Caswell told the Gorham Times that "if USM has verifiable information about code violations, they will be aggressive in applying sanctions." He sees the proposed guidelines as a "work in progress" but feels they are a good starting point. USM President Selma Botman is going to hold a meeting with all fraternity and sorority members to reinforce the importance of working on improving conditions and being good neighbors.

According to Lt. Chris Sanborn, GPD, there appear to have been "fewer calls for service" to the fraternities this fall and things were "relatively uneventful" over Halloween.

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The GHS Class of 1947 recently held their 62nd high school reunion at the Ocean Garden's Restaurant in Gorham. Attending were Arlene Davis Bownes, Joanne Nielson Burrows, Marion Sanborn Ashley and Mary Pike Morton. Albert Haque, Carl Burnham, Warren Gilman, William Merrill, Keith Morton, James Tobin, Thelma Webb Sanborn, Edith Knapp McCormick and Paul Neal.



Susan and Don Sedenka of Gorham are proud to announce the engagement of their son Christopher Sedenka (GHS '99) to Abigail Johnson, daughter of Everett and Linda Johnson of Cape Elizabeth and Ann Hayes of Florida. A graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism, Sedenka is a sports talk show host on WJAB radio and will be the "voice" of the new Maine Red Claws basketball team. Johnson earned her doctorate in audiology and is employed at Maxwell, Kluger and Makaretz ENT Surgical Associates in Portland. A June 12, 2010 wedding is planned.

of interest

Sally Curran (GHS '98 valedictorian), UMaine ('02) and CUNY Law School ('08) has returned home to Maine to practice family law and bankruptcy at Seacoast Law & Title in Westbrook.

Gorham native Sarah Morrow (GHS '00) appears as Ruth Putnam in Boston Opera's Collaborative production of Robert Ward's Pulitzer Prize-winning opera *The Crucible*, November 14, 19, and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Performances will be held at Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury St, Boston, MA. \$25/\$15. FMI, call (617) 517-5883 or www.bostonoperacollaborative.org.

Grab your sneakers and a friend and join a 5.5 mile walk/run (starting at Westbrook Jr. High School, 426 Bridge Street) to raise funds for the Porter's, a Gorham family who deserve our support on Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. FMI, 839-2859 or



Susan and Don Sedenka of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Bret Sedenka (GHS '96) to Anna Cooper, daughter of Lee Coughlin and Al Cooper of Dracut, MA. Sedenka graduated from the University of Notre Dame and is a webpage developer for a company based in Chicago. Cooper, is a 3rd grade teacher in the Oxford, Maine School District. The couple will marry on February 13, 2010, and will reside in Windham.

email bgreato1@maine.rr.com.

Lynn Durham, nurse and life coach, will present a program at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. The hour and a half program will focus on putting relationships and faith first during the Advent/Christmas season. A free will offering will be taken and all are welcome to attend. To register call 839-4857 or sign up at church.

The Gorham High School Drama Program will present William Shakespeare's hilarious, cross-dressing comedy, *Twelfth Night*, on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS. Tickets \$6/\$4. FMI, 415-7594.

The Creation by Franz Joseph Haydn will be performed by the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra and USM Chorale Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Merrill Auditorium. Robert Lehmann conducts. Don't miss this powerful and uplifting setting of Genesis in an inspirational performance of Haydn's greatest masterpiece in honor of the composer's 200th anniversary. \$12 suggested donation at the door; under 18 free. Call 780-5555.

The following Gorham students will perform in the USM Youth Ensembles con-



Chief Warrant Officer Sterling Mathews congratulates his son, PVT2 Michael Mathews, on graduating Basic and Infantry Training at Fort Benning Georgia. The senior Mathews, currently a reservist on active duty, presented his son with a Blue Infantry cord during graduation ceremonies on Oct 23. PVT2 Mathews is a 2009 Graduate of Gorham High School where he was active in football, Gorham Chamber Singers and School Council as well as volunteering for the Gorham Fire Department. PVT2 Mathews will start Airborne training in early November. His mother Dee Mathews is a director on the board of Casco Federal Credit Union and is active in the Gorham Business community.



Gorham resident Nancy Mash, (at left) Licensed Practical Nurse at the Gorham House, recently received the 2009 Celebrating Excellence in Caregiving Award from the Maine Health Care Association (MHCA). Mash was one of ten long-term caregivers statewide to receive this honor for her dedication and level of caregiving to the elderly residents of the nursing home.



Former Gorham residents George and Joanne Burrows (above) of Standish celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct 4, at the Pine Tree Estates Clubhouse, with their children and families in attendance.

p.m. and Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Field House in Gorham. Over 40 artisans participating. Works include wood products, photography, handcrafted jewelry, knit items, whimsical sculpture, garden art, pottery, glass art, fabric art and gourmet specialty food items. FMI, 780-5434.

Holly Daze Christmas Fair will take place on Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the White Rock Community Building, Wilson Road, Gorham. Crafts, white elephant table, bake sale and raffles to benefit GHS Scholarship. FMI, 892-9521.

The United Church of Christ at North Gorham (corner of North Gorham Road and Standish Neck Road), will hold a "Ye Old Christmas Fair" on Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be a white elephant table, crafts, books, Christmas wreaths, and more. The Ye Old Café will offer meal deals all day long. FMI or to order wreaths ahead of time, call 892-4618.

St Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham will host a "Home for the Holidays" Christmas Fair on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be Christmas decorations, crafts, candy, fudge, books, baked goods, knit goods, \$4500 in raffle prizes, wreaths, games and jewelry for sale along with a fish chowder and lunch menu. A baked bean & casserole supper will be offered from 5 – 6:15 p.m. FMI, 839-4857.

Christmas Fair at First Parish Church, One Church Street, Gorham, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent Auction, Dessert Auction, Baked Goods, Crafts, Gifts, FMI, 839-2809.

"Wrap up the Holidays," an evening of hands-on gift ideas to inspire and simplify the holiday season, will be held on Nov. 18 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Westbrook (by Riverside Park). Representatives from Pampered Chef, Stampin' UP!, Tastefully Simple, Avon and Cookie Lee, will be available to offer gift ideas. Do some early holiday shopping and enter to win the drawings held throughout the evening. FMI, 461-5107.

There will be a Holiday Fair sponsored by the South Windham library on Nov. 21, 9 a.m - 2 p.m. At 8 Towpath Rd.

cert on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Merrill Auditorium. They are: Shea Ahearn, Thomas Bennett, Stanislav Butenko, Grace Eaton, Samuel Emerson, Karina Fox, Ian Hawkes, Arthur Lockman, Nathaniel Marcet, Bethany Marshburn-Ersek, Sara Martin, Justin Reyes, Anastasia St. Ours, Alex Saunders, Clara Stickney, Dorothy Stickney, Emily Stickney, Michael Sullivan Jr., Amy Sutherland and Jolie Thomas. \$6/\$3 FMI, 780-5555.

"Books for Christmas" is an annual program sponsored by The Bookworm to provide a free book to needy Gorham children. We wrap each book individually with an age appropriate tag, and add a toy for extra enjoyment. Our customers donate \$2 per book and can fill out a gift tag with a special message. Each year well over 100 books are distributed to Gorham families.

The Gorham Middle School will be holding their annual food drive Nov. 9 through Nov. 20. They are collecting canned goods, boxes of cereal, pasta, cookies, toothpaste, shampoo or any foods that won't expire and do not need refrigeration.

holiday fairs

The 11th Annual Carol and Friends Country Craft Fair will be held on Nov. 13 & 14 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (117 Spiller Road, Gorham) We have about 20 crafters displaying jewelry, stained glass, quilted and crocheted items, hand painted wood and glass and homemade candy, breads and cookies and more. FMI, 839-3479.

The Annual USM Fall Craft Show will take place on Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4

what's happening

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

■ Gorham Woman's Club Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Parish Church. Each member should bring two Christmas decorations to be auctioned. FMI, 839-6375.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

■ GHS Drama presents William Shakespeare's, Twelfth Night, at the GHS McCormack Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. \$6/\$4. FMI, 415-7594.

■ Craft and Chat Group, 9:30-11am, Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI, 222-2532.

■ Holiday Open House at Tinsel Bright, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2 Main St, Gorham, FMI, 839-4852.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

■ USM Craft Fair, USM Field House, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FMI, 780-5434.

■ Home for the Holidays Christmas Fair, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Baked Bean & Casserole Dinner, 5-6:15 p.m. FMI, 839-4857.

■ Porter Family Walk/Run Race, 5.5 miles, 9 a.m. Westbrook Jr. High School, Bridge St. FMI, 839-2859.

■ Craft Fair, Narragansett School, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. FMI, 839-2429.

■ Holiday Open House at Tinsel Bright, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2 Main St, Gorham, FMI, 839-4852.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

■ USM Craft Fair, USM Field House, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. FMI, 780-5434.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

■ Pajama Story Time at Baxter Library with songs and activities. Family event. Wear your PJ's if you like! 6 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

■ Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5 years, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Keep Me Safe Car Seat Program, Gorham Fire Station, 2 - 6 p.m., indoors. Have your car seats checked. FMI, 939-8175.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

■ Family Story Time, Baxter Library, 1:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

■ Baby & Me, ages 0-18 mos., Baxter Library, 9 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Sewing Club for all ages and ability, Baxter Library, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9-11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church.

■ WWCC Community Meal, UCC Church, 810 Main St. Westbrook. All are welcome! \$4. Boiled Dinner. FMI, 854-9157.

■ GHS Project Graduation 2010 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Gorham Rec. building.

■ Kiwanis Club Luncheon Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12 - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

■ USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$6/\$3 Call 780-5555.

■ Craft and Chat Group, 9:30-11am, Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI, 222-2532.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

■ Ye Old Christmas Fair, UCC at North Gorham (corner of North Gorham Road and Standish Neck Road), 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. FMI, 892-4618.

■ USM Graduate Student Showcase Recital, voice and piano, 8 p.m. Corthell Hall. Free! FMI, 780-5555.

■ Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, United Church of Christ at North Gorham, 4:30-6 pm. \$8adults/\$4under 10. FMI, 892-9532.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

■ USM Concert Band, McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. \$6 general, \$3 seniors and students. Call 780-5555.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

■ No School. Inservice for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

■ Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5 years, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting, 414 South St., 6:30 p.m. \$7pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

■ No School for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

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FRIDAY, NOV. 27

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Caller reported a male subject lying on the ground behind a vehicle which was parked on the side of the road. Subject was changing a tire.

School Street caller reported receiving an out-of-state call from a male subject stating that a package and a car would be delivered to caller.

Subject requested caller's social security number and \$250 to be sent to an out-of-state address.

Libby Avenue caller reported that a couple of younger males had been going door to door trying to sell health care for a donation of \$200.

County Road caller confronted suspect for having stolen their cell phone. Suspect fled.

Bradford Drive caller reported having several people come to their door or

calling in the past two days regarding having seen their home for rent on Craig's List. Home is for sale and not for rent, and caller believes the ad is a scam.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported that a dirt bike had been left in the back of a vehicle and felt it looked suspicious.

Primrose Lane caller reported that their children were out playing in their yard and caller could smell the very strong order of marijuana coming from a neighbor's house.

Libby Avenue caller reported that there was a dead bird in their driveway.

Caller reported that a male subject had been thrown out of the frat house and was walking towards the college. Male was intoxicated, and caller thought male needed to be picked up.

Caller reported a suspicious female hiding behind a tree.

Buck Street caller reported that a known subject had threatened to burn down caller's home.

Mosher Road caller reported a large white rabbit in their yard and was afraid for its safety.

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