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WWII veterans stand to be recognized and honored at a ceremony on Veterans Day.

Veterans Day Documentary at Baxter Library

Jackie Francis

The Baxter Memorial Library was closed to the public for checking out library books on Friday, Nov. 11, but it was open to the public and filled to capacity with friends, family, neighbors to honor all of Gorham's veterans.

The morning began with the GHS Chamber Singers singing the National Anthem followed by Boy Scout Troup #817 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for all to follow. Library Director Pam Turner, who organized the Veterans Day program, introduced Town Council member Matt Robinson who thanked all veterans for the sacrifices they made, while Town Council Chairperson, Brenda Caldwell, read a proclamation honoring the veterans who served from the town of Gorham.

As the 70th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor approaches, Martha T. Harris, whose vision and idea it was to document the recollections of the "greatest generation," recalls her motivation to see this project come to fruition. "I have been greatly touched by the contributions of so many American men and women who sacrificed to save our way of life and our country. It came to me that we really needed to honor our Gorham WWII veterans."

Community Access TV Manager, Georgia Humphrey, videotaped over a dozen veterans and edited over 15 hours of film while Harris conducted the interviews. Some stories were anecdotal but many more were wrought with painful recollections, with those in attendance profoundly affected.

Frances Hewes Boothby spoke about rationing during the war, while Arlene Bean told of her mother-in-law having six sons in the war. John Dumbrocyo recollected his landing in Normandy at Omaha Beach and the death and destruction surrounding the beach. There were not many dry eyes in the house as 90-year-old Raymond Eli Reitze, Sr. told of his capture in North Africa fighting German tanks with limited ammunition. He was held prisoner in a German camp for 26 months.

"It was a remarkable experience for all involved," says Harris, "and we are very grateful that so many Gorham folk came to thank our vets." A copy of the documentary may be purchased at the Baxter Memorial Library. Those veterans participating in the film may pick up a DVD for free.

Happy Thanksgiving Gorham Times

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Plans for Plan-It Recycling Clean up Moving Forward

Sheri Faber

R. J. Grondin, owner of the Industrial Park on Lower Main Street, is continuing to work with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the town to determine the approximate cost of disposing of the demolition debris from Plan-It Recycling and transporting it to the town's Construction and Demolition Landfill before finalizing their plans.

Gorham has two closed landfills: the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill and the Construction and Demolition (C & D) Landfill, the latter of which would be where the Plan-It Recycling waste will go if the project is approved. In the late 1980's and early 1990's there was leakage from the MSW landfill and some wells on Huston Road were threatened. The town and the DEP provided public water to homes that were potentially threatened on Huston Road. The water line has since been extended by Portland

Water District to all of Huston Road. As part of the process of relocating the waste to the C & D Landfill, the town will pre-test some area wells in order to see if any changes have occurred when they are tested at a later date. As part of this project, R. J. Grondin has agreed to provide public water to any homes whose wells are impacted within four years and the town will take over that responsibility thereafter.

R. J. Grondin, DEP and the Town of Gorham have met to discuss the application process for the project. The town is concerned because the longer the material is left at its current location, the more the material will deteriorate. Town Manager David Cole noted that winter is a good time to transport the material and would also work well with the slower construction season. The Planning Board will review the site plan for the project and the DEP has specific requirements that must be met before plans can be finalized.

Thanksgiving Baskets for Gorham Neighbors

Dede Perkins

To celebrate Thanksgiving this year, members of six Gorham churches, four Girl Scout troops, and the Gorham Business Exchange filled baskets with ingredients for traditional Thanksgiving dinners and distributed them to 130 Gorham families struggling with food insecurity.

According to Fran Doucette, director of the Gorham Food Pantry, "Gorham churches have distributed Thanksgiving baskets forever."

Six years ago, in an effort to reach a larger number of Gorham residents struggling with food insecurity, the Gorham Food Pantry teamed up with the Gorham Ecumenical Council and began to organize distribution of the Thanksgiving baskets.

Doucette and her team of volunteers give pantry clients who have visited the pantry at least three times in the prior year the opportunity to sign up for a Thanksgiving dinner basket. The pantry also accepts names of people referred to the program from the town and other local organizations. Doucette then distributes the names and number of family members to churches and organizations willing to fill and distribute the baskets.

In addition to the food collected by the distributing organizations, Hannaford sells "Thanks for Giving" boxes, which are purchased by individual community members and are distributed along with the Thanksgiving baskets. Tim Perry, manager of the



Photo credit Diane O'Neill

Kathy Ward and Cherry Finck, Gorham Food Pantry board members, join Betsy and Erica Nygren to pack Thanksgiving baskets for Gorham families. Betsy Nygren is a leader of three Gorham Girl Scout troops that sponsored six families for Thanksgiving baskets this year. The Gorham community, including local churches, business organizations, schools and clubs all contributed to this year's Thanksgiving basket program.

Gorham Hannaford, said, "Our store sells out of the Thanks For Giving boxes each year. We sell around 200 each Thanksgiving time and get another ship-

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So. Gorham Contract Zone Requests

Sheri Faber

The Town Council recently approved Hans Hansen's request for a contract zone for the 24-acre parcel he owns on County Road at the intersection of Routes 22 and 114. The contract zone permits restaurants, banks, gas stations, and other retail

businesses at this location. To date, nine other property owners have requested that their current properties also be approved for contract zones. This would increase the value of these currently residential or undeveloped properties. Mercy Hospital

has an outpatient facility at the site, known as South Gorham Crossing. Zoning Administrator David Galbraith anticipates that "other property owners will be coming forward with addi-

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Ways to Make a Difference this Holiday Season

Senator Phil Bartlett

The people of Maine are known for helping out neighbors and those in the community who may have fallen on hard times or need a hand to get back on track. In fact, Volunteering in America ranked Maine fourth in the nation for volunteer hours per resident with a 46.7 average. Nearly one-third of all Maine residents volunteer.

Often times I hear from those who want to do more in the community, but they are not aware of the need or the organization. Whether it is fuel assistance, food aid, or other services, there are many individuals and agencies throughout the state that are working hard to give help and hope back to those in need. In the spirit of the holiday season, I thought I would pass along a few suggestions for ways to get involved and to make a difference.

In 2002, VolunteerMaine was created to serve as a one-stop source for identifying volunteer needs around the state. Just a quick search at the site will find hundreds of volunteer opportunities that range from helping a food bank, soup kitchen, humane society, teen center, and so on. Find out how you may help at: www.volunteermaine.org.

One of the top needs in Maine is for food assistance. Locally, the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry continues to work hard to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Their efforts are so important to many individuals and families who may not know where their next meal will come from. Go to www.gorhamfoodpantry.org to learn more about the initiative and how you can help. The site includes a detailed "needs" list, how to donate money or time, the pantry location, and hours of operation. Also, call 839-2593 for more information.

Another local organization that aims to help those in need is Project G.R.A.C.E. in Scarborough. Donations to Project G.R.A.C.E. help with rent or mortgage payments for those unem-

ployed or ill, utilities assistance, groceries when a food bank cannot help, clothing; and school supplies. One can adopt a family during the holiday season or ask for a donation in lieu of a gift. Check out www.projectgrace-maine.org for more information.

Heating assistance is another top need in Maine and is becoming increasingly important as the temperature continues to drop. The Keep ME Warm Fund is a statewide fund, administered by the Maine Community Action Association, which provides fuel assistance for families at, or below, 80% of their local median income. Donations made from individuals, businesses, and foundations are redistributed to families throughout Maine. Learn more at www.mainecomunityaction.org

For those who need some assistance, 2-1-1 Maine is a statewide program that offers a directory for resources. Just dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211maine.org to find out more about the services available. They range from energy assistance, home care, emergency shelter, veterans services, childcare, flu shot locations, consumer help, disability services, transportation, and more.

These are just a few ways (out of hundreds) to help make a difference in the community. I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season. In closing, I think it is worth sharing a quote from the Project G.R.A.C.E. website: "Helping our communities and sharing should be a year-round endeavor - not only at holiday times. Needs don't go away - and we could use your help."



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times,

Voters sent a powerful message to Augusta two weeks ago with the restoration of Election Day registration: Stop the distractions. Fix what's broken with state government, not what works.

Mainers get what some leaders in Augusta do not: We don't have the budget to justify spending millions of dollars to address invented issues. We don't have time to dilly-dally around the trivial when so many of our friends and neighbors are out of work or underemployed and local businesses are struggling to keep the lights on.

Despite the clear message that Mainers sent to state legislators on Election Day, imploring them to tackle the most pressing challenges facing our state, legislative leaders announced immediately following Tuesday night's election their intention to spend their time and energy, and our money debating yet another bill this coming session to limit the participation of Maine citizens in elections.

It's disappointing to see legislative leadership in Augusta so out of touch with Maine people and Maine values. It's time to get to work, thinking outside the box to get our economy moving again, getting our goods and services to market, creating jobs and providing our kids with a world-class education.

Andrew McLean

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tional requests to have their property rezoned."

The Town Council approved the concept of rezoning and will determine how much of the area is rezoned. Currently almost all those applying for the change are abutters of the Hansen property or are across the street. The rezoning may be roughly a mile around the intersection of 22 & 114 or it may be the whole three-mile corridor from the Scarborough line to the Buxton line. Those seeking the rezoning include: Chandler and Christine Bearce, 18 County Road; Donna Burke, 66 County Road; Dennis and Demetria Chadbourne, 83 County Road; Marian Green, 68 County Road; Mary McFarland, 86 County Road; Mike and Sally Ordway, 94 County Road; Albert Frick, 95 County Road; Kurt Albert, 103 & 109 County Road; and James Bruni who owns 9.5 undeveloped acres adjacent to 94 County Road.

The Planning Board will review the language of the actual uses permitted in the proposed contract zones and will hold a public hearing to hear comments on the proposal. Ultimately, they will send a letter to the Town Council who will make the final decision.

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around town

44% of registered voters turned out for the November 8th elections. Town Clerk Connie Loughran advises that this is considered "a very good turnout for an off-year election."

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Local Band Releases CD

Sherrie Benner



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Gorham-based rock band, **Crossed Out**, recently released a compact disc thanks to a music competition organized by a small, grass-roots, indie label, Reindeer Records.

Mike Allen, Justin Getchell, Mike Tracy and Alex Verrill (GHS '10), members of the Gorham based Crossed Out band have just released a CD "Prelude to Darkness." It is their first CD with Reindeer Records. The hard rock quartet made their first live appearance as a band in 2007 as an entry in Reindeer Record's Rock-Off annual competition. Louise Philippe, president of Reindeer Records, in 1983, had created the competition geared at young, career-minded musicians with an educational platform through which to gain performance and business experience, professional acumen, industry exposure and promotional and career networking opportunities. During the competition's 25-year history, Gorham musicians have been well represented with six winners including the competition's first winner Tempest in 1983, Aces Wild, a 1991 winner that became Rustic Overtones and most recently, Sammie Francis (GHS '05) in 2004. While Crossed Out did not win that time, in 2008 they made it to the top 5. That was also the last year of the Rock-Offs.

Even though the competition ended, the band was determined to stay together and perform. However, that almost changed. In late 2009, after the band released their first album entitled "Corrupt" and despite an appearance on Fox 23 TV's Good Day Maine and a guest spot on radio station 106.3 The Bone, the band was ready to call it quits. Then in 2010, the band got word that Reindeer had organized another

competition for high school bands, the Off-Ramp, a six-month event that featured many music industry challenges such as writing and producing a song, organizing live events, and marketing. Unfortunately, "the band had huge success in the competition but still came home with no trophy", recalls band leader and guitarist Verrill, who was weeks away from graduation and would therefore no longer be eligible to compete in future events. It was a welcome surprise when the band received a phone call from Philippe, just days after the event, offering them a record deal. Verrill was thrilled that "we were finally being recognized for all our hard work." Much of this past summer was spent conquering the major challenge of writing, recording and mixing, ("and mixing and re-mixing and re-mixing", added Philippe.) "Crossed Out is the perfect example of a band that doesn't win but still has what it takes to make it," said Philippe. "Reindeer is all about process-vs-product, and Crossed Out has magnificently, humbly, professionally and victoriously embraced that process."

Verrill is confident when he asserts "we still have a lot more to accomplish in order to live out our dreams (being rock stars) but with determination, I see it as a real possibility." Following in the musical footsteps of another band with ties to Gorham, Rustic Overtones, who secured a record deal with Arista Records, they are in good company.

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ment for Christmas. It is an easy way at one of the busiest times of year for our customers to truly make a difference in the community where we live. You come in, purchase it, and we get it to the families that need it most and it all stays in our town."

In September 2011, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that 15.4% of all Maine families were food insecure at some point in 2010. In Gorham, that translates to over 2,500 people who lacked access

to enough food to ensure adequate nutrition. According to Doucette, "The Thanksgiving basket program has grown from 48 families in 2006 to 130 families in 2011. We have definitely seen an increased need in our town."

Doucette continued, "The Thanksgiving Basket program does not rely on one individual or one organization. The program works because our entire community comes together to help our neighbors. In Gorham, thankfully, we live by the golden rule."

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Town Council Report

November 15, 2011 Robin Somes

In his final moments as Chairman of the Town Council, Matthew Robinson expressed his dismay at the results of the recent election when the referendum to renovate Cumberland County Civic Center at a cost of \$33,000,000 was passed. Robinson stated he was not speaking for the Council, but in the past whatever residents voted for he always supported. He said, "if I supported something that got turned down or disagreed with something that passed, I always felt that it's the residents of Gorham who give us the guidance and direction on which way to go, and that benefits all." He cited last June's Municipal Election and the overwhelming defeat of the referendum for a competition turf field and public safety improvements at Narragansett School. He noted that the disapproved \$3 million project would have increased taxes, but would also have signified incoming revenue, and economic development and growth for the town. Gorham's portion of the \$33 million Civic Center project will be between 3 and 4 million dollars. Robinson concluded, "I understand why we voted 'no' for the turf field project during challenging economic times, but to approve a \$33 million stadium renovation project in Portland that does not give Gorham any benefit is very surprising. I hope the people of Gorham understand that we are Cumberland County, and a portion of that [Civic Center project] debt is ours, so when the tax bill comes around within the next two years, and you see the big [tax] increase on the county, don't be surprised since we have now taken on 3 to 4 million dollars in debt for the Civic Center."

In Councilor Communications, Matt Mattingly emphasized the capability that exists in Gorham by lauding Shaw Earthworks for their efficient work and exceptional results of the recently completed roundabout, and to people at the Public Works for their quick response and efforts to address the sidewalk damage that resulted from the October 29 snowstorm.

Philip Gagnon pointed out his involvement on the Jetport Committee. If anyone has concerns regarding airport traffic, he should be emailed at pgagnon@gorham.me.us and he will convey them to the Jetport.

Brenda Caldwell reported on the November 11 Veterans' Day event at the Baxter Memorial Library. She conveyed her esteem to Georgia Humphrey, Pam Turner and Martha Harris, producers of a documentary consisting of interviews of World War II veterans and spouses of veterans. From over 15 hours of interviews, just 38 minutes comprised the documentary, yet it highlighted sad, humorous and consistently moving accounts of the war. Caldwell stated that she knew all the people in the film, but knew very little of these stories. She was extremely stirred by the film and exclaimed, "this was not just an event, it was an experience." She encouraged everyone to view it on GoCAT, where it will be available soon. There is also the possibility of showing

the complete 15 hour film, but broken down into short segments. Schedule information will be available on Gorham's website www.gorham-me.org, Facebook and will also be announced at next month's Town Council meeting.

In his Chairman's Report, Robinson announced the recent passing of Phil Dugas, an "icon" who grew up in Gorham and served 14 years on the Town Council. He chaired the Appointments and Personnel committees, and served on the Ordinance, Finance, Capital Improvements (later combined as the Appointments and Personnel Committee), and the Housing and Community Development committees and was on the Community Service Advisory Board. He was a fervent advocate for senior citizens and was fiscally conscientious. Councilor Michael Phinney recalled his times working with Dugas and remarked on Dugas' ardor for baseball. He coached, managed and played baseball for junior and senior high schools and men's leagues. Phinney noted that in the minor leagues, Dugas played against the great Mickey Mantle. It was made clear that this dedicated member of the community will be greatly missed.

Newly elected Suzanne Phillips and re-elected Phinney were officially sworn in to their three-year terms by Town Clerk Loughran. In unanimous votes, Brenda Caldwell was elected as Chair and Gagnon as Vice-Chair of the 2011-2012 Gorham Town Council. Committee assignments were approved 7-0 and are as follows:

- Finance - Gagnon, Mattingly, Phillips
- Ordinance - Phinney, Robinson, John Pressey
- Appointments/Personnel - John Pressey, Phillips, Robinson
- Economic Development/Capital Improvements - Mattingly, Gagnon and Phinney
- Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments - Pressey, Gagnon (Alternate)
- Ecomaine Representative - David Cole
- Jetport Noise Abatement Committee - Gagnon

In other action the Town Council voted:

- 7-0 to appropriate \$60,738 from the Equipment Reserve Fund to convert the town's radio communication system from broadband to narrowband radio to comply with federal requirements.
- 7-0 to appropriate \$3,672 from the contingency fund to remove the Founders Monument from the corner of Church and School streets for restoration throughout the winter. Its new location will be determined in the upcoming months.
- 7-0 for 3 separate contract zones requested by Donna Burke (66 County Road), Kurt Albert (103 and 109 County Road) and James Bruni (County Road) to be sent to the Planning Committee.
- 6-1 (Phinney) for a contract zone requested by Chandler and Christine Bearce (18 County Road) to be sent to the Planning Committee.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in October and November. All charges were brought by Gorham Police Department unless otherwise noted.

- Marcus McGraw, 28, of Old Orchard Beach was indicted for robbery, assault and stealing drugs.
- Michael McGraw, 29, of Gorham was indicted for eluding police, criminal speed, driving to endanger, OUI, possession of a firearm by a felon, operating after suspension, aggravated criminal mischief and theft by unauthorized use.
- Nicholas Porter, 21, of Gorham was indicted for theft.
- James Sanborn, 44, of Gorham was indicted for domestic violence assault and domestic violence terrorizing.
- Felix Atienza, 30, of Windham was indicted for operating after license revocation, domestic violence assault, criminal mischief and violating conditions of release.
- John Conley, 32, of Portland was indicted for 10 counts of burglary, 10 counts of criminal mischief and three counts of receiving stolen property.

- Nicholas Porter, 21, of Gorham was indicted for theft and a fictitious inspection sticker on charges brought by Freeport Police Department.
- Forrest Rawding, 19, of Gorham was indicted for reckless conduct with a weapon.
- Brody, Dillon and Jared Robbins, all 18 and all of Gorham were each charged with aggravated criminal mischief.
- Taneale Vicnaire, 19, of Windham was indicted for aggravated forgery.

John Conley, who has been charged with 10 burglaries in Gorham, was arrested when caught in the act of burglarizing a home in Falmouth. Conley, 32, has a lengthy arrest record and has been charged with multiple burglaries in multiple jurisdictions in Southern Maine.

The Gorham Police Department has been awarded an OUI grant from the Bureau of Highway Safety for \$4,900 to cover overtime costs for officers working special details during the holiday season to stop drunk drivers.

Attorney General Signs TRIAD Charter



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

On November 10, Maine's Attorney General, William Schneider met with TRIAD members and signed their charter. TRIAD is comprised of police, business members and seniors with a goal of providing services to seniors in the community. Shown above, front are: Attorney General William Schneider and Doris Ames, TRIAD Co-Chair. Back: Officer Ted Hatch, Lieutenant Chris Sanborn and Chief Ronald Shepard all of the Gorham Police Department, Dyana Rossignol, In-Home Senior Services and David Garthe, TRIAD's Co-Chair and recent national winner as the first TRIAD Trailblazer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nine out of 10 car seats are used incorrectly. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages three to 14. On Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Gorham Fire Department will offer free car seat safety checks where technicians will help parents learn to correctly use car seats. In addition to the event, the Fire Department also offers free seat checks on the third Thursday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m.

Car Care

Doug Carter

With the slow economy showing few visible signs of improvement, people are keeping their cars longer and stretching as much value from them as possible. How do you make the right decision? Fix up the old rattle trap you're driving or trade it in for another used car with an unknown history?

The first thing to do is to take the car to a reputable shop for a thorough look for any detrimental problems that will cost more to repair than the car is worth. Rust is one big culprit. If the structural integrity of the car is compromised by rusted components on the sub-frame or suspension, it is usually better to find a different car rather than try to repair the car.

Mechanical problems can always be repaired; the question becomes how does the cost of the repair compare with the value of the car. If you've owned the car for four or five years and are happy with it, it is more valuable to you, thus putting money into the car would be the best thing to do. If your budget does not allow for upgrading the quality of the car, it would be better to repair the one you have. These days it is hard to buy a decent used car for much less than \$5,000 and even then, you are taking chances.

There is also a shortage of used cars. In 2009 the government Cash for Clunkers program was great for the new car market and the auto manufacturers, but it took a lot of used vehicles out of the market. I'm not saying it was a bad program; it helped upgrade the entire fleet of cars in the U.S. to a more fuel-efficient and cleaner burning fleet. All the cars that were traded in were crushed and removed from the overall inventory of cars on the road. This left fewer used cars on the market, and supply and demand has influenced the price.

Online resources can help you determine the value of your car. Both KBB.com (Kelly Blue Book) and NADA.com (National Auto Dealers Association) are reputable and user-friendly websites that are free to consumers. Also check out similar cars for sale in your area on Craig's List, Uncle Henry's and the classifieds to see what is available in your price range. Gathering good information will help you make an informed decision about the car you already own.

If you decide to buy a used car, have it checked out by a qualified technician before you pay for it. If you've purchased from retail dealer, this is pretty easy to do. In a private sale, the car may not be registered or insured, and the cost of towing to a shop can be prohibitive. But it is probably more important to get a private sale car inspected than a dealer sale because you do not have much recourse in a private sale if issues arise.

A new Maine State Inspection on a car can indicate if it should be safe for the road; however, according to news reports, criminals with a quality printer are making and selling fake stickers.

A little time spent checking things out can reduce the stress involved with owning a car. It is always a good idea to know what's going on with your car. It'll take you where you want to go.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

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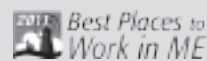
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Gorham Savings Bank Inspires “Anything is Possible”

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen



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The following students were selected to represent their respective schools in the Gorham Savings Bank “Anything is Possible” poster contest: Libby Mitchell, Great Falls Elementary School; Sarah Stevens, Narragansett Elementary School; and Lily Barden, Village Elementary School.

Gorham Savings Bank hopes to inspire local fifth grade students through participation in their “Anything is Possible” poster contest. Students were invited to create a poster depicting what is possible with hard work, dedication, and imagination, and are eligible to win \$1,000 for their classroom to help expand educational programs, fund field trips and purchase supplies.

Submissions were accepted through October 31, and a panel of judges selected one poster from each participating school. Posters created by Libby Mitchell, Great Falls; Sarah Stevens, Narragansett; and Lily Barden, Village were selected to move on in the contest and represent the entire school.

Schools are continually experiencing budget cuts that directly impact students’ experiences. Through the support of local businesses, such as Gorham Savings Bank, more programs can be developed and opportunities outside of

the classroom are made possible.

“Gorham Savings has always been proud to support the communities in which we live and we have done that through various programs,” said Chris Emmons, president and CEO. “This ‘planting the seed for the future’ concept was introduced to us a few years ago through a similar program. We have found it to be of great value and we are encouraged and excited to continue our support of local schools.”

Friends, family and community members can vote on the poster that best represents “Anything is Possible” until November 25. The grand-prize winner will be announced on December 2. In addition to \$1,000 for their classroom, the winning design will appear on reusable shopping bags that will be given away while supplies last at Gorham Savings Bank branches.

Posters are available for viewing and public voting at www.gorhamsavingsbank.com/AIP.

School Committee Report

November 9, 2011 Robin Somes

In his Superintendent’s Report, Ted Sharp noted impending challenges with the FY 2013 budget. Budgets for the past three years have been demanding, but the FY 2013 budget will be significantly more so. Sharp stated that it was learned from Augusta that “there is a further \$71 million shortfall ... which suggests ... we may get a curtailment in the FY 2012 budget”. Sharp relayed that the Deputy Commissioner of Finance for the Department of Education, Jim Rier, had indicated that he was not aware this would happen this year, though it does seem likely at this point. Sharp concluded “We will make sure we are prepared and make adjustments to spending this year’s budget so that if there is a curtailment, we will be able to assume that responsibility.”

Sharp announced the onset of involvement with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Established last year, this program’s aim is to foster the ambitions of Maine students at all grade levels to pursue STEM and STEM-related careers. Development of leadership skills to support STEM in K-12 schools and Career and Technical Education (CTE) is now underway.

According to a 2010 report by the Educational Development Center (EDC), “It is estimated that in the next decade one in seven new Maine jobs will be related to STEM. These jobs will produce wages 58 percent higher than wages for other occupations in Maine.” The report goes on to state that nationally “it is expected that the demand for employees to fill STEM-related jobs will grow by 22 percent in the next four years.” Efforts involve coordination between agencies and organizations throughout the state, local businesses and schools. Sharp announced the school district is now part of a STEM partnership comprised of the University of Southern Maine, the town of Gorham, public schools of Gorham and Falmouth, and Gorham and Portland businesses. With the initial meeting com-

ing up, Sharp stated that updates will be provided going forward.

For the past seven years, the “Teaching American History” program for veterans has been provided and made possible through a grant of \$1.2 million awarded at the onset. The program is now winding down, but with a small amount of money remaining, it has been decided to continue it for another two years due to the interest and value that has resulted. Though the program will continue in a scaled down approach, the intention is to still provide this worthwhile endeavor.

The semi-annual Middle Level Leadership Orientation was held at Great Falls Elementary School. Assistant Principal Becky Fortier and Assistant Director of Instructional Support Kathy Hamblen developed the program, which was lauded by Sharp who stated that it “is another step in cultivating teacher leaders.”

Michael Sanborn, director of Nutrition and Food Service, gave a presentation on the Gorham School Nutrition Program. There has been much happening in regards to this program whose focus is healthy nutrition for all students. The program is providing Food Service staff with the resources and training to implement new federal requirements under the National School Nutrition Program. Throughout Gorham schools, wheat bread has replaced white, whole grain, less processed and lower sodium items are replacing unhealthy equivalents, and fat-free flavored milk and one percent fat white milk are being offered.

Future plans include creating self-service options such as a full fruit and vegetable bar, improving customer satisfaction through improved customer relations and increased feedback, developing taste tests for students for new menu items that meet nutrition guidelines, and expanding local farm food procurement.

GMS Spirit Week



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

Ally Johnson, Mia Kaufman, Lizzie Kutzer, Jackson Taylor, Mitchell Hobart and Maddy Poulin show off their “fashion disaster” outfits as part of Gorham Middle School’s spirit week. Students said they enjoyed shopping in family member’s closets for their disastrous attire.

school notes

Ian Lawson (Cheverus ’13) was selected to participate in the 2012 Maine Music Educators Association Honors Music Festival. Lawson was selected by audition for the District II Orchestra and will play the string bass.

The online poll for WGME News 13 Kid Correspondent contest starts Wednesday, November 23 at 7 a.m. Two fifth grade students, Hailey Morrill and Ben Nault, are representing Great Falls Elementary School in the contest. Voting ends at 4 p.m. on November 28, and you can vote as many times as you want. The winning school will win a trophy, banner and grant from NextGen. Please visit www.WGME.com and vote for Great Falls!

High School Senior Ballet Dancer Trains Intensively for Career

Sherrie Benner



Photo courtesy of Lori Dombek

Nathaniel Dombek performs in the Nutcracker.

Nathaniel Dombek, a Gorham High School senior and accomplished dancer, will be performing in the upcoming Maine State Ballet's Nutcracker at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland – a perennial Christmas favorite and family holiday tradition. He will perform a solo as an Arabian dancer in the suite's "Celebration of Sweets from Around the World."

Dombek has been performing with the Maine State Ballet for six years and receives professional level training through its ballet school. "Anyone who thinks ballet is just for girls hasn't kept up with the times," is the firm belief of Linda MacArthur Miele, co-founder and artistic Director of the Maine State Ballet. Miele adds that the young men performing in their productions need core strength and flexibility, which can only be achieved with rigorous training. Gorham High School and Maine State

Ballet have combined to offer a unique arrangement for Dombek. He attends regular curriculum-based classes mornings at the high school and afternoons are spent at the ballet's School for the Performing Arts in Falmouth, studying choreography, intense dance practice, strength training and Pilates. "I love the schedule. It's amazing to be able to go to Maine State every day and do the things I love," Dombek added, "I feel prepared to do what I want to do, which is to perform." Miele is proud to have watched Dombek mature as a performer and as an individual.

Dombek will be auditioning in the spring for admission to the Julliard School and other schools in New York City and London.

For performance schedules and more information on the School for the Performing Arts, visit www.mainestate-ballet.org

Village School Hosted First Annual Spaghetti Supper



Photo credit Heather Kilborn

Friends and families gathered at Village Elementary School on Thursday, November 3 for a successful first annual Village School Spaghetti Supper and Fun Night. Diners feasted on spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and chocolate chip cookies served by the kitchen staff, school staff, and parent volunteers. While enjoying their meal, families were invited to record personal acts of kindness on paper hearts. After dinner, many strolled down the hall to enjoy the game room. Students and their families left with smiles on their faces, and a colorful bulletin board full of hearts now decorates the hall outside the cafeteria. Many thanks to our Partners in Education and other volunteers for coordinating this event and giving the Village School community a memorable evening. Above: The Coleman family was all smiles as they enjoyed their meals.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator

Building strong language skills is a big step toward learning to read. Predicting events and retelling stories promote language development. You can work on both of these during your daily reading time with your preschoolers. Here's how:

Predicting Events:

- Ask your child to look at the cover of the book and ask, "What do you think this story is about?"
- While reading the story, stop periodically and ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Ask your child to predict how the story may end. Use questions like "Do you think the dinosaur will find his blanket? Will Max go home?"

Retelling:

- After you read the story, go back, look at the pictures and ask your child to tell you the story.
- Ask, "What is your favorite picture?" and "Why?"
- Act out the story with your child
- Talk about parts of the story and ask, "Do you remember what happened next?"

Try these strategies with the following books:

"Elmer" by David McKee: This colorful book is about a patchwork elephant with a great sense of humor. It provides an opportunity to talk about how people are different. Your child can also create a patchwork elephant by photocopying a picture of an elephant and gluing colored tissue paper to the picture.

"Officer Buckle & Gloria" by Peggy Rathmann: Officer Buckle puts everyone to sleep with his painfully dull informative lectures on safety, until he takes on a new partner, Gloria, Napville's new police dog, who knows just how to liven up Officer Buckle's safety speeches.

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator K-5, writes this column as a part of a project between the Gorham Elementary Schools and Gorham Adult Education. For more information, contact Michaud at 222-1263 or Family Literacy Coordinator Heidi McGouldrick at 222-1045.

Getting to Know Gorham's Assistant Principals

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Over the next several issues, the Gorham Times will profile each of Gorham's assistant principals. This is the first of five profiles.

Becky Fortier

A day in the life of an assistant principal can be unpredictable. Each day brings new challenges, one of the many things that Becky Fortier enjoys about her job.

In July, Fortier became the first assistant principal at Great Falls Elementary School. While new to the role, she is familiar with Gorham schools. Fortier taught fourth grade for seven years at Village, was the Math Lead Teacher for three years and was the district K-5 Math Coordinator for two years.

She received a B.A. in Elementary Education, Masters Degree in education with a leadership concentration and a Certificate in School Leadership from Saint Joseph's College.

Completing paperwork behind a desk is one of Fortier's least favorite parts of her job, who prefers to interact with students, visit classrooms to teach about Character Education, and see first hand the Code of Conduct come alive throughout the school.

Fortier and her husband, Michael,



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

who is the physical education teacher at Narragansett, recently moved to Gorham to experience the positive benefits of attending Gorham schools. They have three children: Aiden, age five and in kindergarten at Great Falls, Abigail, age four, and Andrew, age one. Spending time with the children, visiting family, camping, going to the beach and being outdoors is how they enjoy their free time.

Fortier feels fortunate to be working with an exceptional mentor and leader, Principal Jane Esty, whose knowledge and experience have been an amazing resource. She loves every minute of her new adventure as assistant principal and looks forward to what lies ahead each day.



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Block Party and Fundraiser Held for Children's Hospital

Local 24-hour fitness center, My-Fit-24, located on Railroad Avenue, recently hosted an open house block party and fundraiser. Attendees were treated to a mini-golf course, a cider press, an obstacle course challenge, a Zumba party, music, and other events. All proceeds were donated to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Owners Stacey and Jesse Coleman said: "Healthy lifestyles are contagious. We hope that our act of always paying it forward is just as contagious. The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital does amazing things for families everyday, what a better way to thank them than donations."

OUR APOLOGIES

Maine Centers for Healthcare will be closing on November 30, not November 11 as was published in the November 10th edition of the Gorham Times.

The election results listed in the November 10 edition should have listed three people elected to School Committee: Sarah Nelson, Dennis Libby, and Anne Lawrence.



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Farrar Inducted into Maine Ski Hall of Fame

Helps Freestyle Skiing Become a World Sport

Jeff Pike

In the late 1970s and throughout the 80s and 90s, Gorham resident David Farrar was literally one of the pioneers who helped forge the sport of freestyle skiing and establish it at a world level. All of his efforts were rewarded with his recent induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

Farrar, who first moved to Gorham with his parents when he was two-years-old, was inducted during a ceremony at the Lost Valley Ski Resort in Auburn on October 28. "I was completely surprised and honored when I received the letter telling me about my induction," Farrar said. "I had no idea this was coming."

The accomplishments that Farrar has achieved since he first started skiing at age five are quite impressive. They include traveling the world as a freestyle aerial and mogul judge of World Cup competitions—culminating with serving as a judge at the 1995 World Championships in France and the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Farrar was taught how to ski by his father, Jack, who at age 82 still skis regularly. Jack and David's mother, Barbara, used to ski with David at the Gorham Kiwanis rope-tow course off Water Street in the 1970s. In high school, David joined the Pleasant Mountain (now called Shawnee Peak) freestyle program. After graduating from GHS in 1977 and attending the University of New Hampshire, Farrar improved his aerial and mogul skills to the point where he qualified for the U.S. National Championships. "I did not win any medals, but it was still a great experience," Farrar said.

As a sophomore at UNH, Farrar gave up competitive skiing to focus on his college studies, and he eventually went on to graduate from UNH. He then attended the University of Maine School of Law, and today he is a practicing attorney.

After giving up competitive skiing, Farrar quickly turned to judging and instructing judges – at the young age of 20. He was first invited to chair the Eastern Freestyle Competition Judges Committee and was eventually invited to chair the national U.S. freestyle rules committee. In the early 1980s, he helped



Gorham's David Farrar was recently inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

align the U.S. freestyle rules with the international rules, which was an important step in helping the sport become an official Olympic sport.

As a judge and as an instructor, Farrar has traveled across North America and Europe as well as China, where in 2005 he conducted that country's first-ever training program for judges and then judged China's first World Cup skiing event. He ended his career as a judge and judge instructor in 2005 after helping the sport in these areas for 27 years.

Today, Farrar is a member of the Shawnee Peak Ski Patrol and serves as the president of the Downeast Ski Club, which is hosting its annual sale November 26 at the Portland Expo. The club was founded by another Gorham resident and Maine Ski Hall of Fame inductee, Tom Bennett, who was named to the Hall of Fame in 2009.

"When I first started out in freestyle skiing, the sport was in its infancy," Farrar said. "As I became a judge and an instructor, it began to grow into a world sport and eventually became an official Olympic sport. I had no idea where my career might go, but the worldwide developments gave me a great opportunity."

GHS Fall Sports Award Recipients

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Gorham High School hosted its fall sports award ceremony November 16 at the high school auditorium. The following student-athletes were recognized for their achievements during the recently completed season:

SMAA ALL-ACADEMIC AWARDS

Boys' Cross-Country: Joseph DeRoy, Cortlandt Dunn, Matthew Southard
Girls' Cross-Country: Leanna Dalfonso
Field Hockey: Alexandra Sturgis
Football: Jameson Crawford, Mason Crocker, William Eldridge, Brad Turnbaugh
Golf: Ryan Baillargeon, Nathan Moody
Boys' Soccer: Kevin Lubelczyk, Jesse Orach
Girls' Soccer: Lindsey Smith, Kiersten Turner

SMAA ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Boys' Cross-Country: Cortlandt Dunn-honorable mention
Girls' Cross-Country: Leanna Dalfonso-honorable mention
Field Hockey: Deireann Stillson-second team; Alexandra Sturgis-second team; Kelsey Pequinot-honorable mention; April Cummings-all-rookie team
Football: Nick Kilborn-second team offense and defense; Dylan Whitaker-honorable mention defense and offense; Kyle Nealy-honorable mention defense; Brad Turnbaugh-honorable mention defense; Matt McKenny-honorable mention offense
Golf: Michael Caron-first team; Ryan Baillargeon-second team; Spencer Lapierre-second team; Nathan Roop-second team
Girls' Soccer: Kiersten Turner-first team; Audrey Adkison-first team; Lindsey Smith-

second team; Alyssa Lurvey-second team
Boys' Soccer: Carter Bowers-Co-Defensive Player of the Year and first team; Connor Reagan-first team; Kevin Lubelczyk-first team; Nate Bucknell-first team; Kyle Curley-second team; Mike Lubelczyk-second team

TEAM AWARDS

Cheerleading: Most Dedicated Award-Ashley Aceto; Most Improved Cheerleader-Jordan Tanguay; Coach's Award-Meaghan Gilbert
Girls' Cross-Country: Most Valuable Runner-Leanna Dalfonso; Coach's Award-Katie Flanders
Boys' Cross-Country: Most Valuable Runner-Cortlandt Dunn; Most Improved Runner-Jeremy Collett
Field Hockey: Most Dedicated-Kelsey Pequinot; Offensive Most Valuable Player-Alexandra Sturgis; Leadership-Deireann Stillson
Football: Ram Pride Award-Jameson Crawford; Best Defensive Player-Nick Kilborn; Best Offensive Player-Dylan Whitaker
Golf: Most Valuable Player-Mike Caron; Sportsmanship Award-Ryan Baillargeon
Boys' Soccer: Defensive Player of the Year-Nate Bucknell; Coach's Award-Steve Albanese
Girls' Soccer: Senior Team Leadership Award-Kiersten Turner, Audrey Adkison, Lindsey Smith, Allie Lurvey, Sarah Perkins, Alex Sturtevant, Kaitlin Gearan, Sierra Peters
Volleyball: Most Valuable Player-Lindsay Chapman; Coach's Award-Vicki Parker Character Award-Grace Eaton

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14th Annual Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5k Race: Saturday, November 26, 9:00 a.m., with race-day registration from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department. \$15 fee

to register. Prizes awarded to overall and group winners as well as \$50 cash prize for any man or woman who breaks the race record times set by Ethan Hemphill (15:09) and Christine Snowe-Reaser (17:34). Proceeds benefit New Year Gorham activities. FMI, visit www.gorhamrec.com or call 222-1630.

Annual Down East Ski Sale: November 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Portland Expo. 10,000 items at rock-bottom prices including downhill and cross-country skis, boots, poles, bindings, parkas, pants, goggles and accessories for adults and children. General public may bring ski-related items to enter into the sale on Friday, November 25 from 12-6 p.m. \$1 registration fee per item, and 20% commission is charged if the item is sold. The club president is

Gorham resident David Farrar, who was recently inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Proceeds to help fund ski-related scholarships and other activities. FMI, visit www.downeastskiclub.com.

Swim Team Fundraiser: The Gorham Swim Boosters will hold a Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser for the GHS swim team, which is about to start its first year. Sales takes place at Mr. Bagel November 25 to December 18 while supplies last. Trees may be purchased weekdays from 5:30-8:00 p.m. and weekends from 2-8 p.m.

Gorham Soccer Players Visit Patients at Children's Hospital: Members of the Cheverus H. S. varsity boys' soccer team, including brothers Jake Smith (senior) and Joe Smith (sophomore) of Gorham, spent a day at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center in mid-October. Team members made posters with patients to hang on the Cheverus fence at home games and also made posters for the patients' rooms. The team participates in at least three community service projects such as this per season.

in the Zone

Soccer All-Star Game Goal Scorers: During the Maine Soccer Coaches 17th Annual Senior Bowl at Hampden Academy on November 13, Gorham's Kevin Lubelczyk scored a goal in the boys' game to help the West Seniors defeat the East Seniors 7-3. In the girl's game, Gorham's Audrey Adkison scored a goal as the West lost to the East, 5-3.

Regional Soccer All-Stars: GHS players named to the Maine Soccer Coaches Western Maine Class A Regional All-Star Teams include senior Kevin Lubelczyk and junior Connor Reagan for the boys' team as well as seniors Audrey Adkison, Sarah Perkins and Kiersten Turner for the girls' team.

GHS Fall Sports Season

Wrap-Up Comments from the Coaches Compiled by Jeff Pike



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Senior Leanna Dalfonso runs through the woods behind the Narragansett School on her second lap in the October 7 tri-meet with Noble and Deering. Dalfonso was the top Gorham runner, finishing third overall, to lead the Rams to the meet win.

VOLLEYBALL: The team ended the season with a strong finish and an overall record of 8-8 after two playoff games. "I am very proud of the determination and effort that this team put forth," said head coach Lisa Curley. "We overcame many obstacles to put together a solid team effort that could compete with the best teams in the state. The growth in our athletes has been amazing, and the future for volleyball is very exciting!"

GOLF: Season highlights included winning the division with a 9-0 regular-season record and winning SMAA conference championship. "We had a very successful season as the players worked hard to reach our team and individual goals," said head coach Rick Altham. "The players really wanted to improve on the road and were proud of their 5-0 record. The team fell short in the State Championship, but it was not from lack of effort. Our junior varsity team also finished undefeated (8-0), and their hard work was rewarded with a victory in the SMAA JV Jamboree. The varsity team will have a large veteran presence next year, and I wouldn't be surprised if some underclassmen have break-out years."

BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY: "This season was a re-building one for our boys cross-country program," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "We graduated the top four runners from last year so we entered the season with many inexperienced runners. Our captains, Cortlandt Dunn and Joe DeRoy, did a great job directing this young group, and I was pleasantly surprised at how far along our runners came. The team graduates only four seniors – Dunn, DeRoy, Matt Southard and Nate Gervais – so the outlook for next season is a positive one. With a strong commitment to summer training and a large number of returners next year, the program could return as a top program in the league next season."

GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY: During the regular season, the team hovered around

the .500 mark in SMAA competition. "Given our low numbers, I was pleased with how we performed as a team during the regular season," said head coach Kurt Schwanda. "Unfortunately, the regional meet did not go well for us. It was a muddy, difficult course, and a couple of our runners got pretty banged up over the course of the race. We hope to increase our numbers for next year and make a return to the state meet within the next couple of seasons. We're graduating our top two runners – Leanna Dalfonso and Katie Flanders – and they will be difficult to replace."

FOOTBALL: Coming off an 0-8 season in 2010, this group of players changed the image of Gorham football by going 4-4 in 2011. "The players went out every week to challenge and compete," said head coach Dave Kilborn. "We improved every week and challenged any team that we lined up against. This group of guys did this by dedicating themselves to improving in the off-season. They also did this by playing as a team – we lived by the motto, 'one team and one heart,' which I hope continues into next season. This season was a lot of fun for all involved and winning helps. With a renewed dedication to improving individually, we will continually improve as a team going into next season."

FIELD HOCKEY: The team finished in ninth during the regular season with an overall record of 5-8-2. "We graduate five seniors – Deireann Stillson, Kelsey Pequinot, Brandi Emerson, Allie Sturgis and Allie Violette," said head coach Becky Manson-Rioux. "The 2012 captains were also recently named: Patty Smith and Evelyn Viernes. We look to be competitive next season with ten returning seniors who contributed to this year's team."

BOYS' SOCCER: The team finished the regular season with an 11-3 record, earning the number four seed in the conference standings. The Rams defeated South Portland in a quarterfinal game before losing to Scarborough in the semifinals. "Against Scarborough we carried play for much of the second half but ran into a hot goalie and could not find the back of the net," said head coach Tim King. "We will greatly miss seniors Drew Hopkins, Jesse Orach, Nate Bucknell, Brandon Cushman, Carter Bowers, Kevin Lubelczyk, and Steve Albanese. But several key players will return, so we are looking for another strong season next fall."

GIRLS' SOCCER: "We had a great season this fall and got to play in 17 games including winning at Scarborough and Thornton Academy in a play-off game after losing to them for three years in a row," said head coach Jeanne Zarrilli. "To win the SMAA league championship and finish our season in a dramatic and controversial fashion with just seconds left on our clock (Western Maine Class A final vs. Scarborough) shows that not only did we have success on the field, but we also had a cohesive, supportive team off the field—a credit to our awesome underclassmen and the leadership of this group of seniors."

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Finleigh Clarke Sirois was born on October 17, 2011 at 2 a.m. weighing in at 7 lbs 6 ozs and 19" long. She is the daughter of Hannah and Chad Sirois and the granddaughter to Phil and Lynn Kalloch.



Cheryl Ahearn of Gorham is hoping to get the word out about a blood drive for her sister, Dianne Brazier, who is fighting Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and is in need of a match. They have had no success on the National Marrow Donor Program, "Be the Match Drive," will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 4-7 p.m. at the American Legion Post #197, 300 Conant Street, (off Rt. 25) Westbrook. A simple cheek swab is all that is needed to determine if you could be a match. FMI, 892-2407.



Definitely not church as usual... Pastor Brian Undlin of LifeChurch in Gorham took on Channel 13 News Anchor and LifeChurch member, Jeff Peterson, for a 20-minute comedy challenge held at each service during the first weekend of November. Members who attended were asked to text or vote by ballot the winner. Pastor Brian Undlin won by just 14 votes!



The Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for teachers and retired teachers, met recently to pack shoe boxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Front L-R: Ellen Durgin, Gorham; Shirley Swain, Gorham; Susan Morneault, Chapter President, Gorham; Janice Weed, Gorham, and Christine Sawyer, Gorham. Back L-R: Regina Minott, Scarborough; Lynda Langella, Standish; Barbara Caiazzo, Gorham; Anne Tewhey, Gorham; Judy Wing, Gorham; Teresa Keahon, Gorham; Jackie Leeper, Gorham; Karen Carlson, Gorham; and Nancy Burnham, Standish.



Members of the Board of the Gorham Arts Alliance met recently with the Maine Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa to share their organization's mission and purpose. L-R: DaraLynn McColl, marketing; Cathy Beety, treasurer; and Amy Valentine, president/executive director.

OF INTEREST

Stephanie Morin (GHS '07) will be showcased in Huntington University's theater and music department's presentation of 'Tis the Season, to be shown December 2 and 3. Morin is a sophomore Public Relations major at Huntington University.

Caitlyn Allen, Jennine Cannizzo, Meghan Caruso, Miles Obrey and Quincy Owens

were finalists in the musical theater singing competition sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing Maine Chapter. They competed with ninety five other singers from across the state on November 19 at Bates College. They are students of Paul Stickney.

Once again the Bookworm in Gorham will ask its customers this holiday season to donate \$2 towards the purchase a new book

that will be gift-wrapped and included in Christmas food baskets prepared for local families in need. For over 13 years, the Bookworm has been able to donate more than 100 books each year, due to the generosity of its customers.

The Lakes Region Senior Center (LRSC) in Gorham (old Little Falls School off Rt. 202), will host a discussion "Financial Scams –

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Lonnie Houghton, who heads up the volunteer organization Gorham Heating Assistance Program (GHAP), came to the rescue of Gorham resident, Donna Green, who had a fallen tree in her backyard and a need for cheap firewood. The team pictured above from left to right included Houghton, Green's grandson Joseph Frisette, volunteers Phil Arena, Kattia Lomando, Karen DiDonato, and Scott Owens. The team spent two hours with a wood splitter and piled two cord of valuable firewood that Green will be able to use next winter. The volunteer program collects unwanted firewood from homeowners in Gorham and delivers it to Gorham residents who may have an urgent need. He's asking people who have wood to donate to call or email him. "I see some great firewood sitting beside the roads throughout Gorham that should be processed before it rots," says Houghton. If you'd like to contribute or get involved in this worthy cause, please contact Lonnie Houghton at 839-5702 or email him at lhought1@maine.rr.com.

Don't be fooled," on Monday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Regional Manager Jody Hamilton and Gorham Saving's Bank Security Officer Kate Carney will be guest speakers. Refreshments will be served. The LRSC is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Drop in anytime.

There will be a meeting of the Gorham Garden Club on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church on School Street in Gorham. Mary Morin will lead a "boxwood tree" workshop. \$10 fee. FMI, 839-3878 or lfrinsko@maine.rr.com.

Jodi Polchies of Gorham has joined the Gorham Fire Department to head up the Car Safety Seat Check held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1-5 p.m. A special car seat check will be available on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Central Station. FMI, 839-6762.

An Evening of Story and Song at the Galilee Baptist Church. Main St., Gorham on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. FMI, 839-6985 or www.galileebc.org

An "All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, off Rt. 237 in Gorham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

Celebrate the holiday season at the Gorham Tree Lighting and Parade on Sunday, November 27. Volunteers will collect non-perishable food items for Gorham Food Pantry during the light parade along Main Street. Parade at 4 p.m. Tree lighting after the parade at about 4:30 p.m.

USM NOTES

USM'S Annual Juried Student Exhibition will be on display at the Art Gallery in Gorham through Friday, Dec. 9. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008 or www.usm.maine.edu/gallery

The USM School of Music's Opera Workshop, will perform a variety of well-known pieces from favorite operas on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6/\$3. Tickets sold at door. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble perform an evening of jazz and big band music on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM Chamber Singers will perform a variety of seasonal music on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High St., Portland. \$9 suggested donation. FMI, 780-5555.

Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD will present at a luncheon at St. Anne's on Main Street on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. and at the Lake's Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn Street, on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a monthly meeting at the Gorham Municipal Building on Friday, Dec. 9 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

The Southern Maine Children's Chorus will perform on Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Donations accepted at the door.

Gorham Clothes Closet will open on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Closet will be open the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Open to any Gorham resident in need of clothing. FMI, Rhonda at 632-4036.

USM's Student Affiliates of School Psychology will hold the First Annual MaineSASP Holiday Book Drive through Dec. 18. New or gently used books for children will be accepted to donate to local classrooms and families in need this holiday season. Monetary donations also appreciated. FMI, courtney.l.bartlett@maine.edu or 1-518-522-0362.

North Gorham Library will hold a Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library building at the corner of Standish Neck and North Gorham Roads. The Women's Guild of the North Gorham UCC Church will have a table of "unique edibles" and a selection of white elephant items at the sale as well.

HOLIDAY FAIRS



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Phyllis Harmon turned 95 years old on October 10. She celebrated with family and friends at a birthday party held at the home of her grandson, James Dyer.

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CLOSE TO HOME

Erica Brown's Bluegrass Connection will perform on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saco River Grange in Bar Mills. \$14/\$12/under 12 free. Families \$30. FMI, 929-6472.

The Fanfare Community Band led by John Hyman, will perform a concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Road, Buxton. Admission price is a gift suitable for the elderly - stationery and stamps, lap blanket, cologne, warm scarf, gloves, etc. FMI, 727-4933.

The Buxton Garden Club's Tree Festival will be held at the Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Road, Buxton, Dec. 5-10 from 1 - 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted to help the elderly this winter with heating bills. Special events: A \$5 luncheon at noon on Dec. 6; Decorating cupcakes with Mrs. Claus at 10 a.m. on Dec. 7; Floral Designer at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8; Christmas Tea at noon on Dec. 10. FMI, buxtongc@yahoo.com or 929-8283.

Performances of "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" will be held at the Schoolhouse Arts Center from December 8 - 17. This play is considered PG-13 and

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Gray Road caller reported an intoxicated male who was driving up and down the road on his lawnmower.

White Rock Drive caller reported they had a black goat on their back porch and they requested it be removed.

Longview Drive caller wanted to talk to an officer regarding someone destroying a fountain and a rock wall.

Two callers from Patio Park Lane reported their vehicles had been broken into during the night.

School Street caller reported a male subject out writing on the side of the building with a black magic marker.

Morrill Avenue caller reported that they needed an officer to get a statement from their daughter.

Davis Annex caller was complaining about their neighbor driving an ATV on their own property. Caller reported there is an ordinance in Gorham that prohibits that.

Gray Road caller reported that their elderly neighbor was confronted by a male subject who was trying to get her to allow him to pave her driveway.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported that their 15 year old was abusive and becoming violent.

Brackett Road caller reported a coyote or a wolf in the roadway heading towards the horse farm.

Burnham Road caller reported an incident of road rage with someone who then parked across the street from their residence.

Elizabeth Street caller reported that their neighbor's boyfriend was trying to kick the door in.

Caller reported an obscene message on a real estate sign.

Lawn Avenue man was arrested for OUI.

Gray Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Callers from Sebago Lake Road, Wescott Road and Shaw's Mill Road reported their homes had been burgled.

Jackie's Way caller reported receiving mail from a law firm asking for sensitive and personal information and wanted to make sure it wasn't a scam before responding.

Brookdale Drive caller reported that a stalker was in their backyard.

South Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding items that turned up missing after their teenager had friends over to the residence.

Caller reported that there was a lot of bass music coming from the club on School Street.

Dingley Springs Road caller requested to speak with the Animal Control Officer regarding a cat that was being treated for a bite of unknown origin.

Mosher Road caller reported they had a rabid raccoon in their yard.

Finn Parker Road caller reported two dogs in their yard and that the dogs had killed one of their chickens.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

- 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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

- Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church, Rt. 25, 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12. FMI, 839-4208.
- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., White Rock Community Club, off Rt. 237 in Gorham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

- Young Life Club, for all high school students, 7 p.m., PTA Building/Old Robie School. FMI, younglifegorham@gmail.com or 839-7857.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

- 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.
- Gorham Business Exchange Holiday Reception, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Moody's Collision Centers, 200 Narragansett Street. FMI, 892-5515.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

- Gorham Food Pantry open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

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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