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## Rash of Burglaries Hit Area, Arrests Have Been Made

Sheri Faber

A Hackmatack Way resident reported a burglary in progress at their home on Nov. 10. Three suspects fled the scene in a vehicle while officers were en route to the scene. Officers located the vehicle on Route 114 and arrested Zachary Farris, 21 and Cassandra Farris, 19, both of Portland. They were charged with Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mischief.

The third suspect, later identified as Nicholas Young of Portland, fled on foot and was believed to be in the USM vicinity. USM Police immediately locked down the USM Child Care facility. Young who was at USM, borrowed a cell phone to call someone in Scarborough to pick him up. He was then located by Detec-

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## GHS Girls Soccer Captures Fifth-Straight Western Maine Title



Photo credit Bruce MacLeod

The GHS Girls Soccer Team captured its fifth-straight Western Maine title defeating Marshwood, 2-1, in overtime Nov. 5 at GHS but went on to lose the state title to Waterville on Nov. 8. Pictured above after winning the 2008 Western Maine title, front row (l to r): Taylor Sullivan, Ashley Martin, Caitlin Caldwell, Rachele Burns, Molly Folan, Aimee St. Germain and Nicole Belhumeur (all seniors). Second row: Lauren Chouinard, Abbie Adkison, Liz LaMontagne, Ally Lurvey, Sierra Peters, Kiersten Turner, Shelby Guimond, Annie Mitchell, Sam Peters and Kristi Zarrilli. Back row: Head Coach Jeanne Zarrilli, Assistant Coach Stacy LeBlanc, Assistant Coach Steve Martin, Letitia Locke, Marissa Owens, Sarah Perkins, Audrey Adkison, Kristan Bowie, Kelly Donaldson, Lindsay Wilson, Kylie Perrin and Team Manager Mackenzie Smith. Look for further coverage in the next *Gorham Times*.

## Gorham Community Access Television Wins Three Awards

Gorham Times Staff

Gorham Community Access Television (GOCAT TV-2) placed in three categories for video entries for the Fall Festival of the Alliance for Community Media - Northeast. The organization represents community access outlets throughout New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine.

This is a great achievement for GOCAT. The most recent honor was Oct. 2006 for Jamie Kennedy's (GHS '07) "Behind the Scenes: GHS Footloose." Jamie Kennedy, now a second year student at Emerson College, along with Georgia Humphrey, Station Manager for GOCAT, placed first in their respective categories for the 2008 Festival.

Kennedy's work "Retinal Delights" won first place in the Arts & Theater category. Georgia Humphrey's Public

Service Announcement for Gorham Adult Ed also placed first. Ivonne Vazquez, whose original production "VOICE" is in its second season on GOCAT placed third in the Community Impact: Making a Difference category for her show on Winterization.

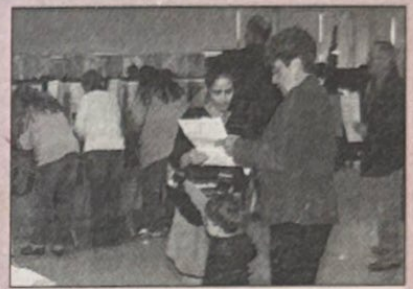
The festival and awards ceremony will take place on Nov. 15 in Methuen, Mass., at the Alliance for Community Media-Northeast Fall Festival.

Gorham Community Access Television (GOCAT) is a technology resource center open to all Gorham residents free of charge for any variety of services, including assistance with understanding computers, software applications, camera operation for personal or community production projects. To schedule a tour or discuss a project, please contact Georgia Humphrey 207 222-1641 or visit [www.GOCAT.org](http://www.GOCAT.org).

## Election Recap: Strong Showing At the Polls

Sue Dunn

The political ads, signs and debates are now a thing of the past and the Nov. 4 election will remain forever in the history books. With a record number of people getting out to cast their ballots, the voter turnout totaled 70% for Gorham.



**United States Senator:**  
Susan M. Collins  
**Rep. to Congress District 1:**  
Chellie Pingree

Votes include entire county numbers

**Register of Probate:**  
John B. O'Brien 82,341  
Teri E. McRae 53,199

**County Commissioner:**  
Richard J. Feenev 23,263  
Nancy L. Larsen 26,783

**Gorham only**  
**Ref. Question 1** 5,813 yes  
2,908 no

**Ref. Question 2** 4,419 yes  
4,354 no

**Ref. Question 3** 4,413 yes  
4,089 no

**State Senate District 6 (this count includes all towns voting on this race)**

Philip L. Bartlett, II 12,145  
Philip A. Csoros 9,022

**House Seat 129:**  
Jane S. Knapp 2,858  
Daniel J. LeVasseur, II 2,523

**House Seat 130:**  
Linda F. Sanborn 1,600  
Norman E. Justice 1,502

**Town Council:**  
Michael J. Phinney 4,506  
Noah F. Minor 3,142  
Jody L. Thomas 3,127  
Matthew L. Mattingly 2,659

**School Board:**  
Katherine A. Garrard 4,773  
Dennis C. Libby 4,557  
Polly C. Shields 4,102  
William T. Benzing 2,697

## Bypass Roundabouts Subject of Council Workshop

Bill Ambrose

At a Town Council Workshop on Oct. 30, the Council discussed the adequacy of the roundabouts constructed in three locations along the nearly complete Gorham Bypass. Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) engineers Jim Ferguson and Atlee Mousseau described the process in which the MDOT designs intersections and roundabouts for new roadways.

The roundabout on Narragansett Street was the focus of most of the discussion. Councilors questioned the engineers about the size and configuration of that intersection, particularly with regard to large trucks experiencing difficulties in navigating around the circle. Mousseau detailed the methodology used to determine present and future traffic patterns and volume. He assured the Council members that his agency would carefully monitor the situation,

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Photo credit Bruce Webb

## The Gorham Times Goes to France

Bruce and Linda Webb recently made an extensive trip to France. They are pictured on the Canal du Midi, with a copy of the *Gorham Times*.

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# letters to the Times

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

**Dear Gorham Times,**

Recently my wife and I took a walk in the woods, as we used to do on a regular basis, just to clear our minds, take in the smells of the earth and forest and just be alone from the hustle and bustle of our lives. We used to take a lot of walks but she became ill two years ago so the walks are few and far between, more difficult and less enjoyable. But, when she can muster the energy I am ready to go.

We entered the woods and crossed a few rain formed streams, and proceeded down the trail. As we were walking we felt that familiar feeling of being alone, quiet and at peace. As we walked we began to see blue and red paint stripes on the tree's, toppled pines and torn up makeshift roadways. To the east as we noticed a huge open space about 300 yards ahead of us. Confused, we walked toward the opening and what we approached I can only describe as a war zone. We both stood at the edge of what I would call a massive hole, torn up landscapes, and man made ponds for drainage green in color, not pure and fresh. The smell of machinery oil filled the air and massive tire tracks and blasting zones covered what we used to be meadows and fresh landscape populated by big, old pines, oak tree's and garnished with new tree growth and ground cover furnishing the wild life with cover and food. We walked these woods 100 times and this hike brought both of us to tears.

I had forgotten that the town planning board and council had approved the Shaw Brothers plans for the quarry and asphalt plant, the multiple letters I had written and meetings I attended on behalf of my family and many other people against this project. I had forgotten because I was taking care of my dying mother who passed away last March and my wife who still battles cancer today. I stood on the edge of this disaster and thought of the many times I had walked this trail with my five children and wife, the times we sat on that ridge and watched deer walking un tested in the meadows and pheasant crashing out of the under growth as we walked through that pristine forest. I had forgotten.

Tears rolled down my face as I looked over this carnage, not because a business was trying to make a future for their family and employees, but because what was once in our hands and carefully sculpted into the landscape and protected has now become the eye sore and potentially harmful reality of our society today. With a swing of a gavel and a signed document everything changes, nothing stays the same and we as people

often stand by and fight until we have no fight left and the battles are often not won but wrenched into the gallows of a political system that is so broken not just in the town of Gorham, everywhere.

We took a walk to find peace and to ease my loved ones pain; we took a walk and were reminded of the ugly reality of today's world. Nothing stops progress even if that progress takes lives and destroys the very fiber of our being and devastates the human and natural evolution. Today's governing bodies making life changing decisions in a vacuum owe our children an apology, an out reached hand begging for forgiveness.

We set out to walk on a path that held 15 years of memories; we ended up on path that no longer exists. *Ironic????*

**Dave Babino**

**Dear Gorham Times,**

Thank you so much for publishing the recent item about Nettie's graduation as a guide dog for Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize and thank the Edgewood Animal Clinic in Gorham for generously donating their services to provide veterinary care for Nettie and several other GEB puppies in training in recent years. Their commitment and generosity helps Guiding Eyes in its mission to provide guide dogs free of charge.

In addition, I would like to thank all the Gorham businesses—especially the Gorham Grind, Baxter Memorial Library, and the post office—that allowed Nettie to enter their establishments for training purposes. Such socialization experiences are integral to the training and exposure to everyday life situations that these puppies need in order to give them the confidence to become guide dogs.

If you are interested in becoming a puppy raiser or learning more about Guiding Eyes, please feel free to contact me at 222-2187 or regional coordinator Nina Scribner at 846-4637.

**Sincerely,  
Angie Muhs-Sharp**

**Dear Gorham Times,**

The lawn signs are mostly gone, the bumper stickers are fading, and the robo-calls have finally, mercifully, stopped. Election '08 is over, and we celebrate a new president who will work to heal a damaged nation. My faith in the human spirit has been renewed: voters said "no!" to ugly, negative politics—both nationally and locally. I hope we take this as a sign that we all need to work together to make this a better town, a better nation, and a better world.

**Cathryn Falwell**

## quick clicks



**HOT OFF THE PRESS**  
Ron Nickerson of Gorham (GHS '61) is one of the first to grab the new issue of the *Gorham Times*. When asked if he has lived in Gorham all his life he replied, "not yet." He reads the *Times* for the local news and especially the Police Blotter!

## Around Town

**Jotul North America located in Gorham** earned first place in the small to medium sized company (fewer than 250 employees) category in the Best Place to Work in Maine 2008. The assessment was administered by the Best Companies Group in June to all registered companies in Maine. The results of the survey incorporate a company's employee benefits and policies as well as responses from the company's employees.

**Thatcher's restaurant is planning to open** in Gorham adjacent to the Tree House Cafe.

**Dog licenses for 2009 are now available.** Dogs must be licensed at six months of age and licenses expire every year on December 31. The cost for a dog that is spayed or neutered is \$6 and for a dog that is not spayed or neutered is \$11. Please license your dog early to avoid paying a late fee. There is a 30-day grace period to renew a dog license, after that there is a late fee of \$15 which increases to \$25 on April 1. A current Maine Rabies Certificate and a Certificate of Neutering, if the dog has been neutered or spayed, are required. You can now license your dog online. Please visit the town website and click on the green button at the bottom of the home page that says "online dog licensing."

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# Tinsel Bright Just In Time for the Holidays

Sherrie Benner Fontaine

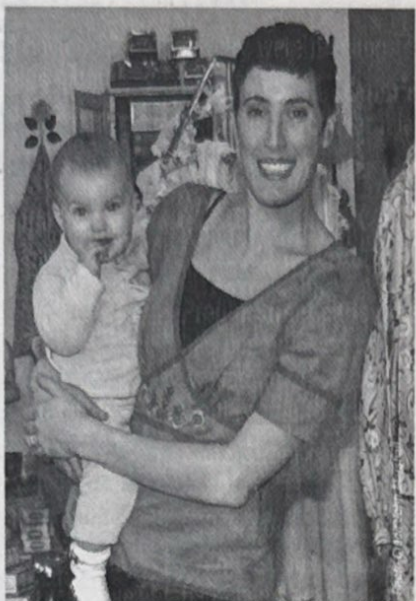
You may have noticed the newly painted black trim with the blue accents on the building located at Main and School Streets in the center of town. Built in the 1880's, the building originally housed F.W. Harding Dry and Fancy Goods, Boots and Shoes and later Burrell's Store. Older residents of Gorham may remember the latter store's long glass case of penny candy and the ornate tin ceilings.

The building now houses "Tinsel Bright", which opened Nov. 1, and continues the tradition of "Fancy Goods" as the F.W. Harding shop did. The tin ceilings remain, as does a glass counter top filled with perfumes and cosmetics from Paris; their colorful packaging and fragrant aromas are sweet for all senses rather than just the sweet tooth of yesterday. A few minutes into this specialty shop and you will see what makes it special.

Large gold lobsters atop "Tinsel Bright" blue Adirondack chairs, adorned with reproduction vintage State of Maine pillows invite you to enter. Once inside you will find turn-of-the-century sinks filled with soaps from Sweden, Portugal and France, and artfully arranged displays of such products as women's clothing from Australia, jewelry, cards, books and candles.

Co-owners Jessica Esty and Muriel Davenport prefer to think of their boutique as a whimsical if not magical place to shop. The inventory will delight and pamper by providing quality goods that are well constructed, all natural, eco-friendly, representing "fair-trade" and above all else fun. Mrs. Meyers Co. cleaning products, along with finely milled soaps and fragrances gently manufactured in the European Tradition are each noted to be "Not Tested on Animals." Tinsel Bright did not forget the family pet, offering a line of collars and all natural and wholesome pet foods and treats.

The children's room is bright, cheerful and filled with several lines of children's clothing, baby products such as



Tinsel Bright co-owner Jessica Esty (with baby Mabel) stands in front of the unique and unusual array of specialty products featured in the new shop.

Loved baby Nursing Shawls used by celebrity moms and Creme Douce skin products specially PH balanced for babies, books, toys and adorable stuffed animals from Steif.

Just in time for the holidays, Tinsel Bright is offering a Gift Wish List Registry. Customers may fill out a wish list and note important dates such as birthdays and anniversaries. Throughout the holiday season, the store will be open for special "Gentlemen Only" evenings whereby each customer will receive individual attention in helping to pick from a loved ones' gift list. Free gift wrapping will make holiday shopping a snap at Tinsel Bright.

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## Baxter Library and Museum Roots Revisited

Mary Collins

Gorham resident David Fogg, has just written and published a book titled Gorham's Greatest Gifts—A Retrospective: Baxter Memorial Library and Baxter Museum 1908 - 2008. This work is a compilation of pictures and stories to commemorate the library's centennial and to raise money for the Baxter Memorial Library Centennial Endowment Fund established by the Trustees and the Town Council. There are reference copies of the book at the library, as well as copies for sale which can be signed and personalized by David Fogg upon request.

The following are a few interesting facts from the book. In 1908 James Phinney Baxter donated land and \$40,000 - \$50,000 to build a library, along with the family homestead for a museum. The new building was dedicated on Sept. 23, 1908. To quote from the work: "There were a large number of voters of the town present, as well as about 50 ladies of the village, nearly filling the seating capacity of the (town) hall." Classes were cancelled so that the high school and normal school students could attend.

Trustees and Library Association members donated 6000 volumes for the new library. The library was open from 2:00 - 5:00 and 7:00 - 8:30, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The librarian received \$29.27 monthly.

Fast forward to 2008. There are now over 7,000 active patrons, more than

the total of books at the opening of the Library. Print materials now exceed 30,000, with another 700 audio books.

Annual circulation is over 100,000, including over 20,000 interlibrary loan transactions. The library is open six days a week, at least part-time, and three evenings. In addition to several paid staff, approximately 100 volunteers help on a somewhat regular basis. The annual operating budget is approximately \$428,700.

Despite the generous support that the town provides through funding, volunteering and patronage, this library, like so many across the country, is in trouble. A recent research study of public libraries supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation concluded that while library visitations are up, funding is down. The last Town budget reduced the library's allocation by over \$30,000 - resulting in one staff member being laid off and a reduction in hours of service, yet the cost of books and personnel keep going up. According to the School Library Journal, the average cost of adult fiction hardcover books has risen from \$21.40 to \$27.37 over the past ten years, an increase of more than 20%; a similar increase occurred over the previous ten year period.

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## Grand Jury Indictments



The October Grand Jury returned indictments on charges brought by the Gorham PD and other PD's as noted.

- Noelle Cellupica, 21, of Portland was indicted for aggravated Criminal Mischief.
- John Fontaine, 32, of Gorham was indicted for Aggravated Forgery.
- Kurt Gagnon, 28, of South Portland was indicted for Aggravated Furnishing Scheduled W Drug to a child under 18.
- Misty Ivey, 20, of South Portland was indicted for Theft.
- Ted Libby, 23, of Gorham was indicted for Possession of Oxycodone and Violating Conditions of Release by Westbrook PD.
- Christopher Nutter, 23, of South Portland was indicted for being a Habitual Offender and Violating Conditions of Release by the USM PD.
- Amanda Payne, 26, of Gorham was indicted for Robbery by the Portland PD.

- Nicole Ray, 23, of Portland was indicted for Theft and Forgery.
- Gregory Waterman, 22, of Gorham was indicted for Theft.
- David Fournier, 47, of Cumberland was indicted for Theft by Deception.
- Phillip Hudson, 39, of Casco was indicted for Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mischief.
- Corey Sabatino, 26, of Arundel was indicted for Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mischief.
- Derek Tarbox, 25, of Standish was indicted for Eluding, Operating after Suspension and Assault.
- Troy Woodman, 26, of Gorham was indicted for being an Habitual Offender and Failure to Give Correct name by the Portland PD.

than books: delivery to home-bound patrons, after school/early release programs for teens, interlibrary loan services, book reading groups and writing contests for all ages, to name a few. Subsequent columns will inform you about some of these programs. Join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and help us support the library. FMI go to the library website [www.baxterlibrary.org/friends](http://www.baxterlibrary.org/friends).

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## CAR CARE

### Repair or Replace?

Doug Carter



Fall is here and with it came the fall of the stock market. In this slow economy, everyone is looking to stretch every cent they have. One of the best places to conserve is with family cars. Maybe you can make do with just one car, or at least one less car.

An important question is whether a car is worth repairing or should it be replaced. This is a very difficult question because there are so many variables contributing to the answer. Consider a gas guzzling car, a likely candidate to replace in theory, but there are many things to consider. How many miles do you drive in a year? If it's a second car and you can reduce the use of the car it may be cheaper to keep it. Environmentally speaking, the raw materials and the pollution generated in producing a new hybrid vehicle may outweigh the limited gas you'll burn in a second car.

Other questions to consider are the age of the car, how many miles it has, make and model of the car and what repairs are needed to keep it safe and reliable. After all those items are considered, personal finances have to be looked at as well.

Each situation is different, but most cars built in the 1990s and newer can usually be driven 150,000 miles with an average life expectancy of 14 years. Obviously some cars are better than others.

Generally speaking, anything can be repaired as long as the parts are available. Recently a 1995 Nissan 300ZX was in the shop with an air bag light. When we called the dealer for the price and availability of the part, we found that it was no longer produced by Nissan and that there were no more available in the US. Manufacturers only have to supply parts for 10 years, after that, customers must rely on existing inventories and "aftermarket" companies to supply the parts. In Maine, the air bag has to be function-

ing to pass the State Inspection. It's a catch 22.


The biggest problem with Maine cars is rust. At some point rust on the uni-body construction can get so bad that costs to repair it correctly and safely outweigh the value of the vehicle. It's not just body rust, fuel lines and brake lines can also rust to the point of leaking, causing dangerous conditions. If a rusted brake line fails on a hard panic stop, two other wheels with brakes will be working, but the stopping distance will almost double in length. Fuel fill pipes also rust and any fuel leak, whether its vapor or liquid, is dangerous.

About five years ago Maine started using calcium chloride on the roads instead of sodium chloride. The calcium does a better job at keeping ice off the road but it is very corrosive. According to a report by local news channels, the State claims the manufacturers are using inferior products and that is what's causing the increase in rusted, leaking brake lines. Whatever the cause, I know I have seen an increase in brake line failures.

*So do I keep or do I sell my aging car? I believe that keeping a car you already own is usually less expensive. There are many costs associated with a new car, such as registration and insurance. The trick is when a car is paid off, continue to make payments to a bank account so when the car needs to be repaired the money will be there. This takes discipline, but it's worth trying. If all else fails you can always rely on the heel toe express, the cheapest and most reliable transportation.*

*Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in business for 12 years. Carter lives in Gorham with his wife Holly and two daughters, Jamie and Lauren. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.*

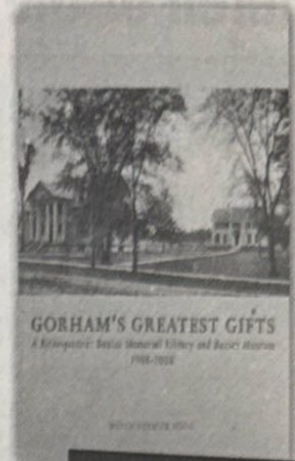
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*Gorham's Greatest Gifts* provides an understanding of the magnitude of what the Baxter's gave to the town of Gorham, City of Portland and State of Maine. The author, David Fogg, discusses the three generations of Baxter men and their families—complete with photos and stories. Each generation has its own chapter, and photos throughout the book delineate the place of the Baxter Family in Gorham. Many townspeople are featured including pictures of both past and present Librarians, Trustees and the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library as well as pictures of the 2003 addition to the library.



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Readers will find to their delight that this is the first complete history of the Baxter Memorial Library and the Museum and it features the many treasures found in these century-old-buildings. The book also presents the Baxter Family Tree in an understandable way.

This book would not have been possible without the help of Gerry Day and Dede Perkins, and an intensive year of research by the author, David Fogg. The publication was made possible by the author and all proceeds will go to benefit the Baxter Centennial Fund.

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## Children of the Holocaust



Members of the GHS cast include (l to r) Aaron Bartlett as Pappy, Hannah Lilly as Mutti, Ian Hawkes as Heinz and Alyssa Rojecki as Eva Geiringer-Schloss. Inset: Chrissy Albanese as Anne Frank.

Eileen Avery

James Still's captivating multimedia production "And Then They Came for Me, Remembering the World of Anne Frank" is currently being presented by the GHS drama department. The production explores the dark reality of hidden children during the Holocaust. This unique theatrical experience includes videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors Eva Schloss and Ed Silverberg mixed into the production creating a venue of part oral history, part dramatic action, part direct address and part remembrance. The ensemble-driven production is a story that touches the heart

and reaffirms the resilience of human spirit in spite of the horrific events that occurred during World War II. The show will be performed on Nov. 14 and 15, 7:30 p.m. at MPAC. Tickets are \$6 for General Admission and \$4 for students and will be available at the door. "And Then They Came for Me" features seniors Chrissy Albanese and Hannah Lilly. Junior cast members include Jason Badeau, Aaron Bartlett, Molly Lortie and Alyssa Rojecki. Rounding out the cast is sophomore, Ian Hawkes, and freshman, Nathaniel Dombek.

## GHS Talent Show



Sophomores (l to r) Jonas Rimkunas, Mitchell Perrin, Ian Hawkes and Andrew Ernest performed in a barbershop quartet as the GHS Chamber Singers opened their 2008-09 season with an all-school talent show on Oct. 15. A good crowd was on hand to enjoy a wide variety of acts. The Singers began the evening with a rendition of "Operator" featuring senior Christina Albanese. Other featured soloists included Jonas Rimkunas, Elizabeth Rockett, Jennifer Kennedy and staff member Jonathan Werner.

## Celebrating 40 Years Leslie Dupuis

The Gorham Cooperative Preschool is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The school was founded in 1968 by a group of parents who shared an interest in a quality preschool experience for their children. One founding parent, Betty Lou Banks, explained that Gorham had no other preschools at the time. According to Betty Lou, "two major goals were to start a school that involved parents in the daily planning process as well as a hands-on involvement with the parents, children and the teacher. I am very happy to know that the school is still based on these principles and proud to have been one of the five mothers who addressed a big need in Gorham in the late 1960's." When it began, the Coop had one teacher and one alternating parent in the classroom. It has grown from one class of approximately 12 children to four classes of 12 children. The school is enjoying its first full year in a dedicated space located in the "little white school house" adjacent to Robie Park and the Municipal Center—a central location that the teachers and families are very enthusiastic about.

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### What is your preschool schedule?

We currently have morning and afternoon sessions of both 2-day and 3-day classes. Our three- and four-year-olds meet on Tuesday / Thursday while our four- and five-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Each class is 2 1/2 hours long. We continue to reevaluate our enrollment needs on a yearly basis.

### How long is your waiting list?

We encourage families to begin the preschool process a year in advance to guarantee placement in their program of choice. We have advance registration in October for current Coop families and open enrollment in November. This enrollment period is for the next school year starting in September. Our wait list usually begins about two weeks after our open enrollment and continues throughout the year.

### What is your curriculum like?

At Gorham Cooperative Preschool, we believe it is our responsibility to provide multifaceted opportunities for preschoolers to explore, experiment and grow in a safe, nurturing and age appropriate arena. Our play-based program is committed to:

- Helping children develop and maintain a positive self-image.
- Providing an environment where children can be active learners, make decisions, accept responsibility for their actions and understand limits.
- Providing an environment fostering trust, communication and responsibility.
- Encouraging children to problem solve—both individually and as a group.
- Providing a stimulating environment that helps children develop a love of learning.
- Aiding children in successfully communicating their thoughts, feelings and ideas through language, art, music and dance.

### What is your teacher/student ratio?

We have a 1:4 teacher/student ratio in our classes.

### What are the goals of the preschool?

Our goal is to make each child's



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

first school experience a loving, nurturing and positive one. We strive to foster a love for learning, creativity and exploration and to ensure that each student has the ability to solve problems for themselves, ask for help when they need it and enter kindergarten with confidence.

### What roles do the parents play in the preschool process?

Parents are the first and ultimately the best and most influential teachers. All of our parents volunteer on committees and as Parent Helpers in the classroom. With such a deep classroom involvement, parents are able to develop strong relationships with the other families that carry with them throughout their lives. Participating in the learning process is a big part of what the Coop has to offer.

### What do you see as the main benefits of sending a child to preschool?

We feel the biggest benefit of sending a child to preschool is providing each child an opportunity for social and emotional growth which will help individual growth. Students learn to separate from mom and dad, follow a routine and directions, as well as develop the confidence to solve problems on their own and with their peers.

### What do you think are the strengths of your preschool?

The biggest strength of our preschool is parent involvement. The students love to have their parents volunteer in the classroom, attend field trips and be so involved in the day to day running of the preschool. We have been blessed with years of talented, generous and dedicated parents who have helped our school continually grow. Along with a wonderful group of parents, our teachers are dedicated, caring, and believe in the philosophy of a Cooperative school.

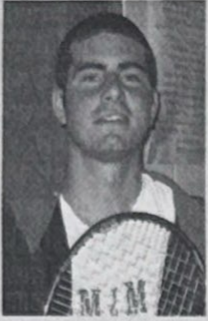
# sports

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## in the Zone

**GHS junior RACHEL WILKINSON** finished in fourth place in the Class A girls cross country state meet Nov 1 in Belfast. The finish qualified her to run in the New England championships in Manchester, NH.

**AARON BERGERON (GHS '08)** participated in the 2008 USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships Oct. 31 - Nov 2 in Alabama. Bergeron competed with a team of players ages 14-18 from southern Maine. In the tournament, Bergeron won his only singles match and participated in three doubles matches.



**The GYSA U13 BOYS SOCCER TEAM** made it all the way to the state final four before losing Nov. 1 to Cumberland, 3-2, on penalty kicks. The team fought back from 2-0 deficit to tie the game and take the game into overtime before the penalty-kick round. Cumberland then went on to win the state title over Scarborough.

**Cheverus High School senior football player NATHANIEL LAWSON** was named to the SMAA All-Academic Team. The award is given to senior student athletes with a career GPA of 3.2 or higher through six semesters.

**University of Maine at Farmington sophomore midfielder EMMA DEANS (GHS '07)** was selected to the field hockey All-Conference team by the North Atlantic Conference.

## GHS Fall Sports Wrap-Up Jeff Pike

### GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

**Regular Season:** 10-6

**Postseason:** Finished 5th in Western Maine Class A Regional and 7th in the Class A State meet.

**Graduating Seniors:** Sarah McCullough, Maria Dolloff, Annie King, Mia McGill, Jennifer Moutinho, Julia Parmakian, Siobhan Bolinger and Lauren Cunningham.

**Noted Accomplishments:** Junior Rachel Wilkinson finished 4th in Class A State meet to qualify for the New Englands. Senior Sarah McCullough finished 32nd at the State meet. Junior Kelsey Rex finished 44th at the State meet.

**Coaches Comments:** "We have now made the State meet two straight years, which is a big accomplishment," said head coach Kurt Schwanda. "The girls had a great season, and looking ahead to next year, we lose one senior from our top seven. We are also expecting to pick-up some good runners from the eighth grade and other sports. I think we will be even better next year, and we should perform better at the regional and State meets."

### FIELD HOCKEY

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

**Postseason:** Defeated Thornton Academy, 3-0 in the quarterfinals; lost to eventual Western Maine champion Scarborough, 1-0, in the semifinals.

**Graduating Seniors:** Kristin Hamilton, Shannon O'Brien, Leigha Kerwin, Hillary Randall, Allie Speed, Ellen Footer, Melanie Hallsworth, Aimee Burgos, Rochelle Michaud, Jess Holmes, Crystal Doyle and Kelsey Pelynio.

**Noted Accomplishments:** The team scored 53 goals while allowing only 10 and earning 9 shut-outs. The team's high scorers were Hannah Prince with 13 goals; Melanie Hallsworth (11), Kat Whitehead (9), Ellen Footer (7) and Kayleigh Ballantyne (7).

**Coaches Comments:** "We'll have a strong base of returning varsity players who were juniors this year and room to bring-up some talent from this year's strong JV squad," said head coach Amber Hatch. "It will be exciting to see what they make of themselves. They certainly have potential to be very successful but will be less experienced than our last couple of year's teams. We were successful against all of the teams that we should have been, and were neck-and-neck in games against the top two seeds. I think we came together as a team under pressure and never gave up in the tough losses. I am proud to be the coach of this team and program."

### BOYS SOCCER

**Regular Season Record:** 8-6, finished 9th in Western Maine Class A.

**Postseason:** Upset #8 seed Cheverus, 2-1, in the preliminary round; lost to eventual State Champion and top-seed Scarborough, 4-0, in the quarterfinals.

**Graduating Seniors:** David Warren, Brandon Patten, Mike Greatorex, Chris Esposito, Billy Sutherland and Luke VandeKrol.

**Key Accomplishments:** Junior Greg Gagne was voted first team All-SMAA; Junior Colin Lubelczyk was voted second team All-SMAA; Sophomore Seth Wing was an honorable mention selection.

**Coaches Comments:** "Our postseason victory over Cheverus was a real highlight of the season, as a complete team effort was needed to pull off the upset," said head coach Tim King. "Overall, the season was somewhat frustrating, as many winnable games resulted in losses. Inconsistent play and numerous interruptions prevented the team from fully reaching its potential. Eight starters return next season, so the expectation is to return to the

top of the league and compete for a regional or State title."

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**Regular Season Record:** 10-5

**Postseason:** Finished 7th in the Western Maine Regional and 14th in the Class A State meet.

**Graduating Seniors:** Rob Marean, Luke Seiferth, Joey Dalfonso, Kyle Vandette and Garrick Adolf.

**Noted Accomplishments:** The team qualified for the State meet while being down three key runners at the Regional. Sophomore Logan Marshall finished 13th at the

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## sportsEtcetera

**Burn-Off-The-Turkey Road Race Looking For Volunteers** - The Gorham Rec. Department is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Burn-Off-The-Turkey Road Race, scheduled for Nov. 29. The event raises money for the community, volunteers are needed at the finish line from 8:30-10:00 a.m. to help with time-recording, handing-out water, and keeping runners in line for recording. Help is also needed at the registration desks from 7:00-9:00 a.m. inside Shaw Gym. To volunteer, contact Cindy Hazelton at chazelton@gorham.me.us.

**New Stay Fit Program** - any Gorham High School student looking to improve their fitness and athleticism through proper warm-up, agility, core strength, balance, speed and quickness activities as well as proper nutrition are invited to attend sessions presented by GHS teacher Jason Tanguay. Sessions are now taking place daily at the Shaw Gym in the Gorham Municipal Center, Mondays through Fridays from 2:30 - 4:00p.m. Suggested donation is \$1 per session. Students may start attending at any time and may participate as often as they like. Session will run through the early spring. For more information, contact Jason Tanguay at jasant@gorhamschools.org or 222-1074.

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## GHS Sports Awards



At the GHS Fall Sports Awards, several athletes received SMAA All-Conference recognition. Pictured above from left to right, front row: Lauren Chouinard (Soccer), Hannah Prince (Field Hockey), Kayleigh Ballantyne (Field Hockey), Rachele Burns (Soccer), Lindsay Wilson (Soccer), Caitlin Caldwell (Soccer), Aimee St. Germain (Soccer) and Kristi Zarrilli (Soccer). Back row: Leigha Kerwin (Field Hockey), Logan Marshall (Cross Country), Seth Wing (Soccer), Rachel Wilkinson (Cross Country), Shannon O'Brien (Field Hockey), Colin Lubelczyk (Soccer) David Gushee (Golf), Greg Gagne (Soccer), Ian Ryan (Golf) and Tom Stirling (Golf). Football and Volleyball All-Conference selections had not been announced at press time.



GHS presented its Team Athletic Achievement Awards during a Nov 5 ceremony. Among the award winners and pictured above are from left to right, front row: Cheering: Coach's Award Sarah Day; Leadership Award—Chandra Wilson, Team Award—Kelsey Herrick; Girls Cross Country: MVP—Rachel Wilkinson, Leadership Award—Sarah McCullough, Most Dedicated—Kelsey Rex. Second row: Golf: Coach's Award—Justin Bolinger; Boys Cross-Country: Leadership Award—Luke Seiferth, MVP—Logan Marshall; Golf: MVP—David Gushee, Co-MVP Tom Stirling. Missing: Boys Cross Country: Leadership Award—Rob Marean.

## FALLS SPORTS WRAP FROM PAGE 7

Western Maine Regional and 23rd at the Class A State Meet.

**Coaches Comments:** "We had a lot of underclassmen that got great experience for next year," said head coach John Wilkinson. "We have a great outlook for next year and have some good talent coming up from the middle school. I think we'll have one of the top four teams."

### GOLF

**Regular Season Record:** 8-2  
**Postseason:** Qualified for and finished fourth in Class A State team tournament. Graduating Seniors: David Gushee, Ian Ryan, Noah MacVane, Justin Bolinger, Rob Ridge and Nick Gowen.

**Noted Accomplishments:** David Gushee tied for first in the State individual tournament; Tom Stirling earned the low score during the Western Maine Class A team tournament; Stirling and Ian Ryan tied for sixth in the State individual tournament.  
**Coaches Comments:** "We put our team in position to win the state championship but was just unable to get it done," said head coach Rocky Myers. "Next year we will be very inexperienced and will need to find new players to help maintain the high standards the graduating seniors have set."

### VOLLEYBALL

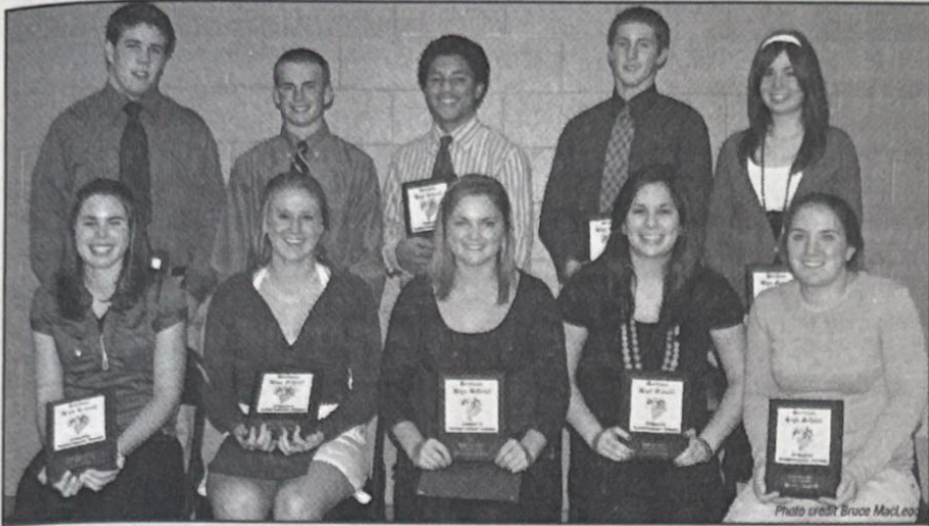
**Regular Season Record:** 8-6, finished 4th in Western Maine.

**Postseason Results:** Defeated Scarborough, 3-2, in the quarterfinals; lost to eventual state champion Greely, 3-0, in the semifinals.

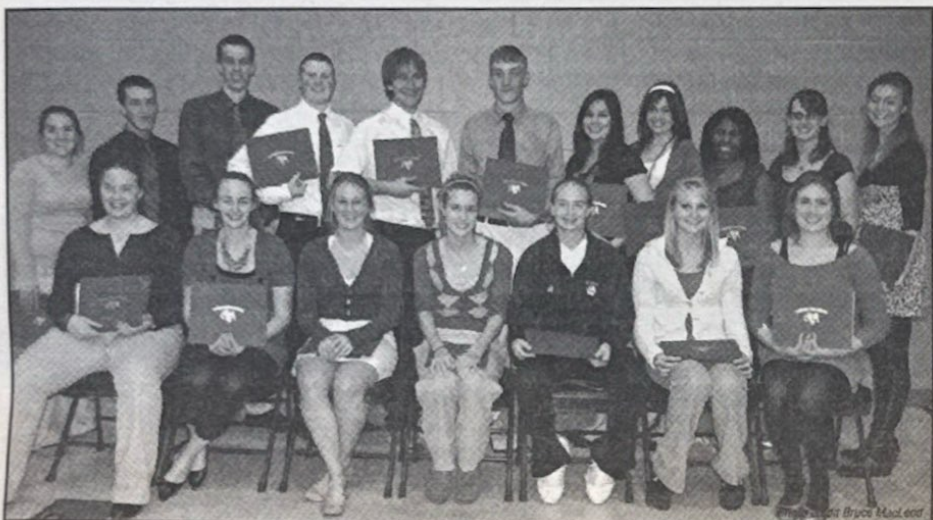
**Graduating Seniors:** Megan Bilodeau, Nellie Stirling, Sara Burnheimer, Rachel Fogarty, Chelsea Clark and Kelsey Crowe.

**Noted Accomplishments:** The team reached its peak performance in the final game of the year against Greely. Senior Sara Burnheimer was selected to represent the West in the 2008 Senior Showcase Volleyball match.

**Coach's Comments:** "Even though we did not come out on top, we set the tone for next year," said head coach Lisa Curley. "It was exciting to have so much fan support from the student athletes and the community — we loved the loud roar in our gymnasium. I am very excited about the athletes who will be returning next season. I love working with these student athletes and thoroughly enjoy sharing my love of the game with them. Volleyball continues to be a passion of mine and I



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At the GHS Fall Sports Awards, several seniors received SMAA All-Academic recognition for maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher through six semesters. Pictured above from left to right, front row: Siobhan Bollinger (Cross Country), Chelsea Clark (Volleyball), Leigha Kerwin (Field Hockey), Rochelle Michaud (Field Hockey), Ashley Martin (Soccer), Mariah Doloff (Cross Country) and Julia Parmakian (Cross Country). Back row: Rachel Fogarty (Volleyball), Luke Van de Krol (Soccer), Joesph Dalfonso (Cross Country), TJ Mathieu (football), Garrik Adolf (Cross Country), Justin Bolinger (Golf), Nellie Stirling (Volleyball), Sara Burnheimer (Volleyball), Thea Bass (Cheering), Megan Bilodeau (Volleyball) and Crystal Doyle (Field Hockey). Missing: Jennifer Moutinho (Cross Country), Kristen Hamilton (field hockey), William Sutherland (soccer).

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hope that I have inspired the players to be the best they can be in all walks of life."

uals but also as a team, we should be able to continue with the same success that we have enjoyed in the past."

### FOOTBALL

**Regular Season Record:** 4-4, finished 8th in Western Maine Class A.

**Postseason Results:** Lost in the first round to number-one seed Deering. Graduating Seniors: Frankie Didonato, Luke Merrifield, TJ Mathieu, Clayton Loubler, Doug Woods, Ben Moody, Derek Nelson, Mike Mathews, Tyler Hillman and Carson Walker.

**Key Accomplishments:** The team qualified for the playoffs for the fourth straight year in Class A and the eighth year in a row as a varsity program. TJ Mathieu was selected to the SMAA All-Academic team; other awards to be decided at the SMAA Football Coaches meeting Nov 17.

**Coach's Comments:** "Our success was due to the great work by our captains and the ability to have our players step up and play wherever we asked them to," said head coach Dave Kilborn. "They did this at a very high level. For next year, we lose some very good players, but with a year to work in the weight room and the ability to grow in that aspect, not only as individ-

### GIRLS SOCCER

**Regular Season Record:** 14-0, finished 1st in Western Maine Class A.

**Postseason Results:** Defeated Windham, 1-0, in the quarterfinals; defeated Greely, 4-1, in the semifinals; defeated Marshwood, 2-1 in OT in the Western Maine final; lost to Waterville, 5-1, in the Class A State Final.

**Graduating Seniors:** Rachele Burns, Molly Folan, Caitlin Caldwell, Aimee St. Germain, Nicole Belhumeur, Taylor Sullivan, Ashley Martin and Mackenzie Smith.

**Key Accomplishments:** The team won its fifth-straight Western Maine title and was the first team under head coach Jeanne Zarrilli at Gorham to finish the regular season undefeated and untied. The team also extended the program's unbeaten streak to 70 games before the loss to Waterville in the State final.

**Coach's Comments:** See future article in the *Gorham Times* covering the season.

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**BURGLARIES** FROM PAGE 1

tive Sears Edwards of the Gorham PD and his tracking dog, Young was charged with Refusing to Submit to Arrest and Failure to Provide correct name and date of birth as well as with Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mischief.

Each year during the pre-holiday months, residential burglaries increase. This year, the number is significantly higher with 12 burglaries in Gorham during October. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office reported more than 30 burglaries in a two-week period. Windham, Westbrook, Scarborough and the York County Sheriff's Office have all had numerous burglaries, with a total number well over 50.

Various municipalities met to discuss their cases; Detective Sears Edwards of Gorham PD is actively pursuing some leads as a result of this meeting. As Edwards stated "people talk" and this leads to information that can help clear at least some of these burglaries. Edwards added and "people know people" to whom they can sell the stolen property.

The burglaries have involved both the entering an unlocked home and forced entry. Items taken include electronics, cash, jewelry and tools. There does not seem to be any pattern as to areas hit or time of day. Lt. Chris Sanborn believes they have a good chance of clearing more cases but police believe that there are multiple people committing the crimes. Sanborn urges residents to call the police immediately at 839-5046 if they see anything out of the ordinary or a suspicious vehicle or people. As always, residents are reminded to keep their homes locked.

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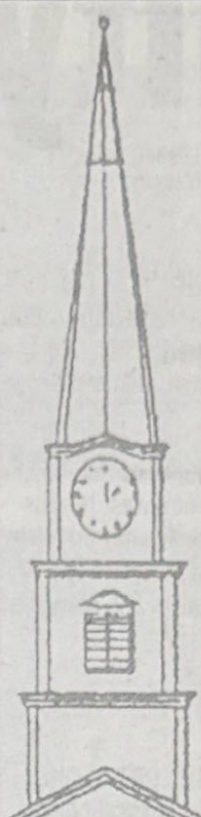
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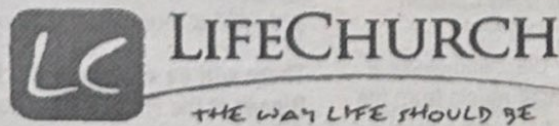
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## deaths

Former Gorham resident **ANDREW T. LIBBY**, passed away May 25, 2008 in Tampa, FL. He was predeceased by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Guy Libby, his wife, and sister Norma Foley. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Andrew and Delilah Libby, granddaughter Maureen Libby, nephews Harold Casey, Nelson Foley, Jr. and nieces Maryann Foley and Helena Morris. A 1946 graduate of GHS, Libby served in the Navy during World War II and was Post Commander of American Legion Post 139 and member of the Fellowship Lodge 265 in Tampa Florida.

## wedding

**KATE PETITT** (GHS '03), and **ORLANDO SOTO** (pictured below) were married on June 14, 2008 in Portland, Maine. The bride received an S.B. degree in Finance from the Sloan School of Management at M.I.T. in 2007 and is currently working as an analyst for TMS, Inc. in Boston. She is the daughter of Bob and Anita Petitt of Gorham. The groom, who is from Ponce, Puerto Rico, graduated from M.I.T. with an S.B. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2005 and is employed by Allen Medical Equipment in Acton, Massachusetts. The couple honeymooned in Italy and are living in Acton, Massachusetts.



## births

**SILAS ROBERT CUFFORI**, born Oct. 8, 2008 at CMMC to Hillary and Tony Cuffori of Lewiston. Grandparents: Bob and Melinda Dorr of Standish; Bev and Bruce Bishop of Gorham.

**JAMES LUCA MCCUNE**, born Oct. 18, 2008 at his home in Southwest Harbor, Maine to parents Sarah Tewhey and Kreg McCune. Grandparents: Stephen and Anne Tewhey of Gorham; James and Maryann McCune of Hermitage, PA.

## of interest

Gorham resident **JOSH LORTIE** (GHS '05), took part in a new political polling course titled Election 2008: Polls, Politics, and the Youth Vote. Lortie, a senior at American University in Washington, DC, is studying communication, law, economics, and government with a minor in justice. He is also a member of an on-campus a cappella group and a staffer on Capitol Hill for Sen. Susan Collins. Lortie is the son of Jacquie and Michael Lortie.

Gorham High School Drama presents "And Then They Came for Me, Remembering the World of Anne Frank," at MPAC on Nov. 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door.

The following students at Gorham High School band members were accepted by audition to play in the District 1 Honors Festival Concert Band to be held the last weekend in January at Noble High School: **JENNIFER WIACEK, IAN HAWKES, REBECCA AUGER, MEGAN MITCHELL, BRITNEY FOGG, AARON BARTLETT, ALLISON MATTHEWS, TOM BENNETT AND MATT KING.**

The following Gorham High School Chamber Singers auditioned for and were accepted to the District 1 Honors Festival Concert being held at Noble High School in January: **JEN KENNEDY, CLARA STICKNEY, STEPHANIE MORIN, ALYSSA ROJECKI, JULIANNE FARRAR, LIA VANDEKROL, MATT KING AND JONAS RIMKUNAS.**

The following Gorham middle school and high school musicians, who partici-



**Dancers from the Dance Studio of Maine** in Gorham attended a workshop hosted by professional dancer **Al Bee**, who is currently on tour with the Hollywood Vibe Dance Convention. The workshop focused on the Street Jazz style of dance. The dancers who enjoyed the high-energy choreography are: Back Row: **AL BEE, ABBY WEDGE, ANNIE BREWER, TAYLOR HANSEN, MEAGHAN GILBERT, TRISH AND BELLA MOULTON.** Middle Row: **TIFFANY DELANO** (yellow shirt), **CHRISSEY ALBANESE, MOLLY AUBE, DESIRAE ALEXANDER, VANESSA VERVILLE.** Front Row: **ANNIE KING, ASHLEY EARL, RESA REDHUNT, CHELSEA YATES.**



**Jordan Shiers**, daughter of **Darren and Lisa Shiers** of Gorham, will be competing in the **Annual Miss Maine Teen USA Pageant**, Nov. 21-22 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. Shiers is a junior at GHS and a member of the cheerleading team. She is also very active at her church and has volunteered for the Maine Special Olympics for the past eight years. Recently, she was nominated to the Global Youth Council for the Special Olympic World Games.

The winner of the state competition will go on to represent Maine in the annual Miss Teen USA competition, owned by Donald J. Trump.

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pate in the USM Youth Ensemble Program, will perform at the Merrill Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. They are: **THOMAS BENNETT**, percussion; **MEGAN BILODEAU**, violin; **GRACE EATON**, percussion; **SAMUEL EMERSON**, clarinet; **KATELYN HALUZAK**, violin; **IAN HAWKES**, clarinet; **SARA MARTIN**, violin; **ALEX SAUNDERS**, trumpet; **BRITTANY SAUNDERS**, flute; **CLARA STICKNEY**, violin; **EMILY STICKNEY**, cello; **MICHAEL SULLIVAN**, baritone sax; **AMY SUTHERLAND**, baritone horn; **JOLIE THOMAS**, bassoon and **JENNIE WIACEK**, clarinet. Admission by donation; suggested \$6/adults and \$3/students and seniors.

**Chrissy Miner** ('05) of Gorham will perform with the University of Maine at Farmington's UMF Dancers during their 2008 Winter Concert Nov. 11. The presentation will feature eight original, student-created dances set to Irish step dance tunes.

**Peter Martin** conducts USM's largest ensemble, the USM Concert Band. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m. McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School.

All events below are at USM Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham, 780-5555

- Trent Austin presents "Clazz and Jassical" classical and jazz trumpet music from the 1700's to today, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
- The USM Jazz Ensemble, and the Lab Jazz Ensemble, will present works for big band. Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

- The University Chorale, conducted by Robert Russell will perform a varied program of vocal music. Nov. 22, 2 p.m.
- Michele Hansen Snow directs the USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble Monday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange will host an "Alternate Energy Sources" luncheon meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at USM's new "green dorms" conference room, Gorham's campus. (Use main entrance across from Water Tower.) Speakers **DUDLEY GREELY**, USM Environmental & Economic Coordinator; **JIM ROBINSON**, Mainely Plumbing & Heating; and **PETER DAVIS**, owner of The Sun Depot, will present information on Solar & Geothermal energy sources while introducing the "Negawatt" and sharing literature and tips. Reservations are required \$15 each for members; \$20 each for non-members. Lunch menu includes roll-up sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert and beverages. Please make check payable to the Gorham Business & Civic Exchange or pay at the door. You may also fax your reservation to Dana Redmond: 892-5515 and call for more information.

There will be a **Chicken Pie Community Dinner** at the First Parish Church of Gorham on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. \$8 Adults/\$5 12 and under. FMI, 839-6751.



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**St. Anne's Church** will host a presentation, Nov. 18 6.30-7.30pm. by Patricia Ellen of the Center for Grieving children, for parents/adult friends of grieving children. Come and learn how to support a young person through the loss of a family member, friend, pet or home. All welcome.

**The Gorham Woman's Club** will again be selling their beautiful "Gorham Throws" for a reduced price of \$40. These warm and historical throws feature designs of Gorham churches, schools, libraries and museums and make wonderful gifts. FMI, call 839-4579 or 839-3309

**There will be a HOLLY DAZE Christmas Fair** at the White Rock Community Building on Wilson Rd. in Gorham on Nov. 22 from 9-2 p.m. Lunch will feature corn chowder, hot dogs and homemade pies. FMI, 892-9521 or 892-5313.

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY Christmas Fair** at St. Anne's Church in Gorham on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Lunch served and Baked Bean & Casserole Dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.

**Over 50 artisans from around Maine** will be selling hand-crafted products at a benefit Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 10-4 p.m. at the USM Costello Sport's Complex in Gorham. Admission is free but donations accepted to benefit the University of Southern Maine Men's and Women's Soccer and Softball teams. Items for sale will include wood products, photography, hand crafted jewelry, knit items, whimsical sculpture, garden art, pottery, glass art, fabric art and gourmet specialty food products. FMI, call Lisa at 780-5328.

**USM will celebrate the 10th Annual National Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day** Nov. 19, 4 to 6 p.m., at Bailey Hall in Gorham. The event is free and open to the public. The first hour will be spent in the GIS Labs, located in Rooms 302 and 304 Bailey Hall, where visitors can enjoy the open house, view posters of student work, and see hands-on GIS software demonstrations. During the second hour, keynote speaker Professor of Geosciences Mark Swanson will present, "Sea Kayaks, GIS and the Maine Coast: Exploration and Discovery in Digital Mapping." FMI GIS Michele Tranes at 780-5063 or mtranes@usm.maine.edu.

**Dinner at O'Naturals:** Tuesday, December 2nd, 4:00-8:00 pm 240 US Route 1, Falmouth. Friends and family are encouraged to drop by for dinner. Mention Northern Force Robotics Team #172 and the team will receive 10% of all sales during that time. The team will have an informational table set up to inform the community of the FIRST Robotics program.

**Books for Christmas** is an annual program sponsored by The Bookworm to provide a free book to needy Gorham children. We wrap each book individually with an age appropriate tag, and add a toy for extra enjoyment. Our customers donate \$2.00 per book and can fill out a gift tag with a special message. Each year well over 100 books are distributed to Gorham families. Stop by The Bookworm at 42 Main Street and look for Santa's Sack.

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and recommend modifications where they are needed.

Councilors also queried the engineers about two other problematic intersections in Gorham. The intersection of Libby Ave./Brackett Rd. with New Portland Rd. and the intersection of Main St. with Libby Ave. were both locations of fatal collisions recently. Ferguson told the Council that neither site had the traffic volume that warranted the installation of traffic signals. He commented that

MDOT had looked into the construction of a roundabout at the New Portland Road location at the cost of \$1.3 million. Under questioning, he told the Council that traffic signals there would cost approximately \$70 to 80,000.

The MDOT has published information regarding driving on the new roundabouts. It can be accessed this info at [www.maine.gov/mdot/roundabouts/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/mdot/roundabouts/index.htm). There are also fliers available at the Town Municipal Center.

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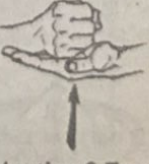
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**Mighty Street caller reported** having found a stray Husky the previous night and wanted to know if they could keep the dog if owner was not found. Dog was returned to its owner.

**Caller reported a dead porcupine** in the middle of New Portland Road and was concerned it might be a hazard.

**South Street caller reported** campaign signs being stolen from their yard.

**Hurricane Road caller** wanted to talk to an officer regarding prank calls they had received.

**Rust Road caller reported** a theft at their business.

**Caller had just seen a pickup truck drive** out the trail off Plummer Road, heading towards the north. Caller said trail was not open to vehicles.

**State Street caller requested** to speak to an officer regarding getting rid of guns. Caller will contact a relative to see if they can take them to Kittery Trading Post or Cabelas.

**Sanford Drive caller reported** a ladder on the roof of local business. Owner of business advised they had people working on the roof and they didn't remove the ladder.

**Whipple Road resident returned home** and found that their house had been broken into and Wii system, lap top, and

jewelry were missing.

**Pleasant Street caller returned home** to find that her convertible was not there.

**Wilson Road caller reported** that there were cows in the road. Contact was made with the owner of farm who was attempting to catch them.

**Preble Street caller** stated the frat kids had been making noise all night. Caller wanted an officer to remove them but would settle for quieting them down.

**State Street caller wanted** to speak with an officer because their car had been egged.

**Preble Street caller advised** that they had been assaulted.

**Deering Road caller reported** that when they returned home from school they found that someone had kicked in the back door.

**Hurricane Road caller reported** they returned home to find the front door kicked in.

**Village School called** to advise that a woman was in the field with a metal detector and a pick-axe.

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## on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

### FRIDAY, NOV. 14

■ GHS Drama presents, "And Then They Came for Me, Remembering Anne Frank," 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 15

■ Chicken Pie Dinner, First Parish Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$8/\$5. FMI, 839-6751.

■ GHS Drama presents, "And Then They Came for Me, Remembering Anne Frank," 7:30 p.m.

■ Home for the Holiday Christmas Fair, St. Anne's Catholic Church, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Baked Bean & Casserole Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

■ USM Craft Show, Costello Sport's Complex, Gorham campus, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. FMI, 780-5328.

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### Sunday, Nov. 16

■ USM Concert Band, MPAC, 2 p.m.

■ USM Craft Show, Costello Sport's Complex, Gorham campus, 10-4 p.m. FMI, 780-5328.

### Tuesday, Nov. 18

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

■ Presentation by Patricia Ellen of the Center for Grieving children, 6.30-7.30 p.m. for parents/adult friends of grieving children. Learn how to support a young person through the loss of a family member, friend, pet or home. All welcome.

■ Gorham Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m., First Parish Church. Rhonda Davis of Eight Corners Farm, Windham, will present a program on Holiday Design. Public is invited. FMI 839-3878.

### Thursday, Nov. 20

■ Baby & Me, songs and lap time for ages birth - 18 months. 9:30 - 10 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Toddler Time, activities for ages 18-36 mos., 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Club, grades K-adult, 2-4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

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

### Saturday, Nov. 22

■ Holly Daze Christmas Fair, White Rock Community Building, Wilson Rd., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. FMI, 892-9521.

■ Bean Supper at the Bungalow, corner Route 22/Broadturn Road, 5-6 p.m. \$5/adults and children, under 3 free. FMI, 839-6972.

■ The University Chorale performs at USM Cortell Concert Hall, 2 p.m. \$6/\$3/

### Monday, Nov. 24

■ Inservice for grades K-12.

### Tuesday, Nov. 25

■ Inservice for grades K-12.

### Wednesday, Nov. 26

■ Flex Day for grades K-12.

### Thursday, Nov. 27

■ No School for grades K-12. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Friday, Nov. 28

■ No School. Thanksgiving Break.

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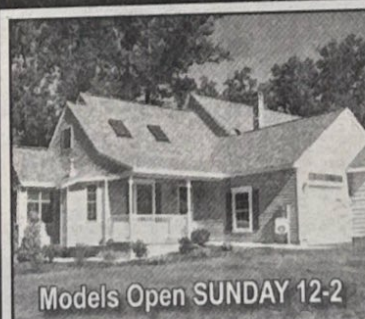


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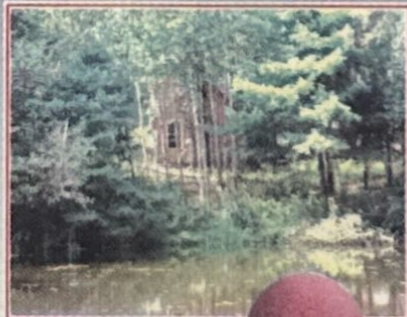
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