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Town Clock Finally Returns Home

Bill Ambrose

At long last, Gorham's historic Town Clock is back in its original place in the First Parish Church. It began telling the time and striking the hours during the week of Nov. 17. The prediction of Town Councilor Burleigh Loveitt that the clock would be back "by the time the snow files," has proven to be correct.

The 1868 Tower Clock, manufactured by the E. Howard Clock Company, was a gift to the town by Toppan Robie, a prominent citizen of Gorham. It was placed in the First Parish Church steeple because of its central location in the village. It is one of the few remaining clocks of its kind in New England that has not been electrified.

The clock was removed from the First Parish steeple three years ago by the Balzer Family Clock Works of Freeport. Several public hearings since the removal reached a consensus that the historical value of the artifact would



The Town Clock has been completely restored and returned to its original location, First Parish Church. Clyde Grant (left) and Rev. David Butler are shown standing next to the intricate clock mechanisms that can be viewed from the choir loft.

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Arrest Made in Church's Gift Card Theft

Hannaford and Gorham PD Reimburse Church

Sheri Faber



Rev. David Butler receives a check from Police Chief Ronald Shepard from the Department's Restorative Justice Fund. The money will be used to help community members in need.

Sarah Runnion-Bareford, 32, of Lewiston, was arrested and charged with theft, receiving stolen property and violating conditions of release for the theft of \$880 in Hannaford Gift Cards that were meant to be distributed by the First Parish Congregational Church to needy families for Thanksgiving. The theft was discovered on Nov. 24 when the families arrived to receive their Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards.

The Church had receipts for the cards and Hannaford traced the numbers, determining that all \$880 had been used in the Lewiston Hannaford at 7:15 am on Nov. 24. In the course of his investigation, Detective Sears Edwards identified Runnion-Bareford as the person using the gift

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Bypass Officially Opens for Traffic

Bill Ambrose

Local, state, and federal officials gathered on Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly completed Gorham Bypass. The celebration was held on the roadway approximately one-half mile from the South Street roundabout. In spite of the chilly weather, it was well attended by members of the public and representatives of local media outlets.

David Cole, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation, made opening remarks and introduced the other speakers who came to the podium. He described Gorham's role in the transportation matrix of the Greater Portland area. Cole presented historical background information about the 50-year long bypass planning process, and expressed his appreciation to all the Gorham residents who took part in the lengthy endeavor.

Matthew Robinson, Chair of the Gorham Town Council, Burleigh Loveitt, longtime Town Councilor, and Jonathan McDade, Administrator of the Federal



The long awaited opening of Phase 1 of the Bypass is celebrated with an official ribbon cutting. Pictured (l to r): Town Council Chair Matthew Robinson, Town Councilor Burleigh Loveitt, State Rep. Jane Knapp, Maine Federal Highway Administrator Jonathan McDade, Jan Love from Senator Collins' office, MDOT Commissioner David Cole.

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A New Year brings an exciting new partnership for the *Gorham Times*. The *Gorham Times* and GoCat are teaming up to "Advance the Story" on selected articles, that will include a video component on the *Gorham Times* web site. Check the next *Gorham Times* for more information.

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letters to the Times

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Dear Gorham Times,

The Trustees of Baxter Memorial Library would like to publicly thank the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library for their enthusiastic dedication to the library.

The Friends have worked tirelessly on events and fundraising in support of the library. This year, they fulfilled items on the library's wish list by donating a new computer; 8 new lightweight tables; \$1000 to enroll the library in a statewide downloadable audio book consortium; and \$1000 for books and DVDs.

In addition, they joined Ruth's Reusable Resources for the benefit of the library, wrote grants, sponsored programs, baked refreshments, held book sales, contributed to the Baxter Memorial Library Centennial Endowment Fund and sponsored their award-winning writing contests. For all these things and more, "thank you" to the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library.

Community members may join this outstanding group by contacting the library at 839-5031 or stopping by the library.

Sincerely,
Gerry Day, Secretary
Board of Library Trustees

Dear Gorham Times,

A thank you is in order to the Gorham Woman's Club for replacing the American Flag at Phinney Park in time for Veterans Day. Phinney Park is right in the middle of the village at the intersection of South and Green Streets. The park has two granite tablets commemorating the men and women of Gorham who served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

The Woman's Club heard that the flag was tattered and the Parks Commission was looking to replace it. At their Oct. 9th meeting a motion was made and passed to purchase a new flag for the Park. The flag was purchased at Gorham Flag on Main Street.

The Woman's Club was founded in 1925 by women working for the betterment of the community, education and social interest. The Club meets monthly and is open to anyone wishing to become an active volunteer. Contact club president Marie Woodbrey for more information (839-4213).

Noah Miner, Green St.

quick clicks



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Adam Treworgy of Washington DC, National Political Correspondent, grabs the first *Gorham Times* the day after Thanksgiving to catch up on the local scene. Treworgy was in Gorham visiting his family for Thanksgiving.

Ten Years ago in the Gorham Times

November 1998

Compiled by Donna Shaw

Contaminants were detected in five wells near the Brackett/New Portland Road Intersection.

The trigger lock campaign was a great success with all 355 locks given away in less than two weeks. This program was sponsored by the *Gorham Times*.

Village School students participated in a food drive for the month of November for local food banks, organized by the Peer Leaders, emphasizing the theme of generosity.

Baxter Memorial Library expansion was approved by the voters in a town wide election. Fundraising efforts will begin to raise the 1.5 million dollars to fund it. The Library was built and given to the Town in 1908 by James Phinney Baxter, mayor of Portland, who was born in the Baxter House.

David Wallace restores and rebuilds old pipe organs at his 200 year-old farmhouse in Gorham. He has traveled throughout the U.S. rebuilding organs and took part in the reconstruction and restoration of the Kotschmar organ at Merrill Auditorium.

NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Serious, Bold Leadership

Phil Bartlett



I was recently honored to have been elected Senate Majority Leader by my colleagues in the Democratic Caucus. The 124th Legislature presents us with unprecedented challenges that will require serious, bold leadership.

Like over 40 other states grappling with the nationwide financial crisis, Maine faces a budget shortfall of approximately \$838 million. While we are still awaiting the Governor's budget, it is obvious that we will need to cut spending while protecting vital services.

Though I am cognizant of the daunting nature of the task ahead, I also believe we have a tremendous opportunity to overcome this crisis in ways that will move Maine forward.

For example, tax reform can help prevent future deficits by avoiding the boom and bust revenue cycles that have proven so costly to our state over and over again. Will also need to address our energy needs, expand access to affordable health care, and create new jobs.

We have so far escaped the prospect of \$4 per gallon heating oil and gasoline, but much work is to be done to prevent calamity the next time oil prices spike

upwards. And although Maine's economy has not been hit as hard as other states in the country, we need to redouble our efforts to create more good paying jobs in Maine so that we emerge stronger from the current economic turmoil.

The temptation during difficult times is to let gloom and despair overshadow our work. That would be a mistake. We need bold leadership that understands the challenges we face but seizes the opportunities in front of us. I am encouraged by the spirit of bi-partisanship in the opening days of this legislative session, and I look forward to partnering with my Republican colleagues to tackle our most pressing challenges.

With serious decisions ahead, I am confident that Democrats and Republicans in Augusta can forge ahead together to thoughtfully address the current crisis and continue to move Maine forward.

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Dede Perkins

Beginning at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve, the Gorham community will be treated to a town-wide celebration featuring a variety of top-notch performers and entertainers. Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers and generous sponsors, this event will set the stage for an exciting, affordable way for Gorham to gather as a community and welcome in 2009.

"While space doesn't allow me to list all the events, I can promise that all performances will appeal to all audiences," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chair for the event. "You can enjoy the youthful men's barbershop harmony 'Pitch Craft' or a young women's quartet called, 'The Jems'. There will be instrumental, toe-tapping country and western music when 'Old Time Country music' performs at Shaw Gym (7 - 11:30 p.m.) as well as an assortment of jazz- Dixieland by Mel Tukey and the Clam Flat Five, or traditional jazz performed by Old Time Jazz.

"The Mackerel Sky Project will present two performances of a play at First Parish Church (featuring Rev. David and Maureen Butler) and the Centre of Movement will offer a variety show. The Don Roy Trio will perform all evening at Robie Gym, and Red Flannel Hash and Cattle Call will appear at Galilee Baptist Church or dance to Oldies, but Goodies with music by Eagle Audio Productions. There's a lot more including inspirational and spiritual music and storytelling and art activities for young children, but don't run out of energy before the countdown, complete with fireworks, is

held at the Hannaford parking lot."

The venues include The Odd Fellows Building, First Parish Church, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Baxter Memorial Library, Your Space (where supervised childcare is offered), Galilee Baptist Church, Robie Gym, Dance Studio of Maine, Centre of Movement, Shaw Gym, and The Gorham Grind. A bus shuttle will transport people to and from Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Galilee Baptist Church and Your Space as people are encouraged to leave their cars out of the Village area. There will be no parking in the Hannaford lot and Mechanic Street will be closed to traffic since food concessions will line that street.

New Year Gorham buttons, which are your admission to all events, are sold at Hannaford in Gorham, The Bookworm, The Gorham Grind, Baxter Memorial Library, Working Words & Graphics, Sebago Brewing Company and the Gorham Rec. Department. They cost \$5 each and family packages are available at the Rec. Dept. (for families with more than two children between the ages of 2-17). If you are worried about keeping warm, you can purchase a New Year Gorham scarf for only \$12 (while they last, you can purchase a scarf and button for a combined price of \$15). Scarves are available at Working Words & Graphics and The Gorham Rec. Department.

A complete schedule is posted at the web site: www.newyeargorham.org. FMI Virginia Wilder Cross, 222-2248.

Jordan Shiers Wins Competition



Jordan Shiers, of Gorham, won the Miss Maine Teen USA pageant Nov. 22 held in Portland. She was one of 35 girls, ranging in ages 14 - 19, competing for the title. The competition is judged on swimwear, evening gown and an interview. Shiers will be making various appearances throughout Maine during 2009 and will also go on to compete in the National Miss Teen USA pageant in August. The former Miss Maine Teen USA was Avery Barr, who is also from Gorham. This is the first time in pageant history that two girls from the same town have won the title consecutively. Both girls currently go to GHS and work at Mr. Bagel in Gorham. Jordan is the daughter of Darren and Lisa Shiers.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT DECEMBER 3, 2008

CMP Plans Expansion for Gorham

Bruce Webb

The Gorham Planning Board met in the town council chambers Dec. 1. Prior to a discussion of the agenda items, the previous two meetings minutes were approved. The town planner presented the reports from the Ordinance Review, Sign Ordinance, and Streets and Ways committees. She also reported on the status of the minor site plan reviews.

Agenda items discussed were:

1. A proposed amendment by Plan-it Recycling to use a mobile picking station at their lower Main Street site. Scott Collins appeared on behalf of the applicant to answer questions about the revised plan - specifically, the litter fence and privacy screen surrounding the property. It was recommended that the screen should be maintained in good shape since it will be subject to deterioration and the project conform to a specific time frame so that the poles can be set prior to the onset of deep frost. The board gave the applicant 90 days to complete the project and approved the item.
2. A request for approval of a proposed commercial office development at 8 Elm St.

Dave Douin wants to develop a commercial office building on the site but parking is a problem because of compliance with setback requirements. The owner is proposing an 8 x 24 ft. building at the front of the property to meet the requirements of

the village building standards. There are, however, still questions about drainage, elevation, and lighting issues that cannot be resolved at this time. Since additional information needs to be gathered to complete the request, the board decided to postpone a final vote on the application until the Dec. 15 meeting.

3. A request by Central Maine Power Company to expand the electrical substation off the Straw Road in South Gorham. Steve Harding, representing CMPCO, says that the company wants to expand the facility from four acres to 9.3 acres, erect a new autotransformer, and install additional equipment in the new control house. The goal is to upgrade the site to improve the reliability of electrical service in Gorham.

The board discussed buffering, noise control, lighting, and drainage issues specific to the site. They directed the applicant to gather additional information and address these questions at a future public hearing.

4. The final item was the application for a proposed residential subdivision, Blueberry Ridge, off the Finn Parker Road. The applicant presented the updated plans and the board concurred that the project was an improvement over the previous submission. The board encouraged the applicant to collect additional information and present a formal preliminary plan at the January meeting.

CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

Grand Jury Indictments



The Grand Jury for Nov. and Dec. returned indictments on charges brought by the Gorham PD and other PD's as noted:

- Kayla Connolly, 25, of Gorham was indicted for Theft by the Portland PD.
- David Curtis, 42, was indicted for two counts of Theft and one count of Forgery.
- Cassandra Farris, 19, of Portland was indicted for Burglary, Theft and Violating Conditions of Release.
- Zachary Farris, 21, of Portland was indicted for Burglary and Theft.
- David Fournier, 47, of Cumberland was indicted for Theft by Deception.
- Mark Hachey, 40, of Burnham was indicted for OUI and Possession of Hydrocodone.
- Peter Hamscher, 19, of Concord was indicted for Trafficking in Hydrocodone, Possession of Hydrocodone, Trafficking in Psilocybin and Trafficking in Marijuana by the USM PD.
- Phillip Hudson, 39, of Casco was

indicted for Burglary, Theft and Criminal Mischief.

- Donald James, 45, of Portland was indicted for Aggravated Trafficking in heroin.
- Alexis Lebel, 27, of Westbrook was indicted for Negotiating a Worthless Instrument.
- Richard Martin, 48, of Falmouth was indicted for Negotiating a Worthless Instrument.
- 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.
- Nicholas Young, 20, of Portland was indicted for Burglary and Theft.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER 2, 2008

Flag, Allegiance Discussed

Susan Olson Gwozdz

Gorham resident, Suzanne Ennis, reported to the Town Council that a petition with over 300 signatures has been circulated by herself and other concerned citizens asking that the School Department comply with state law and have an American flag displayed in every classroom and that the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at all Gorham schools, including the High School. Councilor Mike Phinney asked the School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby to provide a report to the Council on the flag issue. Mr. Libby

noted that the Pledge of Allegiance has not been said at the High School for 20 years and the School Committee is reviewing the matter.

In other business, the Council:

- Issued a victualer and liquor license to Thatchers Restaurant and Sports Pub and renewed the liquor license for Sebago Brewery.
- Ordered an Ordinance Committee review of the mission and long-term direction of the Town's cable television system and operation and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council.
- Accepted Gerry's Way located in Gerry Estates Subdivision off South Street as a public road; and classified it as a Rural Access Road.
- Accepted Jennifer Way, located in Tall Pines Subdivision off Spiller Road, as a public road, and classified it as a Rural Access Road.
- Accepted approximately 660 feet of Boulder Drive, located in Tall Pines Subdivision off Spiller Road, as a public road and classified it as a Rural Access Road.
- Appointed Jennifer Elliott as the Registrar of Voters for the Town of Gorham for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2010.
- Asked the Ordinance Committee to review the Massage Therapist Ordinance and report back to the Town Council.
- Noted that several years ago the voters of the State approved a statewide referendum that required the State to

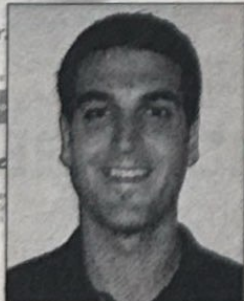
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Hearty Meals for Winter Weather

Barbara T. Schneider

Ah...Winter approaches, bringing cold nights, a glowing fire, and cozy weekend afternoons curled up on the couch with a good book. Are you ready? Who is, really? The best we can do as cold weather approaches is prepare our homes to keep us warm and protected from the elements. The next step is to prepare some hearty, bone-warming meals to keep us toasty on the inside.

I have just the ticket for you. The first recipe is a Moroccan/ Indian Stew using beef or lamb and a ton of tasty vegetables in a slow cooker. This recipe can easily be made without the meat as well. What a way to heat up the innards and to create a yummy aroma in the kitchen while it's cooking.

The second recipe is a hearty fish cioppino that takes advantage of Maine's bountiful seafood. Coupled with a crusty baguette and a green salad and you have a perfect evening meal.

The third recipe is also a one dish meal with lamb chops/shoulder cut braised with a hearty tomato base. I guarantee ~~that any~~ of these recipes will satisfy your family's taste buds and offer an excellent nutritious meal for all. The added bonus is the warm cozy feeling you'll get on a cold winter night. Enjoy!

Moroccan/ Indian Stew

- 1 and 1/2 pounds of cubed lean beef or lamb
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons turmeric
- 2 teaspoons cumin seed
- 3 teaspoons coarse black pepper
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 28 oz. cans crushed tomatoes with juices
- 7 cups beef or vegetable broth
- 3 zucchini, chopped
- 1 and 1/2 cups turnips, chopped
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 1/2 pound green & yellow beans (about 1-2 inch pieces)
- 1 large eggplant, chopped

Heat olive oil, dust meat cubes with Wondra, brown in pan, and remove to drain. Sauté onion, add garlic and seasonings. Place both mixtures in slow cooker, add broth, tomatoes and salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook on high for one and one half hours. Add vegetables and continue cooking on high for two hours. Serve over couscous or wild rice.

Cioppino

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large fennel bulbs, sliced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 6 garlic cloves, chopped
- Red and green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 2 tablespoons crushed red pepper

- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes with juice
- 1 and 1/2 cups white wine
- 5 cups fish stock
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 pound mahogany clams, cleaned
- 1 pound mussels, scrubbed
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled (prefer uncooked)
- 2 pounds assorted firm fleshed fish such as halibut or salmon, cut into chunks

Heat oil in large pot, sauté onion and fennel, add salt and pepper to taste. Add garlic and red pepper flakes, sauté and stir in tomato paste. Add tomatoes, wine, stock and bay leaf. Cover and bring to simmer, about 30 minutes. Add clams and mussels for about 5 minutes. Add shrimp and fish and simmer gently, about 5-10 more minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and more red pepper flakes if needed.

Braised Lamb with Tomatoes

- 2 pounds cubed lamb or shoulder
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1/2 can tomato paste (sometimes I use it all)
- 1 28 oz. can crushed tomato with juices
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 3 zucchini, chopped
- 2 to 3 tablespoons of Louisiana spice (i.e. Cajun seasoning)

Season lamb with salt and pepper and dust with Wondra. Heat large pot with oil and brown lamb; drain and set aside. Add onion and garlic, stir. Add tomato paste and stir. Add tomatoes, vinegar and wine. Bring to boil. Reduce temperature and simmer for 40 to 50 minutes. Add zucchini about 10 minutes before serving. Serve over pasta, wild rice or couscous.

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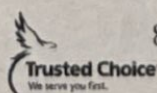
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MBDA Recognizes Local Students

Kim Farrar

Four musicians from GHS won gold medals in the Maine Band Directors Association state finals for marching band competition on Nov. 1. Tom Bennett (percussion), Julianne Farrar (piccolo), Becca Auger (saxophone), and Matt King (trumpet) participated with Old Orchard Beach High School's marching band to earn the gold medal rating. Students from high schools without their own marching bands are allowed to participate in other schools' bands. As a result, Gorham students have regularly joined Old Orchard Beach for this activity.

Old Orchard Beach has a history of excellence with its marching band program and has the distinction of being the only band in MBDA history to earn gold four years in a row (2005-

2008). This year's performance was called "Sharks - The Latin side of West Side Story". The Gorham musicians commuted to Old Orchard Beach beginning in mid-August with two weeks of drill camp and continued two evenings a week plus all day and evening on Saturdays, culminating in their final performance.

This will be the last year in the band for seniors Julianne Farrar and Matt King. "Two years was not enough. I wish I had been in marching band since 7th grade," said Farrar. King added, "I'm most likely going to see if I can join a marching band at the college level. Even though it took a bunch of time, it was probably one of the most fun things I've ever done."



Photo credit Kim Farrar

Gold medal winners (l to r) Tom Bennett, Julianne Farrar, Becca Auger and Matt King.

BINGO!

On Nov. 20, Partners In Education (PIE) sponsored a Family Game Night of BINGO at Narragansett School. Meg Caruso (left), a first grader in Mrs.

O'Donnell's class, received the first prize of the evening. Principal Brad Smith was the Bingo Caller for the night with a special round being called by local TV weatherman Matt Zidle, whose son William is a second grader at Narragansett. More than 40 prizes were awarded to children who reached bingo. Door prizes were also handed out to all children who attended. An enthusiastic crowd of 300 enjoyed this popular event.



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Handwriting without Tears

Gail Trefethern-Kelley, Narragansett O.T.



Photo credit Julie Murray

Mrs. Wright's morning Kindergarten class has some fun working on their letters with Mrs. T-K.

In some districts, teaching handwriting is old school and is not emphasized especially as educational buzz words change. But handwriting is such an important foundational skill because it shows what a student is or is not learning. There is so much involved when a child is learning to write - far beyond pencil grip. As Occupational Therapists, we try to address it all in a fun way. Our focus is usually based on fine motor skills, gross motor skills and sensory

processing skills in support of a child's academic work/learning. As educators, we know that movement is learning and movement is fun. We also know that optimal learning happens when students are in just the right spot (aka optimal arousal state). I call it getting our "body ready to work with our brain". My program takes this into account but ramps it up a bit in an effort to support learning to write letters.

Seussical the Musical



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

The first ever student-directed musical at GMS was held November 21-22. Seussical Jr., directed by Molly Stewart, is based on the works of Dr. Seuss and tells the story of Horton the Elephant and his attempt to save Whoville despite encountering many obstacles along the way. Above (l to r): Anna Barr, Stefanie Farrington, Katie Selens, Grace Bourgault and Allie MacFeat (partially hidden) perform a musical number from Seussical Jr. Inset: Lucia Alexandrin plays The Cat in the Hat and Chloe Gray is Jojo.

Gorham Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

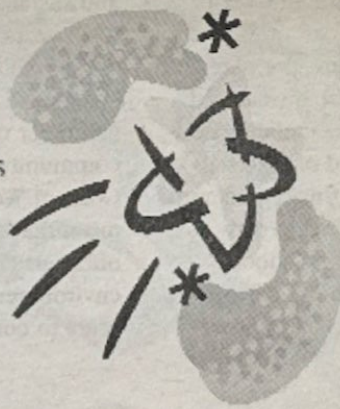
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Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

9th Grade High Honors	Ryan Koenig Troy Lawrence Connor Linehan Ashley Linscott Kevin Lubelczyk Alyssa Lurvey Tyler Maroon Andrew McCarthy Alex Miller Samuel Mosher Kirsten Olson Quincy Owens Kelsey Pequinot Sierra Peters Samuel Phinney Sara Potts Amanda Richardson Mark Ridgeway Danielle Rivard Patrick Robinson Sabrina Rowell Margaret Roy Osna Sayed Cole Shiers Deireann Stillson Alexandra Sturtevant Amy Sutherland Robert Toothaker Timothy Vokey Rachael Webster Dylan Whitaker Amelia Whitten Rebekah Wise	Nathan Lemieux James Lewis Amy Linscott Logan Marshall Alexander Maston Allison Matthews Megan Mitchell Sarah Moir Rebecca Morin Brianna Nee Kylie Perrin Mitchell Perrin Mia Rapolla Taylor Reagan William Ross Katherine Sawtelle Benito Murray Connor Smith Blake Speed Zachary Speirs Brian Stresser Grace Sunnell Janek Swiatek Alexandra Tracy Sarah Vail Colleen Ward Kenneth Whipple Seth Wing	Melissa Deering Eryn Ebert Sean Grandmason George Grant Timothy Hardy Melanie Hebert Farhanaz Jamal Nicole Krebs Craig Leconte Sara Lolley Benjamin Lord Molly Lortie Colin Lubelczyk Megan Masker Megan Meehan Hanna Meise Benito Murray Bailey O'Brien Marissa Owens Nicholas Owens Gabrielle Parsons Brandon Patten Carly Perkins Corey Poitras Eric Porter Hannah Prince Sarah Robinson Lucas Robitaille Mason Roy Jillian Russell Corey Sargent Elizabeth Smith Kathryn Smith Emily Southard Thomas Stirling Luke Tanguay Ryan Tardiff William Tebbetts Pataravadee Theera- wongkongsiri John Tordoff Braedan Weil Kathryn Whitehead	12th Grade Honors Garrick Adolf Joshua Amell Cody Anderson Thea Bass Megan Bilodeau Justin Bolinger Siobhan Bolinger Rachel Brower Kelsey Crowe Sean Cummings Brooke Curtin Joseph Dalfonso Shana Damon Francesco DiDonato Mariah Dolloff Michael SeeHusen Ann Faulkner Lauren Fleury Lauren Fogarty Samantha Gale Catherine Geren Melanie Hallsworth Melissa Haluzak Kristen Hamilton Jessica Harriman Courtney Hawkes Kelsey Herrick Amy Hodgkins Brianna Holloran James Hughes Bethany Irish Mustafa Jamal Ryan Junkins Annie King Peter Langille Alexander Libby Hannah Lilly Thomas Mathieu Lucas Merrifield Rochelle Michaud Kelsey Pelynio Shannon Pelynio Alexandra Platts Christopher Sawtelle Steven Searles Kathleen Shevenell MacKenzie Smith Allison Speed Gregory Standley Mairread Stillson Nellika Stirling William Sutherland Jessica Taylor Brittany Vaughan Tiah Vaughan Sanja Vidovic Kyle Willis Amanda Yager
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Village Playground Goes Under Construction

Leslie Dupuis



The entire Village School says a collective goodbye to the playground before it is taken down this month. A big "thank you" goes out to the Gorham Fire Department for capturing this special occasion!

The Gorham School Committee recently voted to tear down the playground at Village School due to safety concerns with pressure treated wood. According to Principal Brian Porter, "the natural weathering has caused the wood to dry out substantially, resulting in numerous and profound incidents of splintering and embedding of wood fragments with many children who come in contact with this area."

As a proactive measure, the playground is expected to be dismantled during the month of December. A new playground, constructed of materials currently used both in this region and nationally, will be installed in early spring 2009. The Gorham School Department will absorb the cost of this project from its capital improve-

ment budget.

Anyone in the community who has an engraved board around the playground can claim it once it is taken down. Further information regarding the pick-up of engraved boards will be communicated once available.

Principal Porter noted, "It is with regret that these actions are necessary. We are well aware of the profound and sustained efforts that were put forth years ago as the current playground was conceived, developed and constructed - with countless hours, volunteer manpower and vision from community members throughout Gorham. We look forward with optimism that our new playground will offer our children a positive and safe environment that will last for many years to come."

Catherine McAuley High School First Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

Seniors Honors Katelyn Desrosiers Kristen Desrosiers Anna Devoe	Sophomores Highest Honors Danielle Street	Freshmen Honors Lulama Hawkes
Juniors Honors Amy Richard	Sophomores Honors Caroline Fogarty Kalli McLaughlin Jolie Thomas	

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 28 issue of the *Gorham Times*, "Democracy at Work at GHS" article, the last line reads: As the council works towards a recommendation, the Pledge of Allegiance is being recited at all schools in Gorham. The sentence should have stated: As the council works towards a recommendation, the Pledge of Allegiance is being recited at all other schools in Gorham.

TOWN CLOCK FROM PAGE 1

be diminished if it were not replaced in the church. Town Council decisions assured that the clock would be returned to its original location.

Since the use of public funds to repair and re-install the clock in the church building was controversial, private funding was arranged to pay for the repair of the clock and its installation in the church. Church members Rose and John Phinney and Priscilla and Bernard Rines generously donated a great portion of the needed funds for the repair of the clock's mechanism and the modifications to the church building.

It was hoped that the intricate mechanism could be installed in the church vestibule, so that it could be accessible for all to see. Structural and space constraints made this plan impractical, so the clock works are now placed on a platform on the second floor, in the organ loft. As such, it will not be closely viewable by those persons unable to climb stairs. However, a viewing window and special lighting have been provided above the rear of the church sanctuary. According to Clyde Grant, who oversaw the project as clerk of the works, the mechanism is a "pleasant and interesting sight" from the sanctuary.

The complex mechanism drives the clock's hands and the bell ringer through the use of aluminum drive shafts that run up to the steeple from the organ loft. Linda Balzer, of Family Clock Works, said that the machinery would be more reliable now that it is no longer exposed to the weather as it was in the steeple. Also, the Town will no longer need to employ a clock winder, since the weights that drive the clock are now automatically wound by an electric motor. The Revere bell is now tolling the hours daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL FROM PAGE 4

fund 55% of local education costs. The Governor and the State Legislature subsequently adopted a plan to phase into compliance with this voter-approved referendum but have never fully implemented this plan. In addition, the Council noted that Federal and State highways in Maine; and a good quality road infrastructure are essential to sustain and grow an economy; and, that the Federal and State Highway system suffers from poor maintenance and a lack of capacity because of a lack of funding that often shifts the financial burden of maintaining these roads to local municipalities. As a result of these concerns, the Council resolved to ask the Governor and State Legislature to address these financial needs with any short or long term economic plan proposed by the State.

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FALL POST SEASON HONORS – GHS Senior DAVID GUSHEE was selected to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Golf Team while junior RACHEL WILKINSON was selected to the All-State Cross Country Team... Juniors HANNAH PRINCE and KAYLEIGH BAL-LANTYNE were selected to the Class A All-State Field Hockey Team.

HOCKEY HAT TRICK: GHS senior Ashley Martin scored three goals as the GHS Girls Hockey Team lost to Portland, 7-6 on November 26.

GORHAM HELPS TWO HOCKEY TEAMS WIN TOURNAMENTS: With the help of two players from Gorham – junior BRIANNA AMATO and senior MELISSA SLATER – the Cheverus High School Girls Hockey Team won the Purple & Gold Cup Tournament November 28-29 that featured teams from Maine, New Hampshire and Canada. In the final, Cheverus defeated St. Thomas Aquinas from Dover, NH, 4-1... The Huskies Comp B Bantam Team, consisting of youth hockey players ages 13-14 from the Gorham area, won the championship in the Icebreakers Invitational Tournament Nov 22-23 in Springfield, MA with a 3-2 win over Biddeford in the final. Gorham players on the team include JUSTIN BROY, CHRIS HARDY, SPENCE COWAND, DYLAN TURNER and BLAKE BABINEAU.

OUTSTANDING SOCCER SEASON: The GYSA Boys U10 Soccer Team finished the season with a record of 23-2. Playing for the team were GRANT HAMBLEN, BRADY RIOUX, RYAN FIRMIN, ETHAN ORACH, NICK STURTEVANT, JAMES BENSON, TONY COOPER, TYLER RICHMAN, JACKSON FOTTER, ZACHARY MEYERS, RYAN HAMBLEN, CAMERON STEVENS and JASON KOMULAINEN. The team was coached by TOM KOMULAINEN, ADAM STURTEVANT and KIM FOTTER.

This Weekend's GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, Dec. 12

7 pm – Boys Basketball vs. Scarborough, GHS Gym
7 pm – Girls Basketball at Deering H.S.

Saturday, Dec. 13

3:20 pm – Girls Hockey vs. Biddeford, Biddeford Ice Arena
6:20 pm – Boys Hockey vs. Fryeburg Academy, USM Ice Arena,

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GHS Winter Sports Preview

Jeff Pike

The GHS Boys and Girls Basketball teams as well as the Boys and Girls Hockey teams have already started the 2008-09 season while the track, ski and cheerleading teams will be underway by Jan. Following are previews of the basketball and hockey teams, which feature three coaches entering their first season at the helm and a fourth entering his second season. Look for the remaining team previews in the Jan. 9 issue of the *Gorham Times*.

Boys Basketball

Head Coach: Josh Longstaff, entering his first year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished 10-8 to qualify for the Western Maine Class A playoffs. Lost in the preliminary round to Windham

Returning Starters From Last Season: None

Players Expected To Have An Impact: Seniors Doug Woods, guard; Ben Moody, guard-forward; and Luke Seiferth, forward. Juniors Alex Graves, guard; Mason Roy, guard; Ryan Luxton, guard-forward; Nick Reynolds, forward-center; and Jon Day, forward. Sophomore Zack Spiers, center.

Team Captains: Had not been announced yet at press time.

Coach's Comments: "Our strengths are

that we work extremely hard and play solid defense," said Longstaff. "One of the areas in which we need to improve is our patience on offense. I'm looking forward to the season, especially with this being my first team, which will make it memorable. We have a shot at the playoffs, but with no returning starters, we will need to work hard. We are setting team goals game-by-game, with small goals that will eventually build-up into to bigger goals."

Boys Hockey

Head Coach: Jon Portwine, entering his first year as head coach.

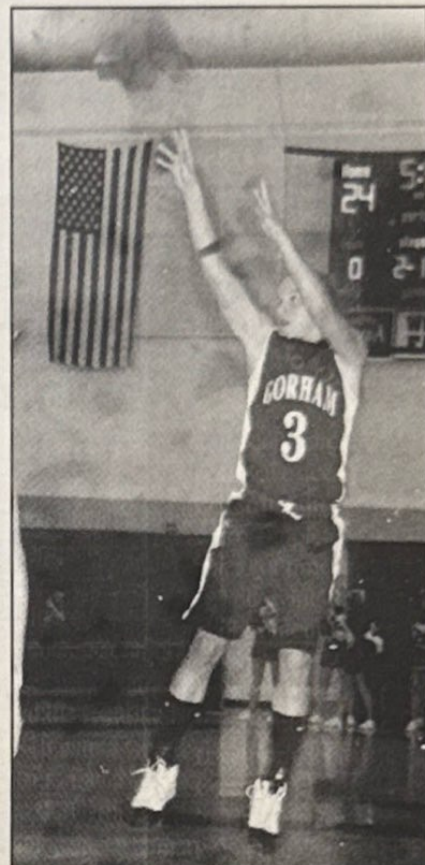
Last Year's Results: Finished the regular season with a record of 5-15

Key Returning Players: Seniors David Gushee, forward; Ian Ryan, forward; and Jake Viel, defenseman. Juniors Spencer Violette, forward; and Justin Bahr, defenseman.

Other Players Expected To Have An Impact: Junior Mike Bowring, goaltender; and freshman Nate Holloran, goaltender.

Captain: Senior David Gushee

Coach's Comments: "This year's team should put up some pretty impressive offensive numbers with one of the best first lines in the state and a favorable schedule," said head coach Portwine. "With two goalies that have only one var-



Rachele Burns To Play Basketball For UMaine-Orono

On November 26, the University of Maine at Orono women's basketball head coach Cindy Blodgett announced that GHS senior Rachele Burns had signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the school and play basketball in the Fall of 2009. Burns averaged 25 points per game through the first six games of her junior season at GHS before suffering a season-ending knee injury. In a University of Maine press release, Blodgett said, "Explosive and competitive are the two words that come to mind when thinking of Rachele's game. It's exciting to have a top recruit coming from the state of Maine who wants to represent our great institution." Burns will sit out the upcoming basketball season, as well as the spring softball season at GHS due to her knee injury. She plans to major in physical therapy/kinesiology at the University of Maine.

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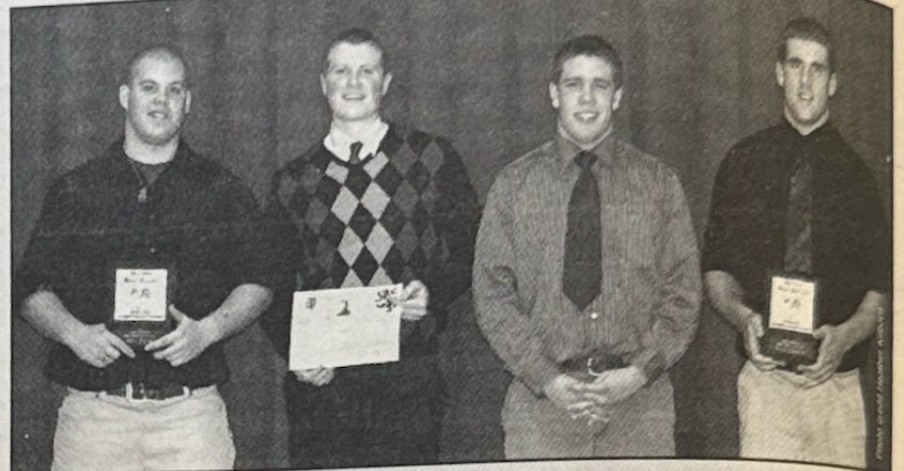
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Athletic Awards



All Conference Team Several GHS football players were recently named to the SMAA Cumberland County All-Conference Team. Pictured (l to r): Cody Stover (Honorable Mention Offensive and Defensive Line); Abe Kilborn (Second Team Tight End); Jon Day (Second Team Utility Player); Francesco DiDonato (Second Team Linebacker); Doug Woods (Honorable Mention Running Back); Clayton Loubier (Honorable Mention Nose Guard); and John Phinney (Honorable Mention Center).



Football Team Awards The GHS Football Team recently announced the recipients of its team awards for the fall season. Pictured (l to r): Cody Stover (Best Offensive Player), TJ Mathieu (The Black Lion Award), Luke Merrifield (Ram Pride Award) and Francesco DiDonato (Best Defensive Player).



The GHS Girls Soccer Team recently announced the recipients of its team awards for the fall season. Pictured (l to r) Molly Folan (Coach's Award), Rachele Burns (Ram Pride Award), Caitlin Caldwell (Team Player Award) and Aimee St. Germain (Four-Year Most Improved Award). All four players are seniors and participated for four years on teams that compiled an overall record of 68-2-2.

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city start between them, it will be a season-long process evaluating and preparing them for a strong playoff run. We should put up an impressive regular season record and possibly some record-breaking offensive numbers. The true test will be how well we perform in the playoffs."

Girls Basketball

Head Coach: Laughn Berthiaume, entering his second season as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished the regular season with a 6-12 record and qualified for the Western Maine Class A Playoffs where the Rams lost to Biddeford in the preliminary round.

Returning Starters: Juniors Jill Russell,

forward; and Kayleigh Ballantyne, guard. Sophomore Natalie Egbert, guard. **Other Players Expected To Have An Impact:** Juniors Elizabeth Lamontagne, forward; Kristi Zarrilli, guard; and Kristi Brown, guard. Sophomore Alyssa Clark, center.

Team Captains: Senior Rachele Burns (out for the season with a knee injury) and junior Jill Russell.

Coach's Comments: "We have a large number of players that have the ability to defend, and we will also look to extend our defense to pressure teams into making mistakes," said head coach Berthiaume. "We hope the defensive intensity will translate into easy transition baskets."



The GYSA U12 Girls Team won the York Harvest Cup tournament Columbus Day weekend by winning all four of its games, including a 1-0 win over Derry, NH in the final. The winning goal was scored by Kate Hopkins on an assist from Emily Lewis while goal keeper Renae Staples stopped two penalty kicks. Gorham also earned the team sportsmanship award. Playing for the team and pictured front row (l to r): Julie Pike, Olivia Owens, Renae Staples, Abby Perkins, Emily Peterson, Kiana Plumer and Sarah Plourde. Second row: Meghan Hanley, Julia Smith, Hannah Garcia, Aliza Jordan, Emily Lewis, Ashley Woodbury, Kate Hopkins and Mackenzie Bowers. Back row: Assistant Coach Tim Plumer, Head Coach Joan Hopkins and Assistant Coach Luci Bowers. Missing: Abby Biegel and Madison Tippetts.



The GYSA U14 Boys Team won the Columbus Day Tournament hosted by the Patriot Soccer Club in Gray. The team won all four of its games, including a 3-1 win over South Portland in the final, and Connor Regan received a Sportsmanship Medal. The team also won its preliminary district playoff the weekend of October 18-19 and appeared in the State Cup final four Nov. 1-2. Pictured front row (l to r): Chris Hardy and Troy Lambert. Second row: TJ Daigler, Evan Peoples, Mike Lubelczyk, Anthony Coppola, Spencer LaPierre, Warren Murray, Dylan Turner and Mike Caron. Back row: Head Coach Parker Cowand, Kyle Curley, Alex McCarthy, Milan Vidovic, Bryan Rex, Spence Cowand, Connor Reagan, Alex Owens, Nate Roop and Assistant Coach Steve Rex. Missing: Mike Sullivan and Zach Schmidt.

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We also need to improve in a few areas such as developing our half court offense so that we are more efficient, and we have to improve from the free throw line. We have been able to get to the line in the past, now we need to focus on being more productive. We will go as far as our effort will take us, and I believe we have a group that will push each other in practice to work extremely hard. We have the ability to surprise a few teams that may underestimate us."

Girls Hockey

Head Coach: Nat Germond, entering his first year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: The team finished the regular season with a record of 10-7-1 and qualified for the Tier II state hockey playoffs. Gorham won its first game, 3-2, over York and then lost, 7-0, to Scarborough in the semifinals.

Returning Key Players: Seniors Ashley Martin and Caitlin Caldwell.

Other Players Expected To Have An Impact: New players still being evaluated at press time.

Team Captains: Seniors Kayla Colarusso, Caitlin Caldwell and Ashley Martin

Coach's Comments: "Our strengths this season will be our work ethic and team cohesiveness," said head coach Germond, who was hired just before the season started. "We need to improve on our skating and puck-handling fundamentals. We also have only two regular varsity players returning from last year's team that had a successful season, and our goalie, Aimee St. Germain, is new to the position. Our lack of experience will be our greatest hurdle. But the team has shown tremendous improvement in just a few short weeks, due in large part to the girls' willingness to work hard both on and off the ice. The two returning varsity players, Martin and Caldwell, are top-notch hockey players who lead the way on the ice while Colarusso and Brie Hol-loran will spearhead the defense. While the team has many areas requiring improvement, the players bring a great attitude and work ethic to each session. I'm excited to see how much they will

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Highway Administration for Maine, each spoke of the significance of the bypass and gave credit to all those who made it possible.

Robinson and Loveitt acknowledged the efforts of local residents toward bringing the bypass to fruition. Robinson praised the cooperation of all the agencies, local, state, and federal, and pointed out people in attendance that contributed their time to the successful completion of the project. Loveitt recounted the work of Selectman Austin Alden who laid out a bypass route over 50-years ago. He also said that he believed that the bypass was only the first step of several to "connect Gorham to the outside world." By this he meant the construction of a spur of the Maine Turnpike to the Town.

McDade declared that transportation facilities are at the core of our freedom and economic prosperity. He and Cole both gave accolades to Shaw Brothers Construction and the other contractors who completed the project six-months ahead of time and under-budget.

Following the speeches, the ceremonial ribbon cutting took place. Wielding scissors were Councilors Robinson and Loveitt, former councilor and now State Representative Jane Knapp, McDade, Jan Love from Senator Collins' office, and Cole (see photo).

This portion of the Gorham Bypass Project, known as Phase 1, routes traffic around Gorham Village, from Route 114 in South Gorham, to Route 25 west of the village. The new road has been designated by MDOT as a continuation of Route 112. It is anticipated to remove most of the heavy truck traffic that turns in the center of the village. It also intersects Route 202 near Cressey Road and passes beneath a new bridge on Flagg Meadow Road. The roadway is built mostly through farm fields and woods, although 10.5-acres of wetlands have been affected.



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cards and she was arrested Dec. 3. She was arraigned on Dec. 8 and has entered a plea of not guilty.

Cherry Finck, chair of the Church's Mission Committee used money from other church accounts to replace \$700 worth of gift cards. Hannaford generously volunteered to reimburse the Church for the full \$880 for the cards.

The Gorham Police also gave \$880 to First Parish Church which the church plans to use to help needy families within the community. The money came from the Restorative Justice Fund. Often first time offenders and juveniles are given "informal adjustment" which keeps them out of the formal court system in hope that the offender will learn from their mistake. Any fines associated with restitution in such a situation would often be lower and that money would go to the Restorative Justice Fund.

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Navy Seaman Recruit JOSEPH MARTIN (GHS '07), son of Angela Pecoraro and Peter Martin of Gorham, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Martin completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Air Force Airman NIKOLAS DEVLIN (Cheverus High School '05), has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



During the six weeks of training, Devlin studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. He is the son of Carolyn Curtis of Green Street, Gorham, Maine, and grandson of John Devlin of Framingham, Mass.

of interest



New England Pet Grooming Professionals at the Fall Festival in Warwick, RI awarded New England's "Top Dog Groomer for 2008" to **ANN-MARIE WATSON** (above, left) of Muddy Paw Dog Grooming in Gorham. As a finalist, Watson attended a three-day educational conference, trade show, and grooming competition. She attended daily seminars on grooming show poodles and what judges look for along with hand-stripping terriers, and shop safety. "I was thrilled to be one of the three finalists, and never thought that I would be chosen to represent the Northeast. This is quite an honor." Watson, a certified professional dog groomer and graduate of Connecticut K-9 Educational Center, operates the salon at 16

Hope Drive in Gorham along with her son Thom. Both have been in the grooming business since 1997.

The Gorham High School Chamber Singers will be caroling on the evenings of Dec. 17-18 from 6-9 p.m. for a \$20 donation. Members of the choir will visit homes in the Gorham area and sing 4 to 5 carols. These evenings have become popular with many in the community and the students love doing it. Give a gift of song to family and friends. FMI, call Darrell Morrow 222-1100 or email darrellm@gorhamschools.org.

In cooperation with the Town of Gorham and area churches, Baxter Memorial Library will continue its annual "Giving Tree" tradition of collecting new and unwrapped gifts for Gorham families in need this Christmas season. The focus is gifts for young men and women aged 12-18. Donations may be dropped off at the library until Saturday, Dec. 13. FMI call 839-5031.

Baxter Memorial Library will host a free demonstration class of Music Together, an early childhood music and movement class for infants, toddlers, and preschool children and their parents or caregivers on Monday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. FMI, 727-6064, or visit www.musictogether.com.

The Baxter Memorial Library will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, the Baxter House Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Holiday Open House will feature refreshments, children's crafts, music, the Giving Tree, a raffle to benefit the Centennial Endowment Fund and much more. David Fogg will be on hand to sign his new book, Gorham's Greatest Gifts. FMI, 839-5031.

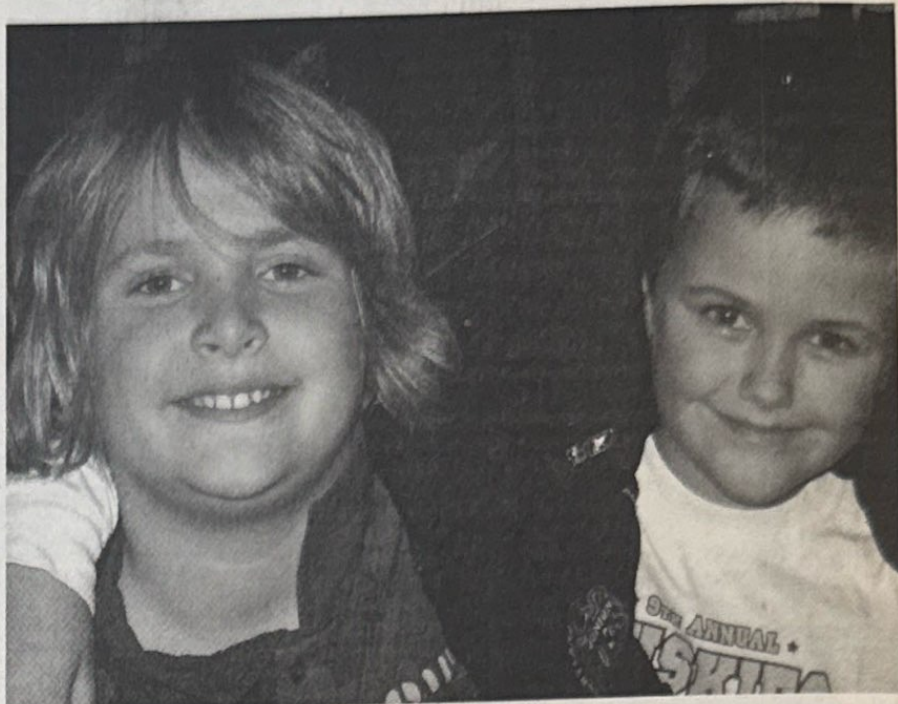
There will be an Open House and FREE demonstration music class (RSVP!) for the Winter Semester of Music Together, classes for infants, Toddlers, and preschool children on Thursday, Jan 8, from 1-3 p.m. at The Centre of Movement, Rt 25, Gorham. FMI, call Jennifer Solari 727-6064 or www.musictogether.com.

close to home

Announcement of Nell Goff Scholarship

The St. Croix District of The Garden Club Federation of Maine encourages college students to apply for a scholarship of \$1000 available to Maine residents. Applicants should be majoring in, planning to major in, or planning to take a graduate degree in: horticulture, floriculture, landscape or urban design, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental control, and/or other related fields.

The Nell Goff Scholarship will be awarded to a student entering their junior or senior year or graduate school in the fall of 2008. Applicants must be Maine residents.



Two Gorham fourth grade Village School students will soon be taking the plunge into the icy waters of the Atlantic, in hopes of raising funds for Special Olympics of Maine. Ten year-old NOAH BIRD and nine year-old PADRAIC OWENS will both participate in the 21st Annual Lobster Dip in front of the Brunswick Hotel at Old Orchard Beach on New Year's Day. Noah is no stranger to the dip, having participated in last year's dip and raising over \$750. "It was so cold it hurt," he said of his experience. "I can't wait to do it again and I am glad my friend Paddy is doing it with me." Noah is a goalie for the Portland Junior Pirates 98 team and enjoys baseball, electric guitar and Webelos. Padraic is also looking forward to the dip and the chance to help Special Olympics. He plays hockey for the Huskies and also enjoys football, baseball and guitar. FMI on the Lobster Dip or on Special Olympics Maine, call 879-0489 or www.specialolympicsmaine.org



C.E. Carll Insurance Agency associates JIM CHALMERS, BARBARA WELCH, and PATSY WATERMAN, recently participated in the Chalmers Group of Insurance Agencies' Second Annual Chalmers 150 Mile Walk program. The program is designed to encourage associates to get out and walk daily by rewarding those who achieve 150 miles walked with a \$50 donation to a charity of their choice. All three associates pooled their winnings to buy 15 holiday food boxes from Hannaford in Gorham that will be delivered to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Pictured L-R: Jim Chalmers, Barbara Welch, Patsy Waterman and Manager of Hannafords, Doug Richards.

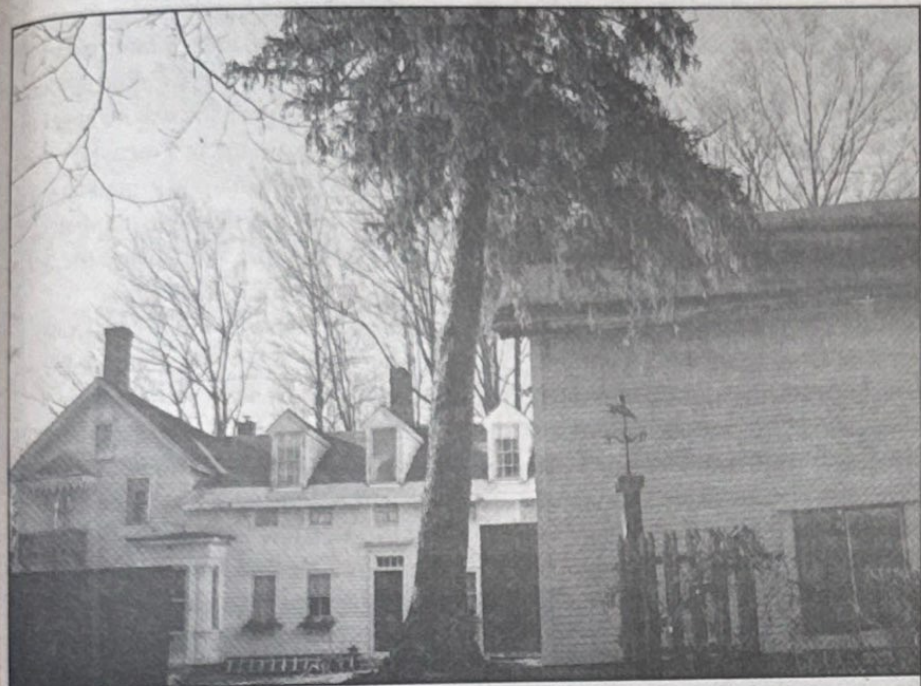
Their applications will be judged on a basis of academic record, vocational potential, vocational interests, character, and financial need. FMI Patricia S. Curtis, 17 Spring Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 or email pat@shermans.com. Completed applications are due by March 1, 2008.

Also available is the GCFM Horticulture Scholarship of \$5000.00 for 2008. GCFM applications are available from: Mary Ericson, 515 Little River Road, Lebanon, ME 04027 or email TRAVILR@hotmail.com.

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History Uprooted



Lanny Keogh and Lynn McInnis lost a tree that was estimated to be about 105 feet tall and about 180 years old when it was uprooted during the storm on Nov. 26. Fortunately, there was no damage to the house at 45 State St. which was built in 1837 or to the barn built in 1827.

According to the listing on the National Register of Historic Places, Toppan Robie sold the lot on which this house stands to blacksmith Phineas Harmon in 1837. He is believed to have erected a house on it shortly thereafter; the first house built along State Street. It is unclear what part of the existing house was built at that time, although conceivably it could have been most of what is here today. The property was acquired by Edward Harding in 1870. Harding was a prominent local citizen, having served in both the Maine House and Senate. He was also the postmaster for some years. His widow Sarah sold the property in 1935.

Tis the Season



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Gorham officially started the holiday season with a tree lighting, some carols and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Clause on Nov. 30.



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Route 22/Broadturn Rd
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Dec. 28 - 10 a.m. Sunday Service

Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham
Rev. Linwood Arnold, 839-3111
Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Family Worship with
Ringing of Bells; 11 p.m. Holy Commu-
nion and Candles.
Dec. 28 - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tradi-
tional Sunday Service
Dec. 31 - 6 p.m. Potluck Supper; 7 p.m.
Covenant Service; 8 p.m. Adult Hand
Bell Choir Concert followed by New
Year's Eve Gorham.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751
Dec. 14 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. Family Christmas Cele-
bration; 7 p.m. A Service of Lessons,
Carols and Candle Lighting; 11:30 p.m.
Midnight Candle Lighting
Dec. 28 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
Dec. 21 - 6 p.m. Children's Christmas
Musical (The "S" Files)
Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Candlelight Service

LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham
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Dec. 19 - 7 p.m. Christmas Concert
Dec. 20 - 6 p.m. Christmas Concert
Dec. 24 - 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 28 - 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Family
Service

Little Falls Baptist Church

Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Ralph Bedard, 892-4240
Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Edward Balfour, 839-7100
Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Lessons and carols.
Dec. 25 - 10:15 a.m. Lessons and carols.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River
Road), Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Dec. 24 - 6 p.m. Christmas Service with
Pageant; 10 p.m. Christmas Service with
Choir
Dec. 28 - 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday
Service

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Lawrence Conley, 839-4857
Dec. 24 - 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Christmas Eve
Services; 11:30 p.m. Choir followed by
Midnight Mass
Dec. 25 - 10 a.m. Christmas Day Service
Dec. 27 - 5 p.m. Sunday Service
Dec. 28 - 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Service
Jan. 1 - 10 a.m. New Year's Day Service
Jan. 4 - 2 p.m. Christmas Pageant

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham
Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457
Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. Christmas Family Ser-
vice
Dec. 28 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Rev. Richard Small and David Butler, 892-
5363
Dec. 14 - 9 a.m. Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Family
Service
Dec. 28 - 9 a.m. Sunday Service

West Gorham Union Church

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Mary Snell

Since it's the season for giving, the seven members of the North Gorham Writers' Group wanted to "give back" to the small one-room library where they meet fortnightly. So they wrote Christmas-themed stories, memoirs and poems, which they compiled into a book - "Memories of Christmas" - to sell. All profits will benefit the North Gorham Library.

The 40-page book, published by Gorham's Working Words & Images, is available for \$7 at The Bookworm, 42 Main Street, Gorham, or from the authors. They include Warren Gilman, Terri Cole, Frances Mains (who recently moved to Raymond) John Labreque, Delina Eisenhower, Linda Strout, and Mary Snell.

This small book—which sports original art with a cover hand-colored by the

authors - contains memories of growing up in New Brunswick, Canada; Gorham; Portland; and Westbrook; as well as humorous and/or bittersweet poems and stories. In one story, a young girl recalls the time she was an angel in a Christmas pageant. In a memoir, a family spends the holidays at Grandma's - and gets there by sleigh! In another, a stern grandmother nearly ruins the act of giving.

The North Gorham Writers' Group has been meeting twice a month for more than a decade. Each meeting includes time for a free write, as well as the close examination of finished work brought each week by the members. The North Gorham community also supports a monthly Poetry Group that has been ongoing now for 25 years.

Each month poetry lovers meet to read and discuss the work of famous poets.

For more information about the writers and the book, contact Mary Snell (H-892-9831; W-780-5256) or Linda Strout (H-892-4327; W-839-3650) or Warren Gilman (892-4265).

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7:45-8:15	Pitch Craft and The Jems Barbershop Harmony
8:30-9:00	Pitch Craft and The Jems Barbershop Harmony
9:15-9:45	Choral Art Society Carolers
10:00-10:30	Choral Art Society Carolers
Fellowship Hall Performances	
7:00-8:30	The Mackerel Sky Project
9:00-10:30	The Mackerel Sky Project
10:45-11:30	Readings
CRESSEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	
Time	Performances
7:00-8:00	Worship Service
8:15-8:45	Handbell Choir
9:00-11:00	Old Time Jazz
ODD FELLOWS BUILDING	
Time	Performances
7:00-8:00	Cindy Bullens, Singer/Songwriter
8:15-11:00	Mel Tukey and the Clam Flat Five Dixieland Jazz

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Time	Performances
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7:30-8:00	Brendan Baines Yo-Yo Champ
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Time	Performances
7:00-8:30	Supervised Children's Activities
8:30-9:00	Brendan Baines Yo-Yo Champ
9:00-11:15	Supervised Children's Activities
GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH	
Time	Performances
7:00-8:30	Cattle Call
8:30-9:00	Intermission and Set Up
9:00-10:30	Red Flannel Hash
10:30-11:30	To Be Announced
ROBIE GYM	
Time	Performance
7:00-9:00	Don Roy Trio
9:30-11:00	Improvisational Theatre
DANCE STUDIO OF MAINE	
Time	Performances
7:00-7:30	Dance Studio Dancers
8:30-11:15	Eagle Audio Productions Oldies and Goodies Dancing

CENTRE OF MOVEMENT	
Time	Performance
7:00-7:45	Centre of Movement Variety Show
8:00-8:45	Musical Duo
9:00-9:45	Centre of Movement Variety Show
10:00-10:30	Brendan Baines Yo-Yo Champ
10:30-11:30	To Be Announced
SHAW GYM	
Time	Performance
7:00-11:30	Old Time Country Music
GORHAM GRIND	
Time	Performance
7:00-9:00	Linus and Lucy
9:15-11:00	To Be Announced
HANNAFORD	
Time	Performance
11:00	Mel Tukey and the Clam Flat Five Deborah Lovely and the New Year Gnome Brendan Baines Lively Music Jordan Shiers-Miss Teen Maine USA Surprises for All!
11:59	Countdown
Midnight	Fireworks

Schedule is subject to change, check the website for updates. www.newyeargorham.org

the blotter

Dunlap Road caller wanted to speak to an officer about their elderly mother who keeps receiving phone calls from out of the country numbers saying if she sends them money she will receive money back.

Birch Drive caller reported their cat has been missing for three days.

Caller reported what appeared to be two individuals attempting to jump a vehicle.

Caller reported that their 49 year-old son went into the Movie Gallery and is now missing.

Church Street caller reported subjects fornicating in a parked vehicle.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported her daughter went for a walk and believed she might be lost in the woods. Officer was able to pinpoint location via cell phone and direct daughter back to residence.

Shaw's Mill Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding questions about their divorce settlement. Caller was advised this was a civil matter.

Cummings Road caller reported they had two unknown horses in their yard.

Caller reported their wallet was stolen out of their vehicle while vehicle was parked at the grocery store.

Main Street caller reported suspicious activity. Subjects were swapping kids.

Maple Ridge Road caller reported two dogs continuously come in their yard and get into the trash.

Mallison Street caller reported that someone had broken into two vehicles at their residence sometime the previous night. Various items were taken.

Mosher Road caller reported that their daughter assaulted them.

Dow Road caller reported unusual activity involving two males in a sedan with out-of-state plates parked near their residence.

Officers responded to numerous reports of vehicles hitting deer.

Brackett Road caller reported they lost a diamond ring and wedding band two weeks ago.

Main Street caller reported an individual attempted to cash a stolen check.

William Henry Drive caller reported that someone broke into their home while they were out.

Valley View Drive caller reported forced entry into a vacant house.

Longfellow Road caller reported seeing a white pick up sitting in the neighborhood. Driver tried to hide when caller drove by.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Vehicle belonged to an insurance adjuster reviewing the damage from a fire.

Gray Road caller reported an intoxicated male subject was outside their residence yelling at them and their child.

Van Vliet Drive caller reported a break-in that occurred at their home while they were out. House had been trashed and TV was missing.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a suspicious person on the bypass. Subject's home was burglarized earlier, and they were looking around for any of their belongings.

Hollis man was arrested for assault and failing to update sexual offender registration.

College Avenue woman was arrested for OUI.

Standish man was arrested for assault, obstructing report of a crime, endangering the welfare of a child and being a minor consuming liquor.

on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

■ Gorham High School Concert Band and Jazz Band, 3 p.m. MPAC. Donations accepted.

MONDAY, DEC. 15

■ Music Together Program for ages birth - 5 yrs with Jen Solari, Baxter Library. 1- 2 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

■ GHS Chamber Singers and GHS Chorus Holiday Concert, 3 p.m. MPAC. Admission is free.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

■ Christmas Vacation Begins. No School for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

■ Merry Christmas!

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

■ Bean Supper at the Bunglow, Corner of Rt.22/Broadturn Rd. \$5/under 3 Free!

TUESDAY, DEC. 30

■ American Red Cross Blood Drive, Mason Harmonic Lodge, Cressey Rd. 8-1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 1

■ Happy New Year!

MONDAY, JAN. 5

■ Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St.
■ Christmas Vacation Ends. Back to school for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

■ Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 yrs, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

■ New Elementary School Bldg. Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Conference Room, Municipal Center, 75 South St.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

■ Baby & Me, for ages 0-18 mo, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
■ Toddler Time, for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

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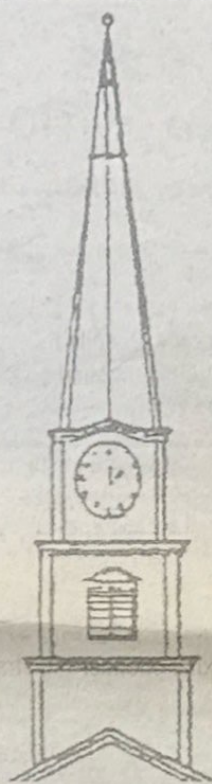
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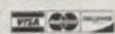
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