

## Mercy Quick-Care Opening Soon

Bill Ambrose

The new Mercy Hospital Quick-Care center in South Gorham will be opening by the end of the year at the latest. According to Nathan Bateman of the developers Bateman Partners, LLC, a certificate of occupancy is expected by "early December." He envisions turning the facility over to Mercy Hospital around Dec. 12. Mercy will lease the property from a limited liability corporation, 74 County Road LLC, managed by Bateman Partners.

Mercy Hospital's Quick-Care center will occupy the building formerly housing Hansen's Farm Market, which had been operated by local entrepreneur Hans Hansen. The new 10,000 sq.-ft. health care facility will be equally shared by a combination of emergency care and scheduled appointments with family practice physicians. Sixteen examination rooms and diagnostic equipment will be provided to support the efforts of the 25-30 professionals employed at the site.

Extensive modifications were made to the farm market building. A gabled entrance lobby and a cupola grace the façade and the roofline. Landscaping changes encompass an enlarged parking area and a storm-water treatment and retention pond, as well as the planting of trees and shrubs and the erection of fencing. Ambulance bays have been constructed on the east side of the structure, and motion-activated lighting will illuminate the site. All lighting has been



Photos Credit Martha T. Harris

Contractors work diligently to put the finishing touches on the new Mercy Hospital Quick-Care Facility to be located on County Road.

designed to focus light down, to lessen the effects of nighttime light pollution. The planned hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dave Harris, the on-site construction superintendent for the general contractor Allied-Cook, believes that the Quick-Care facility will bring new commercial life to the South Gorham area. He foresees a day-care establishment, as well as a variety store and a chain restaurant, such as

Dunkin' Donuts, to accommodate the needs of the employees at the facility.

Bateman commented that the new medical facility would bring many benefits to the town, although as a not-for-profit, it will not pay property tax. He cited enhanced and convenient medical care, blood drives, and medical education efforts as examples, as well as the potential expansion of commercial development.

## South Gorham Rezoning Hearing

Bill Ambrose

The Town Council is seeking public comment and input on the possible review of the Town's Comprehensive Plan to determine whether areas of South Gorham should be rezoned to permit more intensive commercial development. The hearing, which will take place during the December 1 regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., will focus on the Route 22/114 overlap area and will extend north on Route 114 up to the bypass roundabout.

The public hearing, which was scheduled by the Council at the Oct. 6 meeting, did not receive unanimous support, with Councilors Csoros and Miner voting nay. The need to contemplate rezoning was prompted by the ongoing transformation of the former Hansen's Farm Market into a Mercy Hospital Quick-Care Health Center. This project could serve as an impetus for future economic and commercial growth in the entire area, which currently suffers from rush hour traffic woes. Another factor is the possible future construction of a spur to South Gorham from the Maine Turnpike.

In discussing the importance of the public hearing, Town Manager David Cole said, "The council would really like to hear from people who are interested. This is an opportunity for people to come in and

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## Building a Healthy Community Mural Project

Gorham Times Staff

A public art mural was recently unveiled on the rear wall of the Goodwill store on Main Street in Gorham. The mural depicts two hands holding a knot with eight surrounding images of how Sebago Education Alliance (SEA) students viewed their own ideas of a healthy community. "The hands represent the coming together of community," says USM Service Learning Coordinator Alicia Sampson, "and the knot represents a bond of a unified and healthy community." The art project was a group effort between USM, the Gorham Police Department and the SEA which serves at-risk youth in Gorham, Westbrook, SAD 6, Windham and Raymond.

The design is the brainchild of USM Art student Brooke Lambert who was motivated by her own personal experience in special education classrooms during her high school years. She believes her own success might encourage and inspire others to apply to college. The GPD provided the paint, USM students collaborated with SEA students (ranging from middle school to high school) and members of USM fraternity Sigma Nu helped paint the white background on the mural. The location behind Goodwill store had become a "graffiti-prone" area. "We're hoping to deter future graffiti and reclaim the space as something beautiful," says Sampson.



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### Hot of the Press

Members of *Embrace the Dissonance* (l to r: Quincy Owens, Clara Stickney, Lincoln Gray, and Lia Van de Krol) read the *Gorham Times* while waiting to perform at the Annie Louise Cary Club Scholarship Tea, held at the Phinney Mansion. The Cary Club raises scholarship money to help support area music students.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Long Creek Planning Project

Jane Knapp

As a member of the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee, which oversees the Department of Environmental Protection, an issue I want to focus on is Long Creek.

Most likely you've traveled between the On the Border restaurant and the intersection of Gorham Road in front of the Maine Mall recently. Did you wonder why this half-mile of road was under construction? It wasn't a run-of-the-mill paving project to fix potholes; it was part of an effort to improve the water quality of the Long Creek Watershed.

The Long Creek Watershed, made up of 3.45 square miles, runs through South Portland, Westbrook, Portland and Scarborough. Currently it is not in compliance with state and federal water quality standards and has been placed in a group of 32 "urban impaired" streams in Maine. Data gathered between 1999-2004 showed growing amounts of pollutants such as oil, gasoline and heavy metals in the water due to increased development in the area. Impervious surfaces like roads, parking lots and rooftops have increased the storm water runoff into Long Creek. Some portions are more than 50 percent impervious. Ten percent is considered to be the point to begin stressing an environment.

This information was the catalyst for the formation of the Long Creek Planning Project; a regional group of state and local officials, businesses, major commercial stakeholders, residents and non-profit organizations working to reduce pollution in the runoff to bring Long Creek into compliance with state standards. The project stretches from Westbrook through the Maine Mall area of South Portland and into Clark's Pond.

The paving project is a step toward turning around the conditions of the

Watershed. Working with project leaders and participants, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) concluded that a porous paving system would contribute to the project's goal by reducing and filtering the storm water runoff that goes directly into the surface water.

With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the stimulus bill), MDOT put in the first application of a porous paving system on a high volume public road in the Northeast. The Grondin Company of Gorham was tapped for this task.

To change from an impervious surface to pervious, they dug down over 30 inches and installed perforated pipes, running them to existing storm drain manholes and covered them with a minimum of six inches of sand. Roughly 15 inches of two-inch crushed stone was then placed on top of the sand. Next, they put six inches of coarse pervious pavement down and finished with three inches of surface layer pervious pavement. This section of road will now filter water down through the pavement. The water will cool as it moves towards the storm drains and Long Creek, helping with thermal pollution that can affect life in the Creek.

The cost to replace the 1700 linear feet of pavement was about \$1.5 million, roughly three times the cost to pave with regular pavement. The lifespan of new surface is estimated to be seven to ten years.

To return the watershed to code will likely cost millions. Project members are looking for ways to fund the stream's restoration and management. They are considering upfront storm water management system upgrades, user fees, taxes, incentives, or some combination of them all. Some funding will be provided by stimulus money, which is

being administered by the Clean Water Revolving Fund Program, but participants in the Project want to make it clear to watershed property owners that at some point they will be asked—and ultimately required by Maine—to contribute to the restoration effort.

All watershed landowners are encouraged to get involved to ensure that their interests are considered and their skills and experience contribute to the process.

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### Around Town

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Planner, and a 10 year service pin was

issued to Jennifer Elliott, the Deputy

Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office.

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## COMMUNITY

# My "Home Town" After 60 Years

Peggy Snyder, Contributing Writer

At 5:00 p.m. you stop and stand very still while the National Anthem plays on the loud speakers. It speaks of the regimen, the normal, the precision, the dedication to duty, the pattern of growing up in a military family and living on a military base.

My life was filled with sameness, with a simple repeated pattern. Our house looked like a cookie cutter copy of each of the houses on either side, of the house across the street, down the street and on the next street. Our house was painted plain beige, sometimes with brick, most times not.

You learned to accept it. You learned quickly that it wasn't the structure, but rather the home you made inside. Against the eggshell white of the walls, color was instead found in bedspreads and curtains, throw pillows and various decorations. Each house on each base was a repeat. But the sameness was not all bad. The sameness opened wide the door to variety in neighbors and places you lived. Friendships were formed quickly and goodbyes came just as quickly.

There were many plain beige houses. From my plain beige house in Japan, I remember the sights, sounds and smells of that oriental wonderland, bright colors of kimonos, the beauty of Tokyo, children in their school uniforms, and exquisite oriental buildings and bridges.

From my plain beige house in Santa Fe, I saw the beautiful red mountains and the cactus. I learned about Indians and their ancient villages built high in the mountains.

My plain beige house in Rantoul, Illinois showed me corn fields, miles and miles of them. It was there I met Marsha Weaver who lived in the plain beige house that abutted ours. I'm still looking for her today.

That same beige house in Virginia was fleeting, as was my friendship with Ruth; a 6-month stay for a school my Dad attended on our way to Tripoli, Libya, North Africa.

In North Africa those quarters were next to a mosque, next to an Arab village of houses made of tiny pieces of cardboard. I fell in love with the differences, with the culture, the sand, the

camels, and the warm dates that fell from the date-palm trees onto the sand. I fell in love with the striking greens and blues of the Mediterranean Sea. My thoughts often go back to the startle of the calling to prayer in the towers of the mosque late at night, to the screams and tongue trills of the Arab woman 3 days and nights straight during a funeral. That beige house took me to the beautiful flowers in Germany, the Vatican in Rome and huge black scorpions of Morocco.

My last plain beige house was in San Antonio, Texas. As with the other similar houses, the love of my family inside and the vast ethnic variety outside were what was important. My family thrived in those plain beige quarters on each base. My immediate family became and remains the life-long friends our short "tours of duty" did not allow me in our travels. Plain and beige, orderly and neat always made me feel safe.

Even though it didn't seem so along the way, I look back now and know that those plain beige houses allowed me to see more parts of the world and different cultures and lifestyles, than most people will ever see in their lifetime. Every time I see a turquoise necklace, it reminds me of 'home'. Every time I see anything oriental, I think of 'home', when my Afghan neighbors who live next door to me today bring me over homemade flat bread, I think of 'home'.

To some the home they grew up in was their world. To me the world I grew up in was my home. Plain and beige opened my life to the rainbow of the world.

In 2003, I met and had a long distance relationship with a wonderful man from Dallas, Texas, before deciding to join him here in Gorham in the fall of 2006. I would not trade my experience as a "Military Brat," but John's love, my work as a secretary at Village School, and the close small town neighborly feel Gorham people extend, have given me the "home town" it's taken me 60 years to find. And you know what they say 'at the end of the rainbow'....

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## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

### Council Begins New Year

Christine Ludwiczak

"It was an interesting year with the economic times, but I think we got a lot of things accomplished," Councilor Matthew Robinson stated at the Town Council meeting earlier this month. Opening of the Gorham By-Pass was a highlight of the year, as well as the tax cut, with Gorham being the only town in Cumberland County to lower taxes.

Councilor Robinson closed out his role of Town Council Chairman, and handed the gravel over to Michael Phinney, who was unanimously elected to serve for the 2009-10 term, with Brenda Caldwell stepping up to the role of Vice-Chairman.

Councilor Robinson wished his best to Town Planner Deb Fossum in her retirement, thanking her for her fifteen years of service. Newly elected Town Councilor, Matthew Mattingly, was sworn in and administered the oath of office.

School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby reported that Gorham voters reelected Jim Hager and Marie South to the School Committee. He also advised that the seasonal flu and H1N1 immunizations have been given to all students and staff who chose to be vaccinated.

The historic E. Howard Tower Town Clock was a topic of discussion for the Council, after Chairman Phinney read a letter from resident Shonn Moulton, regarding the clock's maintenance. Back in 2007, the First Parish Congregational Church entered into a contract with the Town, leasing the historic clock for the next ninety-nine years. The Parish is currently seeking assistance from the town on the annual maintenance, and Councilor Minor motioned that the request be sent to the Finance Committee for review.

The council voted not to send the item to the Finance Committee at this time. Chairman Phinney noted, "If the church wants to change the terms of their contract, the best thing for them to do would be to formally request that

the town either make specific changes, or enter into discussions to make specific changes."

"I'm not concerned about the work getting done and then not getting paid for," stated Councilor Phinney. "What I'm really concerned about is in the long run, the work not getting done at all. I think that's what we want to prevent in the future." Please see article on page 6 for further details.

Election results were reviewed. Gorham had approximately 51% of all registered voters show up at the polls.

Council members were appointed to the following Council Committees for 2009-2010:

- Finance Committee: Brenda Caldwell, Chairman, Phillip Csoros & Noah Miner
- Ordinance Committee: Matt Robinson, Chairman, Burleigh Loveitt & Matt Mattingly
- Appointments/Personnel Committee: Noah Miner, Chairman, Phillip Csoros & Matt Robinson
- Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Matt Mattingly, Chairman, Noah Miner & Matt Robinson
- Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments; Burleigh Loveitt, Regular Member and Phillip Csoros, Alternate Member
- Ad Hoc Representative to the Recreation Advisory Board; Matt Robinson
- Ad Hoc Representative to the Cable TV Committee; Brenda Caldwell.

To view results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham Web site for posted minutes. [http://www.gorham-me.org/Public\\_Documents/GorhamME\\_Plan\\_Minutes/](http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Plan_Minutes/)

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

### Results of District Testing Discussed

Stacy Sallinen

The School Committee began its November meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from October meetings were approved and there was no public comment.

Dennis Libby was re-elected as Chair and Roger Marchand was re-elected as Vice Chair. Sub Committee assignments were also made.

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the following:

- The district is expecting a \$454,000 curtailment for FY10 and a \$1.1 to \$1.5 million reduction in state aid for FY11. Sharp said there will be no Reduction in Forces this year, but next year there is no way around it. He noted that curtailments will not "significantly impair educational programs, but some things will suffer."
- The District Online Calendar of Events will be up and running next week.
- The Infinite Campus Portal for grades 6-12 is now open.
- Commended the five district nurses who worked around the clock to run the flu clinics. Sharp said that the district has an instructional plan in place if a pandemic were to occur and schools were to close.
- Families will be informed next fall where students will attend school when the three K-5 schools are open. Teachers, staff and administrators will also learn where they will be working.

Brian Porter, Village School Principal, provided the Committee with results of District External Testing. Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, all students must reach 100% proficiency in Reading and Math by 2014. Schools are accountable for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which can be achieved by meeting a performance target score or reaching Safe Harbor status. In order to achieve Safe Harbor, schools must decrease by 10% the number of students in a particular subgroup not meeting the standard from the previous year.

Last year, AYP was measured by Maine Education Assessment (MEA) and Maine High School Assessment, consisting of the SAT. Not all Gorham schools achieved AYP for the 2009 testing period. Village, which also includes Narragansett and White Rock, met AYP in Math. AYP was met in Reading because of Safe Harbor status. Gorham Middle School met AYP in Reading and Math through Safe Harbor. Gorham High School achieved AYP in Reading and Math in the subgroups, children with disabilities and children who are economically disadvantaged, through Safe Harbor. AYP was not met since the High School only had 73% of potential special education students graduate, and the standard is 75%.

Starting this year, AYP will now be measured by the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) for grades 3-8. The SAT will still

be used for third year high school students.

Gorham also has a District Goal to ensure 90% of students will meet Reading and Math standards by 2013. For 2009, it strived to have 70% of students meet or exceed standard. Village achieved 73% of students in Reading at or above grade level and 76% of students in Math at or above grade level. GMS achieved 82% in Reading and 67% in Math, up from 61% the previous year. At the High School level, 59% of 11th graders met the target Reading score of 64% proficiency and 51% of 11th graders met the target Math score of 43% proficiency taking the SAT.

Porter contributed the significant progress in results to the new Reading and Math programs in grades K-3, as well as numerous systems of support both in and out of the classrooms. He also pointed out that the SAT, which is a test geared towards college bound students, is a completely different exam than the one used in younger grades, which makes it difficult to compare results in progress. All schools in the district have extensive action plans in place to help reach their goals.

Chris Record, GHS Principal, noted that AYP results can be easily skewed with the SAT if one or two students in small subgroup do not show up for testing. He expressed the challenges in getting students to show up on a Saturday to take a four hour exam but is proud of his staff for their efforts to motivate students.

Sharp said that NCLB is "simply an unrealistic goal" and was proud of the administrators for taking on the 90% District Goal. Several committee members also expressed frustration but commended the schools for making significant progress.

In other news:

- Kathy Garrard said the Gorham Educational Foundation raised over \$5,000 from the Spelling Bee. Money is funneled back to the schools through grants.
- Dennis Libby congratulated Tim King for winning Western Class A Soccer Coach of the Year for the fourth time. Sharp pointed out that the soccer team received only one yellow card this season, which speaks volumes about the code of conduct being used by students and coach on the soccer team, and all other sports teams in Gorham.
- Bob Riley, GMS Principal, and Record informed the committee that the Standards Based Report (SBR) card was rolled out, along with the traditional report card. SBR reflects a student's academic performance, but also provides information about conduct and effort.

The School Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Town Council Chambers.

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## Bernard Rines Bypass



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On November 18 the Gorham Bypass was officially renamed in honor of Gorham resident Bernard Rines. Standing (l to r) are Town Councilors Matt Mattingly and Mike Phinney, Dale Rines, Bernard Rines, State Sen. Phil Bartlett, and Councilor Matt Robinson." The road was named in honor of Rines as he worked for years toward making the bypass a reality.

## More Public Computers @ Your Library

Pam Turner, Librarian



Donations allow expansion of public computers for the Baxter Library.



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

The Trustees of the Baxter Memorial Library have announced enhanced availability of public computers at the Baxter Memorial Library which were funded entirely with donations and gifts to the Library.

The project began when the Library received a gift of several computers from the Gorham School Department. The Trustees purchased monitors, wiring, peripheral equipment and furniture using funds from the Myrtle and Clarence Smith gift to the library and the Charles and Bernice Parker gift to the library. Computer chairs and tables were acquired through Ruth's Reusable Resources. Membership for Ruth's was made possible by the Friends of Baxter

Memorial Library. Finally the Department of Public works and volunteers provided assistance in moving furniture. This was a true community effort.

"The Trustees are very pleased to be able to provide more access to public computers for library users," said Trustee President Linda Frinsko. "We are very appreciative of the donations and gifts which made the project possible."

The Library now has nine public computers on the main level and five public computers on the lower level. There are also additional study carrels and laptop workstations throughout the library. FMI, stop by the Library or call 839-5031.

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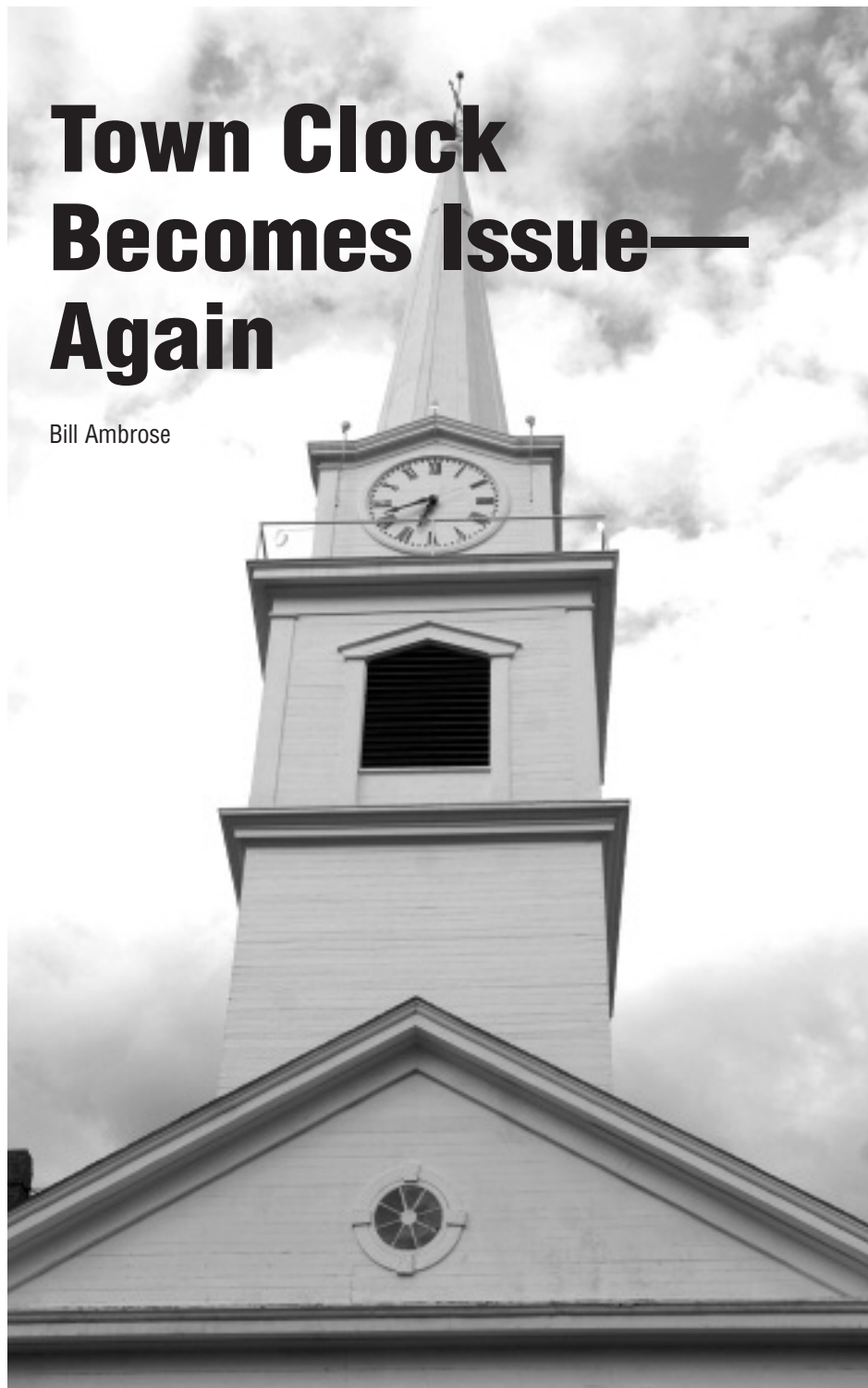
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# Town Clock Becomes Issue— Again

Bill Ambrose



Gorham's historic Town Clock has once again become an issue before the Town Council. A controversy involving the annual maintenance expense has prompted a council request that the representatives of the First Parish Church appear before the council at a public meeting.

The center of the present issue revolves around the results of a meeting held at the church on March 11, 2008. Church officials and members along with several municipal officials attended the gathering. Mark Faunce, the Church Moderator, told the town officials that the church was having financial difficulties in raising the funds to pay for the clock's restoration and its future maintenance, and would like the town to set up a clock fund to receive donations. The town did implement a clock fund, but Town Manager David Cole maintains that the entire agreement between the Town and the Church is still in effect, and can only be modified by a formal motion of the entire Town Council.

It is for this reason that the Council asked Cole to extend an invitation to the church's representatives to appear before the Council to discuss and possibly to modify the agreement. Councilor Burleigh Loveitt, in a subsequent comment, said, "the public's business must be conducted in public."

The 1868 Tower Clock, manufactured by the E. Howard Clock

Company, was a gift to the town by Toppan Robie, a prominent citizen of Gorham. It was placed in the First Parish Church steeple because of its central location in the village. It is one of the few remaining clocks of its kind in New England that has not been electrified. It is an outstanding historical artifact, valued in excess of \$100,000.

In 2005, after valiant attempts at repair, the clock finally stopped working altogether. In fact, it was reduced to being correct only twice each day. After several public hearings and council discussions, an agreement was worked out with the First Parish Church and the Town government in March 2007. Among other agreed-upon items, the Church accepted the obligation to provide for the annual inspection and maintenance of the time-piece's mechanism, an estimated \$800.

Following the generous donations of the Phinney and Rines families, the clock mechanism, including the apparatus for ringing the Paul Revere bell in the steeple, was restored by the Balzer Family Clock Works and placed in the second floor organ loft. It began telling the time and tolling the hours on November 17, 2008. A service of dedication was held at the church shortly thereafter. Everyone agreed that the mechanism was an impressive display of nineteenth-century engineering genius.

# living

## CAR CARE

### Are You Ready for Winter?

Doug Carter



You don't think much about tires until you're cruising down the road a little too fast in the first snow storm of the year. Suddenly the car feels like it is floating on air and the tree you're heading for isn't getting out of your way. Antilock brakes and stability control systems can't do a thing unless you have decent tires to grip the road.

There is a lot more to tires than meets the eye. Tire speed ratings provide information about how long a tire tread will last and how well it grips dry pavement. A general rule of thumb is the lower the rating, the harder the rubber, the longer the tread will last, but a low rating will also give you the least traction. An "S" rating is the lowest, followed by T, H, V, W, and Z. The rating is found on the side wall of the tire, following the tires size, for example 265/75R15 91 "T". Speed ratings and tire size must be the same for all tires. Mixed ratings can cause strange handling conditions.

Tire pressure affects tire wear, gas mileage, and the safe operation of a vehicle. On the side of the tire there is a "max tire pressure," usually 44 PSI. This is not the recommended tire pressure, but is the manufacturer's allowable safe pressure. Recommended tire pressure, located on the driver's door jam or on the door itself, is based on the weight of the vehicle. Front and rear pressures will be given and they will usually be the same.

Running on low tire pressure can be dangerous. The side wall of a radial tire is designed to flex and absorb road vibration and small bumps. Flexing of the side wall creates heat; if the pressure is lower than specified, that heat will start to break down the side wall of the tire and can eventually cause tire

tread separation. Over 200 deaths were associated with Firestone tire tread separation on the Ford Explorers from 1990 through 2000.

A common misconception about front wheel drive vehicles is to place the tires with the most tread on the front, since they not only drive the car but also steer. The problem here lies in the weight distribution. With the engine and transmission in the front, there is little weight on the rear wheels so the rear can easily fishtail out of control. Place the best tires on the rear of the vehicle.

It is important to keep the all the same size tires on four wheel drive/all wheel drive vehicles. Even two new tires paired up with two worn out tires will cause drivability problems. In slippery conditions it can affect how the car handles, in dry conditions it will put undue stress on the drive train. Best advice is to replace all four tires at the same time.

Regular tire rotation at 7,000 to 10,000 miles and a yearly alignment help tires wear evenly, but alignment can be thrown out at any time by hitting a choice pot hole. General inspection of tire wear should be done at every oil change. A shimmy in the steering wheel is usually caused by a tire balance issue rather than alignment.

There are over 40,000 deaths per year on the nation's highways. Maintaining your tires so you can control your car, to the best of your ability, for the optimum performance of the car will help keep you and your family safe.

*Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. Carter lives in Gorham with his wife and daughters. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.*

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# school

## GEF Spelling Bee Kristin Wentworth, GEF President

The Gorham Educational Foundation held its fall fundraiser, the Frederick Robie Cup Adult Spelling Bee, on October 24. Eleven teams competed for the winner's trophy while raising money for GEF. Approximately 100 people were in attendance at the event, which boasted a silent auction, champagne raffle and food by the Pinecrest Inn.

After a tough and at times hysterical competition, including teams collecting money to keep themselves in the competition, the winning team was the Queen Bees: Katherine Garrard, Kristine Biegel, and Sara Nelson. The best costume award went to Morgan Dental Care's team, and the award for most money raised went to the LL Bean team, the Oh-Bee-Haves.

GEF raised approximately \$6,000 from the event, which will fund projects that promote excellence in education within the Gorham school system. In its three years of existence, GEF has funded over \$15,000 of grant awards to Gorham teachers for projects that enhance the school curriculum but are not available through the school budget.

GEF would like to thank the Modern Woodmen for their generous matching grant to GEF, the businesses



The winning team of GEF's Spelling Bee (l to r) Sara Nelson, Kathy Garrard and Kris Biegel display the coveted Frederick Robie Cup trophy.

that sponsored teams or donated silent auction items for this event, and the many community members who volunteered and attended. It was a great success and a wonderfully entertaining evening. Planning for next year's bee is already underway! Check out GEF's new website, [www.gorhamef.org](http://www.gorhamef.org), or become a fan of GEF Facebook to keep up-to-date on GEF's events, activities and grant recipients.

## A Night to Learn



Pictured (l to r) Claire Valentine, her sister Lydia, and Jason Catoggio enjoyed using microscopes at Village School's Family Learning Night on November 12. They explored while carefully handling slides and making lens adjustments to view a variety of life, including plants and insects. The evening was offered as a way to introduce students and their families to fun activities that can be used to enhance learning.

## Laptop Information Night at GHS

Sarah Prescott, GHS Tech Integrator

This year, the Gorham School Department purchased a laptop for every high school student in the district. How are the laptops being utilized at school and at home? What steps are being taken to educate students in making good choices with technology? How can parents work successfully with their children at

home? These questions and more were answered in a Parent information Night held Nov. 12 and will be repeated on **Jan. 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the MPAC Auditorium of GHS.

As of this date, 99 percent of the MLTI laptops have been distributed and a typical stroll through GHS

## A Community Thank You for Swap & Shop's Success

Jane Meggison, Social Worker, Narragansett & White Rock Schools



Volunteers (pictured l to r) Julia Downey, Sarah Downey and Amanda Landry helped set up at the Second Annual Swap & Shop.

The Second Annual Community Swap and Shop was held on Nov. 7 at Narragansett School. The free event was a huge success with White Rock, Narragansett, and Village Schools' families in attendance. The great signage, and curiosity, brought in many other community members too. This year's event would not have been possible without the strong team of women who planned, organized, and implemented every detail. The volunteers included Victoria Caron, Michelle Christakis, Kendra Cummings, Amanda Landry, Rhonda Sawyer, and Sarah Downey. A very warm thank you goes to Girl Scout Troop 1173, led by Amy Valentine. These young ladies were

instrumental in sorting, folding, and arranging clothes grouped for easy shopping, by size, on many large tables. A huge thank you also goes to Bruce Hill and his staff at Gorham Laundry Center who generously cleaned all the items, big and small, at no charge. Raney's Laundromat joined in the effort too.

The organizational team thanks all those who donated clothing, set up and cleaned up the gym, and otherwise participated. Keep your eyes and ears open for next year's date. It's a fantastic opportunity for the community to work together to enjoy a warm, active, and healthy winter.

## Bear Fundraiser Helps Pets in Need

The Gorham Middle School Student Council has successfully raised money for the Westbrook Animal Shelter by selling Beary Special Bears. The top five sellers were: Allison Sinnett, Nicole Walls, Emma Christakis, Alyda Twilley, and Mia Kaufman. These five students along with 10 other Student Council representatives had the opportunity to visit the Animal Shelter on November 2 and brought along a donation of \$800. The group also donated blankets, towels, food, toys, sheets and catnip grown by the GMS Garden Club. You can still participate by bringing all kinds of old things or money to the Shelter—there are a lot of poor animals in need.



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# sports

## in the Zone

### Soccer Sisters Receive Honors: GHS

senior soccer player **Lindsay Wilson** was named a USL Super Y League Olympic Development Program National Select player.

Wilson was selected to the 1991/92 list for her performance with the MPS Phoenix soccer club during the summer Super Y league season. Wilson's older sister, **Kelsey Wilson** (GHS '07), who plays for the University of Maine at Orono women's soccer team, was

named to the America East Women's Soccer All-Academic Team. Wilson started all 17 games for the Black Bears and finished tied for second on the team in scoring with three goals and four assists, both career highs.



Photo Credit Rich Obrey



### Two Gorham Grads Earn Player of the Week Honors for Saint Joseph's College:

The Great Northeast Athletic Conference named **Anna Willis** (GHS '06) as the women's soccer Player of the Week on November 3. Willis scored a pair of goals to help St. Joseph's College defeat USM in the regular finale and Norwich in the playoff opener. Willis, also a team captain, tallied three goals and five assists this fall. Her GHS classmate, **Will Pike** (GHS '06), was named the men's Goalkeeper of the Week. Pike turned away five shots and did not allow a goal in helping St. Joseph's to two wins. He also lowered his season goals-against per game average to 0.80 and picked up his 10th and 11th shutouts of the year. Pike was an All-Conference honoree last fall and has been the conference Goalkeeper of the Week five times this fall. He was also named MVP of the conference playoffs won by Saint Joseph's College and which earned the team a spot in the NCAA Division III national playoffs.

### Field Hockey All-Star: Emma Deans

(GHS '07), a midfielder for the University of Maine at Farmington field hockey team, was named to the All-North Atlantic Conference first team. Also an All-NAC First Team honoree in 2008, Deans scored

five goals this season—including four game-winning tallies—to go along with three assists. She is also the team leader in defensive saves with six and was named the conference Player of the Week September 28.

**Soccer All-Star Game:** Four GHS soccer players were selected to play in Maine Soccer Coaches Senior Bowl Nov. 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. Wilson led the West Seniors girls' team to a 6-2 victory with three goals while Zarrilli contributed one goal and one assist.

### Volleyball All-Star Game MVP: GHS

senior volleyball player **Hannah Shorty** received game Most Valuable Player honors November 7 in the East/West Senior Volleyball Showcase at Husson University that featured the top volleyball players from across the state.



**College Soccer All-Star:** Husson University junior women's soccer player **Caitlyn Butterfield** (GHS '07) was selected to the North Atlantic Conference All-Conference Second Team. This is Butterfield's third consecutive appearance on the team as she anchored the Husson defense throughout the year. Butterfield was also named to the conference All-Tournament team during the playoffs as she helped Husson advance to the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

### Gorham Grad Excels at Rugby: Spencer Seiferth

(GHS '07), a junior at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, helped his college rugby team finish the season with a 21-8 win against Bates College. Seiferth is a 2nd-Row, three-year starter and vice president of the team.



### USM Scholar-Athletes from Gorham:

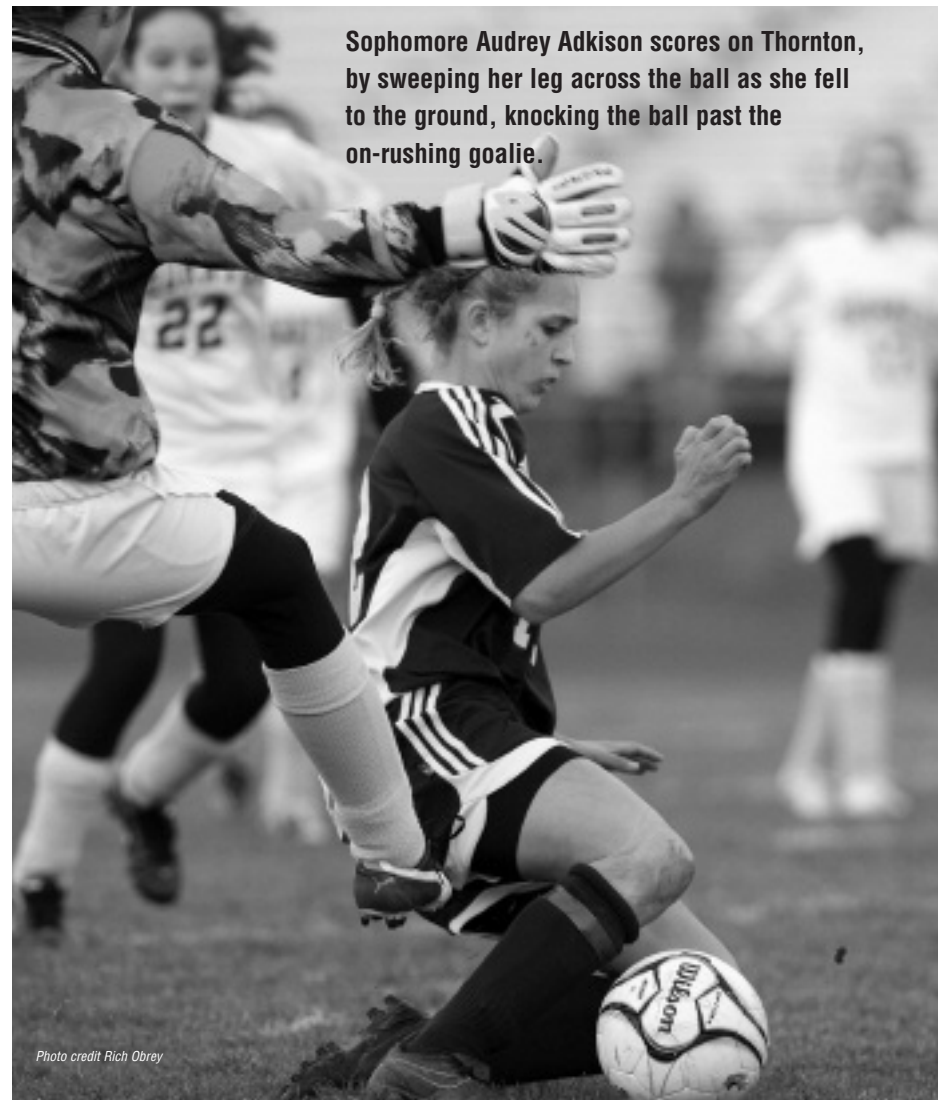
Men's lacrosse player **Josh Plowman** and women's lacrosse player **Rachel Lolley**, both GHS graduates, were among the 131 University of Southern Maine student-athletes honored for academic excellence during the 2008-2009 academic year. Both received a William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award for compiling a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average for the fall and spring semesters.

### Gorham Resident Top Coach Maine

**Premier Soccer Team:** Maine Premier Soccer, which recently joined the United Soccer Professional Development League, has announced that Gorham resident **Paul Baber** will coach the team and serve as general manager. The league is the top men's pro-amateur league in North America for men under the age of 23.

## GHS Fall Sports Wrap-Up Part II

Jeff Pike



Sophomore Audrey Adkison scores on Thornton, by sweeping her leg across the ball as she fell to the ground, knocking the ball past the on-rushing goalie.

The GHS fall sports season came to a close November 14 as the boys' and girls' cross country teams competed in the New England Championship Meet in Manchester, CT. For the season, five of the eight fall teams qualified for post-season play with programs combining for a record of 78-35-1. The previous issue of the Gorham Times included season wrap-ups on golf, volleyball, field hockey and football while this article includes coverage of boys' and girls' soccer as well as the girls' and boys' cross country.

### BOYS' SOCCER

**Regular Season:** 13-1; ranked second in Western Maine Class A.

**Post Season:** Lost to Greely, 2-1 in overtime in the Western Maine quarterfinals.

**Graduating Seniors:** Colin Lubelczyk, Greg Gagne, Eric Plourde, Tim Hardy, Jake Willis and Sean Grandmaison.

**Accomplishments:** Colin Lubelczyk and Gagne were selected as a first-team conference all-stars as well as All-Western Maine Class A all-stars. Gagne was also voted the conference Defensive Player of the Year. Junior Seth Wing and freshman Connor Reagan were selected to the second-team conference all-stars. Leading scorers for the team were Reagan with nine goals and seven assists; Colin Lubelczyk (8/5); junior Kevin Lubelczyk (8/5); junior Connor Bell (6/3) and Willis (6/2). Senior goal keeper Tim Hardy posted eight shutouts and allowed just seven goals all season.

**Coach Comments:** "We turned in a strong

and consistent performance in each and every game," said head coach Tim King. "We were pleased with how the regular season went but disappointed with our early exit from the tournament. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team—the players were a very self-motivated, hard working group. We received tremendous leadership from our captains and all of the upperclassmen. They set the bar high for returning players, and I will miss them a great deal. Looking ahead to next year, we are losing some key players, but still should be strong next season."

### GIRLS' SOCCER

**Regular Season:** 12-2; ranked third in Western Maine Class A

**Post Season:** Defeated Cheverus, 2-1 in OT in the quarterfinals; defeated Marshwood, 4-1 in the semifinals; and lost to Thornton Academy, 2-1, in the Western Maine finals.

**Graduating Seniors:** Abbie Adkison, Lauren Chouinard, Letitia Locke, Liz LaMontagne, Lindsay Wilson, Kristi Zarrilli, and Manager, Luke Tanguay.

**Accomplishments:** Zarrilli, Wilson and Chouinard, along with junior Shelbi Guimond and sophomore Kiersten Turner were selected to the all-conference team. The team notched 64 goals while giving up just 10 on the season. The team also shutout its opponents 10 times.

**Coach Comments:** "Beating Cheverus in double overtime during the playoffs

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## Football Awards



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GHS football players receiving individual awards for the season include from left to right, John Phinney (Cumberland County First Team Center), Cody Stover (All-SMAA First Team Offensive Line and the Gerry Raymond Award for the Best Lineman in the SMAA), Jon Day (All-SMAA Running Back), Ryan Luxton (SMAA Honorable Mention-Linebacker), and Abe Kilborn (SMAA Honorable Mention-Tight End). SMAA stands for Southwestern Maine Activities Association.F

## Middle School Sports Awards



Photo credit Sherry Coyne

The Gorham Middle School sports coaches presented awards to athletes of the fall teams in an October 28 ceremony hosted by GMS athletic director Sherry Coyne. Receiving team achievement awards and pictured above, front row from left to right: Calvin Riiska (Cross Country), Meghan Cushing (Soccer), Madeleine Hamblen (Field Hockey) and Owen Mulrey (Tennis). Back row: Kiana Plumer (Soccer), Megan Baker (Field Hockey), Alexis Miller (Tennis), Mitchell Rossignol (Tennis), Jeremy Collett (Tennis) and Jesse Southard (Tennis). Missing from the photo are Chandler Reagan (Soccer), Austin Bell (Soccer), Ben Foster (Cross Country), Kelsey Mitchell (Cross Country) and Natasha Fogg (Cross Country).

### GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up


**Saturday, November 28**  
9:15 p.m. – Girls' Hockey vs. Biddeford at USM Gorham campus arena.

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules and details of all GHS sports, visit [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com)

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after tying them early in the season was our highlight of the year," said head coach Jeanne Zarrilli. "It was especially exciting to score with only three minutes to go before the penalty-kick round. When our technical game was on, we were one of the best teams in the state, but when it wasn't on, we got into trouble. Our two-touch, quick-passing game was tremendously successful, but since we started five sophomores, we had to learn as the season progressed. To get as far as we did with a young team was a good achievement. The outlook for next year is very positive with seven seniors returning as well as four players that saw significant time off the bench. We have a group of very well-trained players."

**GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY**

**Regular Season:** 13-4  
**Post Season:** Finished third in Western Maine Class A Regional and fifth at the Class A State Championship.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Rachel Wilkinson, Kelsey Rex and Solange Carpenter.  
**Individual Accomplishments:** Junior Mia Rapolla finished 10th in the Western Maine Class A Regional and was a Second Team All-SMAA selection. She also finished sixth in the Class A State Meet and 57th in the New England Championships. Wilkinson finished 7th in the Western Maine Class A Regional and was a First Team All-SMAA selection along with Solange Carpenter. Wilkinson finished 19th in the Class A State Meet and 82nd in the New England Championships.  
**Coach Comments:** "We should have a good team next year but it will be difficult to replace the seniors," said head coach Kurt Schwanda. "We will miss their talent and their leadership. Sending two runners to the New

England meet was a big highlight. We had a very successful season and have some top runners returning for us next year."

**BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY**

**Regular Season:** 8-4  
**Post Season:** Finished fourth in the Western Maine Class A as well as the Class A State Meet; finished 15th among 30 teams at the New England Championship.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Adam Hawkes and Jon Foster.  
**Individual Accomplishments:** "Adam Hawkes had an unbelievable year cutting nearly three minutes off of his overall 3.1-mile time," said head coach John Wilkinson. "Jeremy Earl and Logan Marshall (both juniors) led the way for us as our top two runners and were consistent all season."  
**Team Accomplishments:** The team was first Gorham team ever to compete in the New England Championship. The team finished was paced by Marshall, who finished 61st with a time of 17:30 over the 5K course. Other Gorham final results included Earl (94th place with a time of 17:51), Hawkes (111/17:59), junior Andrew Turner (188/18:46), freshman Alex Thuotte (244/19:30) and sophomore Joe DeRoy (256/19:47).  
**Coach Comments:** "We accomplished a lot this year at the big meets including finishing fifth at the Belfast Invitational that included teams from out of state and Canada," Wilkinson said. "The team bonded very well thanks to the seniors leading the way. We knew we could be one of the better teams going into the season, but it's hard to do that when it's expected. Only three teams (Cheverus, Scarborough and Massabesic) were able to beat us this year. We lose two key runners but have a lot of good runners coming back next year so we should be strong once again."

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This has been a busy year for Operation Tribute. Besides changing the organization's name to better state their mission of paying tribute to military families, forming a new Board of Directors, and receiving their official designation as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, the organization has partnered with many businesses and has received recognition on many fronts.

In April 2009, the U.S. Congressional Record recognized Operation Tribute for its service to military families. In September, Connecticut's Governor Rell requested Operation Tribute partner with Connecticut's state program, Operation ELF, as Operation Tribute had recognized more Connecticut children in one year than the state's program had in over 8 years of operation. In November, the Boston Bruins designated Operation Tribute the charity of choice, donated the proceeds from a 50/50 raffle, and showed the organization's commercial on the Jumbotron. Finally, in December, Governor Baldacci will proclaim December Operation Tribute month. A busy year, indeed.

And now, once again, it's time to ship the gifts. Operation Tribute seeks to send an individually wrapped gift adorned with a yellow ribbon and thank you sticker along with a personal thank you letter,

often written by children of non-military families, to every child who registers for their program.

In 2008, Operation Tribute sent more than 23,000 gifts to over 825 cities and towns throughout New England and New York. In 2009, the organization received more requests than in prior years and again hopes to be able to provide a gift and thank you letter to each child enrolled in the program.

"Our continuing success is primarily due to recognition by people who realize that the time for bumper-sticker slogans is over," said Marc Badeau, Gorham resident and founder of Operation Tribute. "We as a country have a responsibility to recognize the sacrifice and bravery of these children who share their parent(s) to help keep us safe. They are the unsung heroes of the day and deserve our show of appreciation."

For more information, to volunteer or make a donation, please visit [www.operationtribute.com](http://www.operationtribute.com).



Photo courtesy of Marc Badeau

The Boston Bruins chose Operation Tribute as their charity of choice.

Marc Badeau is pictured (far left) with other Operation Tribute organizers at a recent Bruins game. Also pictured (l to r) are: Hannah Kane of Massachusetts, Rich Cheatham of Connecticut and David Hagen of New Hampshire.

Below: Several donated autographed items to be auctioned off to benefit Operation Tribute.

## Have breakfast with Santa

Dec 12, 7:30 -10:30 a.m. at the Cressey Road Church.

The event is sponsored by the Gorham High School Key Club to benefit Operation Tribute. Operation Tribute ([www.operationtribute.com](http://www.operationtribute.com)).

Enjoy pancakes, eggs and sausage by Gorham's own Chef Mo, visit with Santa and his helpers, coloring books for the kids, music and a performance by \$1800 Shoes and a silent auction. Businesses from the Mall as well as local businesses such as Hannaford, Art Guru, Gorham Grind, Mr. Bagel, Tinsel Bright, Sebago Brewing, Lucky Thai, Hoglund's Countryside Butchers and others will be providing items for the breakfast and the auction. Tickets will be available at the door \$5 per person. FML or to donate please call 221-0296.



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# community

**Seaman Matthew J. Cole** (GHS '04), son of Kathy and David Cole, graduated from Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL on Nov. 13, 2009. He will be attending the Navy's Submarine Electronic/Computer Field School in Groton, CT.



## of interest

**Nursing student Hillary Dorr Cuffori** (GHS '00), was inducted into Alpha Phi Xi, an international honor society at Central Maine Community College on Nov. 18, 2009.

**102 year-old Voter! Gorham House resident George Fryer** went to the polls at Gorham Middle School to vote on Election Day. Election Warden, Linda Deering, read and marked his ballot for him as his eyesight isn't what it use to be. Fryer is 102 years old.



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**Recently Gorham Lifechurch sponsored a "Fill That Bus" food drive** to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry. The drive concluded with a concert which was open to the community, of which admissions was a bag of food. After collecting an entire bus load of food, volunteers from the Gorham Lifechurch and Food Pantry unloaded the bus.

**"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 \$2.00 per book and can fill out a gift tag with a special message. Each year well over 100 books are distributed to Gorham families.

## save the date

**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Artisan's Sale & Fair, Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m.**, former Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Rt 114/College Ave, Gorham.

**'Breakfast with Santa'** on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Sponsored by GHS Key Club, \$5. FMI, call 221-0296.

## holiday fairs

**First Parish Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at One Church Street, Gorham. Silent auction, dessert auction, baked goods, crafts, gifts & Santa! FMI, 839-2809.

**Christmas Craft Fair**, Living Waters Christian School, Rt 112 & 22, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Over 30 vendors, great shopping. FMI 727-4499.

**Christmas Angel Fair**, Bar Mills Parish House, Buxton, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## close to home

**The Buxton Garden Club's Annual Tree Festival** begins Sunday, Dec. 6 at noon. Anyone can decorate a tree at the Bar Mills Community Church, Buxton. FMI, 929-8283.

**The Windham Chamber Singers** (conducted by Dr. Richard Nickerson) are pleased to announce *An American Family Holiday Concert* Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Featuring alumni from the Windham Chamber Singers with special guests Robyn Hurder, Elisabeth Marshall, Daniel Strange, Adam Frederick and Ashley Liberty. Tickets \$12/\$15. FMI, 892-1810 ext. 275 or online at www.mktix.com.

**The winners of GHS Project Graduation's Harvest of Gold Calendar** for the month of November can be found on the Project Graduation page of the GHS web page [www.goghs.org/pg/project.php](http://www.goghs.org/pg/project.php). This link shows upcoming events and meeting dates for Project Graduation.

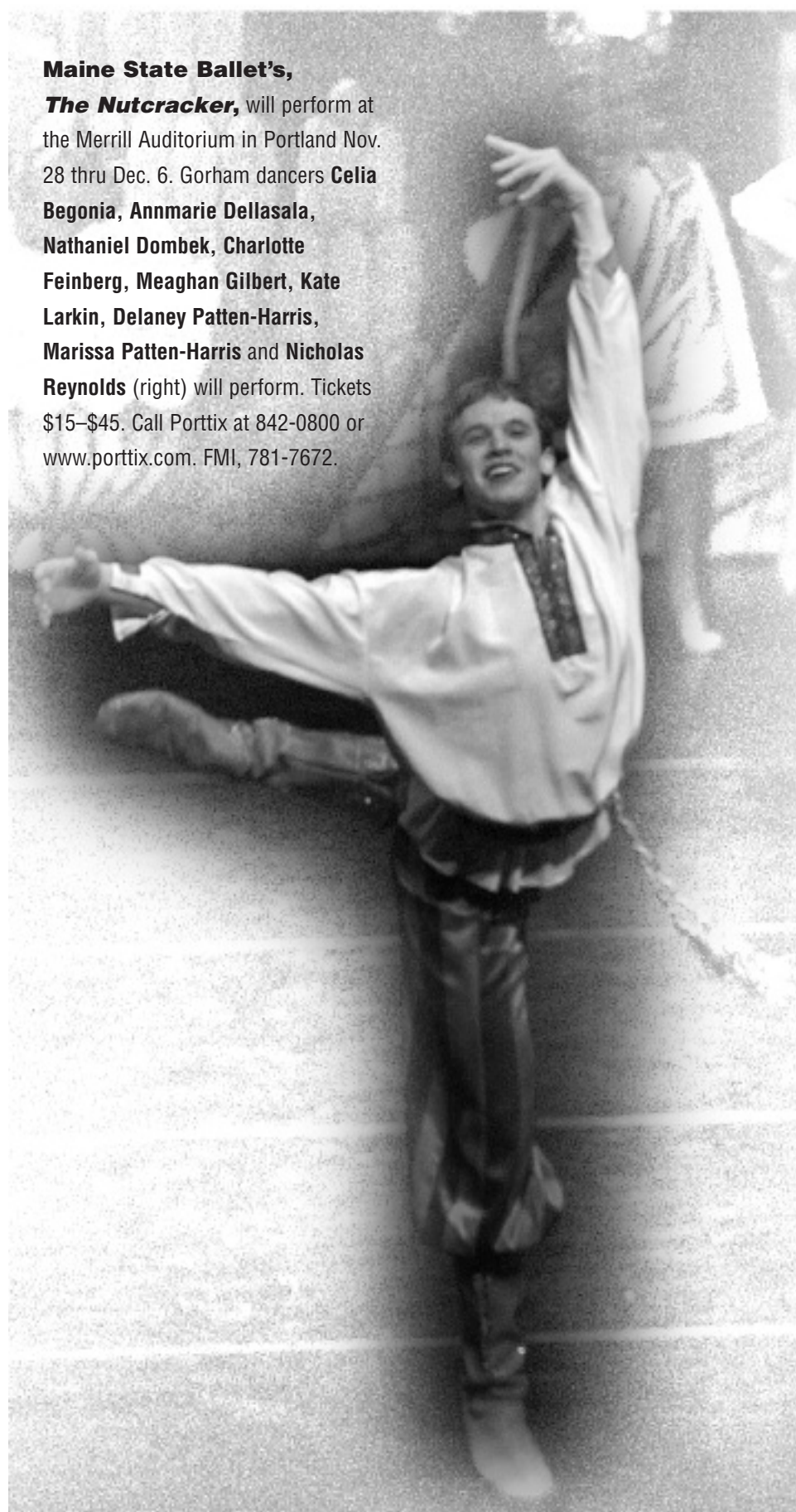
**Casco Bay Concert Band** will present 'The Many Moods of Christmas,' Dec. 5, 3 p.m., at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School. Tickets \$7/\$6/children and students free. FMI, [www.cascobayconcertband.org](http://www.cascobayconcertband.org)

**The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's Annual Holiday Reception** will be on Dec. 4 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Gorham Fitness Center, 17 D Railroad Ave., Gorham. Hosted by Gorham Fitness Studio and Great Falls Construction. No charge, no agenda, just fun! FMI, 892-5515.

**The Gorham Community Chorus** will present its Annual "Prelude to Christmas" directed by John Rimkunas accompanied by Dr. Peter Stickney. The presentation will be at the McCormack Auditorium at Gorham High School, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m. The music will be holiday and seasonal, contemporary and traditional with a selection featuring the Cressey Road UMC Bell Choir. Goham High School Chamber Singers will perform under the direction of Matt Murray. Also included in the program will be the \$1800 Shoes Barbershop Quartet. Donations appreciated.

**The USM Chamber Singers**, conducted by Robert Russell, will sing seasonal music in "Joyous Sounds for a Festive Season" on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St. Suggested donation \$9. Call 780-5555.

**USM will hold its 19th Annual Holiday Music Scholarship Gala**, "Season of Light: 'Tis a Gift," in the Abromson Community Education Center, Portland on Dec. 4, 5:30-10 p.m. Dinner with cocktails, great music, live auction, and raffles, followed by a concert that features our talented students. \$90 per person; reservations required. Call 780-5003 or visit the web site for information and



**Maine State Ballet's, The Nutcracker**, will perform at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland Nov. 28 thru Dec. 6. Gorham dancers **Celia Begonia, Annmarie Dellasala, Nathaniel Dombek, Charlotte Feinberg, Meaghan Gilbert, Kate Larkin, Delaney Patten-Harris, Marissa Patten-Harris and Nicholas Reynolds** (right) will perform. Tickets \$15-\$45. Call Porttix at 842-0800 or [www.porttix.com](http://www.porttix.com). FMI, 781-7672.

# Narragansett Night

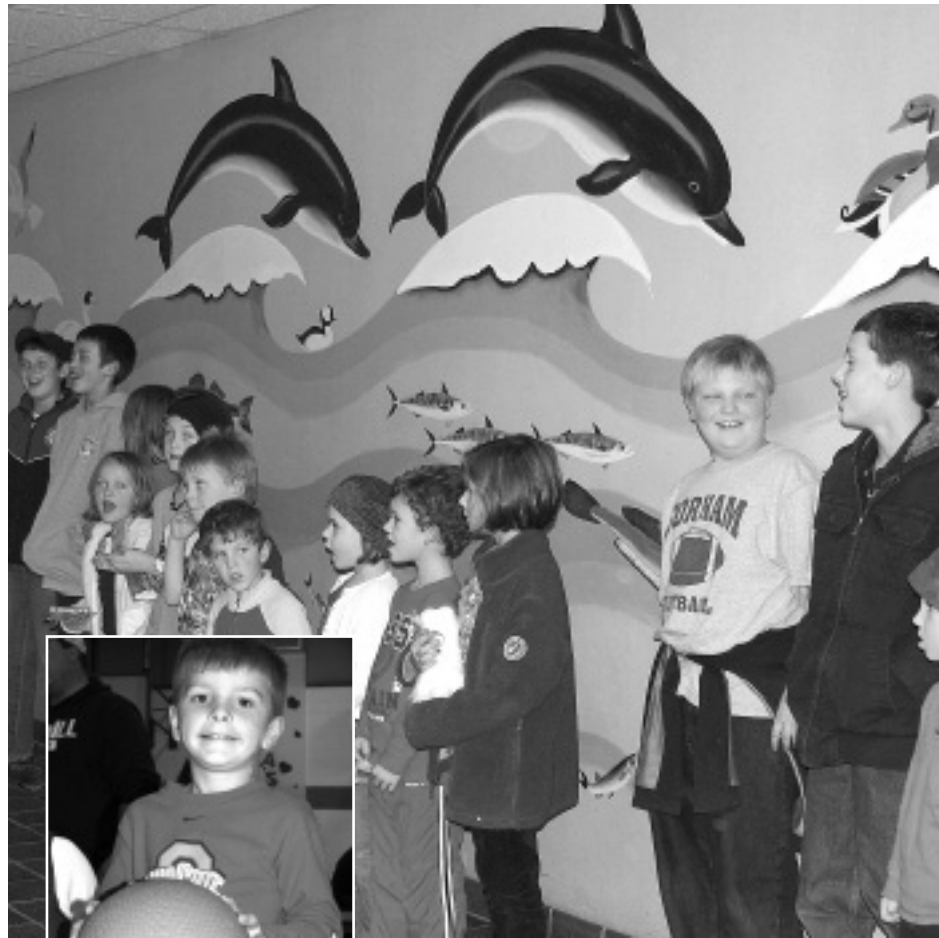


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After enjoying Bingo Night at Narragansett School, a group of students and alumni sang Happy Birthday to Dahlov Ipcar, the artist who painted the Narragansett murals which are now valued at over half a million dollars! Every year, the first graders learn about her and do an Art project based on the murals. Ipcar turned 92 on November 12 and continues to paint every day. The performance was videotaped by Art teacher Allie Rimkunas and sent to Mrs. Ipcar at her home in Georgetown.

Inset: Nathan Eichner claimed the last prize of the evening at Narragansett School's Family Bingo Night on November 12.

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**Jennifer Porter & Friends**, Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Grange Concert Hall in Bar Mills. \$15 Students and Srs (65+) \$13 or by donation. For reservations call, 929-5412.

**There will be a Rabies Vaccination Clinic** on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the new Buxton Public Works Garage (next door to Town Hall). \$8-cash only. Dogs MUST be on leash and cats in carriers. FMI, 929-6171.

**Anticipate Santa's arrival by fire truck and enjoy a Christmas tree lighting** and some holiday caroling on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 4-6 p.m. outside the Chamber office in Windham (corner of Routes 302/115). Everyone is encouraged to bring a canned good to support the Windham Food Pantry. FMI, 892-8265.

**Schoolhouse Arts Center presents 'A Christmas Story,'** Dec. 4-20. FMI, 642-3743 or [www.schoolhousearts.org](http://www.schoolhousearts.org).

## LAPTOP NIGHT FROM PAGE 7

reveals an equally high percentage of use. While they are a new tool, and their use is still evolving, students and teachers have currently been utilizing them for on-the-spot research, digital projects, and to access learning tools such as online textbooks. Students have recently been assigned e-mail accounts which allow them to easily communicate with teachers and other students as well as submit assignments electronically.

As many parents have concerns about managing their child's laptop use, the main goal of the IT Department at GHS is to increase communication and support for parents who have to adjust to the addition of a new and sometimes overwhelming learning tool that is bringing the outside world into their home. Technology Director Dennis Crowe

noted, "Twenty years ago, parents would make sure they knew who their child's friends were, where they were going, limit time on the telephone, etc. Setting rules with the laptop, checking chat logs, and being aware of whom your child is communicating with online is the same type of parenting; it just manifests itself in a different form."

Parents are encouraged to create a list of home use 'technology rules' such as setting time limits, making sure the computer is only used in a shared space, and having frank conversations about the rights and responsibilities of being an internet user. For more information and tips, please access the new GHS Tech Help Wiki (interactive webpage) at <http://ghstechhelp.wikispaces.com>.

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## 8th Annual End Hunger Walking Tour



Brenda Davis (second from left) recently walked through Gorham on her journey from Credit Union to Credit Union in an effort to build awareness about poverty and hunger in Maine. Davis, Exec. Director of Crossroads Ministries, an Old Town-based hunger agency, has teamed up with the Maine Credit Unions' Leagues' Ending Hunger Campaign. The purpose of the walk was threefold: 1) To thanks the credit unions and their members for supporting the Maine Credit Union Leagues' Ending Hunger Campaign; 2) to raise awareness about poverty, food insecurity and hunger in our state and your community; 3) to raise money for local organizations within communities. Davis stopped by the Casco Federal Credit Union to pick up a donation for the Gorham Food Pantry. Pictured (l to r): April Tinker, Member Service Representative, Casco Credit Union, Brenda Davis and Gorham Food Pantry Board members Cherry Finck and Sue Dunn.

## Community Meal and Music



The UCC Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church in Westbrook (810 Main St) will hold a Community Meal at noon for residents of any age and from any community. \$4. Under the direction of USM music professor Bruce Fithian, St. Mary Schola, a chamber choir devoted to master works from medieval to baroque, will perform four seasonal concerts entitled 'Hodie' on Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Franco-American Heritage Center, Lewiston; Dec. 13, 4 p.m. & Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Falmouth; and Dec. 15, 7 p.m. at First Parish Church of Kennebunk. Tickets are \$15/\$20 or visit [www.stmaryschola.org](http://www.stmaryschola.org).

## REZONING FROM PAGE 1

share their views." Cole also stated that the council could determine to rezone the area without modifying the Comprehensive Plan, or it could move to modify the plan first.

Councilor Burrell Loveitt is a veteran of the first two versions of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He believes that a large revision of the plan only becomes

necessary when there are significant changes in the Town's economic or demographic situation, such as when Gorham began to change from an agrarian to a suburban bedroom community. Writing a new comprehensive plan is an enormous and expensive task, taking up to three-years and costing in excess of \$100,000.

## Three Ways to Celebrate the Season

**1 Three sundays of December**—we'll be teaching out of a book entitled "The Purpose of Christmas" by Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life." This is during our Sunday services at both 8:45 and 10:15 with childcare.

**2 Two Christmas concerts**—Contemporary and fun Christmas concerts will be on Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday the 19 at 6:00 p.m.

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- 12th Annual Burn Off the Turkey Race, Gorham Municipal Center, 9 a.m.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 29

- Tree Lighting Ceremony, Public Safety Building Gazebo, 270 Main St., 4 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 1

- Town Council Meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St., 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

- PIE Meeting, GHS Library, 6:30—7:30 p.m., School Committee attending.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 3

- USM Jazz Ensemble directed by Chris Oberholtzer and the Lab Jazz Ensemble directed by Doug Owens, \$6/\$3. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Call 780-5555.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 4

- Craft and Chat Group, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Baxter Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc., and make new friends. FMI, 222-2532.
- Gorham Business & Civic Exchange Annual Holiday Reception, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Gorham Fitness Center, 17 D Railroad Ave., Gorham. No charge, no agenda, just fun! FMI, 892-5515.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 5

- Homemade Cookie Fare, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. – 12 noon.
- USM Composers Showcase, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 8 p.m. Free! FMI, 780-5555.
- Casco Bay Concert Band, 'The Many Moods of Christmas,' 3 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS. \$7/\$6/children and students free.
- Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd, Off Rt 237, 4:30 – 6 p.m. \$7/\$3.

**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.**

## SUNDAY, DEC. 6

- Opera students perform selected scenes, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 2 p.m. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.
- Chamber Singers and Gorham Community Chorus Concert, MPAC, Gorham High School, 3 p.m.

## MONDAY, DEC. 7

- Planning Board Meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St., 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 8

- Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting, 6 p.m. \$7pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

- School Committee Meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St., 7 p.m.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 10

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting, 9-10 am, Westbrook Municipal Center. FMI, 839-5581.
- Dance USM! Student dancers and choreographers showcase original works. 7:30 p.m., Russell Hall, Gorham campus. FMI, 780-5555.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 11

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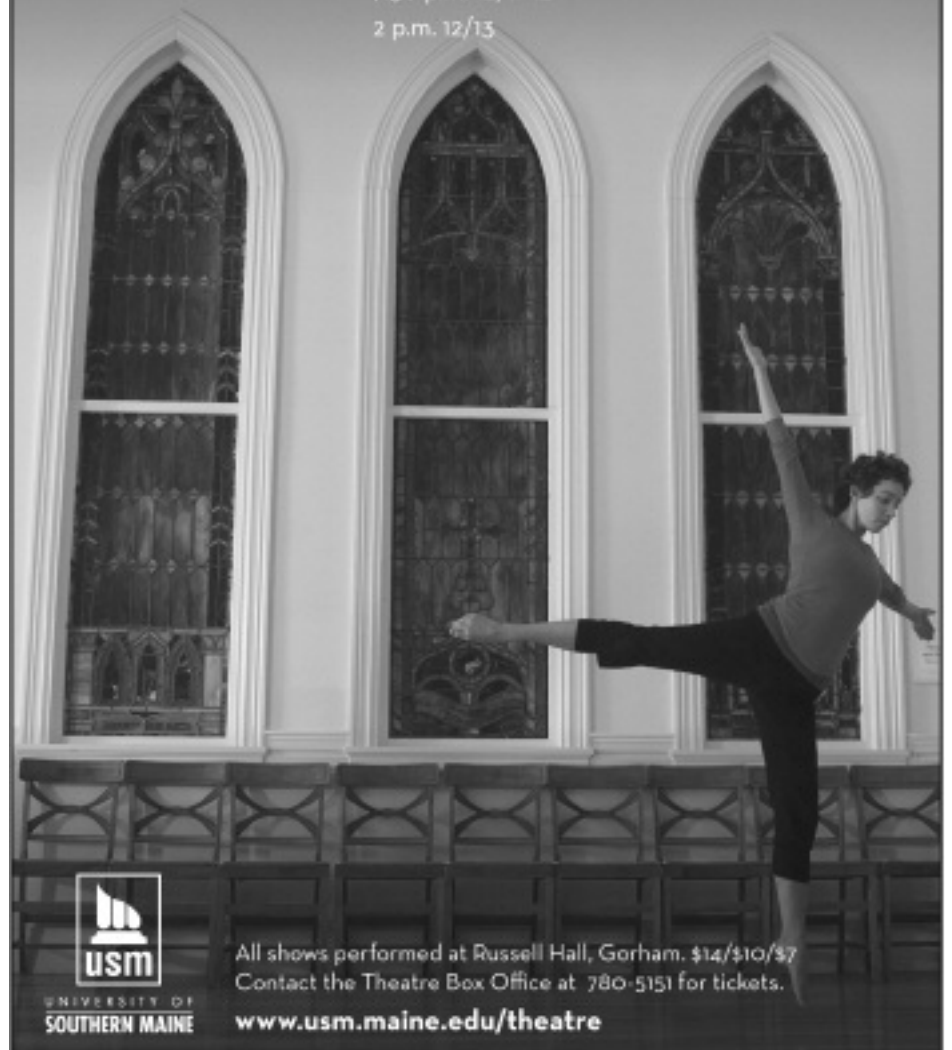
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## Citizen's Arrest

South Street caller requested to speak with an officer as their 11 year-old son had placed handcuffs on and couldn't get them off.

**Caller reported that a vehicle** they had for sale was broken into overnight and the joystick controller for a Fisher plow was stolen.

**South Street caller** reported that they had run through some paint that was spilled on the road and wanted owner of truck who spilled paint to pay to clean their vehicle.

**Ossipee Trail caller** reported that parts had been stolen off vehicles in their lot.

**South Street caller** reported damage to a political Vote Yes On 1 sign.

**Caller reported** a large dead animal in the road on the bypass.

**Main Street caller** stated they believed their house had been burglarized because the door was unlocked.

**Lincoln Street caller** reported a male subject was riding a bike down the street. Caller noticed that the male went into caller's yard with the bike and left with a different bike.

**Officer assisted** a tractor trailer driver who was lost and escorted driver to the industrial park.

**County Road caller** reported that they had had construction equipment stolen from their building site, again.

**County Road caller** reported that Yes On 1 signs were vandalized with swastikas, black marks, etc.

**Dingley Spring Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a subject who wrote them a bad check for \$775.00.

**Main Street caller** reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Female was sick and did not want to drive. Someone was on their way to get her.

**Main Street caller** reported that a male subject was in the bathroom. Manager believed that subject may have been doing crack cocaine in the bathroom.

**Acorn Street caller** reported having been assaulted by group of kids behind the school.

**Preble Street caller** reported a fight in the street in front of one of the fraternities. Call was unfounded.

**South Branch Drive caller** wanted to report the theft of a Halloween skeleton.

**Gateway Commons Drive caller** reported there was a chicken pecking on the corner of their porch. Caller was concerned for trick-or-treaters.

**Morrill Avenue caller** reported that there was a lot of noise coming from the high school. Caller stated they deserved a bit of piece and quiet.

**South Street caller reported** that a truck had been parked on the curb at the neighbor's house. A male in a black top hat and long gray hair got out,

walked to the store and then got in another vehicle.

**Caller reported** that five cars full of teenagers went behind a business. Subjects were dropping off Goodwill items.

**Easy Street caller requested** to speak to an officer regarding a chase the previous night. Caller didn't think officer should have been chasing.

**Caller requested police assistance** on Gray Road as they were repossessing a car and the owner was giving them a hard time.

**Glenwood Avenue caller reported** they believed their sibling had stolen their identity and was using caller's social security number.

**Evergreen Drive caller requested** to speak with an officer as they had noticed that their gun was missing.

**Fort Hill Road caller** reported that a known male was driving to endanger by texting while driving all the way back to Massachusetts.

**Pompeo Drive caller** stated that an intoxicated male relative had threatened a female relative's life.

**Maple Drive caller reported** that three males had come to their door, shown caller a picture of caller's house, and wanted to know if it was for sale.

**College Avenue caller reported** a suspicious pickup with a snow blower on back had been trying to parallel park for the past 20 minutes. Caller asked that it be checked out.

**Queen Street caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding people hanging around their house at night.

**Standish woman** was arrested for escape, violating conditions of release, theft by unauthorized taking and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Sanborn Street man** was arrested for OUI and running a stop sign.

**Pompeo Drive man** was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening.

**Caller reported** a tractor trailer truck pulled over to the side of the bypass. Driver had pulled over because they thought that they had hit an animal.

**Main Street caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding false charges against them.

**Caller reported** that someone had gotten into their bank account and stolen \$900.

**Meadow Crossing Drive caller** reported that a child's battery operated ride-on tractor had been stolen.

**Goodall Road caller reported** that they had been driving down their neighbor's road when the homeowner walked in front of their vehicle and asked them "what the hell" they were doing.



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