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## Arrests Made In Local Burglaries

Sheri Faber

**R**oy Leet, 42, of Cape Elizabeth, Heather Wehkoja, 30, of South Berwick and John Donovan, 41, of Portland, who were arrested by the York County Sheriff's Department, have confessed to four burglaries in Gorham on Hurricane, Longfellow, Lowell and Straw Roads. Gorham PD has recovered about \$2200 worth of electronics stolen in those burglaries, but none of the jewelry (which is usually melted down and sold for the gold value). The three have confessed to involvement in approximately

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## Church Victim of Theft and Vandalism

Sue Dunn

**T**wo recent separate incidents at First Parish Church, Gorham, have left members of the church and community surprised and shocked. Sometime during the Nov. 22 - 23 weekend, many Hannaford Gift Cards totaling approximately \$900 purchased for Thanksgiving gift baskets were stolen from the church office area. The baskets are given out to community members in need and this year's donations were a record amount for the church. The serial numbers were recorded making it easy to track the cards, when redeemed, to a store in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Police hope to identify the person who used the cards soon. The church was able to rally and replace the donations to ensure that basket recipients did get a Thanksgiving dinner.

In another incident, the letters "KKK" were spray-painted in a number of places on a shed located in the parking lot. The church has issued a statement expressing "While this sort of graffiti may have been intended as harmless fun, vandalism is never harmless. But to spray those letters on a church building means something far more serious and disturbing." The statement goes on to explain that the community needs to be aware of such incidents and speak out strongly against this symbolism and what it stands for.

## A Christmas Tree for Portland

Gorham resident Joyce Smith donated a large Blue Spruce tree, from her front yard on Main Street, to the city of Portland as this year's symbolic Christmas Tree. The tree traveled to Monument Square where it will be lighted and displayed throughout the holiday season. Traffic had to be stopped in order to cut and load it onto the truck. The tree-lighting ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Nov. 28.



Photo credit: Margaret T. Haines

## Going, Going, Gone



The 45-foot tree was carefully cut and loaded onto a flatbed truck for the slow journey into Portland on Nov. 19. The tree, which had been growing in Smith's front yard for decades, was only thigh high when she planted it and was a birthday present from her daughter.

## Democrats Pick Bartlett to be Senate Majority Leader

Michael Johnson

**M**aine Senate Democrats elected Senator Phil Bartlett, D-Gorham, to be Senate Majority Leader in the 124th Maine Legislature. At 32, Bartlett is one of the youngest members elected to be majority leader in the history of the Maine Senate. Maine's Constitution requires state senators must be at least 25 years of age to serve.

As Senate Majority Leader, Bartlett is the spokesperson and caucus leader for the Democratic majority in the Maine Senate. Following the November 4th election, Senate Democrats improved their majority over Republicans by five votes. The new makeup of the Senate in the upcoming 124th Legislature will be 20 Democrats and 15 Republicans.

Bartlett will help lead Senate Democrats through what is expected to be a tough legislative session. Commenting on his new leadership role, Senator Bartlett said, "We have a lot of challenges ahead of us in the coming months. I am committed to creating a strong bipartisan atmosphere that allows us to work together as Democrats and Republicans to help create new jobs, address our energy needs, and expand access to affordable health care to help move our state forward through these difficult times."

Bartlett is the first senator from Gorham to be Senate Majority Leader, and the second person from Gorham to hold a top leadership position in the Maine Senate. Josiah Pierce from Gorham was elected President of the Maine Senate in 1835.

Bartlett was re-elected to a third term representing Senate District 6 on Nov. 4,



Bartlett is one of the youngest members in the history of the Maine Senate to be elected to leadership post.

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Photo credit: Chris Crawford

## Studying Cells at Village

L to r: Elle Spurr, Isabelle Muehle, Alex York, Anne Kelley and Trystan Bates enjoy using the microscope to observe single cell organisms in Mrs. Sawyer's 4th Grade class at Village School. See Story PAGE 6

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# Letters to the Times

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Dear *Gorham Times*,

YourSpace Sports and Recreation facility hosted our first big fundraiser since converting the center to a non-profit this year. It was a Night in White, featuring Motor Booty Affair on Saturday November 15th. The outpouring of support from the community was overwhelming. Our volunteers put in hundreds of hours to make this work; from the months of planning, the hours of work to transform the field to a concert hall, the thousands of white lights, scores of tables, hundreds of chairs to be placed, a stage to be built and then the clean up and break down to convert it back to a playing field the next day.

The night featured food, dancing, a silent auction and great fun with friends and neighbors. By all accounts it was a great success, and YourSpace will use the proceeds for the continuing development of recreation opportunities for all of Southern Maine.

With uncertain times, I for one am certain that we are blessed to live in a community that supports each other, coming together for a good cause and good fun. Thank you all for your support, hard work and continued friendship.

Adam Sturtevant

Dear *Gorham Times*,

The 2008 election is over, Thanksgiving is here, and there is much to be grateful for.

Thank you, Gorham voters, for electing me to the School Committee on November 4. I had the opportunity to stand outside the polling places on a beautiful fall day and shake the hands of thousands of people. It was gratifying to see the large number of citizens, of all ages and backgrounds, exercise their right to vote and take the time to let their voices be heard. The democratic process is alive and well.

Thank you, Town Clerk Christina Silberman and staff, for your tireless efforts and long hours. It was a huge job to keep up with the absentee ballots, the new voter registration and the sheer number of voters that came out. Your selfless dedication did not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Phil and Susan Bartlett, for inviting me to your home on Election Night and taking care of one tired, cold and hungry candidate!

Most of all, I am thankful to live in Gorham, a special community of exceptional people.

Kathy Garrard

## quick clicks



### HOT OFF THE PRESS

Linda Ford has lived in Gorham since 1981. She reads the *Gorham Times* because she "loves to see what's going on in town, especially this time of year to find out where all the fairs are this month!"

### Around Town

Rt. 114 was closed for several hours on Nov. 22nd while firefighters worked to contain a fire at 297 Fort Hill Road. The family of four had left the house about two hours before the fire was reported. The fire, which was called in by someone driving by, did a reported \$500,000 in damages to the \$650,000 home, with the second floor eventually collapsing. Gorham firefighters were joined by crews from Windham, and Westbrook. It took firefighters an hour to get the fire under control as they were hampered by high winds. The fire appeared to have started when a carpet in front of an open fireplace caught fire and the fire then spread. Gorham firefighter, Dean Belanger, was injured when he fell from the first floor to the basement. He was treated at MMC but his injuries were not serious.

Village Hearing Care, 381 Main Street, Suite 4 will be opening Dec. 1, call 839-8400 for an appointment. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with earlier and later appointments available upon request.

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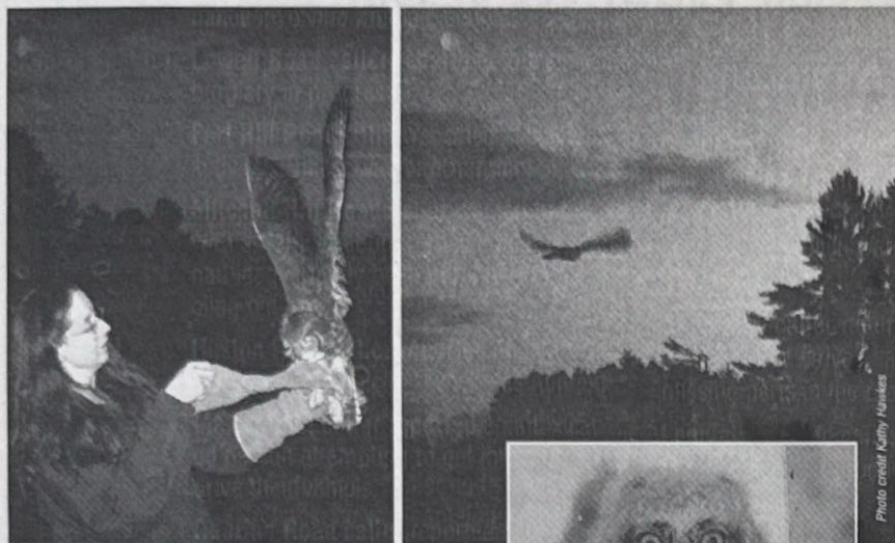
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# Owl Returns Home to Gorham Country Club

Dede Perkins



A Great Horned Owl takes flight as it is released back to its original home, the Gorham Country Club. Inset: The owl, when found in May, was only two weeks old.

At dusk on October 30, a five-month old Great Horned Owl was released into the Narragansett Game Preserve at the Gorham Country Club.

The owlet had spent the last five months at the Center for Wildlife in York after falling from her nest at two-weeks old. Golfers found the baby owl on the eighth fairway and reported their find to Gorham Country Club's Kathy Hawkes. Determined to find an organization to care for the owl until it was old enough to return home, Hawkes called around and eventually spoke with the Executive Director of the Center for Wildlife. "As soon as I talked with her I knew that's where the owl was going," said Hawkes.

The Center for Wildlife is home to Galileo, an adult male owl who has successfully mentored owlets in the past. Staff members told Hawkes that once the owlet arrived at Center for Wildlife, Galileo would feed the baby, and when she was ready, Galileo would teach her to hunt in preparation for her release back into the wild.

The owlet was admitted to the Center on May 10, 2008. She weighed approximately 1.25 pounds and measured 16 inches tall. It took five months, but by October, the owlet was successfully hunting mice in the Center for Wildlife's 100-foot flight cage. She weighed 4.25 pounds and was nearly two feet tall. It was time to plan her release.

"My whole goal was to rehabilitate and release the owl in an appropriate area. The people at Center of Wildlife in York were passionate about making the release successful," said Hawkes.

Before setting a release date, Center

staff checked the habitat, asked questions about the game preserve, and kept an eye on the long-range weather forecast. Since owls are nocturnal, staff members would release the owlet at dusk to minimize stress. The forecast needed to be clear so the owl would have a chance to re-settle without the additional stressor of bad weather.

Though the initial release was planned for Oct 26, the weather didn't cooperate. Finally, the long-range forecast cleared and the owlet's release was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30. Remarkably, as the group led by Lorisa Ricketts of the Center for Wildlife walked across the fairway to release the owl, they heard another owl hooting.

Ricketts donned long gloves to protect herself from the owl's talons, reached into the cage, and brought her out. Ricketts answered a number of questions from onlookers while the owl watched and waited. Finally, it was time to let her go. Ricketts held up her arm and the owl flew. "What a breathless and humbling sight," said Cindy Ahlquist one of the Gorham Country Club employees who watched the release.

Though the owl wears an identification band, the Center for Wildlife staff has no plans to monitor her development. "She's big and fierce and wants nothing to do with people," said Ricketts. "She has everything she needs to survive in the wild."

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## PLANNING BOARD REPORT NOV. 3, 2008

### Board Postpones Land Use Development Code Review

Bruce Webb

The approval of the minutes from the Oct. meeting was postponed until a later date. The Chair reviewed the activities of the committees including provisions for bed and breakfast regulations, sign ordinances and changes in the streets and ways.

The Board briefly reviewed the status of the Plan-It Recycling project and the staff suggested that the applicant be encouraged to submit those documents by Dec. 1, 2008.

The Town Planner reported on status of minor site plan reports.

The Board moved on to the agenda items. The consent agenda regarding street acceptance reports on Gerry's Way and Jennifer Way were briefly discussed and both items are approved provided that proposed conditions of approval are met. Regarding item C-Subdivisor 3rd Amendment to the former Reinhard Property, the board agreed to remove this item from the consent agenda and the board approved the subdivision.

Three agenda items involved the proposed amendments to the Land Use and Development Code but these were postponed until the board has the opportunity to discuss these issues in a workshop. The town council referred this matter to the planning board to for-

mulate a response but the intent is to have an alternative to the impact fee structure. The core challenge here is to streamline the process by getting town staff out of the project management process.

The final item on the agenda was the request for preliminary plan approval of a 5-lot subdivision by Richard Pednault, located off 129 Ossipee Trail. Les Berry, representing the applicant outlined the plan and noted that the primary issue is the site distance, which meets both state requirements and town requirements. Staff suggested that an additional 25 ft. clearance be considered to help improve site lines. The board cannot grant a waiver for high intensity soil survey because the ordinance does not permit it. The board waived the nitrate plume analysis on lots 3, 4 and 5 because of lot size and location. No action was taken by the board until further information is received.

The meeting was adjourned; the next meeting will be the Nov. 17 workshop.

**USM Greek and Community Meeting  
December 10, 7 p.m. at Robie Gym  
Meeting is Open to the Public**

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT NOV. 5

### Committee Welcomes New Members, Discusses Budget

Stacy Sallinen

The School Committee began its Nov. 5 meeting by welcoming two new members, Kathy Garrard and Polly Shields. Superintendent Ted Sharp also welcomed Dennis Libby back for another term. After thanking Chairman Jim Hager for "wearing his heart on his sleeve," the School Committee elected Libby to be the new Chairman and Roger Marchard as the new Vice Chairman.

After sub committee assignments were complete, Superintendent Sharp reported on the Gorham Town Council considering ending the impact fee for the Gorham Middle School, resulting in a significant loss of funds. He also noted he was informed by the State Department of Education that the Fiscal Year 2010 budget will operate at the 2009 level, and possibly result in a freeze on expenditures and loss of positions.

Sharp then informed the committee that the Pledge of Allegiance was not being recited at the high school, only in K-8 schools. The School Council, which consists of students and faculty, is taking up this issue on Nov. 19. Ultimately, the council has final say although the principal does have final veto.

A significant portion of the meeting was spent reviewing Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Action Plans for all of

Gorham schools in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act. Brian Porter, Village Principal, Bob Riley, Gorham Middle School Principal, and Chris Record, Gorham High School Principal, all presented their plans to the committee.

In unfinished business, Paul Roney of Facilities Management provided an update on the playground equipment at Village and White Rock schools. He reminded the committee of safety concerns with the equipment, specifically splintering and treatment of the wood. A motion was made to spend money to tear down the equipment by December and then find the funds for the new equipment. After further discussion, the motion failed and a decision was made to discuss funding in the next Finance Committee meeting and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

In new business, Roger Marchard presented revisions to the Field Trip and Excursions document, changing the check point for approvals from the Superintendent to the Principals. This document will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next School Committee meeting will be held on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in Town Council Chambers.

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

### Gorham In Sound Financial State

Susan Olson Gwozdz

Councilor Loveitt noted that, despite the financial anxieties the nation is experiencing, the Town of Gorham is on sound financial footing. "We have good accounting practices, a level tax rate and we are well managed." Loveitt went on to note that the roads are in much improved repair, the schools are in good order and that the Town is working toward improvements in public safety.

Town Manager David Cole reminded everyone that the Burn Off the Turkey race will be held on November 29 with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m.

The Town Clerk administered the oath to Councilor Michael Phinney and Councilor Noah Miner. Matthew Robinson was elected as the Chairman of the

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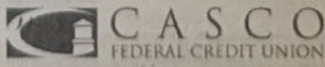
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## SENIOR CARE

### Upcoming Holidays a Good Time to Check Up On Relatives

Bill Jenks

Many of us live far enough from our aging parents or other relatives that we see them infrequently. The holiday season is fast approaching, and that's a time that includes family visits, often at the "old homestead" where older relatives still live. It's a perfect time for adult children to be aware of what to look for to help them evaluate how their parents are faring, even though the folks are always assuring you they're doing "just fine."

The Mayo Clinic has provided the following checklist of things to look for as signs that things may not be as positive as your parents or grandparents insist they are:

- **Weight loss.** Unintentional slimming-down in seniors can be a precursor of cancer, dementia, depression or heart failure. The weight loss and accompanying malnutrition can also signal loneliness and listlessness, as elderly parents find themselves unwilling to spend energy cooking for themselves.
- **Neglected housework or home maintenance.** Physical impairments that lead to a dirty or dangerous house, poor eyesight, achy joints that hinder cleaning could put parents living alone in danger. Pots that are out of place and burnt-out light bulbs that aren't replaced can be signs of memory loss. Make sure parents are still safe in their home. A lack of light and order can cause a dangerous fall.

- **Neglected personal appearance.**

Dementia, depression and an aging body can make basic hygiene, such

as brushing one's teeth and bathing, difficult as well as unappealing.

- **Moodiness.** Withdrawn behavior and a loss of interest in activities, hobbies and friends are warning signs of depression.

- **Trouble walking.** Parents who have a difficult time maneuvering the house may be showing signs of arthritis or other joint problems as well as muscle weakness. A cane or walker could help. Unsteady parents are at greater risk for a fall, especially on stairs.

Any one of these can signal a problem worth looking into, and two or more definitely indicate there's a need for careful attention. It's important to try to look at things dispassionately. It's difficult to see obvious warning signs when we're evaluating our own parents and the home they've been in for years and years. Worried children should sit down with parents and discuss options, said the Mayo Clinic, or involve a family doctor and local agencies for more help.

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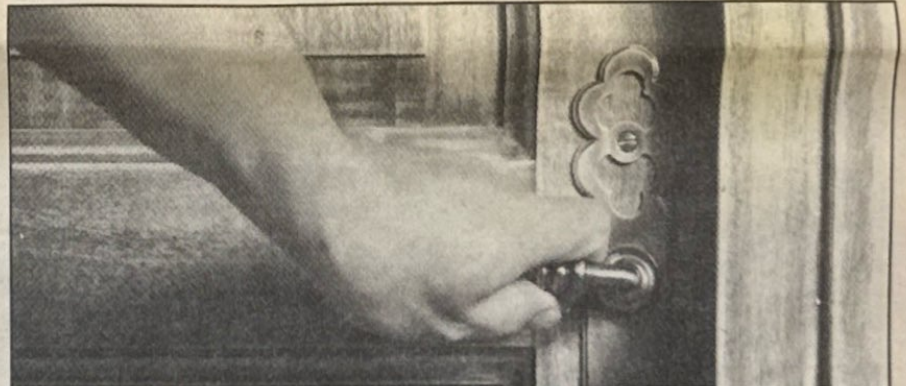
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## Democracy at Work at GHS

Stacy Sallinen

When Superintendent Ted Sharp and the School Committee learned the Pledge of Allegiance was not being recited at Gorham High School, they saw an opportunity for the School Council to "roll up their sleeves and deal with very substantive issues."

The School Council is made up of 10 students and 10 faculty members elected by their peers. They govern the high school, although the principal has the right to veto recommendations which come from the council. They met on Wednesday, November 19th to discuss Sharp's proposal, in which he wrote to provide an opportunity for students and staff to honor the American flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, either in each classroom or over the intercom.

Although Maine law does not require students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, it does require display of the American flag in the classroom, and teachers must create an environment where the Pledge can be recited. Local school districts can adopt policies about reciting the pledge. Those students who choose not to recite the Pledge can sit quietly and cannot be disciplined. How-

ever, they can be disciplined for being disruptive.

Sharp presented his proposal to the School Council, along with his rationale and a history of the Pledge of Allegiance. He said discussions among council members and the audience were civil and respectful. Some shared the opinion that the Pledge of Allegiance should not be required in a school setting, nor does it reflect on how one feels about their country. One felt the flag symbolizes the country and founding documents, while another expressed dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq. Gorham High Principal Chris Record said they also discussed the purpose of the Pledge and the "impact it would have on the climate in school, creating one of tolerance and respect for one another."

The School Council voted not to recommend the proposal as written as they would like to consider a place on school grounds where students who wish to recite the pledge can go. A decision was made to table any formal policy recommendations for the School Committee until the next meeting on December 17th.

Ultimately, the School Committee has the authority by law to make the policy regarding the Pledge of Allegiance recitation. But "in the spirit of what they are trying to accomplish with the School Council," Sharp said, "it's all about helping these kids understand the vibrancy of living in a democracy, their rights and freedom." As the council works towards a recommendation, the Pledge of Allegiance is being recited at all schools in Gorham.

## Studying Cells

Grant Hamblen and Molly Sposato, 4th grade students

Mrs. Sawyer's 4th grade class has been studying cells in science. The students learned that cells are the basic unit of all life. There are many different kinds of cells—the two basic kinds are plant and animal cells.

One Friday, the Principal, Mr. Porter, came in and talked about different kinds of cells and also showed the students how to use a microscope. Alex York said, "I think Mr. Porter did a good job presenting plant and animal cells to us."

The class looked at single cell organisms. The students did an experiment where Mrs. Sawyer put the kids in groups and they put food on a tray and put some water on the food. Then they let it sit in a closet for three days. On Monday the trays came out with moldy and disgusting food on it. Next, the students looked at the food under a microscope to see what cells really looked like. The students really enjoyed this experiment. Abby Flint said, "I liked the way that the cells looked under the microscope."

The class also used a different kind of microscope called a probe scope. Students took turns looking at their belongings under the probe scope. The probe scope made their things look very different.

Mrs. Sawyer's class made posters on protists, fungi, plants, bacteria, and animal Kingdoms. Students presented their posters to the class. Everyone agreed that studying cells and learning about the five kingdoms was the most fun they had in science this year.

## Team Robotics

Janet Davis and Mike Chabot



Members of the Northern Force Robotics Team #172 gathered in Gorham on October 25 to kick off their annual bottle drive.

Northern Force Robotics Team #172 kicked off the 2008-09 season with a bottle drive on Oct. 25 encompassing Gorham. There were several monetary donations as well. Each year, the team participates in several fundraising activities to help defray costs associated with participating in the yearly regional competition held in Manchester, NH.

This year's team includes students from Falmouth, Gorham, Cheverus, and Deering High Schools. It is a part of FIRST Robotics (For Inspiration of Science and Technology), an organization with a mission to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders. FIRST Robotics engages students in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills. It inspires innovation and fosters well-rounded life capabilities

including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

High School students interested in joining First Robotics are encouraged to contact Nancy Porter at [lnporter@aol.com](mailto:lnporter@aol.com). For more information about FIRST Robotics and Northern Force Team #172 check out [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) or [www.Northern-Force.org](http://www.Northern-Force.org).

**Upcoming Fundraising Events:**  
**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.

## GMS "Beary" Special

Darcie Brown and Abby Hamilton, 6th grade students



GMS has been officially considered "Beary" special. All members of the GMS student council (shown above) have been selling Beary Special Bears to friends, neighbors, and other school-mates. Together we earned a total of over \$3,200 with 300+ bears sold. Most of the proceeds will go to the Animal Refuge League with a small portion going to the community-based puppy relocation organization, "Canine Commitment." Luckily, the student council team was also able to send 32 bears to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital for the kids! Several student council representatives will deliver the bears to the hospital.

Some really cool types of bears were the Basketball Bear, the Fire Fighter bear, and the Get Well Bear. The Get Well Bear even has a removable ice pack that you can freeze and place back in the bear to heal all of your "boo-boos." The most popular bear was the Angel Bear. The top sellers were Kayla Billings and Jeremy Foster in the 8th grade; Eric DeLuca in the 7th grade; and Bryanna Carroll, Ashley Aceto, Renae Staples, and Emma Christakis for 6th grade. As a reward for selling so many bears, they will receive a tour of the Westbrook Animal Shelter! Great job GMS!

# sports

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## in the Zone

**2008 GHS Hall of Fame Inductee, JOHN EMERSON**, GHS Class of '69,

earned varsity letters in cross-country, basketball and outdoor track all four of his high school years. In cross-country, he was conference champion his junior and senior years. In track, he was conference champ in the mile his sophomore, junior and senior years as well as the half-mile champ his junior and senior seasons. During his junior year, he set the state record for the mile with a time of 4:26 and won the State title in the mile his senior year. In basketball, he helped Gorham finish with a 16-0 record and win the conference title his junior year.



**2008 GHS Hall of Fame Inductee CYNTHIA GRAY**, GHS Class of '76,

played varsity field hockey, basketball and outdoor track for four years, earning MVP and elected as captain in all three sports her senior year. In track and field, she threw the javelin, shot put and discus while earning the conference Outstanding Field Athlete as a freshman, sophomore and senior. As a junior, she led GHS to the team conference championship as well as the Class B State championship by finishing first in the all three of her events. She also set State records in the javelin (114'), the discus (107' 8") and the shot put (36' 9").



**Husson University sophomore CAITLYN BUTTERFIELD**, GHS '07, was named to the 2008 North Atlantic Conference Women's Soccer All-Conference First Team for the second year as Husson won its third-straight conference title and earned a berth in the NCAA Div. III tournament.

**GHS Senior AIMEE ST. GERMAIN** competed in the girls' soccer Senior Bowl game Nov 16 in Hampden, Maine. The game featured senior all-stars from across the state with the Western Maine team winning, 3-2. Senior RACHELE BURNS was also invited but could not complete due to a knee injury.

**Saint Joseph's College of Maine junior WILL PIKE** (GHS '06) was named The Great Northeast Athletic Conference Goalkeeper of the Week Nov 11 for the fourth time this season. Pike was also a First Team All-Conference selection and posted a league-best eight shutouts with a .863 save percentage.

**Saint Josephs College of Maine junior defender Anna Willis** (GHS '06)

## SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS

# A Legacy Of Three State Titles and a 70-Game Unbeaten Streak

Jeff Pike



The 2008 GHS Girls Soccer Team seniors are pictured above after winning the Class A Western Maine Championship with a 2-1 overtime win against Marshwood Nov 5. Pictured from left to right are Mackenzie Smith, Ashley Martin, Rachele Burns, Molly

Folan, Aimee St. Germain, Caitlin Caldwell, Taylor Sullivan and Nicole Belhumeur. While these seniors were part of the program, Gorham won three Class A State Championships and achieved a 70-game unbeaten streak.

## sportsEtcetera

**Youth Cheerleading Clinic**—The GHS cheerleaders will host a youth cheerleading clinic at GHS on Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration - 8:30 a.m. Cost - \$10. Open to Grades K-8. Wear workout attire and bring lunch. FMI, e-mail Kate Robichaud at katerobi@gorhamschools.org.

received Second Team honors from Great Northeast Athletic Conference Women's Soccer All-Conference. She finished fourth in team scoring with 12 points and scored the game-winning goal in a victory over Emerson College Oct 8.

**Gorham resident JAMES MASTON**

started on defense the entire year for the men's soccer team at Suffolk University in Boston for the 2008 season.



**USM honored 128 student-athletes** with the William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award for compiling a 3.00 or better grade point average while participating in a varsity sport. Among the former GHS athletes receiving the award were JAMES SAWYER, who participated in Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field, and Outdoor Track & Field and was recognized for the third time. Other GHS grads receiving the award included RYAN DYER (Cross Country); ANNA PEASE (Field Hockey); BRIAN KING (Soccer); and BRENNIA WIDDIS (Indoor Track & Field, Outdoor Track & Field).

For the 2008 GHS girls soccer team, the season did not end the way the Rams hoped. But for four seasons, the seniors were part of a program that went 70 consecutive games without losing while winning three Class A State titles.

The Rams lost the first game of the 2005 season, when this year's seniors - Rachele Burns, Caitlin Caldwell, Aimee St. Germain, Nicole Belhumeur, Molly Folan, Ashley Martin, Taylor Sullivan and Mackenzie Smith - first entered the program. Gorham did not lose again until the last game this year, a 5-1 loss against Waterville in the Class A State final.

Along the way to the State game, the team struggled with injuries that occurred before the season as well as injuries and sicknesses to key players that occurred during the season. Despite the adversity, this year's team was the first under Zarrilli to finish the regular season 14-0.

The legacy left behind by these seniors will be tough to match. Burns, Caldwell and Germain all played 72 varsity games—the most any player in Maine can achieve. If not for a knee injury that kept her out of action almost the entire year, co-captain Folan most likely would have achieved the same feat. Despite

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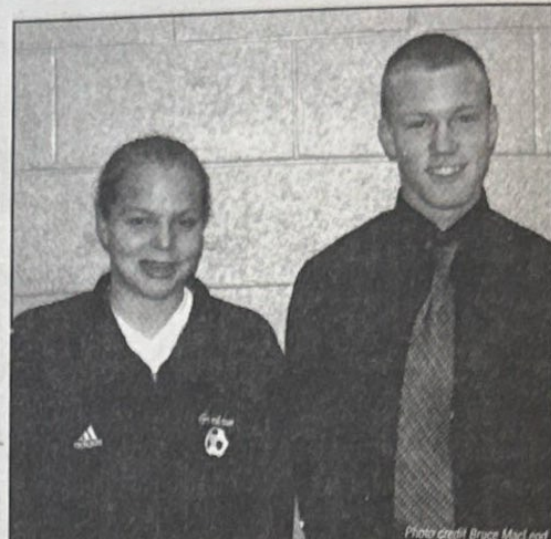
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## Athletic Awards



At the Nov. 5 GHS Fall Sports Awards ceremony, seniors Rachele Burns and Brandon Patten were recognized by the Maine Association of Soccer Officials for their overall play this season. Each year, the award is given to just one girl and one boy player in each class, so Gorham took both awards this year for Western Maine Class A.



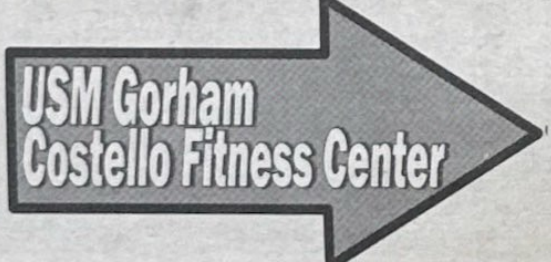
On Nov. 5 at the GHS Fall Sports Awards ceremony, junior Tom Stirling received a trophy from the SMAA as the Individual Champion during the Western Maine Class A Team competition that took place Oct. 6 at the Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. Stirling shot a 73 to win the award.




Several female athletes received Athletic Achievement Awards October 30 at The Gorham Middle School. Among the girls receiving the awards were from left to right, Jackson Marshall (cross country), Libby Andreason (8th-grade soccer), April Cummings (7th-grade field hockey), Michaela Stresser (8th-grade field hockey), Ashley Woodbury (cross country), Jackie Turner (cross country), Chloe Johnson (tennis), and Courtney Roberts (7th-grade soccer)



Several male athletes received Athletic Achievement Awards October 30 at The Gorham Middle School. Among the boys receiving the awards were from left to right, Abraham Eaton (tennis), Alex Owens (8th-grade soccer), Jeremy Collett (tennis), Austin Bell (7th-grade soccer), Ryan Gilbert (tennis), and Alex Thuotte (cross country)





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**Girls Hockey vs. Biddeford at USM, Nov 29, 7:40pm.**

For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports, visit [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com)

the injury, Folan managed to make brief appearances in the team's final regular season home game and the State final. "We wanted all the seniors to finish together," said head coach Jeanne Zarrilli. "So we put Molly in with everyone else with a couple minutes left."

The seniors also never lost a varsity game at home. This year's team amassed 73 goals while giving up only 12 goals while posting nine shutouts. Co-captain Burns led with 19 goals while junior Kristi Zarrilli and freshman Kiersten Turner had 11 each and junior Lindsay Wilson scored 10 despite missing 7 games due to a knee injury. "Everyone on the team, led by the seniors, did whatever it took to win, whether it was guarding an opposing player, switching positions or adapting the way they play," Zarrilli said.

Germain, also a co-captain, said, "It was a great experience. The captains that came before us were supportive and great role models. This year's captains tried to do the same thing." The fourth co-captain, Caldwell, added, "We were close-knit, which made achieving our accomplishments even more enjoyable. One of our keys to success is that we never took personal issues onto the field - we always played as a team."

Now that the program's overall streak of four straight State titles and the unbeaten streak are over, Zarrilli said "As time goes by, we'll gain perspective on what a great experience it has been. The players really just want keep playing. They love to compete, and every game they play, their goal is to win to keep playing. That's level of energy the program has reached, and it carries over to new players that come every year."



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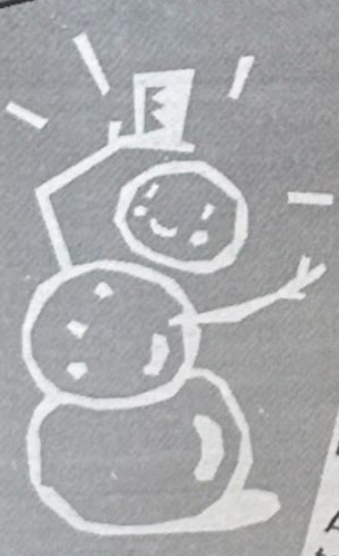
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and previously served as the chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee in the 123rd and 122nd Legislatures. He has also served on the Natural Resources and Government Oversight Committees. One of his top accomplishments in the 123rd Legislature was co-sponsoring the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Bartlett is a practicing attorney with Scaccia, Lenkowski, Aranson and Bartlett in Sanford, and he lives with his wife Susan and daughter Abigail in Gorham. He is a graduate of Gorham High School, Tufts and Harvard Law School. The 124th Maine Legislature will officially convene December 3.

**TOWN COUNCIL** FROM PAGE 4

Gorham Town Council for 2008-2009. Michael Phinney was elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Gorham Town Council for 2008-2009. The following Council Committees were established for 2008-2009:

- Finance Committee—Brenda Caldwell, Chairman, Philip Csoros and Noah Miner
- Ordinance Committee—Burleigh Loveitt, Chairman, Shonn Moulton and Michael Phinney
- Appointments/Personnel Committee—Philip Csoros, Chairman, Brenda Caldwell and Burleigh Loveitt
- Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee—Shonn Moulton, Chairman, Noah Miner and Michael Phinney
- Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments—Shonn Moulton, Ad Hoc Representative to the Recreation Advisory Board - Matthew Robinson

- Ad Hoc Representative to the Cable TV Committee—Matthew Robinson
- Representative to the New Elementary School Committee—Brenda Caldwell

- In other business, the Council:
- Approved issuance of a new Massage Therapist License for Elizabeth Berks and Cathy Reynolds to expire 12/31/2009 pending final approval of the Police Chief.
  - Approved the issuance of a new Massage Establishment License for In Touch to expire 12/31/2009 pending final approval of the Police Chief.
  - Referred a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter IV, Site Plan Review, to allow small projects to be exempt from site plan review, to the Ordinance Committee and to the Planning Board for public hearing and their recommendation.
  - Appropriated funds for the Libby Avenue construction project, STP-9329(08) X, PIN 9329.00, to pay for the Town's local share as follows: \$268,467 from the State Road Projects Reserve Account, \$6,500 from the Road Extension Reserve Account, \$75,000 from the Limited Access Highway Reserve Fund and \$27,053.53 from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund.
  - With voter approval of the new elementary school on Sept. 16, the Council voted to approve the issue of \$25,833,908 to fund the project, the amount to be raised by the issuance of general obligations bonds and/or notes of the Town, and \$161,142 to be provided by a State "high performance" energy savings grant award. The Bonds shall be designated "Town of Gorham, Maine, General Obligation Bonds" and any notes in anticipation thereof shall be designated "Town of Gorham General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes." The proceeds of the Bonds and any Notes shall be used to finance the costs of the Project

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Gorham Times Staff

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Buttons can be purchased at Gorham Rec. Department, The Bookworm, Working Words & Graphics, Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham Grind, Sebago Brewing and Hannaford in Gorham. Buttons cost \$5 each (children two years of age and

under are free). Families with more than two children between the ages of two and 18 can purchase a \$20 family package at the Gorham Rec. Department.

"YourSpace will offer supervised childcare for parents who wish to attend a performance that might not appeal to little ones and the \$5 button will cover the cost of that service as well," said committee member Steve Willis.

From 11:30 until midnight everyone will gather outside Hannaford to enjoy more music, performers (a visit by the New Year Gnome) and other surprises. We will welcome in 2009 in with a countdown and fireworks at midnight.

Performers may submit applications through Dec. 10, which are available at [www.newyeargorham.org](http://www.newyeargorham.org). FMI Virginia Wilder Cross, chairperson, 222-2248.

## BURGLARIES FROM PAGE 1

60 burglaries in Southern Maine, including one in Windham, where a man had a camera going in his house when burglars broke in. Police did not initially recognize the man in the photos. When Leet was arrested, police determined he was the man in the Windham photos and he was charged with that burglary.

The three people arrested on Nov. 10 (Zachary Farris, Cassandra Farris and Nicholas Young) remain at the Cumberland County Jail, unable to make the high bail that was set for them. The burglars had knocked on the door of a house on Hackmatack Way and got no answer. The owner was home but chose not to answer the door as she didn't

know the people who were knocking. They stole credit cards and a laptop from the house before fleeing. While being pursued by the police, they threw the laptop and the credit cards out the window of their vehicle. The laptop and the credit cards were recovered.

Gorham PD suspects these three may be tied to some of the other burglaries in Gorham. There have not been any reported burglaries in Gorham since the two groups of people were arrested.

Detective Sears Edwards is recovering from leg injuries sustained while pursuing Nicholas Young with the police dog.

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## of interest

**ANDREW LOVEITT** (GHS '04), a first year student at UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), recently participated in the college's annual White Coat ceremony to formally recognize the transition students make from laypersons to those assuming the responsibility of physicians. Loveitt is the son of Anna and Ron Seekins, and Peter and Debbie Loveitt.



**CATHY WATERMAN** of Gorham, a case manager at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, has been named the November Employee of the month at the hospital. Shown below l to r: John Bear, Director of Case Management, Cathy Waterman, Amy Morse CEO of New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland.



The Gorham Chamber Singers and the Gorham Community Chorus will perform a mix of holiday and standard selections on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the GHS auditorium.

The final concerts in Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus include the free USM Composer's Showcase at Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. featuring original contemporary and classical music by local composers and directed by Daniel Sonenberg. On Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. members of the USM Opera Workshop will perform the one-act opera, "The Game of Chance" directed by Ellen Chickering. Tickets are \$6/\$3. Call 780-5555.

A USM Student Juried Exhibit featuring a variety of media will be on display at the USM Art Gallery in Gorham through Dec. 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Admission Free. FMI, 780.5008 or ceyler@maine.edu

Troop leaders TRACY BURNS, FAITH JOYAL and BETSY NYGREN helped Gorham Junior Girl Scouts Troop # 1188 assemble a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket for a family in need in Gorham in time for the holiday. The Girl Scouts also made Thanksgiving Posters for the residents at the Gorham House Nursing home with the message, "We give thanks for you!" on them. Members include MADELINE JOYAL-MYERS, TAYLOR NYGREN, DELANEY BURNS, MAEVE PITMAN, JAMIE CARTER, ALEXANDRA STRESSER, WHITNEY KING, JULIA LYONS, LILY TOWLE and KATIE BERTIN.

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Gorham residents GRACE ANN BURNS, MADDIE GOTSCHLICH, KATIA HRYCAY, SUMMER KELLEHER, GABRIELLE LIBBY, NARISSA LIBBY, BOB MOSEY, BRETT STEWART, and RACHAEL STEWART will perform in the popular holiday story 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,' at the Schoolhouse Arts Center on Route 114, Dec. 5- 21. Call 642-3743 for reservations. Below, l-r: MADDIE GOTSCHLICH from Gorham, and MEAGHAN MCGOVERN from Buxton.



The First Parish Church in Gorham will have their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 - 2 p.m. There will be a silent auction, baked goods, knit items, crafts, fun for kids, Santa and Sleigh Rides! Fun for the whole family!

Holiday Bazaar at the Inn at Village Square, 123 School St. Gorham on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9-3 p.m. Crafts, bake sale, rummage and Santa.



Recently, the Seventh Annual Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger Walking Tour made a stop in Gorham as part of the month-long walk to raise funds and awareness for ending hunger. While in Gorham, the Tour stopped at Casco Federal Credit Union's office on Main Street and made a contribution to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Pictured (l to r) Fran Doucette, Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry, Brenda Davis, Executive Director of Cross Roads Food Pantry and April Tinker, Casco FCU.

The Gorham Woman's Club will once 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 Baked Bean Supper at the White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road, (off Rte 237) in Gorham on Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, biscuits, salads, homemade desserts served. \$7adults/\$3 kids. FMI, 892-4442.

Timothy Mason-Osann (GHS '04) is a member of the Saint Michael's College Chorale which is performing "A Baroque Christmas" in the SMC Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel on Dec 5. The 40-voice performing group is joined by soloists, organist, oboe, trumpet and violin, under the direction of SMC associate professor of music, Dr. Nathaniel G. Lew.

The Maine Orchid Society will hold its Holiday Potluck meeting on Dec. 8th at 7pm at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Members and guest are encouraged to bring a dish to share. There will also be a showing

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## Casco Bay Concert Band's "The Many Moods of Christmas" Dede Perkins



On December 6th at 3 p.m., the Casco Bay Concert Band will perform "The Many Moods of Christmas" at Gorham High School's McCormack Performing Arts Center.

Conducted by Dr. Peter Martin, former music department chair and current professor at USM, the Casco Bay Concert Band has been called "Portland Symphony-in-Training" and the "Best-Kept Secret in the Portland area."

The band is made up of seventy volunteer musicians from Greater Portland who practice every Monday night at Gorham High School, perform a minimum of three concerts a year, and sponsor an annual scholarship to support a Maine student looking to study music beyond high school. Each March, the band supports Music In Our Schools by performing a joint concert with a local high school band.

Over one-third of band members are currently music educators, and one-third have been or currently are professional performing musicians.

The Casco Bay Concert Band was the featured act at the Nonantum Resort's 2008 Fourth of July celebration in Kennebunkport. Besides playing locally, the band has played at Boston's Faneuil Hall, in New Hampshire at Dartmouth College and at Lake Winnepesaukee.

The December 6th concert will feature a reading of "The Night Before Christmas," a Christmas sing-a-long, and favorite holiday selections such as Leroy Anderson's "A Sleigh Ride" and "Christmas Festival."

The McCormack Performing Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 seniors; children and students are free. For more information, call 310-0116 or visit [www.cascobayconcertband.org](http://www.cascobayconcertband.org).

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of the American Orchid Society slideshow "Miniature Orchids."

**Gorham Historical Society sponsored the Eddy Homestead project** with the sale of hay as the primary source of income. The Board of Directors struggled to hay the fields with very old equipment. A soil improvement plan has been put into place by using a lime waste by-product designed to raise the PH factor of the soil. Hopefully, the 2009 hay season will be productive both with quality hay and the generation of funds to assist in the operation of the Homestead. Other volunteers included Dave McCullough, Peter Dean, Bill Rust, Bill Thorp, John McCarthy, Ann Rust and Jennifer McCullough. FMI contact David McCullough, dmcull1@maine.rr.com.

**Cressey Road United Methodist Church was the site of an Eagle Scout project** completed Oct. 25 by Brandon Pesce of Troop 51, with assistance of Scouts from Troop 83. A bridge structure, which spans a drainage swale, enables easier access to the

church's garden shed. Pesce secured donations of materials from Moulton Lumber of Cornish, and received a matching grant from Gorham's Harmony Masonic Lodge.

**Cressey Road United Methodist Church** will hold their Annual Cookie Fair on Dec. 6. Delicious cookies and fudge. FMI 839-3111.

**close to home**

**The towns of Windham and Buxton are offering rabies vaccination clinics** on Dec. 6. The Windham location is 8 School Road, 9-11 a.m. Open to Windham and surrounding community residents. Cost is \$10 per shot, cash and checks only. Lake Region Animal Hospital is providing this service. All animals must be on a leash or in a pet carrier. The Buxton clinic will be at the Bar Mills Fire and Rescue Station, across from Buxton Town Hall from 1-3 p.m. All dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier. The cost is \$8 per vaccination, cash only. You need not be a Buxton resident. The event is

Sponsored by the Hollis Animal Clinic, the Towns of Buxton & Hollis and the Vacationland Dog Club, FMI 929-6171.

**The 15th Annual Christmas Tree Festival of the Buxton Garden Club** is happening the week of Dec. 8-12 at the Bar Mills Community Church located at the corner of Portland and Hermit Thrush Roads, Buxton. Admission is free and all entertainment is free. \$5 fee for the Tuesday afternoon tea at 1 p.m. Donations gratefully accepted. FMI, BuxtonGC@yahoo.com, or 929-8283.

**Christmas Wreaths** will be for sale on Dec. 2, 3 & 4 at 80 Narragansett Trail in Buxton from 9-4 p.m. Benefit Women's Fellowship of Tory Hill Church, Buxton.

**Living Waters Christian School** presents "The Tale of Three Trees", on Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. FMI 727-4499.

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**Hickory Lane caller** reported a disturbance involving multiple people.

**Lowell Road caller** reported a possible burglary in progress.

**Fort Hill Road caller** reported suspicious activity. Subject was bird hunting.

**Mitchell Hill Road caller** wanted to talk with an officer about retrieving items that had inadvertently been put into a recycling bin.

**Huston Road caller** reported an abandoned motor vehicle. Owner was hunting.

**Main Street caller** reported an intoxicated person attempting to get into and drive their vehicle.

**Deering Road caller** reported person offering to do roofing.

**Jonathan Road caller** reported someone stole a statue from their property.

**Finn Parker Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding their neighbor's dog killing their chickens.

**Sebago Lake Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding disgruntled person.

**College Avenue caller** reported that a strange dog just wandered into their house.

► For more Blotter entries, visit [www.gorhamtimes.com](http://www.gorhamtimes.com) and click on the **OTHER** link.

**Caller reported seeing** a KKK member just standing out in front of where they are on Water St. Call deemed a prank and subjects have been warned for misuse of 911.

**Gray Road caller reported** an abandoned tractor trailer. Driver was searching for missing parts in the roadway.

**Longfellow Road caller** reported several hunters standing around drinking coffee before sun up.

**Mosher Road caller reported** a stolen ATV. ATV had been repossessed.

**Shaw's Mill Road caller** reported a person walking around wearing an orange jacket, staggering and carrying a hatchet/ax. Subject has been knocking on doors in the area.

**Fort Hill Road caller reported** a llama has been in the backyard and hasn't moved in two days.

**Weeks Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a male subject standing near the corner of Weeks Road. Male has been doing this for the past few days around the school release time and was noticed by one of the bus drivers.

**Lawn Avenue caller** reported his dog missing. Animal was located at Refreshing Paws.

## on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

### THURSDAY, NOV. 27

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

### FRIDAY, NOV. 28

■ No School for grades K-12.

■ Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Church, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., \$8 adult/\$4 kids Prepared by Knights of Columbus. Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, peas, cole slaw, rolls, and dessert!!

### SATURDAY, NOV. 29

■ Burn off the Turkey 5k. Race day registration and sign in 7:30am. Race starts 9:00 a.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 30

■ Gorham Tree Lighting. Gazebo area and Central Fire Station, 4 p.m.

### MONDAY, DEC. 1

■ Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South Street

### TUESDAY, DEC. 2

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

■ New Elementary School Building Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Conference Room, Municipal Building, 75 South Street

■ American Red Cross Blood Drive, USM 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 4

■ Baby & Me/Toddler Time, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, Massage techniques for your baby and toddler. FMI, 839-5031.

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

### SATURDAY, DEC. 6

■ First Parish Church's Christmas Fair, 9-2 p.m. Silent Auction, Baked goods, crafts, fun for kids, Santa and Sleigh Rides!

■ Casco Bay Concert Band, 3 p.m., MPAC.

■ Winter Holidays Around the World Family Event, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts, and fun to celebrate winter holidays around the world

■ Holiday Bazaar at the Inn at Village Square, 123 School St., Gorham. 9-3 p.m. Crafts, bake sale, rummage and Santa.

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### SUNDAY, DEC. 7

■ Gorham Community Chorus & GHS Chamber Singers Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., MPAC.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

■ School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South Street

■ Public Forum between USM Greek House members and community, 7 p.m. Robie Gym.

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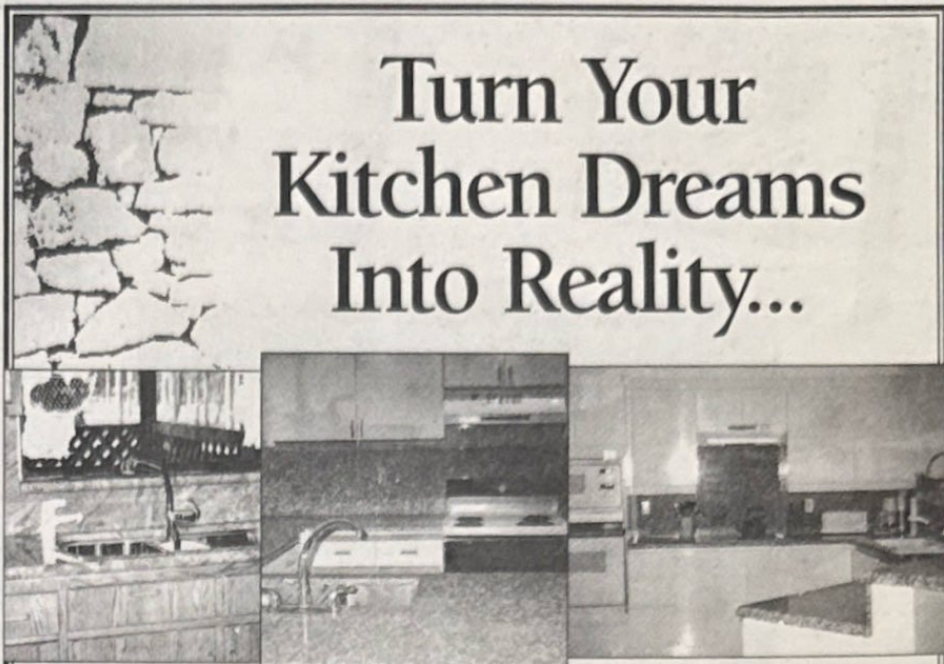
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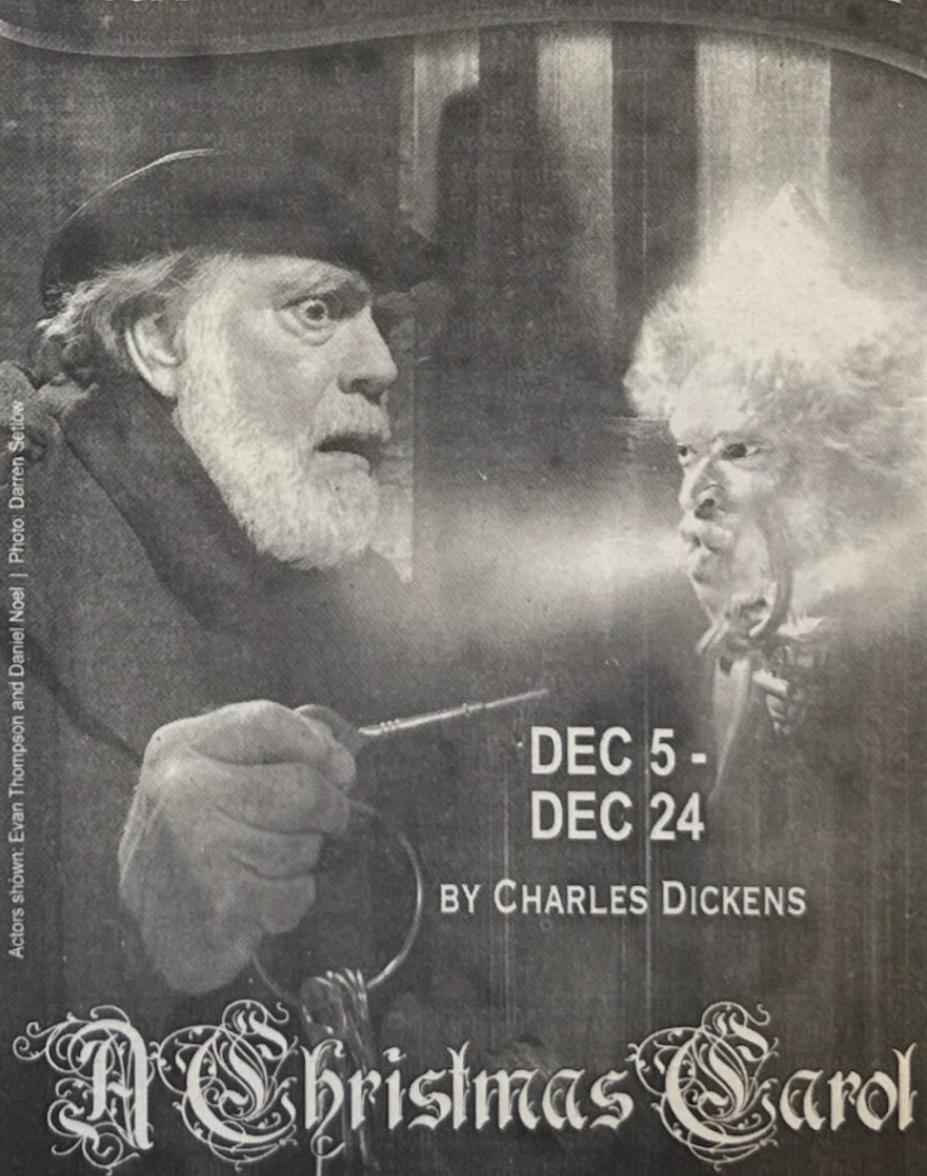
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