

## Ordinance Committee to Study Rezoning

Sue Dunn

At their regular meeting, the Town Council encouraged public comment regarding the possibility of rezoning South Gorham for more intense growth. A number of residents shared their opinions. Town Manager David Cole began by explaining there had been a number of landowners that had requested rezoning of individual parcels of land. The general idea for the public comment was rather than rezone by lot, should the town rezone the entire area and if so, how this would affect the current residents in the area.

Jim Means, of Beatrice Dr, pointed out that part of this land includes a designated Wildlife Sanctuary and also that rezoning is premature considering the on-going Turnpike Authority study for a spur to be built in that area. "Why spend dollars on revising the Comprehensive Plan when it may be in conflict with the Turnpike Authority," he asked. He also commented that the bypass has already impacted the area negatively.

Jeff O'Donal, South Gorham resident & business owner, commented that this has come before the Council before and many Councilors are aware of the concerns. Eventually rezoning will need to occur but he disagrees with the timing of this citing the plan many times. Currently the Plan designates small scale business growth only if it does not adversely impact surrounding properties and the environment and does not generate signif-

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Over 500 people crowded the gazebo lawn area at the Narragansett School and Central Fire Station to wait for the arrival of Santa. This year Santa was escorted by a dozen decorated "light parade" entries including a Town of Gorham Plow Truck, Moody's Collision Center trackless truck, Great Falls Builders float, New Year Gorham '09-'10 float with Father Time, Gorham Recreation Department golf cart and hayride truck and trailer, the Brickyard 400 Indy Pacecar provided by Shaw Brothers Construction and three entries from the Gorham Fire Department Central Station, West Gorham and South Windham/Little Falls stations. A food drive for the Gorham Food Pantry was held along the Main Street parade route and donations were also accepted from the families attending the "other reindeer games" which took place on the gazebo lawn before the arrival of Santa. The total raised for the food pantry exceeded 450 pounds of goods.

## New Year Gorham Countdown Ball Designed by Nine-Year Old

Virginia Wilder Cross

Autumn Heil, a Gorham Village School third grader, submitted the winning design proposal for this year's Countdown Ball for New Year Gorham. Autumn responded to the request for proposals published for New Year Gorham through the Gorham Recreation Department's winter publication.



"While the exact details of the design will be kept under wraps until New Year's Eve, we can tell you that Autumn's design far exceeded our expectations," said Cindy Hazelton, Director for the Gorham Rec. Department. "Autumn submitted her proposal with an excellent presentation that included an impressive prototype accompanied by hand written specs and projected costs."

Amy Valentine, Autumn's mother explained that the three-dimensional compass design was completely Autumn's idea and that her daughter even created a catch phrase for it—Take a New Direction

in 2010. Her mother further explained that Autumn's original idea required some brainstorming, but after some thinking time on her own, Autumn managed to figure out the science and physics required to make her compass heavy enough to withstand the wind, yet light enough to make it through the countdown in the right amount of time. She created the prototype out of simple materials—cardboard, Styrofoam and string.

Autumn's Uncle Billy (William Schaefer of

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## Hannah Prince: Maine's Best Field Hockey Player

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## Hot of the Press

Deb Kerwin takes a break from busy work day at Kerwin Chiropractic, to catch up on all the Gorham news. She looks forward to each issue so she can stay informed about her community.



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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Removing the Sales Pitch from Prescription Drugs

Representative Linda Sanborn

We've all seen the prescription drug advertisements on television: tranquil music, appealing landscape, and carefree people. All these symbols are designed to make us and our doctors want to choose one brand of medicine over another. However, these very same brands are part of the problem in tackling the high cost of health care—especially prescription drug care in Maine.

Now, Maine is taking steps to remove the "sales pitch" from the prescription process by providing consumers and medical professionals with unbiased, evidence-based information on key drugs. The system aims to help prescribers choose the safest, most effective, and most cost-effective drugs for their patients, with the goal of improving quality while reducing costs of medical treatment. One pilot program among Medicaid populations found savings as high as two dollars for every dollar invested in the program.

One such program sends trained clinicians or "academic detailers" to educate doctors about the latest drugs. The detailers aim to provide an alternative perspective other than the pharmaceutical sales representative, who is often a key source of information on the latest drug trends. While the sales representative aims to sell his or her product, the academic detailers have no profit motive. Their sole function is to educate in an unbiased manner.

The only "product" the academic detailer is presenting is scientific information based on rigorous reviews of available data. The detailer initiates meaningful, interactive discussions of key findings rather than adding more paper to the huge pile of medical journals and articles the providers hope to read someday. The clinicians go out to

physician practice sites for individual or group discussions based on independent literature reviews conducted by the Independent Drug Information Service of Harvard Medical School.

The clinician program is administered by the voluntary Maine Independent Clinical Information Service of the Maine Medical Association in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Not surprisingly, physicians and other providers have been very receptive to the academic detailing programs, which have helped them make good decisions on behalf of their patients.

Likewise, in an effort to help educate consumers, Prescription Policy Choices (PPC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c) (3) educational and public policy organization based in Hallowell, teamed up with Consumers Union and the Consumer Reports Health Best Buy Drugs TM project to provide consumers with unbiased information about prescription drug choices and options. This magazine informs consumers about drugs available to treat specific conditions, the differences between them, and how they compare to each other.

Hopefully this will "help offset the aggressive direct-to-consumer advertising conducted by the pharmaceutical industry," says Ann Woloson, Executive Director of PPC.

The goal of both of these programs is to give independent and unbiased reports to help patients and healthcare providers talk about treatment options and improve the chances of getting a prescription, if one is needed, that best treats the medical problem at hand and gives the best value for the health care dollar.

More information about these pro-

grams can be found at [www.policy-choices.org](http://www.policy-choices.org).

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### Around Town

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**15 Years**  
**Clint Cushman**, Code Enforcement Office, retiring on December 11.

The Dance Studio of Maine is opening a new endeavor, The Music School of Maine. Open House will be December 10 with classes beginning January 4, 2010. The school will feature piano, voice, guitar, and violin lessons for all ages. The Music School of Maine is located at 6 School Street. FMI, 839-6161.

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW? On the Road Again— Steven Forrest Hamblen

Jackie Francis

Steven Forrest Hamblen graduated from Gorham High School in 1971 where he played percussion in both marching band and concert band, and of course, like many teenage musicians, was in a rock & roll band. He fondly remembers the names of his fellow bandmates—Mike Barden, David Aikens and Greg Luce, but for the life of him, he can't remember the name of the group. There's plenty else he does remember. He remembers moving a lot as a kid. The son of a career Air Force Major, he remembers attending three different schools in one school year. Little did he know that his nomadic upbringing would prepare him for the traveling lifestyle of a professional drummer.

Hamblen's first set of drums were his mother's pots and pans, just a toddler imitating his father's natural flair. (His father played in a swing band throughout his Air Force career.) His second set of drums were his dad's—an old Ludwig set—and while he wishes he'd kept them, he has since replaced them with a few more: he's got seven sets of drums in storage all around the country. Hamblen marches to the beat of his own drums—literally.

Enlisting in the military right out of high school, he was fortunate to land a job as drummer in a US Army rock band, which meant travelling to high schools and college campuses promoting the army. He'll be the first to admit he "had the best job in the Army." After military service, he moved to Arizona and was once again travelling the country, playing drums for a 1970's Las Vegas show band. "This is where I learned to play all top 40's music and where I learned the music versatility that I have," says Hamblen. Although he credits his dad for instilling the love of drumming within him, he gives kudos to his mother for the invaluable music theory he learned while taking piano lessons. Hamblen felt his "chart reading" needed perfecting so he enrolled in the Percussion School of Technology (PIT) in LA. "PIT is all about combining the road experience of a musician and the concept drumming styles of major studio musicians," explains Hamblen. His instructors played for Frank Zappa, Vanilla Fudge and Journey just to name a few. Joe Porcaro, one of the founders of PIT, helped him immeasurably with the rudiments of drumming. "He takes the



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**Steve Hamblen keeps the beat with the local band Dirty McCurdy.** Hamblen (seated right with black shirt) plays with local musicians as well as musicians in Nashville and across the county.

beat and makes you feel it," describes Hamblen, who is quick to point out the appreciation he has for the musicians who've both inspired him as well as instructed him.

His next gig was back up drummer for country stars George Jones and Tanya Tucker in Hawaii. He thoroughly enjoyed the country genre and subsequently moved to Nashville, TN where he picked up a tour with country artist Tom Grant and trekked across Europe. Once back in Nashville, he played back up for numerous country artists, sometimes playing in front of 20,000 people and sometimes for 10, but always playing from the heart. "The music industry is great but you have to be willing to take the tough times," says Hamblen smiling. "It's all about the music."

Today, Hamblen calls both Nashville, TN and Gorham his home. A real estate broker for the past 17 years in Nashville and Standish, (real estate works real well with the lifestyle of a musician he claims), Hamblen finds as much satisfaction in sales as he does in music. In December, he will travel to Nashville to work on a new album for a friend. If he isn't working in Music City or brokering a sale for Agency 1 Real Estate, he's playing the drums in his five-piece rock & roll party band, Dirty McCurdy, or for more formal events, The G.B McCurdy Band. Anyone interested in hiring his band can do so by visiting [www.dirtyccurdy.com](http://www.dirtyccurdy.com) or emailing [www.forrestservices.com](mailto:www.forrestservices.com).

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## CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

### Stolen Checks Used for Purchases

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In recent weeks, there have been

fewer complaints about parties at the fraternities as the students seem to be following the rules that were developed by the fraternities, neighbors and USM.

The Gorham PD has received a \$10,000 grant from the Bureau of Highway Safety for OUI and seatbelt details. They plan to have additional details to address underage drinking in the spring.

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

### Road Standards Discussed

Christine Ludwiczak

When the Town Council granted approval to accept both Peregrine Drive and Falcon Crest Drive as public ways, a bigger question was raised.

Councilor Matt Mattingly inquired about the future adoption of additional roadways, and how the Council views their impact over the long term. "There's always a struggle with roads and the cost of roads," advised Town Manager David Cole.

"The roads seem to come in bits and pieces," explained Chairman Michael Phinney. "A few come in one year, none come in the next year; they're always accompanied by the increase in property taxes based on the houses that are being built on those roads."

"This community generally does a pretty good job of making sure that the local roads that are built are built to a high standard, and that's your best bet for limiting future maintenance," Cole said. Although comfortable with Gorham's criterion for new roadways, he cautioned his biggest area of concern are state aid roads, as they attract heavy truck traffic, as opposed to the local roads, used primarily for residential traffic.

"The standards the Town has adapted are very stringent as far as the quality of the roads being built," stated Phinney. "We've increased those standards to ensure the roads we're getting will take the minimum amount of maintenance from the town."

Also at the December 1 meeting, School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby, provided an update on the H1N1 vaccine, stating, "We still have not received enough of the vaccine to immunize all of our students."

The school is also short on the second nasal dose recommended for students 10 and under. "This is completely out of our control as the state CVC is

our provider," Libby explained. "As soon as we receive more of the vaccine, we'll schedule the remaining students to be immunized." The school hopes to have all students who wish to take advantage of the vaccine immunized by early January.

Harold McFarland, of 75 Libby Avenue, addressed the council regarding the maintenance of his neighborhood. Mr. McFarland feels that upper Libby Avenue has a beautiful road with storm drains, granite curbs, and sidewalks, where as the lower portion of Libby Avenue, where he resides, is neglected, with unkempt lawns and ditches collecting trash.

"These humongous ditches devalue my property," McFarland stated. "You don't see my property tax devaluing though." He asked that the council look into maintenance as to help "beautify" lower Libby Avenue.

Councilor Miner and Mr. Cole thanked the participants, volunteers and town staff for the 12th annual "Burn Off the Turkey" 5k road race, which took place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the race are to benefit New Year Gorham, a town celebration to help ring in the new year. The December 31st event features music, dancing, visual arts, and fireworks to close out 2009. All are encouraged to attend.

The public commented at length in regard to the possibility of rezoning South Gorham. Councilors voted unanimously to refer the item to the Ordinance Committee. See related story on page 1 for more details.

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/)

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## HEALTHY LIVING

### Couples Struggling with Stress of Recession

Matthew Tiffany, LCPC-C

It seems like there hasn't been a single day for months now in which we don't hear more bad news about the nation's economy. If it isn't a CEO flying across the country on a gold-plated private jet to ask Congress for more bailout money, it's unemployment rates—either going up, or having “a less than robust decrease,” whatever that may mean. This isn't a case of the media seizing on a hot topic and playing it up to increase ratings; everyone at this point knows someone who has taken a hit in the wallet. Unfortunately, this spiral of financial strain, especially around the holidays, can take a toll on married couples. The burden of uncertainty can magnify any difficulties a relationship was already suffering. When the going gets tough, many couples find that they are having a harder time connecting to the one person they think will always have their back.

Research conducted over two decades at the University of Washington has provided insight into some of the more critical signs of a relationship in trouble. Over 2,000 couples were studied, looking for patterns in the ways they communicate, and four particular attitudes were isolated that point toward a probable split—these attitudes were found in patterns that, around 94% of the time, would end with the marriage failing. In case a 94% failure rate didn't raise eyebrows, the attitudes became referred to as “the four horsemen of the apocalypse.” (Nothing is worse for a marriage than the apocalypse.)

**Criticism** in these circumstances refers to the act of judging your partner unfavorably and seeking out your partner's faults. The specific type of criti-

cism in this case is when it is used in a dispute or argument, with the goal of making the other partner look bad while making you look good. All-or-nothing statements—“You never...” and “You always...” fall into this category.

**Contempt** is the active dislike of your partner, speaking to them with disdain. When you are in an argument and you use sarcasm, insults, and dismissive body language.

**Defensiveness** is when, regardless of what is actually going on, you're always working to ward off what you perceive as attacks. Rather than respond to your partner's complaint, you ignore the meaning in what they are saying and respond with a complaint of your own; you always blame problems on forces outside of your control.

**Stonewalling** is when you are actively withdrawing from the relationship, avoiding any discussions, being physically and emotionally withdrawn. This was found to be the worst of the warning signs—a sort of “red alert” for your relationship.

The upside of this is that couples who are able to identify these behaviors in themselves can find a way out of the thicket and find a way to return to the things that brought them together in the first place. If you can find those feelings, you'll find that person you live with has your back again - and you've got theirs.

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## Gorham House Honors Caregivers

Sue Dunn



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Gorham House recently honored many of their employees by adding them to their Wall of Fame. Picture from (l to r) are: Joe Hogan, Gorham House owner, Mary Miller honored for 25 years of service, Judy Cox honored for 21 years of service and Venise Minkowsky, CEO of Gorham House

Recently Gorham House honored 33 long-term employees by adding them to their Wall of Fame. The program was purposely scheduled at Thanksgiving so each person would understand how thankful Gorham House is for their dedication and service to the residents.

“Healthcare can be such a demanding job resulting in a high turn over, but at Gorham House we have been blessed with many dedicated individuals,” stated Michelle Belhumeur, Executive Director for Gorham House. “These people are so

devoted to Gorham House and providing wonderful care to all of our residents, which is why we have been so successful and continually maintain a high occupancy based on our reputation.” Belhumeur explained that each person added to the Wall of Fame has been with Gorham House between 10 to 25 years.

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and how impressive it is as a whole. Two care givers, Mary Miller and Judy Cox, have actually been at Gorham House longer than the new building. When they began the facility was Gorham Manor and operated out of what is now known as the Cottage. They were employees of Gorham Manor when the building and surrounding land were purchased to build Gorham House back in 1989. Judy and Mary were a wonderful bonus to the package deal.

Listed are those who were honored and their years of service: 10 years—Faith Plummer, Michelle Belhumeur,

Janis Bishop, Jennifer Barnes, Dana Gay; 11 years—Larry Lizotte, Rae-Ann Burgess, Annie Fortnam; 12 years—Clara Bridges, Ken Davis, Beverly Clark; 13 years—Barbara Davis; 14 years—Sue Figucia, Joanne Lamontagne, Jean McInnis, Venise Minkowsky; 15 years—Sandy King, Dory Bridges, Judy Cutter, Angel Burnham, Donna Davis; 16 years—Heather Glidden, Holly Smith; 17 years—Teri Hare, Judy Getchell; 18 years—Marilyn Chadbourne, Dianna Talbot; 19 years—Kathy Breiding, Isabelle Cail, Dwight Webber, Edith Sturgis; 21 years—Judy Cox; 25 years—Mary Miller.

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icant amounts of truck traffic, noise, air or water pollution or other significant impact. He explained that town services including water and sewer would need to be provided for this area as South Gorham provides four separate public water supplies, through an aquifer and Stroudwater river, to various towns and intensive growth could impact the water and is also discouraged per the comprehensive plan. Even if public services were provided, the plan still protects features including viewscapes, wildlife habitat, wetlands, water sources and agricultural spaces and encourages a neighborhood feel with limited commercial development and a pedestrian/bicycle friendly environment.

Other residents spoke against rezoning as well stating that the bypass has tremendously increased traffic on McLellan already and rezoning would only make it

worse. There is also concern for the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Donna Burke, of County Road stated that she has no problem with rezoning and looks forward to it. She is located two houses away from the new Mercy facility and stated, “I have looked at my own home and thought I could see doctors offices in here very easily with the place redone, so my vote is to go ahead with the rezoning on Route 22.” She continued, stating that we need businesses in Gorham to help pay for services like schools and felt that this is a great place to do it. Also that growth is coming this way and there is no getting around it.

Demetria Chadbourne, of County Road, stated that traffic is unbelievably strong and this is a perfect place for commercial development that will alleviate the tax burden levied on residential citizens. She is in support of moving this along to the Ordinance Committee.

Council members voted unanimously to refer rezoning South Gorham to the Ordinance Committee for further review and recommendation. The ordinance committee consists of Matt Robinson, Chairman, Burleigh Loveitt and Matt Mattingly.

Chairman Phinney stated he “construed this to give the Ordinance Committee, if it does go forward, very broad power not only to look at the comprehensive plan but at the whole area. Any time you are thinking about changing the comprehensive plan, you should also be talking about why you are changing it and looking at the goals the Committee wants to set and look at those (goals) very thoroughly as well as looking at the Plan itself.” He also stated that the goal is to make the growth happen in a controlled manner.

Councilor Burleigh Loveitt commented that change is upon us and the good of Gorham needs to be preserved, but we also have faults, particularly traffic, that need to be addressed. He continued that he felt that this is more a plan for South Gorham, but not a plan for commercial. Loveitt also commented, “If you don’t have a plan, any road will get you there, which is exactly what we don’t want to happen.”

Councilor Noah Minor thanked all who spoke on the topic. He commented that the entire Comprehensive Plan should be looked at and any rezoning plans need to take in consideration the traffic, town services and the environment. He hopes the committee keeps this in mind as well as the possible Turnpike Spur. He questions that if the Spur does go through, it may not help with the traffic woes in South Gorham. There are a lot of people traveling on Route 22 rather than the bypass so the turnpike spur may not relieve the traffic problems in South Gorham.

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# school

## GHS Inducts National Honor Society Members Leslie Dupuis

The following GHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society with a ceremony at GHS on November 17: Emma Alden, Becca Auger, Aaron Bartlett, Foster Blake, Sydney Butler, Lauren Chouinard, Megan Creeden, Kelly Devoe, Andrew Ernest, Hanna Hamblen, Sara Carson Harvey, Ian Hawkes, Kelsie Kerwin, Nathan Lemieux, Allison Matthews, Megan Mitchell, Stephanie Morin, Tom Moutinho, Bailey O'Brien, Eric Plourde, Kelsey Rex, Sarah Robinson, Will Ross, Mason Roy, Zachary Speirs, Sarah Vail, Colleen Ward, Casey Weed, Lindsay Wilson and Seth Wing.

All inductees must have a GPA of at least a 90, have written an essay on the Four Pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Character, Service and Leadership, have participated in community service and extra-curricular activities and have strong teacher recommendations. The guest speaker was Mr. Jon Werner, an English teacher at GHS.

Luke Tanguay, NHS President, presented a speech praising the Honorary Inductee, Mr. Chuck Peters, a Science



Pictured are GHS National Honor Society new and current members.

teacher at GHS who has been teaching for more than 20 years. Tanguay noted that Mr. Peters "pushes his students to new limits with new challenges but at the same time instills confidence in them that will prove to be greatly beneficial in the future. It is clear that Mr.

Peters is an exceptional addition to Gorham High School because of his dedication to his students and his ability in helping them to succeed." When he asked his peers why they would "suffer through AP Biology", Tanguay concluded that most simply

replied, "well, I just wanted to have Mr. Peter's again."

The first group Service Activity for NHS was a Food Drive on Nov. 21 culminating in a "Stuff the Truck" event at Hannaford. All items were donated to the Gorham Food Pantry.

## Digital Doesn't Mean Isolated

### Tips to Make Computers Part of Your Family

Sarah Prescott, *GHS Tech Integrator*

Picture this...four teenagers are sitting outside under a tree socializing. What parent wouldn't like that? Now add in that they are all huddled under a blanket to keep the glare off their laptop screens, and that they are outside because that is where the internet connection is strongest, and a different picture emerges.

Is this odd behavior or just the face of the new digital age where kids play and socialize in completely different ways? It's a hard question to answer. The good news is that the hours kids are spending on the Internet are actually helping them to achieve the technical and literary skills they need to succeed in an online-focused world.

Creating a structure for supervising computer use, however, is essential as even older teenagers haven't fully developed the skill of time management. One method for achieving family harmony is to create a 'technology rules of the road' list. Such rules should include:

- **Establishing time limits**—normal usage time for kids aged 8 to 18 is an hour to hour and a half per day, ideally divided into 15-30 minute increments to ensure breaks and parent check-in time.
- **Encouraging balance**—for many kids, the anonymity of online communication helps them to blossom. But they also need to develop the interpersonal skills that only face-to-face interactions can provide and leave time to exercise

their whole body rather than just their brain and fingers.

- **Making kids accountable**—kids need to understand that using a computer is a privilege, not a right. There are rules of etiquette in communicating online as there are in using a phone or meeting a person in public.
- **Finding ways to say yes**—adults can sometimes see computer use, and in particular gaming and online socializing, as non-productive and taking the child away from 'real' life. Kids, on the other hand often feel that the computer is their main connection to the world. One way to conquer this digital divide is to try and be interested in learning about new technology and media. Have your kids help you set up a Facebook page, download songs, and demonstrate texting. Making the computer fun for the family will result in better communication and an understanding of what rules need to be set and why.

A second Parent Computer Information Night will be held at GHS on **January 6 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.

## Narragansett Musical



Second graders (front row - L to R) Colby Christakis, Quinn Sommers, Julie Cooper and (back row - L to R) Hannah Dimick, Brittney Landry, Camden Sawyer, Kasey Cummings, and Timothy O'Brien helped their parents set up for their musical held on November 18. With only a few short months to practice, the children did a great job singing, dancing, and speaking their parts. The audience enjoyed the humor in songs such as *The Gobble Song* and *Turkey Woogie*. The stage was put together thanks to the efforts of Kendra Cummings, Kathleen Dimick, Stacy O'Brien, Amanda Landry, Tara Sommers, Rhonda Sawyer, Michelle Christakis, and Raina Cooper.

## Ready, Set, Kindergarten

### Counting and Repetition

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

Number recognition and counting skills are very important to your child's success in kindergarten. Preschoolers often have a hard time understanding the difference between a number and a letter. Consider introducing the concept of numbers first. There are so many easy ways to incorporate counting into our days. Here are a few activities to try with your preschooler.

- Teach your child to recognize written numbers from 1 to 10. Put them on large index cards. First go over them in order and then out of sequence. Ask your child questions like, can you find the number 4?
- Objects such as pennies, fingers, pens, and pencils are great to play counting games with. Start with 10 items and ask your child to take one away and

## Gorham Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll 09-10

<b>6th Grade High Honors</b> Diana Albanese Thomas Bernier Tristan Brunet Hailey Bryant Robert Campbell Emerson Fox Branden Kuusela Emma Niles Taylor Perkins Madison Poulin Calvin Riiska Dylan Rogers Angela Sills Jesse Southard Rachael Stewart Ciara Stillson Sydney Stultz Colby Sturgis Cameron Tracy Molly vanLuling Emilia Viernes Austin Violette	Nathaniel Rines William Selens Dayna Shaw Allison Sinnett Cameron Smith Malcolm Smith Elizabeth Sullivan Maeve Terry Haley Tetreault-Kellett Michael Walls Nicole Walls Robert Weisman Connor White Nicholas Wilson	Maxwell Johnson Trevor Johnson Aliza Jordan Brendan Kelly Jessica Labrecque Jamison Lane Thomas Lawson Kayli-Susan Leavitt Logan Letourneau Luther Liang Sarah Logan Patrick Lynch Allison MacFeat Jeffrey McNally Brendan Mercier Alexis Miller Zachary Mills Blanca Monsen Tanner Ochse Thomas Pequinot Abigail Perkins Sophie Perkins Savanna Petrin Julie Pike Kiana Plumer Mikayla Richman Cody Rioux Elizabeth Rioux Nathan Roberts Alicia Robinson Margaret Robinson Spencer Ruda Isaac Salpietra Andrew Schmidt Madeleine Scholz-Lague Evan Scott Margaret Shields Delaney Shiers Abigail Sladen Charlotte Smith Julia Smith Renaë Staples Jacob Sturgis Michael Susi Zoe Swift Jordann Thomas Benjamin Thompson Daniel Thompson Meagan Thomsen Joshua James Turner Kenneth Tuttle Michaela Williams	Francesco Pappalardo Haley Perkins Ross Pratt Sydney Prindle Jessica Rexrode Dylan Roberts Rona Sayed Claire Sirois Joseph Smith Hannah Southard Shelby Stack Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Jacqueline Turner Laura Turner Matthew Vail Melissa Walls
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## McAuley High School First Quarter Honor Roll 09-10

<b>Juniors Honors:</b> Caroline Fogarty Sophia Lawton Danielle Street	<b>Freshmen Honors:</b> Mary Redmond Anna Richard	<b>Commendable:</b> Lindsey Chadburn
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## Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll 09-10

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- to count how many are left.
- Play the card game "Go Fish" by using a regular deck of cards and removing the face cards. This will allow your child to have sight recognition as well as repetition when asking for the same numbers.
- Playing games like "Count the Cars" or singing songs like "5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" are fun and great ways to incorporate counting into each day.

Here are a few books that are perfect introductions to counting: *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow, *Over in the Meadow* illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats, *Ten Red Apples* by Pat Hutchins and *Chicka Chicka 123* by Bill Martin Jr., Michael Sampson, and Lois Ehlert.



# sports

## Hannah Prince: Maine's Best Field Hockey Player

Jeff Pike



Photo credit Greg Prince

GHS senior Hannah Prince received Miss Maine Field Hockey Award trophy December 6 from the Maine Field Hockey Association during a ceremony at the August Civic Center. Prince, a four-year varsity starter for

Gorham, is the first player from Gorham to receive the award, which is given to the best senior field hockey player in the State of Maine. Prince is shown above in action during a regular season September game vs. Kennebunk.

The shaking and the heart-pounding started as her coach began telling the audience about all of her accomplishments. But just a little while later those emotions turned to tremendous joy as GHS senior Hannah Prince was named winner of the Miss Maine Field Hockey Award. Given by the Maine Field Hockey Association to the top senior player in the state, Prince received the award December

6 during a banquet at the Augusta Civic Center. There to share in the glory with Prince were parents Greg and Theresa, GHS head coach Becky Manson-Rioux, and long-time teammate and friend Kayleigh Ballantyne, who started playing field hockey with Prince way back in first grade.

Another person in attendance that played a major role in inspiring Prince as a youth player was Alicia Durgin.

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## GHS Winter Sports Preview—Part I

Jeff Pike

The GHS winter sports season began on Nov. 21 as the girls' hockey team, which includes two players this season from Bonny Eagle High School, started its regular-season ahead of everyone else. The boys' hockey team as well as the boys' and girls' basketball teams began their seasons the weekend of December 4-5. The boys' and girls' track teams begin their seasons in late December while the boys' and girls' ski teams as well as the cheerleading team begin their competitions in January. Additional previews will be in the January 8 *Gorham Times* issue.

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

**Head Coach:** Josh Longstaff, entering second year as head coach.

**Last year's record:** 6-12. Lost to Windham in preliminary round of the playoffs.

**Returning starters:** Seniors Alex Graves (guard), Mason Roy (guard) and Jon Day (center).

**Other Impact Players:** Senior Ryan Luxton (forward); Juniors Zach Speirs (forward/center), Jeremy Earl (guard), Andy Turner (guard) and Blake Speed (forward); Sophomores Carter Bowers (forward), Kyle Neally (center).

**Captains:** Mason Roy, Alex Graves and Zach Speirs

**Coach Comments:** "Our team strengths are size and speed, and the team works extremely hard," said Longstaff. "We are looking to improve on our rebounding and defense, and we should find ourselves fighting for a playoff spot."

### BOYS' HOCKEY

**Head Coach:** Jon Portwine, entering second year as head coach.

**Last year's record:** 17-1, ranked first in Western Maine Class A. Lost to Biddeford in playoff quarterfinals.

**Returning starters:** Seniors Sean Grandmaison (forward), Tim Hardy (forward), Spencer Violette (forward/defense) Justin Bahr (defense) and Kenny Estes (defense).

**Other Impact Players:** Senior Mike Bowring (goalie) and sophomore Nate Holloran (goalie).

**Captains:** Co-captains Spencer Violette and Sean Grandmaison; Assistant captain Justin Bahr.

**Coach Comments:** "With 10 seniors on the team, our experience, leadership and depth should be strengths," said Portwine. "But we need to cut down on penalty minutes to compete with the elite team in Class A, and we will need to get offensive production out of the entire roster. We look to continue to build on the success of last season as we face a more competitive regular-season schedule. This year's team is the deepest team Gorham has ever had, and we should be in the mix for a second straight playoff berth."

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**Head Coach:** Laughn Berthiaume, entering third year as head coach.

**Last year's record:** 6-12.

Just missed qualifying for playoffs.

**Returning starters:** Senior Kristi Brown (guard); Juniors Alyssa Clark (forward), Mia Rapolla (guard) and Natalie Egbert (guard); Sophomore Kiersten Turner (guard).

### Other Impact Players:

Senior Elizabeth LaMontagne (forward) and sophomore Sarah Perkins (forward).

**Captains:** Kristi Brown and Elizabeth LaMontagne

**Coach Comments:** "We are deep at the guard position, and if we play team basketball by sharing the ball and moving quickly, we should be able to score," said Berthiaume. "We also need to commit to the defensive end of the floor. Team rebounding will be critical for our success as we look to make a push for the playoffs. Our veteran players have at least two years of varsity experience so we are looking to improve our court sense and general understanding of the game. I am optimistic that we can be a playoff team, but that will happen only if we defend and rebound. I am extremely excited about this group, and we have a fantastic mix of veterans and underclassmen. The newcomers are hungry to earn playing time, and the veterans are looking to make a name for this team. Practices have been competitive and positive."

### GIRLS' HOCKEY

**Head Coach:** Nat Germond, entering second year as head coach.

Last year's record: 2-14.

**Returning Players:** Seniors Kat Whitehead (forward), Deanna Taylor (forward) and Lexi Hamlin (forward); Juniors Hanna Hamblen (defense) and Taylor Lappin (forward); Sophomore Mariah Taylor (defense) and Ally Violette (forward).

**Other Impact Players:** Junior Carissa Farwell (goalie) and freshman Rachel Litif (defense)

**Captains:** Kat Whitehead, Lexi Hamlin and Carissa Farwell

**Coach Comments:** "We have terrific goaltending and a solid defense corps," said Germond. "There are many players who are brand new to organized hockey, but they have all come with a willingness to work hard and improve. Our greatest weakness will be our lack of experience so our focus will be improving on fundamental individual skills and basic team concepts. We also need to start generating some offensive opportunities. Despite a slow start to the season, I am encouraged by the focus and overall attitude of the players. We have played every minute of every game to the best of our abilities, and our players simply refuse to quit. We are looking to improve upon last season's record, and we believe we can."

## GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

### Friday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. Thornton Academy at GHS Gym

### Saturday, December 12

1:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. South Portland @ GHS Gym

1:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball @ South Portland High School

6:30 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Kennebunk @ Biddeford Ice Arena

8:10 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Portland @ USM Ice Arena, Gorham

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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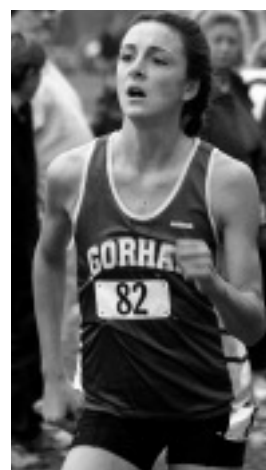
**All-State Field Hockey Player:** GHS senior **Kayleigh Ballantyne** was named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Field Hockey Team. Ballantyne set a school record this season with 21 assists, and along with her teammate Hannah Prince, was among just 10 players statewide named to the team.



**Soccer Coach of the Year:** GHS boys' soccer coach **Tim King** was named the Southwestern Maine Activities Association Coach of the Year for the second time. He also won the award in 2006. This is the third major coaching award for King during his time at Gorham as he also received the Charles Butt Award presented by Western Maine Board of

Approved Soccer Officials for general sportsmanship in 2004. King began coaching boys' soccer at GHS in 2000.

**All-State Cross Country:** GHS junior **Mia Rapolla** was one of just 10 runners named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State girls' cross country team. In just her first year on the team, Rapolla finished sixth at the Class A State Meet and was named to the Southwestern Maine Activities Association All-Star first team. Rapolla also competed in the New England Cross Country Meet where she finished 57th.



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**HANNAH PRINCE** FROM PAGE 8

"She was my coach in middle school, and she and her sister, Jenny were great role models," Prince said. "I wanted to be just as good as they were."

Prince is the first Gorham player to receive the award, although the same Jennifer Durgin that inspired Prince was among the finalists in 2000. Prince was a four-year varsity starter for Gorham and was named this year as the Player of the Year for the Southwestern Maine Athletic Conference. She was also named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team after scoring nine goals and contributing seven assists during the season. Prince credits a lot of her success to coach Manson as well as all the off-season club teams, clinics and camps she participated in. Over the years, Prince qualified to play on national teams that took her to tournaments across the country and once to Holland.

Coach Manson-Rioux said this award for Prince is huge for the entire GHS field hockey program and points towards discipline, dedication and self-motivation as the key personal attributes that helped Prince reach this

level of play. "She also has great instincts for the game and is always aware of where she should pass the ball," Manson-Rioux added. "Another key to Hannah's success is that she started playing field hockey very young and participated in many off-season programs, which gave her extra exposure to the game."

Prince first began thinking about winning the Miss Maine Field Hockey Award during her junior year. "I saw that players I had played with were being nominated, and that made me confident that I could possibly win the award," Prince said. "I set it as a goal going into my senior year."

As for advice to younger players aspiring to reach the same level, Prince recommends, "Practice on your own as much as possible, even if it means hitting the ball against a wall. And run a lot to get in shape so you won't get tired on the field. It also helps to participate in as many clinics and camps as you can so you can learn the proper techniques."

Next fall, Prince will play field hockey for the University of

Massachusetts. The official announcement is scheduled for February 1, 2010. After hearing the excitement in her voice after winning the Miss

Maine Field Hockey Award, the university is sure to benefit from the enthusiasm that Prince offers in addition to her superb field hockey skills.



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# Gorham Marketplace Gearing Up For 2010

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange has announced that it is now accepting registrations for its annual Gorham Marketplace to be held in the Costello Sports Complex on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

"This is the thirteenth year the Exchange has held its popular trade show, and we expect this year will attract even more exhibitors than before," said Donna Reinheimer, President of GBCE.

The Exchange began accepting Marketplace booth registrations on December 1 and will continue to do so until February 28. There are tiered dis-

counts for exhibitors who register before December 31 and January 31, so vendors are encouraged to get their registrations in early. In addition to the discount, early registrants receive advertising benefits.

"Because thousands of people attend Marketplace, we encourage new businesses, as well as businesses offering new products or services, to consider this trade show as an affordable promotional opportunity," said Katie O'Brien, Co-Chairperson of Gorham Marketplace 2010.

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**COUNTDOWN** FROM PAGE 1

Machias, Maine) designed the New Year Sardine Drop used for the Eastport, Maine celebration and Maple Leaf Drop used for St. Andrews, Canada New Year celebration a few years ago, and he invited her to help with the lighting. "Autumn was so excited when she saw the opportunity to design a countdown device for Gorham," continued Valentine, "that she went to work right away on her idea." Her creative family includes artists and sculptors and now they can add scientific designer to that list!

Autumn's dad William Heil, who just happens to be an electrical engineer with Harriman Architects and Engineers, was consulted on the project and, with Autumn's help, he was able to confirm that the compass would work!

The "Compass" will highlight the countdown to 2010 that will precede the fireworks display culminating this year's New Year Gorham. FMI, contact Virginia Wilder Cross, New Year Gorham Chair or visit the web site: [www.newyeargorham.org](http://www.newyeargorham.org).

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Tom and Marsha Caufield are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsey Caufield (GHS '00), to Leslie Himelick of Marion, Indiana. A New Year's Eve wedding is planned and the couple will reside in Georgia.



The St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that brother Kevin Eichner achieved his 4th degree on the evening of November 24 and was presented with the cape, cha-peaux and saber by State Secretary Raymond Sargent. The Knighting Ceremony was witnessed by Kevin's wife Susan, sons Ben and Nathan, and was followed by a social hour where friends, family and brother members from area councils were in attendance.

The Gorham Lions once again distributed Thanksgiving meals to 20 needy families in the Gorham area. Lion members Paul Weeks, Marie Harmon and Linda Funk organized the effort this year, while Jim Burnham, Bruce Hill, Paul Weeks and Norm Wedge were in charge of distribution.

USM students and Sigma Nu fraternity members Randy Hazelton (Art Major), Silas Jordan (Electrical Engineering) and Justin Enman (Ind. Technology), raked leaves at First Parish Church in Gorham and neighboring homes last weekend.

The Gorham High School Key Club will sponsor a 'Breakfast with Santa' on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, and all proceeds will benefit Operation Tribute, an organization that provides holiday gifts for children of Maine's military families. Enjoy breakfast by Chef Mo, music, performances, silent auction and Santa of course! Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. FMI, call 221-0296.

Gorham residents involved in Portland Symphony Orchestra's Magic of Christmas concert are: Nate Bates (chorus); Ruth C. Doyle (chorus); M. Kathleen Johnston (chorus); Ervin Kimball (chorus); Jay Nettesheim (chorus); Naomi Stevens (chorus); Ardith Keef (orchestra), and Elizabeth Rines (orchestra). The concert runs Dec. 11-20 at the Merrill Auditorium. FMI, visit [www.portlandsymphony.com](http://www.portlandsymphony.com)

DANCE USM! The public is invited to the USM Department of Theatre's annual mash-up of costumes, lights, sound and bodies in motion on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. Russell Hall, Gorham Campus. Tickets are \$7/\$10/\$14. FMI, 780-5151.

The Baxter Memorial Library is once again hosting an Annual Giving Tree through Friday, Dec. 18 for teens and 'tweens (ages 10-18). Donated items will be given to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry and then distributed to Gorham families in need. Donations of new and unwrapped gifts may be dropped off during regular library hours. Appropriate gifts include books, movie tickets, cosmetics, toiletries, clothing and winter accessories like scarves, gloves and hats. FMI, 839-5031.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Windham would like to extend an invitation to any who find themselves without a caring, Christian community this Advent and Christmas season—the season of new beginnings. Aware of the growing number of "stay at home" Christians who have lost connection with a vibrant church community, St. Ann's is happy to welcome guests or visitors to their community this season and beyond. "Many of our church members come from different faith backgrounds," says Father Tim Higgins. "St. Ann's is open to all expressions of faith." When you attend a Eucharistic Service you will experience deep traditions based upon the Liturgy

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<p><b>The New Year Gorham FREE shuttle buses will begin service at 7 PM with final run immediately following New Year countdown and fireworks.. Shuttle service provided by:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> </div>	<p><b>FIRST PARISH CHURCH</b> Sanctuary Performances First Parish Church Choir</p> <p>Time: 7:30-7:30 7:45-9:00</p> <p>Omoph Embrace the Dissonance \$1800 Shoes Omoph</p> <p>9:15-9:45 10:30-10:30</p> <p>Coral Arts Society Coral Arts Society</p> <p><b>Fellowship Hall Performances</b> 7:00-10:30 Mel Tukey and the Clam Flat Five</p> <p><b>CRESSEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b></p> <p>Time: 7:00-8:00 8:15-8:45 9:00-11:00</p> <p>Performances Worship Service Handbell Choir Cressey United Methodist Praise Band</p> <p><b>ODD FELLOWS BUILDING</b></p> <p>Time: 7:00-8:00 8:30-10:30</p> <p>Lower Floor Performances Brandon Baines Yo-Yo Champ Don Roy Trio</p> <p>Time: 7:30-8:30 9:30-10:30</p> <p>Upper Floor Theater "The Proposal" One Act Play by USM Theater Department</p> <p>Mackenz-Sky Project Theater Production</p>	<p><b>BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Time: 6:30-7:00 7:00-8:00</p> <p>Performances Story Time Mad Science</p> <p><b>GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p> <p>Time: 7:00-8:30 8:30-9:00 9:00-10:30</p> <p>Sanctuary Performances Candle Call Intermission and Set Up Red Flannel Hash</p> <p><b>Family Life Center Performances</b> 7:15-8:00 Lesley Smith and The Theater of Life Puppets 8:15-9:00 Lesley Smith and The Theater of Life Puppets</p> <p><b>ROBIE GYM</b></p> <p>Time: 8:30-10:30</p> <p>Performance Pole Chop and Other White Men Rockin' Dance Music</p> <p><b>DANCE STUDIO OF MAINE</b></p> <p>Time: 7:00-7:30 8:00-10:30</p> <p>Performances Dance Studio of Maine Performances DJ Dance with Patrick &amp; Courtney McCarty (suitable for teens)</p> <p><b>SILAW GYM</b></p> <p>Time: 8:00-10:00</p> <p>Performance Ray Hillins Presents Family Dance Fun: Square Dance, Line Dance, Ballroom Demo</p>	<p><b>GORHAM REC DEPT.</b> Performances</p> <p>Time: 7:00-9:00</p> <p>Wild Life Encounters Traveling Zoo (Four 20 min shows)</p> <p><b>CENTRE OF MOVEMENT</b> Performance Times Not Confirmed</p> <p>Time: 7:00-7:45 8:00-8:45 9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45</p> <p>Centre of Movement Variety Show Centre of Movement Variety Show CMCT Cafe will offer hot refreshments!</p> <p><b>YOURSPACE</b> Performance</p> <p>Time: 9:15-10:15 10:15-Midnight 11:59 Midnight</p> <p>Brandon Baines Yo-Yo Champ Dance to the music by "Common Ground" Swing, Oldies, Rock 'n Roll Mix Countdown with Dave Erd Sponsor for WGME Channel 13 Fireworks (Weather permitting)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Shuttle Buses will make final rounds from YourSpace following Countdown and Fireworks.</p> <p>Countdown to midnight with Dave Erd. WGME Channel 13 Sports</p> </div>
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*Schedule subject to change—for an updated listing, visit [www.newyeargorham.org](http://www.newyeargorham.org)*

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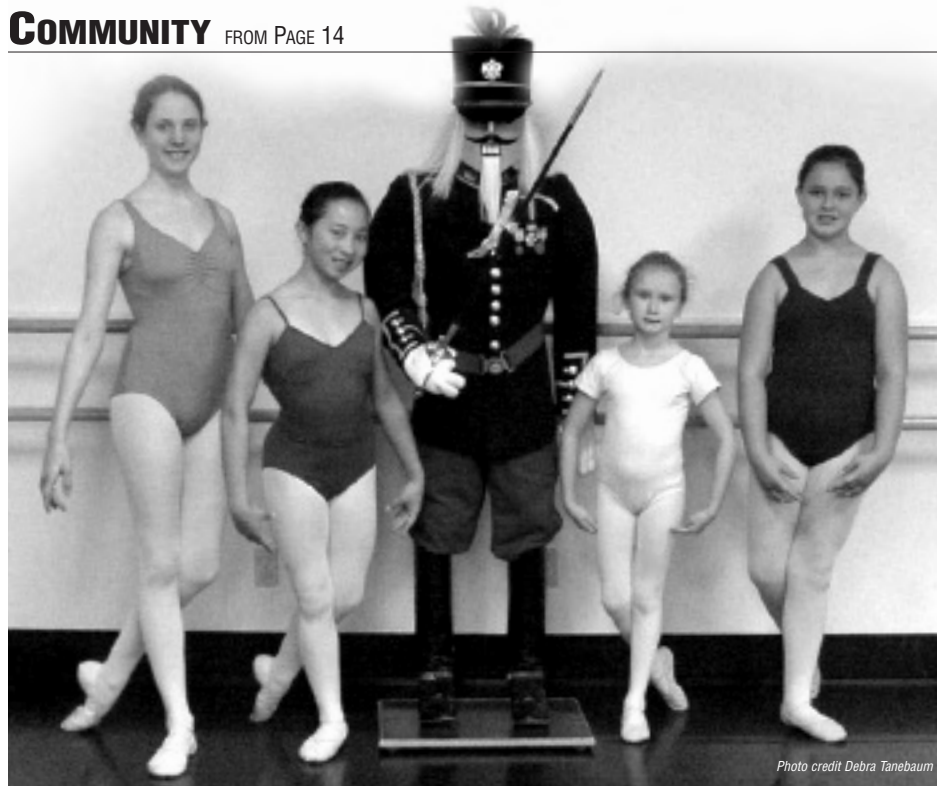


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**The Victorian Nutcracker** Left to right: Margaret McGovern of Windham; Ellie Sato, Caitlin McCutcheon and Lydia Roberge of Gorham will perform in the Portland Ballet's presentation of The Victorian Nutcracker at Merrill Auditorium in Portland on December 16 at 7:30 p.m. FMI, 772-9671.

of the Word, the offering of Bread and Wine and the Prayer of Consecration. Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service enjoys a choir and music, Sunday School and a nursery. FMI, 892-8447.

**The Maids Home Services in Portland, Maine**, owned by Sally & Dan Libby, has recently partnered with the Cleaning for a

Reason Foundation, a Texas-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing complimentary cleaning services to women undergoing cancer treatment. The Maids has volunteered to donate cleaning services to cancer patients in the Portland area including Gorham. Each patient may receive up to four months of complimentary cleaning services.

**Girl Scout Troop #1173 and their parents helped collect, wash and fold clothes as well as set up and clean up for the Gorham Swap and Shop Event held in November.** L-R Back row: Brenna Donovan, Melanie Wright, Autumn Heil, Isabel Courtney, Grace Diphilippo, Julia Downey. Middle row: Hannah Lowell, Molly Duff, Kate Larkin, Grace Perron. Front row: Abby Enck, Samantha Rockwell. Missing from photo: Leaders Kristin Larkin, Amy Valentine and Angela Diphilippo.



Photo credit Amy Valentine

**holiday fairs**

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at the USM Sullivan Gym** in Portland on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Locally hand-made gifts from talented Maine Artisans. Admission \$2. FMI, 621-2818 or [www.unitedmainecraftsmen.com](http://www.unitedmainecraftsmen.com)

**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. ceeds to benefit New Year's Gorham and Gorham Food Pantry. Fabulous gifts, decadent desserts & baked goods, face painting & lovely live music.

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**(A - First Parish Church)**  
 A-1 Sanctuary:  
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 \$1800 Shoes- Award Winning Barbershop Quartet  
 Choral Arts Society- Sacred Music

A-2 Fellowship Hall:  
 Mel Tukey and the Clam Flat Five – Traditional Jazz

**(E - Cressey United Methodist Church)**  
 Handbell Choir – Sacred Music  
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**(B- Odd Fellows Building) (and later at YourSpace)**  
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**Don Roy**-This trio is back for their second NYG to entertain us with music of the French Canadian tradition laced with Celtic sounds.

**USM "The Proposal"** -One-act play - too wonderful to miss!

**Mackeral Sky Project** - Back for a second year to surprise us with more live theater!

**(H- Baxter Memorial Library)**  
**Mad Science** - Entertaining Educational Family Fun - Audience Participation

**(K- Galilee Baptist Church Sanctuary)**  
**Cattle Call and Red Flannel Hash** - Country & Western Uplifting Music - Lots of Fun!

**(K-Galilee Baptist Church Life Center)**  
**Lesley Smith and The Theater of Life Puppets**- Kids of all ages will enjoy an entertaining feast of puppetry and music. Giant puppets will delight the youngest to the oldest audience member. Don't miss the musical opener followed by a comedy show featuring Sammy Snail!

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**(C-Dance Studio of Maine)**  
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**(G) Wild Life Encounters Traveling Zoo**- Four 20 minute Shows - Live animals - Kid friendly Audience Participation

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**New Year Gorham Performance Sites:**  
 A-1: First Parish Church Fellowship Hall  
 A-2: First Parish Church Sanctuary  
 B: Odd Fellows Building  
 C: Dance Studio of Maine  
 D: Centre of Movement  
 E: Cressey United Methodist Church  
 F: YourSpace  
 G: Shaw Gym & Gorham Rec. Dept.  
 H: Baxter Memorial Library  
 J: Robie Gym  
 K: Galilee Baptist Church

**New Year Gorham Shuttle Stops:**  
 A: First Parish Church & (B) Odd Fellows Building  
 C: Dance Studio of Maine & (D) Centre of Movement  
 E Cressey United Methodist Church  
 F: Your Space  
 G: Shaw Gym, Gorham Rec. Dept. & (H) Baxter Memorial Library  
 J: Robie Gym  
 K: Galilee Baptist Church

The New Year Gnome will visit most venues during the evening - look for the Gnome at YourSpace at midnight!

Please note: We encourage you to use the free shuttle service to get from one performance to another. If you plan to stay for the dance and countdown at YourSpace, the shuttle bus will return you to the venue where your car is parked. Limited parking available at YourSpace and across the street at Moody's Collision Center.

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 Dec. 27 – Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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 Dec. 19 – Contemporary Christmas Concert – 6 p.m.  
 Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 27 – Worship Sunday – 8:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Little Falls Baptist Church**  
 Gray Road, Gorham  
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 Dec. 25 – Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion – 10:15 a.m.
- St. Ann's Episcopal Church**  
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- St. Anne's Catholic Church**  
 299 Main Street, Gorham  
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 Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Masses – 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.; Christmas Eve Concert & Solemn Midnight Mass – 11:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 10 a.m.  
 Dec. 31 – New Year's Day Mass – 10 a.m.
- South Gorham Baptist Church**  
 53 County Road, Gorham  
 Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457  
 Dec. 24 – Christmas Service of Carols & Candles – 5 p.m.  
 Dec. 27 – Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
- United Church of Christ at North Gorham**  
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 Rev. Richard Small and David Butler, 892-5363  
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 Dec. 27 – Worship Service – 9 a.m.
- West Gorham Union Church**  
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 Pastor Gary Groves, 839-5946  
 Dec. 12 – Christmas Concert – 7 p.m.  
 Dec. 24 – Worship Service & Children's Pageant – 4 p.m.  
 Dec. 27 – Traditional Service – 9 a.m.; Praise Service – 10:45 a.m.
- White Rock Free Baptist Church**  
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 Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919  
 Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6 p.m.  
 Dec. 27 – Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.



# what's happening

## FRIDAY, DEC. 11

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting, Westbrook Municipal Center, 9-10 a.m. FMI, 839-5581.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 12

- Family Holiday Decorating Event, Baxter Library, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Supplies provided.
- Breakfast with Santa, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. \$5. FMI, 221-0296.
- Dance USM! Russell Hall, Gorham Campus, 7:30 p.m. \$7/\$10/\$14. FMI, 780-5151.
- Redeemer Lutheran Church Choir presents The Winter Rose, a Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. 410 Main St. Free.
- Edith Jones Project Holiday Concert, 7:30 at GHS, \$10 general admission \$5 students/seniors.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 13

- Dance USM! Russell Hall, Gorham Campus, 2 p.m. \$7/\$10/\$14, FMI, 780-5151.

## MONDAY, DEC. 14

- Gorham Historical Society Meeting, Gorham Savings Bank Operations Center, Route 202 (Gray Road), Gorham. 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 15

- Preschool Story Time, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. FMI, 839-5031.
- Keep Me Safe Car Seat Program, Gorham Fire Station, 2-6 p.m. FMI, 939-8175.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

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

## THURSDAY, DEC. 17

- WWCC Community Meal, 810 Main St, Westbrook, 12 noon. Serving Roast Pork. All are welcome. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.
- Baby & Me Lap Time Fun, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 0-18 mos. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, Baxter Library, 10 a.m. Ages 18-36 mos. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club, Baxter Library, 2:30-

**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.**

4:30 p.m. All ages and ability. FMI, 839-5031.

- GHS Project Graduation 2010 Committee Meeting, 6.30 p.m., Gorham Rec. Building.

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

## FRIDAY, DEC. 18

- Contemporary Christmas Concert, LifeChurch in Gorham, 7 p.m. Free!
- Craft and Chat Group, Baxter Library, 9:30-11a.m. FMI, 222-2532.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 19

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Mason Harmony Hall, 33 Cressey Rd., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Contemporary Christmas Concert, LifeChurch in Gorham, 6 p.m. Free!
- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, United Church of Christ at North Gorham, 4:30-6 pm. \$8/\$4. FMI, 892-9532.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 20

- GHS Choral Concert and Band Concert, 3 p.m., MPAC

## TUESDAY, DEC. 22

- Preschool Story Time, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Lions Dinner and Meeting, 6 p.m. \$7pp. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6569.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

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

## FRIDAY, DEC. 25

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## TUESDAY, JAN. 5

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

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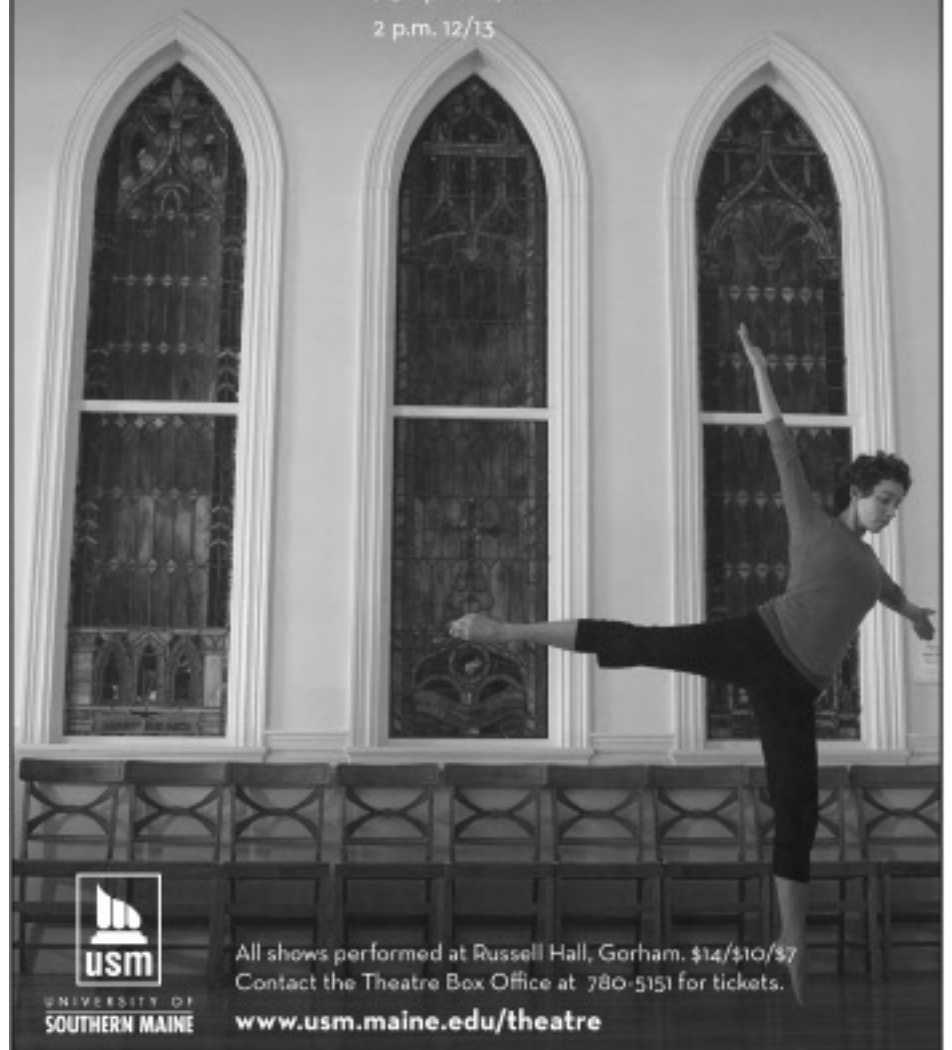
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**2 Two Christmas concerts**—Contemporary and fun Christmas concerts will be on Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday the 19 at 6:00 p.m.

**3 Christmas Eve services**—Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for the whole family on December 24.



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**North Street caller reported** ongoing problem with the neighbor's animals.

**Gray Road caller reported** that the neighbor's dog was always loose and had torn up caller's trash on the porch.

**Sebago Lake Road caller reported** that a male had come to caller's door and tried to sell meat that someone else had cancelled. Caller thought it was suspicious.

**County Road caller reported** that there were two hunters out behind her neighbor's house who were hunting with flash lights.

**Saco Street caller reported** a suspicious male about thirty feet off the roadway with a bicycle up against a tree.

**Hackmatack Way caller reported** that a pick up truck had been pulling into the vacant lot next to caller's residence for the last couple of nights. Caller felt this was suspicious.

**Main Street caller reported** that their spouse took their vehicle without permission.

**A hunter reported** they were going to be on the game preserve looking for a deer that the hunter had injured. Hunter was advised that they were all set to do that as long as they didn't have their firearm with them.

**Wilson Road caller reported** that a friend of caller's ex copied a picture of caller from Facebook. Caller wanted to know if this was a violation of the protection order.

**Caller reported** he was out in front of the Police Department and his girlfriend wouldn't leave him alone.

**Ossipee Trail caller reported** that they had received two fake \$20 bills the previous night and that they knew who had passed them.

**Smith Road caller reported** a pool of animal blood within 50 feet of their house.

**Huston Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding an individual who had assaulted caller's girlfriend and mother.

**Gray Road caller reported** that their apartment had been broken into; medication had been taken, along with their vehicle.

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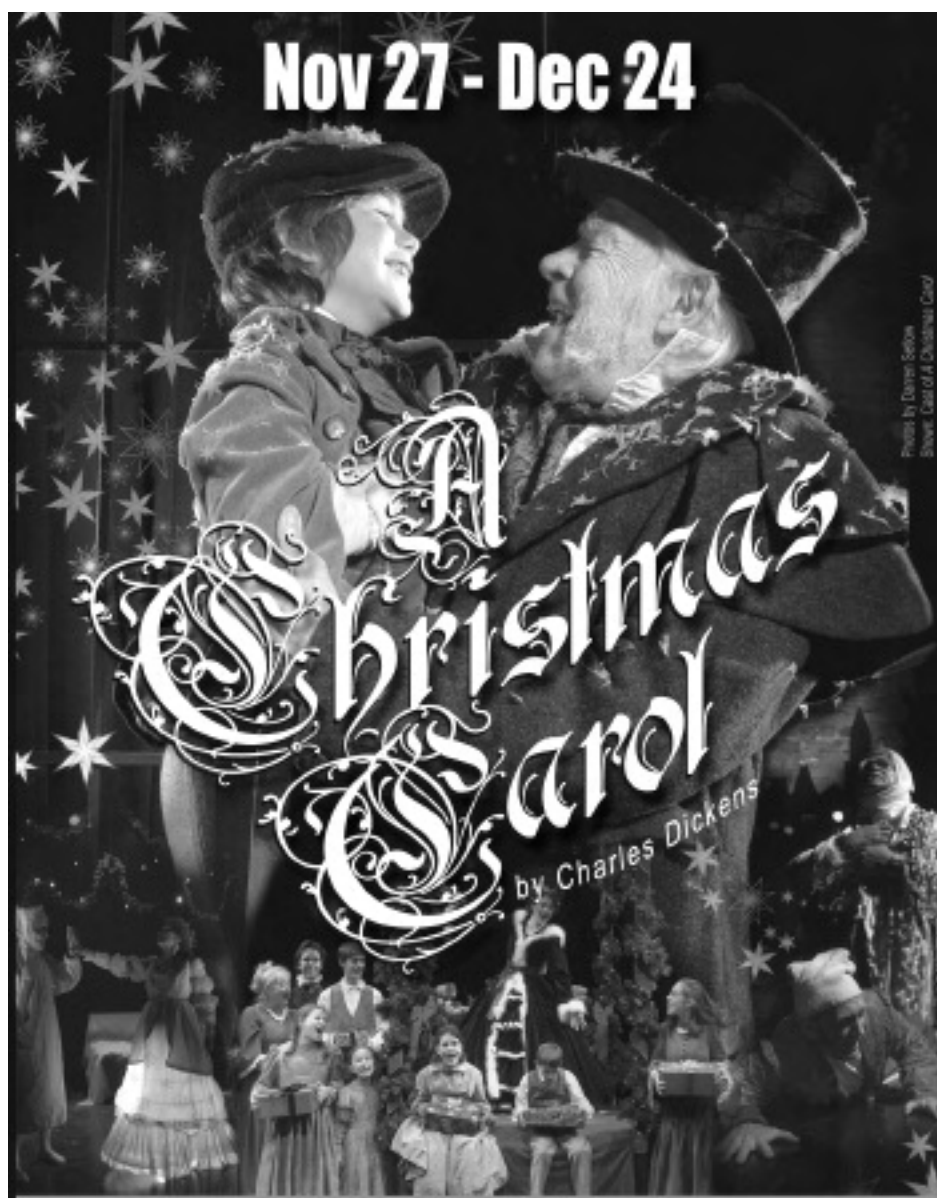
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