



Photo credit Angela Gospodarek

Wading with a Purpose

Ariana Smith, Angelina Meserve, Sarah Dickney and Maddie Joyal-Myers gave a “thumbs up” after wading through the pond to collect samples for Angela Gospodarek’s seventh grade Life Science class at Gorham Middle School.

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Election Results

Town Council: (Top two were elected)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Phinney	2180
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Phillips	1899
Noah Miner	1811
Dan LeVasseur	1222

School Committee: (Top two were elected)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Nelson	2455
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Libby	2433
Ann Lawrence	1769
Timothy Burns	1510

Question 1: People’s Veto

Do you want to reject the section of Chapter 399 of the Public Laws of 2011 that requires new voters to register to vote at least two business days prior to an election?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2519
No	1883

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow a slot machine facility at a harness racing track in Biddeford or another community within 25 miles of Scarborough Downs, subject to local approval, and at a harness racing track in Washington County, with part of the profits from these facilities going to support specific state and local programs?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	2215
Yes	2182

Question 3: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines in Lewiston, with part of the profits going to support specific state and local programs?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	2828
Yes	1569

Question 4: Constitutional Amendment

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Maine Legislature, congressional districts and county commissioner districts after 2013 from 2023 and every 10th year thereafter to 2021 and every 10th year thereafter?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2222
No	1888

Cumberland County Ballot, County Commissioner

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil D. Jamieson Jr., Scarborough	1708
Annalee Rosenblatt, Scarborough	1252
Lisa R. Villa, Harrison	574

County Bond Issue

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, Maine (the “Board”) be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000, to fund the costs of improvements to the Cumberland County Civic Center, which bonds shall have such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as determined by the Board?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2126
No	2068

Domestic Violence in Maine

Gorham Uses EPIC advocate Sheri Faber

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own families as adults. Domestic violence is a crime that can affect anyone and is a crime with a high recidivism rate. 13% of the civil docket in Maine represents requests for Protection from Abuse orders.

In Maine, the policy is for the police department to follow up with the victim within 48, or preferably 24 hours of the original call to discuss what options are available. Currently the Gorham Police Department is working with Jennifer Annis of Family Crisis Services who is an EPIC (Enhanced Police Intervention and Collaboration) Advocate. Annis covers Gorham, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Standish and Naples, meeting each week with the various police departments to review cases from the previous week. Family Crisis Services has a one-year grant that started in July 2011 for this project. Lt. Sanborn of the Gorham Police Department estimates Gorham has four to five domestic cases a week, some of which involve verbal disputes while others escalate to physical violence.

Family Crisis Services has a 24-hour hotline, support groups and outreach programs to assist with obtaining orders of protection. All services are free

and confidential. There is one shelter in the Greater Portland area that can house 14 women and children; the shelter is usually full. While it is designed for short stays, the lack of permanent affordable housing made the stays longer, with some women staying up to 90 days or even longer.

“To leave is a process,” says Annis. About 50% of the annual homicides in Maine are domestic violence related and most of those occurred while the victim was trying to leave the relationship. For Annis the initial focus is on “what people want to do to be safe.” She can connect them to other resources including legal assistance, as well as counseling for themselves and their children. If the victim does not want to go to the police, Annis can provide them with information about other possible options.

Domestic violence cases are of great concern to the police because of the potential for escalating violence. Lt. Sanborn sees Annis as a valuable asset, who is able to provide more extensive information about available services and who can follow up with the victims. Often, the victim wants the abuse to stop but does not want the abuser arrested. Having an advocate for the victim means that even if they don’t want to pursue criminal charges, they can still connect with Annis to consider their next step.

Police Conduct Shooting Training Program at School

Sheri Faber

In the wake of school shootings across the country and the world, local police departments have planned their response to such a possibility in our communities. In the past, the police would have gathered a team and attempted to assess the situation before taking action. Following the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 in which 32 people were killed and 25 wounded, police learned to take immediate action. At Virginia Tech, three people were killed and four were wounded every minute of the 11-minute attack. Police also determined that because schools are gun-free zones, the perpetrator knows he will not have any resistance until the police arrive on the scene. Statistics also show that a person involved in a mass shooting will usually commit suicide when confronted by the police.

On October 29, Gorham held an Active Shooting Training Program at Gorham Middle School run



Photos courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

With their guns drawn, police search for a potential shooter in a training program conducted at Gorham Middle School.

by Sgt. Danny Young, Gorham Police Department. Approximately 50 law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel from Buxton, USM, Windham as well as Gorham participated in the program, as did some school administrators. Every school in Maine is required to have a crisis response plan in place. These other participating communities are trained to be part

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Meet the Gorham Times' Staff

Bill Goff, Distribution and Marketing Assistant

Bill, and his wife Anne, moved back to Gorham two years ago. They previously lived in Gorham for seventeen years prior to residing in Bartlett, NH and Naples, ME. Bill has over forty years of experience in the building materials trade with several companies. He held positions in management, sales, advertising, and marketing. He retired six years ago from Pella Window and Door Company as territorial sales manager for Northern New Hampshire.

Bill enjoys traveling with his wife, doing household chores, volunteering at Camp Sunshine, following his beloved New England Patriots, and most recently following local politics. In past years, Bill served on several associations' Board of Directors, the Town Planning Board, coached Little League Baseball for 12 years, and served for several years as a church youth group advisor. He spent nine years as a volunteer on the Scarborough Fire Department. His favorite exercise is having his American Eskimo dog, Eddie, take him for daily walks!



Photo credit Anne Goff

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

On October 12 we spent 20 grueling hours searching in the pouring rain for Buster, our dog. We were assured by the police if someone reported seeing or hitting him we would be notified.

Buster had been struck by a car; the driver who hit him never bothered to call the police or to notify any neighbors. We understand accidents happen and this is a horrible tragedy. Had the person provided common courtesy and not treated our loved one as a piece of trash on the side of the road, we could have spared ourselves the pain of not knowing. Buster weighed 75 pounds and was thrown 10 feet into the ditch. How did the driver know Buster was dead? Maybe, just maybe, he could have been saved. We believe Buster was killed immediately but there is that question.

Buster was a loving dog. His life was tragically cut short and ripped from our arms but he will always be in our hearts. Buster was four years old and was the alpha over his brothers, Max and Oliver. He was afraid of every possible noise but he made sure the squirrels and chipmunks were not in his yard. He made sure everyone was happy. He was the first to greet us when we came home from work and he was the first to sneak into bed at night.

We want everyone to understand if you hit someone's pet it is just like hitting a person. Please, if you ever strike an animal, alert the authorities. We don't want ANYONE to ever go through the anguish of searching and not knowing if their family member is hurt, scared or the worst possible - dead.

Gorham non-emergency phone number: 839-5581
Sue Fuson

around town

The Town was able to refinance bonds that had been issued in 2000. The savings over the remaining nine years of those bonds will amount to \$104,302.

The Art Guru recently announced plans to close permanently. The art supply store will remain open until the end of the year.

Maine Centers for Healthcare is closing its Gorham office as of November 11.

Sebago to the Sea Trail Extends Another 13 Miles

Tania Neuschafer

A new 13-mile section of the Sebago to the Sea Trail was recently opened along the Presumpscot River, through Riverton Trolley Park and Riverside Golf Course. This new section, along with the existing eight miles originating at Sebago Lake to Route 202 in South Windham, makes a 21-mile trail now available. The Sebago to the Sea Trail is a collaborative effort to create a 28 contiguous mile recreational trail from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay, connecting Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth. The Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition is optimistic that the remaining segment of the trail will be fully realized by the fall of 2012.

Once complete, the Sebago to the Sea Trail will provide opportunities for healthy recreation in this growing suburban area and will link the city of Portland to the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake. Much of the trail will be accessible for off-road bikes, and some sections will be accessible for bicycling, horseback riding and snowmobiling.

In the future, the Sebago to the Sea Trail will likely follow the Mountain Division rail corridor from Route 202 in South Windham to Bridge Street in Westbrook. For now, while this trail segment undergoes engineering and then construction, the Sebago to the Sea Trail will follow the Presumpscot River via a five mile Sebago to the Sea Trail Paddling Route as an alternative option to get to downtown Westbrook. From downtown Westbrook, the Sebago to the Sea Trail

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profile

会说一口流利中国话的Charron

Stacy Sallinen



Photo courtesy of Alex Charron

Alex Charron stands with an aboriginal street entertainer who does traditional dance in Taipei.

If you can understand the title of this article, you're off to a good start.

If not, here is the English version: Charron Fluent in Mandarin. The translation is courtesy of Alex Charron.

Charron (GHS '99) never envisioned that he would become fluent in speaking or reading Mandarin, or teaching English to students in Taiwan, but it's where his love for adventure and exploration led him.

After graduating from Gorham High School, Charron attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he received a Bachelor of Music Business in 2003. After spending time working in the music business in New York City and two semesters studying law, Charron became uncertain of his path.

Following a suggestion from his mother, Charron earned his Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate and decided to go abroad to teach English in Taiwan. After securing a job and enduring a twenty-hour plane ride, Charron found himself immersed in a fast-paced culture, not knowing how to speak, understand or read Mandarin. Within hours of his arrival, he began teaching English to early elementary-aged children who could already hold a conversation in English. Charron soon enrolled at Tam Kang University to study Mandarin, while continuing to teach at Cortland English School. Mandarin is not an easy language to learn with the five different phonetic tones.

Charron also worked as a freelance Chinese to English translator, and is considered to be at an Advanced Level on the Chinese Proficiency Test, or

Hanya Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK). The HSK is a national standardized test to assess the proficiency of non-native speakers. Charron also spent several months teaching English to high school students in Nantong, China.

Living in Taiwan was an experience that required some getting used to. Charron's first living quarters were of older construction. The bathroom was one open room, so water spilled over the entire floor when taking a shower. He also said that retail shops resembled westernized stores, but that when he purchased whole fish or poultry, the heads were still attached.

Charron's ability to speak fluent Mandarin earned him a spot in a government-sponsored television advertisement to promote trade between China and Taiwan. Filmed in a popular breakfast spot at 3 a.m., where dumplings and fried dough sticks are staple items of the menu, Charron played a foreign businessman encouraging investment. The advertisement can now be seen by visiting www.youtube.com/watch?v=afYwhma049k.

Now back in the states, Charron is working at the Cambridge Institute of International Education where he is actively recruiting private high schools that are looking to bring more international students into their schools. Based out of Boston, Charron hopes to travel to offices in China to further help with recruitment efforts.

Reflecting back on his experience, Charron is glad he kept an open mind to living and working abroad.

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Town Council Report

October 4, 2011 Robin Somes

At this month's Town Council meeting, Chairman Matthew Robinson reported that the Council is engaged in meetings with the Economic Development Corporation to jointly determine goals and efforts to facilitate new business and growth in Gorham.

Town Manager David Cole acknowledged Gail Platts and Brian White of the Recreation Department for their five years of service.

As previously reported [September 29, 2011, Hansen Seeks Contract Zone], Hans Hansen made a request for a Contract Zone for his property at the intersection of Routes 22 and 114. The request specifies commercial use that includes restaurants, convenience stores and professional buildings, among others. This request subsequently elicited four others from owners of neighboring properties, all stipulating similar terms to his. The nearby properties are: 83 County Road, owned by Demetria and Dennis Chadbourne; 86 County Road, owned by Mary McFarland; 94 County Road, owned by Mike and Sally Ordway; and 95 County Road, owned by Albert Frick.

Voicing his disquiet with the number of requests, Councilor Noah Miner stated: "if we continue to spot zone different areas, especially the areas across the street from Hans Hansen's, we are not going to be able to plan this area in a way that addresses issues like continuity, traffic flow, storm water etc." He went on to add, "If we rezone a significant portion of this area and incorporate these lots, it would serve the same purpose and reduce the amount of Contract Zone requests." He suggested rezoning the area as a whole to ensure consistency of all allowances and terms. (A separate item for a request from the Ordinance Committee to develop a proposal to rezone areas of South Gorham for future Council consideration was discussed later and approved 7-0.) All Contract Zone requests were approved however, with the Council voting 7-0 for Hansen, Ordway, McFarland, and 6-1 (Miner) for Chadbourne, and Frick.

Another Contract Zone request, from Marion Green was approved unanimously by the Council. It did not stipulate inclu-

sion of requirements similar to those in Hansen's request.

The Council approved the town to pave roads in Gordon Farms with appropriation of \$125,000 from the Finance and Server Upgrade Reserve Fund, \$27,187 from the Vacuum Truck Reserve Fund and \$30,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund. Smith & Smith Construction and Diversified Properties is to provide proceeds from property sales so that \$10,000 first be repaid to the Finance and Server Upgrade Reserve Fund, then \$30,000 to be repaid to the Capital Project Reserve Fund with the balance going to the Road Project Account. This was approved 6-0, with Councilor Philip Gagnon, a resident of Gordon Farms, abstaining.

The Council voted 6-1 (Gagnon) to accept Mercier Way and Gordon Farms Road as public ways. Both Gordon Farms roadways were base paved but not surface paved. The initial performance bond lapsed and halted work, but the contractor and Gorham have established a process to restore the funds. Acceptance as public ways allows the town to apply the surface paving which retards deterioration of the base pavement.

The Council unanimously authorized the purchase of 55 Morrill Avenue, a 0.3-acre lot with a three-bedroom ranch that is surrounded by Gorham High School property. The purchase price is to be based on the appraisal of \$155,000 with funds to be appropriated from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund. Specific plans for the property have not yet been determined. School officials have indicated that there are several possibilities for property use including offices to ease the high school's space limitations. It was necessary for the Town Council to approve the purchase since the town of Gorham owns all school property.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters will register citizens to vote during sessions on: Wednesday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Thursday November 3, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Friday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Pamela Turner, Director, Baxter Memorial Library

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Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the

library at 839-5031 or pturner@msln.net.

Real Estate Transfers August 2011

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
157 Flaggy Meadow Rd	McCallister, Jaclyn & Stewart	Brown, Floyd	\$140,000
19 Newell St	Brent, Graeme	Marcotte, Kathy & Garside, Linda	\$117,500
154 Mosher Rd	Brown, Katherine & Zane	Wogaman, Gretel & Mark	\$169,863
25 North St	Lamson, Dawna & Robert	Crane, Brenda & Edward	\$214,000
140 Narragansett St	Remington, Lurene	Moody, Amy	\$129,000
53 Westcott Rd	Lermery, Kelly-Jo & Barry	Redmond, William	\$198,000
67 Hillview Rd	Sturm, Leah & Jonathan	Cuffey Family Trust	\$205,000
45 Patio Park Lane	Oliver, Stephen	Arsenault, Lynn & Maurice	\$60,000
74 Spiller Rd	Ly, Qui	Krott, Mary Beth & Loren	\$226,000
10 Flaggy Meadow Rd	Maguire, Sandra	Maguire, Sandra & Paul	\$280,000
2 McQuillian's Hill Dr	Burton, Nichole & Christopher	Giroux, Shelli & Mark	\$270,000
28 Cyr Dr	R. P. Weeman, LLC	JaJuni Holdings, Co.	\$132,000
82 Gateway Commons Dr	Nagle, Kimberly & Timothy	Shaw, John & Cyr, Tina Marie	\$282,000
19 Ledge Hill Rd	Shvets, Alexei	Geren, Mark & Swift, Cherie	\$325,000
95 Buck St	Nielsen, Sarah & Andrew	Morin, Brian & Simonoff, Jennifer	\$198,000
25 Distant Pines Dr	Haynes-Davis, Cynthia	Plasz, Brenda & Kenneth	\$375,750
66 Wilson Rd	Labelle, Shannon & Jeremy	McLellan, Earl	\$148,000
21 Patio Park Lane	Wilcox, Zelda & George	Patio Park, LLC	\$85,000
642 Gray Rd	Little River Farm, LLC	Burt, Laverne	\$255,500
15 Sanborn St	Michaud, James & Tammie	Robert Pearson, Inc.	\$214,000
305 Buck St	Dillow, Justin	Low, Patricia & Robert	\$171,500
30 Ridgefield Dr	Bailey, Kim & Kyle	Fagerson, Mary	\$250,000
21 Elliott Rd	Digiavanittorio, Michaela & Michael	Kilroy, William	\$247,000
41 Wagner Farm Rd	Stigman, Wendy & Keith	Sebago Capital Partners, Inc.	\$282,700
5 Timothy Dr	Smith, Stacy & Edward	STJ, Inc.	\$250,000
34 Hutcherson Dr	Goodwill Industries of Northern NE	Forside Management, LLC	\$4,000,000
354 Mosher Rd	Zavasnik, Victoria	Corcoran, Margaret & John	\$136,500
9 Boreal Dr	Swift, Kimberly & Sargent, Dawn	Gaudreau, Lesley & Shawn	\$419,000
11 Gerry's Way	Whitten, Melody & John	Anastasoff, Sasha & Corbett, Scott	\$290,000
18 Martin Dr	McManus, Travis	Strout, Teri & John	\$351,250
20 Patrick Dr	Winship, Rhonda & Fenderson, Thomas	Duest, Michelle & James	\$180,000
22 Great Falls Rd	Tapley, Megan & Scott, Corey	John Peters, LLC	\$233,900
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YOUR POLICY OF INSURANCE

Beware of In-Home Business Exposure

Jason Beever

During these difficult economic times many people are looking for ways to supplement their income. This often involves starting some type of business venture at home. A small home business might be the result of turning a hobby, like baking or woodworking, into a way to make a little cash on the side. If you are a home entrepreneur, you should beware of some coverage restrictions and exclusions that could result in a potential claim that is not covered by your homeowners policy.

Most homeowners policies provide property coverage for your house, personal belongings, and other structures like a garage. The policy also typically provides personal liability coverage, which protects the homeowner and family members from liability resulting from bodily injury suffered by another person for which the homeowner is liable. While the policy gives broad coverage for both property and liability, it also excludes coverage for various causes. One such exclusion has to do with "business" conducted by the homeowner or family members.

A common homeowners policy defines "business" as "a trade, profession, or occupation engaged in on a full-time, part-time, or occasional basis." There are some exceptions to this definition, but suffice to say it encompasses most types of home-based business ventures. Let's look at the limitations the homeowners policy applies to "business" pursuits:

Property: As mentioned, the homeowner policy covers other structures, like garages and storage buildings. However the policy specifically states, "We do not cover... other structures from which any business is conducted." And the homeowners policy also limits personal property coverage to "\$2500

on property, on the residence premises, used primarily for business purposes," and "\$500 on property, away from the residence premises, used primarily for business purposes." These are some serious limitations to coverage if you engage in a business at home, or have business property at home.

Liability: While the homeowners policy severely limits coverage for personal property, it completely EXCLUDES coverage for liability resulting from a business. The policy states, "Personal Liability coverage does not apply to bodily injury and property damage arising out of or in connection with a business conducted from an insured location, or engaged in by an insured..." The policy does give back liability coverage for a family member under the age of 21 for a part-time or occasional business with no employees, so Junior's neighborhood lawn mowing business is covered for liability under the homeowners policy.

In some situations simply attaching an endorsement or "rider" to the policy can cover an in-home business. Other times, a separate business-owners policy can be purchased to fill the coverage gaps that exist on the homeowners policy. Contact your local Independent Insurance Agent to make sure you have the coverage you need, before a potential claim occurs.



Jason Beever was raised in Gorham and is a fourth generation owner of Chalmers Insurance Group- C.E. Carll Agency.

One-Man Farm Stand Open for Business

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

If you are in the market for all natural, locally produced products, you may want to stop by the parking lot of New Portland Road to the east of the Gorham House entrance. Every Tuesday, Erlon Townsend of Buxton operates a farm stand from this location that is open to the general public. The farm stand hours are usually from 1 to 5 p.m. The market is new to Gorham and has only been in operation since October of this year. Weather permitting, the farm stand will remain open for as long as possible throughout the remainder of this year.

Townsend currently runs the farm stand by himself but hopes that others in the community will express interest helping him to operate it next season. Townsend operates out of Yesteryear Farm in Hollis, but also receives supplies from individuals in the towns of North Conway, NH; West Buxton; Gorham; Arundel; Madison

and Dayton. The supplier from North Conway provides twelve different kinds of bread that can be purchased from the farm stand. Other products that have been sold at the market include homemade pickles, corn, beans, squash, berries, homemade yogurt, cheese, milk, butter, steak, salsa, venison, eggs and whoopie pies. This is just a small list of the products the market has to offer, and some of the products are dependent upon whether or not they are in season.

Townsend strives to offer reasonable prices. Two pieces of goat milk fudge are sold for one dollar and cookies for \$1.25. Steaks range in price from \$9 to \$11. Chicken and beef potpies that are supplied from Yesteryear Farm are sold for \$12 per pie. Hanging plants are also \$12, and with Christmas right around the corner, Townsend plans to sell Christmas wreaths as well.

Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz

By now you have brought in all your "house" plants. If at some point during the winter you notice insects on the stems or foliage take the plant in the shower and give it a good bath. You can even use mild soapy water. Rinse thoroughly. Let foliage dry and spray with All Season Oil, which is non-toxic, and will coat the leaves and stems and make them glossy. It will suffocate any remaining insects. Check the light, temperature and water requirements of houseplants if you want them to stay healthy throughout the winter.

Refrain from using any bone meal as fertilizer. Dogs, cats, skunks and raccoons all will be attracted to the area and will disrupt your plantings. Bulbs can be planted as long as the ground can be worked. Use Bulb Booster in

each hole or sprinkle over the ground where older bulbs are planted. The winter and spring water will leach the goodness into the soil.

Wait until spring to prune your hydrangeas. You can cut the spent blossoms off the white blooming ones now.

Bring your fertilizer and fungicides in to store in a dry place that will not freeze. Freezing will reduce the strength of most products.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.

Murder Mystery Shot in Gorham

Sherrie Benner

Something supernatural has been going on in Gorham and it wasn't just for Halloween. Gorham native Barry Dodd has brought his locally filmed supernatural mystery web series "Ragged Isle" to town. Winner of three Indie Soap Drama Awards, "Ragged Isle" is the story of a young woman who accepted a job as a newspaper photographer on a remote island off the coast of Maine. Shortly after her arrival, she finds herself in the midst of a bizarre murder mystery. No one is safe, everyone is suspect, and the final outcome is more shocking than anyone involved could ever have imagined.

Along with his wife Karen, Dodd is co-owner of the production company The Entertainment Experiment. The company has embarked on a two-year journey to create this independent web series. Drawing from such classics as "The X-Files," "Twin Peaks," and the iconic gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows," "Ragged Isle" has been crafted with genre fans in mind. This type of web series may be the future of soap operas. The first episode was launched online in March of this year with weekly webisodes airing until the season's cliffhanger in May. Both seasons two and three, filmed this summer and now in post-production, will be released in spring/fall 2012. Shot in over 20 picturesque Maine locations including several here in Gorham (Baxter Library, Shaw Park and the Gorham Times building.) Gorham native and local business owner Dennis Fontaine plays one of the main characters of the series.

A few years ago, Dodd responded to a web soap contest offered by Soap Net. Placing in the national final five, his entry "Criehaven" ultimately did not win; however, it inspired the creation



Photo credit Sherrie Benner

Actors and production crew from the supernatural mystery web series "Ragged Isle" recently filmed outside the Gorham Times building. From right to left: Barry Dodd, director; David Miller, camera operator; and Greg Tulonen, actor/head writer.

of this web series. The new project, "Ragged Isle," had the elements and actors from the previous project but as Dodd points out "eliminated all but the very essence of soapiness while introducing a supernatural spin." The 2011 Indie Soap Opera Fall Preview Guide nominated "Ragged Isle" as "Best in Web Series." The production value, creativity and cinematography set this web series apart.

Dodd has been in broadcast television for over 17 years and currently is the manager of the Commercial Production Department at FOX23 in Portland. Evenings, weekends, and vacation time is spent working on the web series - his labor of love. The series' goal for Dodd is to keep the audience engaged enough to stick around and see how it ends. So who will survive on the island? You will just have to watch and see.

For more information and to view Ragged Isle Season One: www.raggedisle.com or follow them on Twitter (@RaggedIsle) or Facebook.

Elementary Schools Recycle Techno Trash

Gorham Times Staff

The three Gorham elementary schools will kick off new recycling programs to celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15. The year round effort will give students an opportunity to become community contributors by taking care of the environment.

The program is pretty simple. Students and families are encouraged to collect certain Techno Trash items that would otherwise end up in landfills, such as cell phones, GPS devices and ink cartridges (see side bar for complete list). A company called Cartridges for Kids pays cash for every item and also pays for the shipping costs. On average, Americans purchase a new cell phone every 18 months. It is estimated that 500 million phones, weighing 250,000 tons, are headed to our landfills if they are not recycled.

The Techno Trash recycling program began five years ago at Village School. According to Chris Crawford, the retired librarian who started the program, over \$5,400 was raised to help support the library program at Village School. Now, with the new K-5 configurations, it made sense to have the program running independently at each school. "This program is a win-win for the schools and for the environment," said Crawford. It takes a printer cartridge at least 1,000 years to decompose. Almost 3.5 quarts of oil is used to produce one laser cartridge. Half a gallon of oil is saved every time a laser cartridge is remanufactured.

The program also makes it easy for companies and corporations to recycle and to help local schools at the same time. With prepaid shipping labels provided by Cartridges for Kids and one phone call to FedEx to pick up the box, it costs a company nothing to send their recyclable materials directly to Cartridges for Kids with the named school receiving the proceeds.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program or about how to become a corporate sponsor can contact the following individuals: Denise Asselin at Narragansett: denisea@gorhamschools.org; Meghan Lonergan at Great Falls: megghanl@gorhamschools.org; Lorijo Rich at Village: Lorijor@gorhamschools.org.

Schools earn cash for the following Techno Trash items:

- Cell phones & PDA's
- Inkjet & laser cartridges
- iPad/tablets/eReaders
- Digital cameras
- GPS devices
- Video Games & video game consoles
- Laptop computers (with power cords)
- DVD's
- Scientific graphing calculators

Kindness Counted with Hearts

Becky Fortier, Great Falls Assistant Principal

Great Falls Student Ambassadors started their first kindness counts campaign by distributing paper hearts to any student who demonstrated an act of kindness. Once students received a heart for kindness, they returned it to the "Kindness Counter" located in the main office.

The Hearts of Kindness Campaign ran from October 24 to noon on October 27. The goal was to collect 497 kindness hearts since there are 497 students at Great Falls. The Student Ambassadors wanted every student to be recognized for an act of kindness during the week.

The 497th kindness heart was turned in on Tuesday morning by a second grade student, Jerran Lord. He was kind by sharing and helping a friend. By Thursday at noon, Great Falls had collected 797 kindness hearts!

Student Ambassadors believe that kindness is one of the simplest things we can do. Being kind can be something small like a kind word, an act of caring, an honest compliment, a listening ear, or

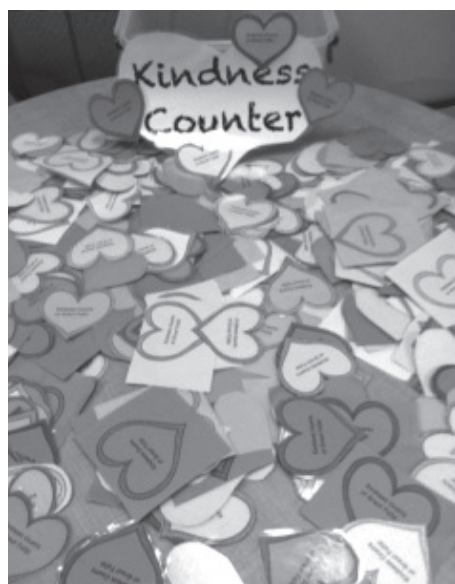


Photo credit Becky Fortier

Great Falls collected 797 kindness hearts for the Kindness Counts Campaign.

giving a friend a smile. Kindness has the potential to turn someone's day around.

Kindness Counts at Great Falls School!

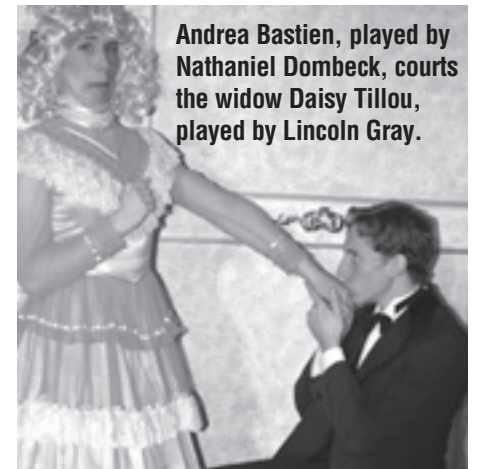
Mark Twain's "Is He Dead?" Runs at GHS

Stefanie Farrington and Lincoln Gray, GHS Students

What do all the most famous painters have in common? Being dead, of course!

The Gorham High School Drama Department is proud to present "Is He Dead?," a comic play written by great American author and humorist Mark Twain and adapted by David Ives. "Is He Dead?" follows the painter Jean-Francois Millet wracked by debt to the Bastien Andre. Unable to gain recognition or money for his work, he and his friends, Chicago, Dutchy, and O'Shaughnessy, come up with a brilliant plan: fake Millet's death so that his paintings will gain value. But how does one deal with a dead man who isn't dead? Chicago devises a plan: Millet must dress as his "sister," the Widow Daisy Tillou. But as more people meet the "widow," Millet's problems grow—especially once his rival Andre falls in love with "her."

Gorham's production features seniors Adam Bourgault, Katelyn DiLorenzo, Nathaniel Dombek, Lincoln Gray,



Andrea Bastien, played by Nathaniel Dombek, courts the widow Daisy Tillou, played by Lincoln Gray.

Photo credit Laurie Downey

Quincy Owens, Josh Plummer, Ellyn Touchette, and Lia Van de Krol. Juniors include Lucia Alexandrin, Maxwell McNally, Kristin Nelson, and Forrest Plaisted. Sophomores Eric DeLuca, Jacob Clowes, Joe Lambert, and Collin Young round out the cast.

Performances are in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School on November 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m., and November 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students, and will be sold at the door.

GMS Learns "All Different, All Equal"

Kim Bennett, Gorham Middle School

Ahmed Bashir and Zach Meyers, eighth grade students at GMS, delivered their message on acceptance through a rap performance in front of the entire school.



Photo credit Kim Bennett

The message, "ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL" is displayed on a student's t-shirt.

Upon entering Gorham Middle School on October 27, sounds from The Marimba Band could be heard throughout the halls. The band was one of many presentations that took place as the Civil Rights Team sponsored its fourth annual Diversity Day at GMS.

All students and staff listened to Terri Dawson, the technology integrator at GMS, present topics related to cyberbullying. Students also had an opportunity to sit in on two other presentations. Sixth grade students listened to presentations on topics ranging from "Stop the R Word," autism, disabilities awareness and stereotypes. Seventh grade students learned about cliques, spoke with someone living with Asperger's Syndrome, heard from adults with autism, and learned about African and Franco-American cultures and his-

stories. Eighth graders discussed various topics including body image, gender and transgender awareness, and participated in sessions designed to talk about social pressures and peer relations.

Many of the presenters were high school students from Gorham and Windham, and students from Massabesic High School's Playback Theater acted out tough social situations and pressures for students to discuss. Students from GMS also designed and led their own sessions. All students did an excellent job keeping their audiences engaged.

At the conclusion of the day, everyone gathered in the gym to watch Ahmed Bashir and Zachary Meyers perform a rap about the importance of acceptance and encouraging students to join the Civil Rights Team at GMS.

Wading with a Purpose

Adam Perron, USM Intern at GMS

Friday, October 21 was not a typical school day for Angela Gospodarek's seventh grade Life Science classes at Gorham Middle School. Students donned boots and waders for some field experience in pond sampling. The field trip did not take students far from GMS; they collected samples from a small pond and stream at the beginning of the school's trail system.

With the help of Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District's Education Coordinator Sarah Plummer, students collected and identified benthic macroinvertebrates, which are small but visible spineless creatures that live on the bottom of ponds and streams. They are an important part of the aquatic ecosystem, and a lot can be learned about water quality by identifying the different types of benthic macroinvertebrates that live in a body of water. Some species can tolerate pollution while others are more sensitive and can only live in clean water.

The students waded into the shallows of the pond using nets to scrape the pond bottom collecting leaves, muck, and the macroinvertebrates that live there. Students sorted each scoop and picked out bugs to bring back to aquariums in the classroom for further study. By identifying the macroinvertebrates present in the pond, students were able to determine that the pond was a healthy ecosystem. They discovered mayflies and caddisflies that cannot tolerate even moderate pollution.

The day at the pond was full of hands-on science and laughter. Many students wore waders for the first time and enjoyed exploring the pond. One student, Kathryn Christainson, even plans to add waders to her Christmas wish list.

Anyone interested in lending or donating waders, nets or other sampling equipment is encouraged to contact Gospodarek at angelag@gorham-schools.org.



Photo credit Angela Gospodarek



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Top to bottom: Donning waders, Connor Sweatt, Grant Hamblen and Mia Guimond use their nets to pull samples before exiting the pond.

Blooming with Kindness

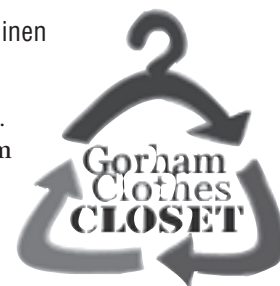


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Kindness counts at Great Falls! Fourth and fifth grade Student Ambassadors are at it again. Thanks to a grant funded by the Gorham Education Foundation, they recently planted over 300 tulip and daffodil bulbs in their raised garden beds. Students are hoping that come spring, the raised garden beds will yield many beautiful blooms that they can deliver to local nursing homes. This service-learning project will allow the Great Falls Student Ambassadors to give back to their community. Hard at work is (inset) Becky Fortier, Jane Esty and Kristin Wentworth from the GEF and Joan Anderson with grade four student ambassadors.

Coming to a Community Closet Near You

Stacy Sallinen



The only thing that could be better than shopping in a friend's closet is to shop in a community closet. Formerly known as the "Swap and Shop," the one-day event that took place each year at Narragansett Elementary School is now expanding to a community-wide closet that will be open throughout the year. The Gorham Clothes Closet's mission is to meet the needs of people within the community by offering free, clean, new and gently used clothing for children, teens and adults.

Located in the Little Falls Activity Center, the Gorham Clothes Closet is scheduled to open its doors on December 3. The Closet will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of

each month. Anyone from the Gorham community is welcome to shop.

Clothing donations are now being accepted at Great Falls, Narragansett and Village Elementary Schools, the Gorham Recreation Department and Little Falls Activity Center. Additionally, they are in need of clothing hangers and large storage totes to store out-of-season clothing.

For more information, please contact Rhonda Sawyer at rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com or 632-4036 or Amanda Landry at alandry6@maine.rr.com. For the latest information, the Gorham Clothes Closet can be followed on Facebook.

Great Falls Students are Kid Correspondents for WGME

Becky Fortier, Great Falls Assistant Principal

On October 31, two fifth grade students from Great Falls Elementary School, Hailey Morrill and Ben Nault, appeared on WGME News 13's Daybreak to explain why their school is special. The local news channel features Kid Correspondents from twenty schools in twenty days - Great Falls was one of them!

Each morning when Jeff Peterson, a WGME anchor, arrives to work at 3 a.m., he picks the name of a school out of a box. The Kid Correspondent information is announced in the headlines, or "teases," at the top of each hour. Each piece runs around 1:30 to 1:45 minutes and is also available to watch on www.wgme.com.

After all twenty Kid Correspondent pieces have aired, there will be a special online poll. From November 23 through the Thanksgiving weekend, you can vote for Great Falls on the www.wgme.com website. The school that receives the most votes will win



Photo credit Jeff Peterson

Hailey Morrill and Ben Nault were featured as Kid Correspondents on WGME News 13's Daybreak.

prizes, including trophies, a banner and a special grant from NextGen.

It takes lots of votes to win. You can vote as many times as you want. Let's get the word out and vote, vote, vote!

Sebago to Sea

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will follow the Sebago to the Sea Trail Downtown Westbrook Connector Loop to link to the Sebago to the Sea Trail. Thanks to Portland Trails, the City of Westbrook and the City of Portland's trail network, the new eight mile segment of the Sebago to the Sea Trail will follow both on- and off-road segments along the Presumpscot River, through Riverton Trolley Park, past the Riverside Recycling Facility and Riverside Golf Course, and on to the Maine Turnpike in Falmouth.

The Sebago to the Sea Trail will temporarily end at the Maine Turnpike in Falmouth while the pedestrian underpass is under construction. Trail

designation of the final section of the Sebago to the Sea Trail from the Maine Turnpike pedestrian underpass in Falmouth to Portland's East End Beach is scheduled for 2012.

A fully collaborative initiative, the Sebago to the Sea Trail was first envisioned by the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition (PRWC), and is now facilitated by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, and managed by members of the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition which includes more than 20 state and local organizations.

Trail maps with directions and more information are available at www.sebagotothesea.org.



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With Homeschooling Comes a Huge Commitment Stacy Sallinen

Tim and Cindy Irish made a decision to homeschool their children after their oldest daughter completed first grade. With support and encouragement from friends who also homeschooled, they decided to take it one year at a time. Nineteen years later, and never anticipating going all the way through the high school years, they continue to homeschool their youngest children.

The Irish's have six children, two are biological and four are adopted, ranging in age from three to twenty-six. They are currently in the process of adopting a twelve-year old boy from Haiti.

Homeschooling is a way of life for them, but Cindy is quick to caution that it's not for everyone. "It takes great discipline, organizing, and commitment to do it well. It's a great time to build relationships, but there haven't always been great times."

Mornings in the Irish home are spent completing schoolwork, and the children start with a subject of their choice. Selecting the right curriculum based on the child's style of learning, the budget and what works best for the family is important. Cindy recognizes that she may not be best suited to teach more advanced subjects, and is willing to turn to private tutors or other resources, including specific classes at public schools, when necessary.

There are a number of resources and support groups that allow homeschooling families to exchange ideas, plan field trips or other activities. The Irish's participate in a parenting cooperative group at the Windham Baptist Church, where children receive lessons in specials, including art, gym and music. Cindy is also a contact for local support in the Gorham area through Homeschoolers of Maine, a volunteer-based nonprofit organization with a Christian foundation. In addition, the Galilee Baptist Church in Gorham provides a meeting place for an educational cooperative homeschooling group that is specific to the curriculum, "Tapestry of Grace."

Another comprehensive source, Home Education and Family Services, is a nonprofit educational service organization located in Gray. A variety of services,

including assistance in choosing curriculum, end-of-year assessments, consultation meetings, tutoring, classes and credit transcript recognition, are available.

Under Maine law, families choosing to homeschool must file "An Intent to Homeschool" form the first year and a subsequent letter for each additional year to the State of Maine Department of Education (DOE) and the local school department. Parents must teach for 175 days a year, covering subjects including English, language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, health

education, library skills, fine arts, computer skills and Maine studies. Each child must show progress from year to year in end-of-year assessments, either through standardized testing or review of work by a certified instructor.

Each school district maintains a list of students who are homeschooled. Currently, there are 31 families in Gorham that are homeschooling. According to Gorham's homeschool policy, with approval from the school department, those students who are registered as homeschooled students may

participate in specific day classes, extracurricular or co-curricular activities, and special education services if eligible. They may also have access to library books, instruction textbooks and learning labs, if available.

When homeschooling through the high school years, the parent decides when high school is complete and presents a diploma. To continue on to post-secondary education, a certified instructor reviews work and provides a transcript, similar to that in public schools.

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Heartbreaking Loss in Western Maine Final for GHS Girls' Soccer

Jeff Pike



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GHS senior Kiersten Turner (left) battles for a loose ball while sophomore Meghan Cushing (right) battles for position near the corner during the girls' soccer 1-0 loss to Scarborough in the Western Maine Class A Final.

The GHS girls' soccer team went on a long, impressive run this year. The team finished the regular season 14-0 and won its first two playoff games before the season came to a sudden end November 2. That's when Gorham lost, 1-0, to Scarborough at home in the Western Maine Class A final. The crushing, game-winning goal came with just 48 second left in regulation time.

This was the first home playoff loss after a run of 15 wins in the nine years that head coach Jeanne Zarrilli has been at the helm. And this year's team is the second under Zarrilli's to turn in a perfect regular-season record, with the other one coming in 2008.

All season long, the team motto was 'Unity' with a close-knit group of seniors led by captains Audrey Adkison, Kiersten Turner and Lindsey Smith helping develop this theme among the juniors, sophomores and freshmen on the team. Fellow seniors, including goal keeper Sarah Perkins and defenders Allie Lurvey and Sierra Peters, joined Smith on a defense the surrendered just seven goals in 17 games. The offense scored 69 goals led by Turner with 12, Adkison with nine and junior Erin Smith with eight.

Heroes during the playoff run included sophomore Meghan Cushing, who

scored both goals in a 2-0 quarterfinal win over Windham. In the 3-0 semifinal win over Thornton Academy, Adkison scored twice while Turner scored once.

For the game against Scarborough, Gorham fans turned out in full force. Players from the Gorham Youth Soccer Association formed a gauntlet for the starting players to run through as they were announced, and the high school student body packed the stand to belt out their signature chant (see separate story). There was an electric feeling in the air that brought back memories of past GHS girls' soccer champions.

But these feelings of euphoria quickly evaporated when Scarborough scored the winning goal. Dead silence filled the Gorham stands realizing that with less than a minute to play a come back was unlikely.

Looking ahead to next year, the Rams face a challenge in replacing the eight seniors who graduate and many of whom played key roles throughout their varsity careers. But many talented players—including juniors, sophomores and freshmen—also return next year. They should have Gorham right in the mix once again as a contender in Western Maine.

GHS Fall Sports Team Updates

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Boys Soccer: The Rams defeated South Portland, 2-0, in the Western Maine Class A semifinals before losing to Scarborough, 2-0, in the semifinals. Against South Portland, Kevin Lubelczyk scored the first goal on an assist by Jesse Orach. Lubelczyk then assisted on the next goal by Connor Regan. After falling behind in the Scarborough game, Gorham fought hard in the second half and came close to scoring on a penalty kick as well as a corner kick but could not find the net. The team finished the season with an overall record of 12-4.

Football: Stat leaders on the season included Nick Kilborn and Matt McKenney, who led the

team in touchdowns with 11 each and were also the top two rushers, with McKenney picking up 1031 yards and Kilborn rushing for 863 yards.

Volleyball: Stat leaders for season included were Lindsay Chapman and Lexi Merrifield, who led the team in kills with 68. Chapman also led the team in digs with 82 while Merrifield was tops in blocks with 57. Vicki Parker led the way in serving points (130), aces (46) and serves received (117) while Grace Eaton was first in assists with 152. The team reached the semifinals of the Class A State Tournament where the Rams lost to Scarborough.

Red Dogs Win Championship



Photo credit Rachel Bell Photography

The Fourth-Annual Cal Ripken Fall Baseball Championship was won by the Red Dogs from Gorham on October 8 at Robie Field. The league includes five teams from Standish and Gorham, and the Red Dogs edged out the Blue Team, 6-3, to win the title. Playing for the winning team and pictured above, front center: Dominic Garcia. First row from left to right: Paddy Owens, Andrew Garcia, Nate Burchill, Connor Bell, Bennett Gasowski and David Drew. Second row: Willy Baxter, Travis Emerson, Adam Peterson, Stevie Klatt and Henry Santoro. Back row: Coaches Eddie Owens, Forrest Bell and Phil Gasowski. Missing from photo is Jacob Sladen.

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Upcoming Sports Events at USM Gorham Campus

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Saturday, November 12

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All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all USM sports teams, visit www.southernmainehuskies.com

in the Zone

Tennis All-Star Leads Team to National Tournament:

Natalie Egbert (GHS '11) helped the Endicott College women's tennis team win the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship and qualify for the NCAA Division III tournament in the spring of 2012. Egbert was critical to Endicott's success as the freshman compiled a 12-0 record in singles and a 10-4 record in doubles play. She was named an All-Conference Honorable Mention in singles and doubles and never lost a set in singles play the entire season.



Photo credit David Le Photography

College Soccer All-Academic: Caitlin Caldwell (GHS '09) and a junior on the USM women's soccer team, is among 20

USM student-athletes selected to the 2011 Fall All-Little East Conference Academic Team. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3.

Earns Starting Spot in College Soccer:

Kristi Zarrilli (GHS '10) completed her second season on the University of New Hampshire women's soccer team and by the end of the year had worked her way into a starting position. The team earned a spot in the America East playoffs before ending its season with a quarterfinal loss to Binghamton University on October 27. Zarrilli is the daughter of current GHS girls' soccer coach Jeanne Zarrilli.



Photo courtesy of the University of New Hampshire

Transitions for Gorham Sno-Goers Club

Brandon Geer, Gorham Sno-Goers Club

As the temperatures begin to drop and we transition into mid-autumn, an important transition has also occurred for those who maintain the Gorham Sno-Goers Club, a year round community resource frequented by many Gorham residents and several outdoor enthusiasts in the surrounding communities and abroad.

The Gorham Sno-Goers Club is a non-profit, volunteer organization founded in 1969. It started when a group of ten families began promoting good will between snowmobilers and landowners. At its pinnacle, membership was over one hundred strong, but as it reaches its 43rd year the club has noticed an unsettling drop in numbers. Recently appointed president Ryan Smith, treasurer Grant Caron, trail master Brent Cyr, and public relations representative Brandon Geer have brought new life into the club and are determined to bring back that good will that is at this organization's core. The officers implore those who

have enjoyed Gorham's trail systems through snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and summer hiking to become part of something that has its roots in Maine tradition. Anyone showing interest in giving back to, providing sponsorship for, or simply becoming involved with this much-needed service is more than appreciated.

Thanks goes out to those private, public, and commercial landowners who have graciously allowed use of their property in order to provide recreational enjoyment for everyone. For further information please visit us online at www.gorhamsnogoers.org or join us the second Thursday of the month from September through April from 7 to 9:00 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 209 Mighty Street, Gorham (Union Hall). Trail maintenance is performed every Sunday by current members—any help is greatly appreciated!

The Chant at GHS Sporting Events

If you have heard an unusual chant coming from the student body at a GHS sporting events lately and wonder where it came from, it was imported to GHS by Kevin Lubelczyk from Camp Belknap on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. Fellow students Carter Bowers and Phil Holmes lead the chant at most events. Here's how it goes in case you want to follow along, and maybe even join in!

- Line 1: Oph, Olay-Olay...Oph, Olay-Olay
- Line 2: Olay oh tiki tongaah...Olay oh tiki tongaah
- Line 3: Ah wassah-wassah-wassah...Ah wassah-wassah-wassah
- Line 4: OPH—alay-wah alay-wah alay-wah...OPH—alay-wah alay-wah alay-wah

*The leaders chant each line first, and then the crowd responds repeating the same line.

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OF INTEREST

Todd Mills, a soldier with the Maine National Guard, was recently promoted to PFC and is with the 262nd Engineer Company Unit.

Maine Youth Leadership, an organization that works with Maine youth to help develop leadership skills, has appointed Gary Tempe of Gorham Savings Bank to its board of directors. Tempe, resides in Gorham with his wife Alyson.



The Maine Public Relations Council recently honored Diane Atwood, a freelance health and wellness communicator, with a first place Golden Arrow award for her health and wellness

blog "Catching Health." You can read her "Catching Health" blog at www.dianeatwood.com.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at First Parish Church. The speaker will be GFWC-New England regional president, Cathy White. The club is open to women wishing to become an active volunteer in community betterment. Guests are always welcome. FMI, 839-6375.

Project Graduation will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Gorham Rec. Dept. Parents of GHS seniors are encouraged to attend! Fundraising and event planning will be

discussed.

The Meals on Wheels Program serving Gorham, Westbrook and Portland communities has openings for volunteer drivers delivering healthy meals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday midmornings with mileage reimbursement. FMI, 878-3285.

Gorham resident and author Shonna Millican Humphrey will talk about her new book, "Show Me Good Land," on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. Set in northern Maine, the novel follows the residents of a border town as they cope with life in a changing community. FMI, 892-2575.

Local author Timothy J. O'Leary, III, recently published a book entitled "Nowhere to Run: A Story of Maternal Abuse and Recovery." The book, which is about his story of physical, emotional, and psychological abuse from his mother, is available at the Bookworm.

The Gorham Lions Club will sponsor an informational session on Prostate Cancer, Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Den, South St., Gorham. Public invited. FMI, 839-6569.

The next Gorham Business Exchange Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Dr., Gorham. Rich Brooks from Flyte Media will present Web Marketing for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs. \$15 GBE Members & Guests/\$25 Non-Members. Everyone is welcome. FMI, www.gorhambusiness.org

The Gorham Arts Alliance will sponsor "After School Fall Art Classes" for grades 6-8 beginning in November. FMI, call Gorham Rec at 222-1630 or www.gorhamartsalliance.org.

Gorham/Westbrook Triad will sponsor FREE leaf raking for senior citizens throughout the month of November. This service will be provided by the young men of Delta Chi Fraternity. FMI, 839-6418 or 854-8327.

Want to improve your job search process? Prepare for career certification? Raise college entrance test scores? Baxter Memorial Library acquired a new web-based learning



Devin Pearson (GHS '06) graduated with honors from UNH with a degree in Business Administration after attending college on an ROTC scholarship. His parents, Colonel Charlie Pearson (USAF retired) of Gorham and Captain Carol Tyler (USAF retired) of Merrimack, NH, are pinning Devin with his new lieutenant's rank at his commissioning ceremony on May 19. Pearson will attend paratroop and explosive ordinance (EOD) training before joining his unit in South Korea.

service – The LearningExpress Library – that provides up-to-date test preparation and skill-building resources, helping both students and adults prepare for a wide range of academic and career-oriented exams as well as improving basic skills in reading, writing, and math. FMI, 839-5031 or visit <http://www.maine.gov/msl/commons>

Hannaford Supermarkets has begun their three-part Help Fight Hunger Program in Maine. Customers may purchase a box of groceries for \$10 and donate money to their state food bank in \$5 increments at the register. Between Nov. 26 and Dec. 18, customers can purchase a particular Hannaford brand products and Hannaford will donate an identical item to the food bank. FMI, go to www.hannaford.com.

Gorham High School Drama presents "Is He Dead," an outrageous comedy based on Mark Twain's play. Performances are Nov. 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. \$6/\$4 students & seniors. Tickets sold at door. FMI, www.goghs.org

Mister Bagel, Gorham will be the site of the **Hanscom-Moody Family's 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thursday, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day. Transportation will be available upon request. Reserved seat-

ing (although no one will be turned away). A homemade, traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. There is no fee, any donations will go to the Gorham Food Pantry. FMI, contact Roxanne at 839-4516 or TMOODY6@maine.rr.com.

The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD, composed of community people working with seniors and law enforcement officers, will meet at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Westbrook Safety Bldg. To learn how you can help senior citizens in your community, call David Garthe at 839-5407 or Doris Ames at 839-2948.

The Gorham community is cordially invited to a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Baxter Memorial Library on Friday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. to honor all veterans and to pay special tribute to WWII veterans on the 70th anniversary of the US involvement in WWII. Refreshments will be served.

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The 275th Commemorative Committee has recently published "Gorham 1986 - 2011" containing 25 years of history. Available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office for \$10. All proceeds go to the Gorham Historical Society.

Parents and interested adults are invited to a 4-H Information Session to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham. FMI, 781-6099.

HOLIDAY FAIRS

Home for the Holiday Christmas Fair at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. with crafts, wreaths, knit goods, and more. Silent Auction, 9 a.m.-noon. Baked Beans and Casserole Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. FMI, 839-4857.

Carol & Friends 13th Annual Country Craft Fair, 117 Spiller Road, Gorham, on Friday, Nov. 11 & Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Credit cards welcome. FMI, 839-3479.

Craft Show at the USM-Gorham Costello Sports Complex on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring Maine and local artisans. Donations accepted for admission. Supervised child crafting area. Free parking. FMI, 780-5328.

Christmas Craft Fair at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 410 Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Home baked goods, jam and jellies, hand-made craft items, white elephant table. FMI: 839-7100.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Fair at the Windham Historical Society, Windham Center Road on Saturday, Nov. 12 & Sunday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All items handcrafted and original.

Annual Holly Daze Christmas Fair at the White Rock Community Bldg on Wilson Rd, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Crafters and a white elephant

table. Serving corn chowder, hot dogs and homemade pies. FMI: 892-9521 or fepral315@maine.rr.com

Windham Athletic Boosters will hold a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Windham High School.

The Christmas Fair at North Congregational Church in Grovesville (Buxton) will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cookie walk, elephant table, bake table and more.

Holiday Craft Fair, Sat. Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Windham/Gorham Rod & Gun Club, 8 Towpath Rd, Gorham. Sponsored by the South Windham Public Library.

USM NOTES

The USM School of Music Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform selections from the Great American Songbook and contemporary jazz writers on Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6/\$3. Tickets sold at door. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM School of Music Concert Band will perform a program featuring percussion compositions on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, Gorham. \$6/\$3. Tickets sold at door. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM Youth Ensemble Fall Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in Merrill Auditorium, Portland. A suggested donation of \$6/\$3 will be taken at the door. FMI, 780-5256.

The USM Department of Theatre will hold their 1st Annual Open House on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Russell Hall, Gorham campus. This free event will provide a sneak peek of how theatre happens. FMI, 780-5151 or email theatrebo@usm.maine.edu.



Members of the West Gorham Union Church on Route 25 are very grateful for the newly installed metal roof, courtesy of a grant from the Narragansett Number One Foundation, and donations from the Church Council and the Shaw family (in memory of their mother, Sara Sally Shaw.) At the top of the steeple will be a new weathervane donated by Julie Marshall and Susan Parsons in memory of their father, Harris (Had) Parsons and their Mom, Ruth Parsons (still with us). L-R: Bill Rust, Chairman of the trustees; Susan Parsons, Julie Marshall and Barbara Craig, Senior Deacon.

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Shooting Training FROM PAGE 1

of a back up team in the event of an actual incident. This exercise helped the participants learn to work in formation to clear a building. "All departments are on the same page," said Young. "When there is an incident, they will respond to it." A similar event is planned at USM later this winter.

Lt. Sanborn considers the School Resource Officers (SRO) to be their best defense against preventing such an incident in our schools. Several years ago Officer Wayne "Pooch" Drown,

the SRO at Gorham Middle School, was instrumental in preventing an incident at that school. Drown received a tip that a student had specific plans for an incident and was able to use this information to prevent it. That student was arrested before he could act on his plans. "Students want to feel safe in school and they feel comfortable talking to the SRO," said Lt. Sanborn. "SRO's are our first line of defense in keeping our schools safe."

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Unruly Roosters

Partridge Lane caller reported roosters running amok in the road.

North Gorham Road caller reported that a neighbor's chickens were running all over the place and were on caller's property.

Elizabeth Street caller reported receiving a suspicious phone call from an individual pretending to be related to caller who was asking for money.

Great Falls Road caller reported they heard a vehicle drive by and then a series of very loud bangs. They looked outside to find all the mailboxes on their road had been smashed.

Sebago Lake Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an ATV that they had purchased where the VIN number had been scratched off.

A real estate agent requested assistance in removing a subject from a dwelling on Fort Hill Road.

Parker Hill Road caller reported they received a call from a male subject claiming to be with Medicare requesting information on caller's husband and insistent that caller provide her husband's social security number, to which she declined.

Brackett Road caller reported a coon cat had been hanging around for the past three weeks.

Ridgefield Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle had been sitting across the road from their house and had been parked up the road the day before.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported a disturbance involving a subject who had assaulted two people.

Ball Park Road caller reported suspicious activity involving three individuals at Robie Park.

Main Street caller reported that someone had stolen items from their office, and they had the suspect on camera.

North Gorham Road caller reported they received an e-mail from a person they don't know very well asking for money and stating they were trapped in France.

Mahlon Avenue caller reported receiving a phone call from a male individual saying he needed to shut off caller's power. Caller telephoned Central Maine Power and they knew nothing about it.

South Street caller reported a large raccoon in the road causing traffic to swerve and back up.

Dow Road caller stated that as they drove by, they saw a group of boys trying to take the moose crossing sign.

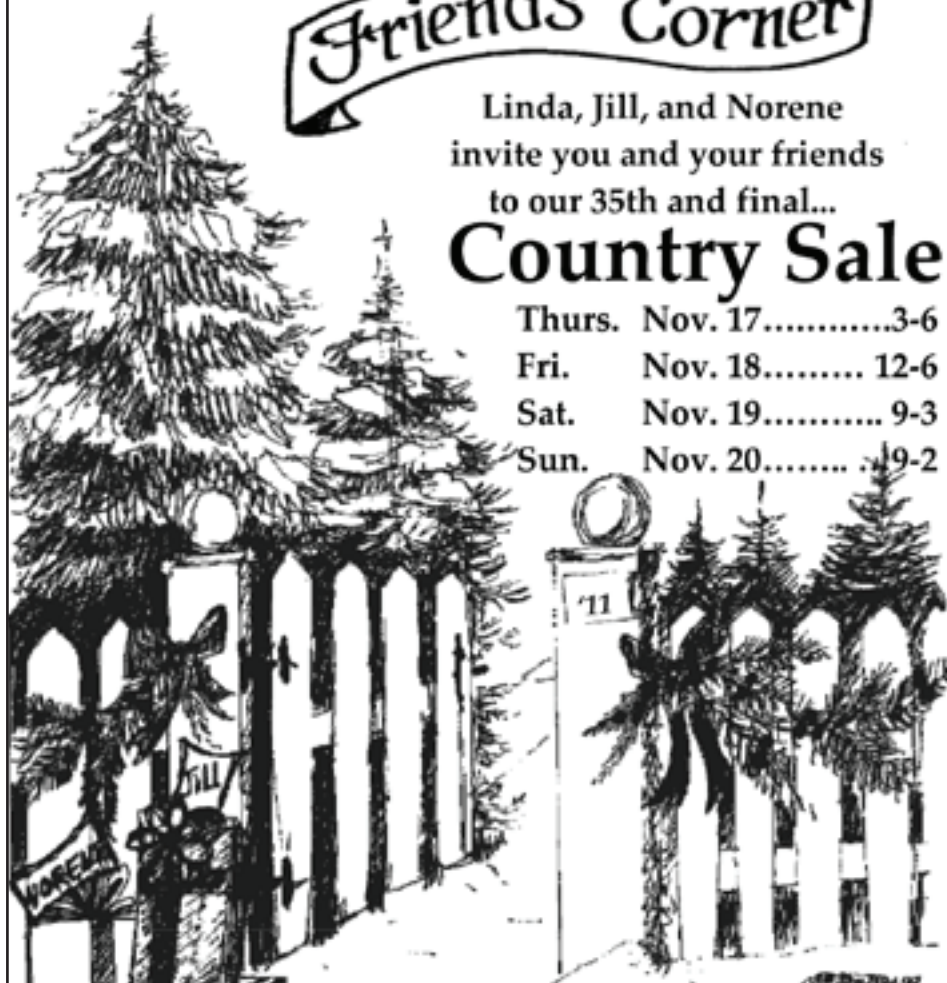
Caller reported a verbal and physical argument between two females over car keys.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 10

- Gorham Woman's Club Meeting, Gorham First Parish Church, 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker Cathy White, GFWC president. FMI, 839-6375.
- WWCC Community Meal, 810 Main St., Westbrook, 12 p.m., Meatloaf served. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Gorham SnoGoers Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 209 Mighty Street (Union Hall) in Gorham. Looking for new members. FMI www.gorhamnogoers.org.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

- Carol & Friends 13th Annual Country Craft Fair, 117 Spiller Road, Gorham. 8-5 p.m. Credit cards welcome. FMI, 839-3479.
- Kiddie Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. \$2/child.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

- Craft Show, USM-Gorham Costello Sports Complex, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FMI, 780-5328.
- Carol & Friends 13th Annual Country Craft Fair, 117 Spiller Road, Gorham. 8-5 p.m. Credit cards welcome. FMI, 839-3479.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

- Craft Show, USM-Gorham Costello Sports Complex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI, 780-5328.
- Carol & Friends 13th Annual Country Craft Fair, 117 Spiller Road, Gorham. 10-4 p.m. Credit cards welcome. FMI, 839-3479.

MONDAY, NOV. 14

- The Gorham Community Chorus, 7-9 p.m., Gorham Village School. FMI, 839-3517.
- Young Life Club, all high school students invited, PTA Building/Old Robie School, 7 p.m. FMI, younglifegorham@gmail.com or 839-7857.
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

- Kiddie Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. \$2/child.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

- Child Car Seat Fitting, Gorham Fire Department, 1-5 p.m. Free! FMI, 222-1660.
- WWCC Community Meal, 810 Main St., Westbrook, 12 p.m., Boiled dinner served. \$5. FMI, 854-9157.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

- Kiddie Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. \$2/child.

MONDAY, NOV. 21

- The Gorham Community Chorus, 7-9 p.m., Gorham Village School. FMI, 839-3517.
- Young Life Club, all high school students invited, PTA Building/Old Robie School, 7 p.m. FMI, younglifegorham@gmail.com or 839-7857.
- Gorham Food Pantry open, 6-7 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

- Kiddie Gym, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. \$2/child.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m., and the third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food. The Pantry is located at 299 B Main Street in the Saint Anne's Church parking lot (across from Narragansett Elementary School).

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