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New USM AI Policies Address Student and Faculty Concerns

John Ersek, *Staff Writer*

Recently, a number of controversies and scandals have occurred around the country, regarding the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in academic settings. One notable example is the recent resignation of Provost Santiago Schnell from his position at Dartmouth College, due to his alleged use of generative AI in preparation of academic articles without proper attribution. Prior to his resignation, Schnell had been an outspoken advocate of increased generative AI use at Dartmouth.

Other issues have recently been raised about AI in the academic world, including a report on NPR that universities in some states have pressured research scientists to process the text of their findings through AI writing apps for clarity review, prior to submitting them for publication.

At USM, some students raised concerns about "Husky Study Hacks," an AI-generated study-guide podcast, which features a human-like AI-derived voice.

A recent article on a New York website was entitled, "Perfect Homework, Blank Stares: Why colleges are turning to oral exams to combat AI." Similar articles have been seen in publications and websites around the country.

Recent articles in the Bangor Daily News have highlighted how the University of Maine has spent 1.4 million dollars on licensing an academic AI program called 'ChatGPT Edu,' which only a fairly small percentage of university students and faculty had used as of October 2026. The articles point out that the U Maine system has hired a vice chancellor for finance and strategic AI integration, Ryan Low, with an annual compensation of approximately $390,000. Part of Low's responsibilities involve facilitating appropriate AI use throughout the University of Maine system.

Articles in the USM student newspaper, The Free Press, have shown that some USM students are increasingly concerned about the potential effects of AI integration on their academic experience, including effects on academic integrity.

A USM spokesperson recently offered the following response to questions from the Gorham Times regarding the university's current policies on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the academic setting:

"Generative AI use is rapidly changing the world we live in and can offer valuable tools for teaching and learning, while helping prepare students for an evolving workforce.

"At the University of Southern Maine (USM), we recognize that AI also raises questions and challenges, and that members of our community have differing perspectives on its use. We

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Cherry Hill Place Ribbon Cutting

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit: Cherry Hill Place

Full group at the ribbon cutting.

Cherry Hill Place had their ribbon cutting on Thursday, Nov. 12. Construction workers, planners, and folks from the town of Gorham attended. Brad Monarch, president and co-founder of Sebago Brewing Company, said, "We're fortunate to be partnered with the Shaw Brothers on this. We're hoping that this is something that has an impact on the town of Gorham and surrounding areas."

Lee Pratt, general manager of Shaw Brothers, said, "When we started this project, the goal was always to give local farmers a place to sell their goods in a comfortable and highly visible location. This came from Jonny and Danny's agricultural roots. This started as a 24 x 40 open-air farmers market. Planning started

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Gorham Volleyball Wins Fourth Straight State Championship

Katie Brown, *Sports Editor*



Photo Credit: Eric Tirrell

Dynasty mode

The Gorham Varsity Volleyball team won their fourth consecutive Class A state championship by defeating Scarborough 3-2 in a hard-fought five-set match on Oct. 31. After Scarborough forced a decisive fifth set by winning the fourth set (25-22), Gorham pulled away in the final set to clinch the "4-peat" in four seasons. Coach Tirrell compared this year's ride to the 2023 title run, noting that all four championship contenders were exceptionally strong and each had a fair chance of going all the way. Gorham entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed, earning a first-round bye to kick off their title chase. The quarterfinal match took place at home vs. Edward Little (Oct. 24); the Rams were able to sweep the Red Eddies. In the semifinal round vs. No. 3 TA, the Rams prevailed with a 3-1 win to reach the championship vs. Scarborough.

Key players for Gorham's 2026 championship run include Liana Edwards, who has earned Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons for the Rams. In the five-set title match against Scarborough, she finished with 36 assists and 8 kills, and sealed the win with a championship-clinching ace. Edwards finished her senior season with 301 assists, 182 digs, 120 kills, 54 aces, and 22 blocks, and is committed to play at the University of Rhode Island.

Larissa Moore provided crucial, high-pressure serving during the third set to help Gorham take a 2–1 match lead. Adyson Hutchins added key defen-



Photo Credit: Eric Tirrell

Lindsay Farquhar all smiles for big moments

sive presence and was a back-row leader. Luna Button, outside hitter, contributed offensively throughout the season. Ava Scott, defensive specialist, provided back-row stability, along with teammate Jordan Fotter. Other All-Conference members include Sophie MacIsaac (So.), right side hitter, and honorable mention Lindsay Farquhar, middle hitter.

On the topic of a Gorham-Scarborough rivalry, Coach Tirrell added, "Scarborough

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Sen. Grohoski, Rep.-elect Warren Announce Plan For Regulating Data Centers

Gorham Times Staff

On Thursday, Nov. 12, Sen. Nicole Grohoski, D-Ellsworth, and Rep. Sophie Warren, D-Scarborough, announced a plan to regulate data centers that they will put forward in the 133rd Maine Legislature, which will be sworn in on Dec. 2, 2026.

In the 132nd Legislature, both Sen. Grohoski and Rep. Warren supported LD 307, which would have implemented a temporary statewide moratorium on the development of data centers with electricity loads larger than 20 megawatts and created the Maine Data Center Coordination Council. That bill was vetoed by Gov. Janet Mills. Without a statewide moratorium in place, many municipalities – including Wells, North Berwick, Brownfield, Eliot, Peru, Freedom, Sabattus and Wiscasset this month – have enacted their own protections.

Sen. Grohoski has resubmitted the moratorium language from LD 307. Because Gov. Mills established the Maine Data Center Advisory Council via executive order earlier this year, Sen. Grohoski's bill would reintroduce only the moratorium through Nov. 1, 2027. The bill includes an emergency preamble so that it could take effect immediately if supported by two-thirds of both the Senate and House. (https://www.maine.gov/energy/datacentercouncil)

"Constituents have been clear about their concerns about the impact of large data center development in our state," said Sen. Grohoski. "State government has a responsibility to put clear and responsible regulations in place, and this moratorium will give our communities the breathing room they need while we do that work. With a new Governor and a new Legislature, I am confident that we can pass a moratorium with united, bipartisan support, and then get to work on regulations to protect Mainers from electricity rate increases and environmental damage."

Rep. Warren, now a Senator-elect after her election in Senate District 30, has submitted legislation to incorporate key recommendations from the Maine Data Center Advisory Council.

"Mainers have organized across our state to protect their communities in the absence of strong state regulations on data centers. This Legislature must listen and act. We cannot allow massive new energy users to drive up electric bills, strain our natural resources or leave Maine families and businesses paying the price for private development," said Sen.-elect Warren. "I'm introducing legislation, informed by the Governor's Data Center Advisory Council's work, to put ratepayers first, protect our water and land, and ensure these projects create good-paying jobs and real benefits for Maine communities. From Ed Muskie to today, Maine has a proud legacy of protecting our environment while growing our economy. We must carry that forward. If data centers want to do business in Maine, they must deliver for Maine, because economic development and innovation cannot come at the expense of affordability, our environment or the public interest."

The goal of the Maine Data Center Advisory Council was to deliver policy recommendations on large-scale data center development in Maine. Over the summer and fall, the council has focused on ways to protect ratepayers, maintain electric grid reliability, minimize environmental impacts and enable responsible economic development. It will issue its final report to Gov.-elect Hannah Pingree and the 133rd Maine Legislature by Jan. 29, 2027.

Sen. Nicole Grohoski was recently reelected to serve a third full term in the Maine Senate. She represents Senate District 7, which includes 21 communities in Hancock County and Isle au Haut in Knox County. She has served as a member of the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee for multiple terms in the House and Senate. She was also appointed to the Governor's Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

Rep. Sophie Warren was recently elected to represent Senate District 30, which includes most of Scarborough and all of Gorham. She has served as a member of the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee for multiple terms in the House.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

To the people of Gorham and Scarborough: thank you. I am deeply grateful to have been elected to represent our community in the Maine State Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me. For the past six years, I have been fortunate to represent my hometown in the Maine House. As I begin this new chapter in the Senate, I remain committed to the same principles that have guided my public service: listening, working across differences, standing up for what you and everyone in our community deserves, and putting the needs of our communities first.

Throughout this campaign, I've knocked on thousands of doors and had countless conversations with you about the challenges facing our families and community. It is those conversations which will guide my priorities: making every day life more affordable to building an economy that works for everyone, securing our rights, protecting our environment, and easing the burden of property taxes.

To everyone who volunteered, knocked on doors, made phone calls, put up a sign, wrote or recorded a message of support or answered your door for a conversation: thank you. And to everyone who cast a ballot, regardless of whom you supported, thank you for participating in our democracy. Governing is about representing everyone, so whether you voted for me or not, I will work hard to earn your trust, listen to your concerns, and be accessible and accountable to you.

Thank you, Gorham and Scarborough, for this extraordinary opportunity. I won't take it for granted. My email address as your State Senator will be Sophie.warren@legislature.maine.gov. I want to hear from you about the issues, policies, priorities, and funding you want to see me advocate for us as the Legislative session begins December 2nd.

Sophie Warren
State Representative Elect

To the Editor,

I want to thank all the candidates that participated in our past election. A congratulations to those that won in their local and state races.

A special Thanks to all that helped our family in our campaign! Though we didn't win we gave it our best shot and will continue working for the voice of our supporters!! We will hold those that will be representing us both locally and statewide accountable for their decisions in their votes!

We have all heard what our concerns are:
State and local taxes
Energy costs
Affordable housing
Biological men playing in women's sport
Following the Federal Income Tax laws
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100 Candles for Doug Johnson

Sally Fay, *Staff Writer*





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R: Doug Johnson and his map of world travels. L: Doug Johnson with a watercolor of Portland Observatory painted for him by his niece, artist Cheryl Johnson.

History enthusiast Doug Johnson reached a personal historic milestone last week: the long-time Gorham resident turned 100 years old on Nov. 12. But don't ask for his secret to a long life well lived. "How did I luck out to make it this long?" the sharp-witted centenarian asks rhetorically. "I don't know."

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Nov. 12, 1926, Johnson spent his early childhood in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and his adolescence in Portland, where he attended Deering High School. His Portland memories include working at Joe Phillipe's Red & White grocery store in North Deering and wartime plane spotting from the Portland Observatory—the start of an enduring association with that iconic landmark.

Johnson earned a bachelor of arts in business administration at the University of Maine, Orono, then embarked on a career, mostly in insurance, that took him to Boston, Chicago, Maine (where he and his wife Joanne raised their three children), and finally Vermont. He spent much of his career at Lumber Mutual Insurance Company, including five years as vice president. He was active in the Vermont Garden Railway Society, which he and Joanne founded, and worked as a docent at the Vermont State House.

Soon after his wife died in 1998 Johnson returned to Maine, where he says he had always felt at home. He brought his hobbies and interests with him, doing volunteer work for Greater Portland Landmarks and Maine Historical Society, founding the Maine Garden Railway Society, and continuing to indulge his love of worldwide travel. His passion for sailing and history inspired such adventures as navigating the Straits of Magellan and sailing to Bermuda on the H.M.S. Rose, a replica of an 18th-century Royal Navy frigate.

Johnson met Gorham resident Marsha Hardy while both were volunteers at the Portland Harbor Museum and moved to Gorham in 2005 to be with her; they remained life partners until her death in 2013. He put down roots in his new community, volunteering at Baxter Memorial Library and serving on the committee for New Year Gorham from its 2007 inception to 2024.

A pragmatic New Englander, Johnson acknowledges that aging imposes limitations, and he's given up driving, as well as garden railway building and woodworking, for safety reasons. But he continues to volunteer at the library's book sales and, though he no longer navigates the Portland Observatory stairs, he was on hand twice a week as a first-floor docent during the 2026 season. "I do it because I have a good time," he says, adding wryly, "Anyway, the fire department and EMTs are right next door, so I'm all set."

Despite his physical constraints, Johnson remains busy and engaged. He's in constant pursuit of resolutions to unanswered historical questions through reading and online research and counts computers as the most impactful technological advancement in his lifetime: "Being able to look something up on the internet is great; I use Wikipedia a lot," he says. He also enjoys reading crime novels and listening to music.

And his world remains full of devoted friends and family, both biological and "bonus," many of whom converged last week from far and near to commemorate Doug Johnson's first century and to wish him well in years to come.

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 Thanks Community for Support

Jake Bauder, *Quartermaster, VFW Post 10879*

Gorham Memorial VFW Post 10879 extends its sincere appreciation to the communities of Gorham, Scarborough, Standish, South Portland, and surrounding towns for their generosity and continued support of veterans and their families.

During our recent Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Drive at Sam's Club in Scarborough, we witnessed the community's gratitude firsthand.

Major Robert Snyder, U.S. Army Special Forces (Retired), shared: "It is wonderful to have people of all ages step up to the table to thank you for your service. And to either know about the meaning of the poppy or show an interest in learning about it."

The Buddy Poppy honors our fallen service members while raising funds to assist veterans and their families with essential needs, including food, clothing, heating, and emergency assistance during Maine's harsh winters.

To everyone who donated, shared a story, or simply offered thanks, your kindness reminds our veterans they are remembered and supported. Your generosity helps us continue serving those who served.

Monthly Meetings: Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Gorham Fire Station, 270 Main Street, Gorham. Eligible combat veterans are welcome. FMI: Email: vfwpost10879@gmail.com

BML Repair Fair Photos



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Tom Johnson sharpens hedge trimmer blades for Bob Caswell at Baxter Memorial Library's Repair Fair.



Photo Credit: John Ersek

Anna Gilbert repairs staff writer John Ersek's jacket sleeves, while her son Darienzo Duveneck looks on.



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Melody Hasbrouck repairs a mitten for Margaret Nobel.



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Robert Sanford takes a break from repairing a chair, while Simon Sanford and Dan Sanford look on.

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Car Care

Doug Carter, *Contributing Writer*

It's that time of year again. The leaves have changed color, the shadows are growing long in the afternoon, and pumpkin spice is in everything that it shouldn't be. Now is a good time to think about whether your car is ready for the hard cold days ahead.

All newer cars have tire pressure warnings built into them now, so you can tell when you have a flat. But it is also important to keep the tire pressure up to spec. The correct tire pressure for your car is located on the sticker in the driver's door jamb. Most of the time the front and rear pressures are the same, but not always. Correct tire pressure helps your gas mileage and tire wear. It only takes about a 10% decrease in pressure to turn the low tire pressure light on. So if the spec is 30 lbs, a three psi drop in pressure will trigger the warning light.

Temperature has a big effect on tire pressure. Cold mornings cause the air inside the tire to condense, lowering the pressure. As the outside air temperature increases and the tire warms up, the air inside the tire expands and raises the pressure. That's why you can get in your car in the morning and see the tire pressure light on and when you go out at lunch, the light is off. If your tire pressure is a ccouple of pounds low this can happen.

Antifreeze or coolant has come a long way over the years. It's generally not a serviced fluid for the life of the vehicle, but manufacturers are different so check your owners manual for required service. There are several types of antifreeze for different manufacturers. It seems like every vehicle manufacturer has its own antifreeze. There are general all-purpose antifreeze on the market but these are only for topping off a system that is low. If you need to add more than a quart of fluid the vehicle should be looked at for a leak in the system.

The expansion tank is where you want to check the anti-freeze level. It is usually a plastic container mounted to the side of the engine compartment. This tank should not be filled to the top, but only about half way. There is a mark on the side of the tank showing the proper level. The extra room in the tank allows the coolant to expand when it gets hot and to condense when it cools down. The level will vary depending on the temperature of the coolant.

Engine air filters should be inspected every time you have your oil changed. Most of them are easy to access via a couple of clips and lifting up the top of the air filter housing. Some are not so easy, with seven or eight screws holding the top in place (usually torx head, six-point-star-shaped screws). Not sure why car manufacturers make it difficult to get to the engine air filter when it is something that should be checked on regularly.

The cabin air filter is another item that should be looked at. This filter helps clean the air coming into the car through the heating and cooling system. Most cars that have been built in the last 10 years or so have these filters, which are usually easy to access behind the glove box, but then again some manufacturers make it more difficult.

We can't do much to change the weather, but being prepared for it will make it easier to deal with.



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

Winterizing Your Garden With Wildlife in Mind

O'Donal's Staff, *Contributing Writer*

As the gardening season comes to a close, we have all begun the annual task of cutting back perennials, pruning shrubs, and tidying garden beds. While a tidy landscape may seem desirable, some common fall cleanup practices can unintentionally remove valuable food sources and shelter for our overwintering birds, pollinators, and other beneficial creatures.

Don't cut back all your perennials. Many perennial seed heads should remain standing throughout the winter. Seed-producing flowers such as asters, coneflowers, goldenrod, sunflowers, and liatris provide an important source of food for birds, such as chickadees and finches. In addition to feeding wildlife, these seed heads add texture and visual interest to the winter landscape.

Perennials with hollow stems, such as Joe-Pye weed, milkweed, and bee balm, provide nesting and overwintering habitat for native bees and other beneficial insects. Rather than cutting these plants all the way to the ground, gardeners can leave what is called "stem stubble" between eight and 24 inches tall. Cutting these stems flat instead of angled also encourages insects to seek shelter until spring.

Another simple way to support wildlife is to leave fallen leaves in place. While some cleanup may be necessary on lawns and walkways, an undisturbed layer of leaf litter in garden beds provides critical habitat for many species. Woolly bear caterpillars, great spangled fritillary butterflies, tiger swallowtail cocoons, amphibians, and small mammals all rely on leaf litter for winter protection. Leaves also act as a natural mulch, helping suppress weeds, insulate plant roots, and gradually return nutrients to the soil.

Gardeners can also create brush piles using fallen branches and pruned stems. These piles offer shelter to overwintering insects such as mourning cloak butterflies and bumble bee queens, while also providing cover and feeding opportunities for birds and small mammals. The most effective brush piles are constructed with larger branches on the bottom and smaller branches on top, creating a network of protected spaces. Depending on available materials and space, a brush pile can range from two to eight feet high and three to 10 feet wide.

Lastly, when planning for spring, consider adding plants to your landscape that provide food or shelter for overwintering birds. Plants like winterberry, viburnum and the seed-bearing flowers listed above are a vital food source for birds. In addition, native conifers, like white cedar or pine, offer important shelter in the landscape.

Implementing even just one of these practices into your winterizing routine can make a big difference for all the wildlife that call our gardens home, especially over the winter.

O'Donal's, a local, independent, employee-owned nursery and gift shop (since 2023) offers an inspiring selection of healthy and hardy plants. Our friendly, professional team is always eager to answer your horticultural questions.

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Cressey Road Christian Church

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Cressey Road is delighted to announce the appointment of Rev. Dr. HyungYong Choi as their new pastor.

Pastor Choi comes to Cressey Road with a deep commitment to serve the Lord, our church family and our community – to build faith, unity and trust through teaching, prayer and study of God's Word.

He has been serving the New Hope Global Methodist Church for the past four years and has been in ministry for approximately 15 years. Rev. Choi recently received his degree of Divinity.

Cressey Road Christian Church's Lay Leader, Tim McCarty, says, "We are so very happy to welcome Pastor Choi and his family to our church. His heart for God, his gifts in ministry and passion for being a shepherd, as well as his love of service to the community, make him a wonderful fit for the next chapter for Cressey Road."



Pastor Choi is joined by his wife, HyeJin Kim and their three children, Caleb, Abigail and Elisha.

All members of the community are warmly invited to come and meet Pastor Choi and worship with us any Sunday. For more information of service times and events, please visit our website, www.cresseyrdcc.org, or contact the church office at (207) 839-3111.

MUNICIPAL

Planning Board November Meeting

Sally Fay, *Staff Writer*

The regular monthly meeting of the Gorham Planning Board took place on Monday, Nov. 2, with five board members (Hager, Benson, Delaney, Frank, Walsh) present and one (Nichols) absent. One planning board seat remains vacant.

The board's first agenda item, designated as a public hearing, was a gravel pit site plan review for the Brickyard Quarry on Mosher Road, owned by Shaw Brothers Construction. The proposal involves expansion of quarry operations in a 6.3-acre area adjacent to an existing permitted quarry; the area was previously zoned Urban Residential Expansion but was rezoned Industrial by a 4-3 vote of the Gorham Town Council at its Sept. 1 meeting. (The rezoning approval is currently being appealed.) Eight members of the public expressed their opposition to the expansion. The board moved to postpone project review pending responses to remaining issues: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Item 2, also a public hearing, was a request for a site plan review for a proposed 44,350-square-foot self-storage facility and associated infrastructure on a 4.29-acre parcel on Ossipee Trail, zoned Roadside Commercial. No members of the public spoke on the issue. The board moved to table review pending resubmission of revised materials: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Third on the agenda was review and discussion of a site plan and final subdivision plan for Southridge Condominium Association, a 22-unit multi-family development and associated infrastructure proposed to be constructed on a 4.33-acre parcel on South Street, zoned Urban Residential. After discussion, the board moved to approve the final subdivision and site plans, both with conditions: both motions 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Item 4 was a pre-application site plan review of District Plaza Mixed Use Development, a proposal to construct an approximately 6,000 square-foot mixed-use building with parking and associated infrastructure on a 1.16-acre parcel on County Road, zoned South Gorham Commercial Corridor. The project and a planned site walk were discussed; no vote was taken.

Before adjourning, the Planning Board approved its 2027 meeting and deadline schedule: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent (Nichols), 1 Vacancy.

Gorham MAINE

Upcoming Town Meetings

11/19 Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee Meeting, 11 a.m.

11/19 Board of Appeals Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

11/23 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

11/30 Planning Board Site Walk, District Plaza Mixed Use Development, 8 a.m.



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Gorham School Committee Begins Budget Process

Michael Lortie, *School News Editor*

On Thursday, Nov. 12, the Gorham School Committee began the 2027-2028 budget process with a dine-and-discuss meeting with all district leaders. All committee members were present, as well as Town Councilors Janet Kuech and Sam Purinton.

Each department listed their top current issue, as well as trends that they will be watching over the next three years. Current issues included staffing needs, upcoming curriculum costs and facilities maintenance items. Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools, provided the committee with a series of charts detailing five year trends including historical trends, debt service, mil rates, enrollment numbers, per pupil costs and inflation.

The next step will be for the administrators to meet in early December to outline each department's needs and set their priorities. The district administration reviews every budget item to be sure that they align with district goals. This process takes months to review and prepare a preliminary budget. The committee will spend much of their time in March making decisions and finalizing budget numbers.

All school committee meetings are open to the public and recorded by GoCat to be viewed on channel two, as well as the school website. Community members are encouraged to stay informed of this process.

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continue to evaluate how it can be used in ways that align with our mission to educate students, advance knowledge, and serve the public good.

"On Oct. 2, USM's Faculty Senate passed a policy on generative AI for academic use. It states that students may use generative AI in work submitted for course credit only when an instructor explicitly permits it. Faculty must make their expectations clear to students and fully disclose their use of generative AI in course design, teaching, assessment or feedback. Where feasible, faculty should give students the opportunity to opt out of having generative AI assess their work or provide feedback. Faculty are not required to use AI, and classroom and coursework use must be limited to platforms vetted and approved by the University of Maine System.

"The policy affirms that human instruction, mentorship and academic judgment remain central to USM's mission. We are committed to continuing these conversations as the technology evolves."

The full version of the USM Faculty Senate's rules on AI is as follows:

"The University affirms that artificial intelligence technologies are tools that may support aspects of teaching, learning, and research, but they do not replace the essential roles of faculty and students. Human instruction, mentorship, academic judgment, and expertise remain central to the mission of the University. The University does not view Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) as a substitute for faculty engagement, curricular leadership, or student-faculty interaction. In definitions developed by the USM AI Task Force and UMS, GenAI refers to artificial intelligence systems that produce new, human-like content, including text, images, audio, video, and code, in response to user inputs or prompts. GenAI tools may operate independently or be embedded within other software. Current examples include ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Copilot. The policies that follow move from specific to broader contexts and are aligned with the System's existing policies and stated principles on GenAI.

"1. Academic work at USM is governed by established policies on academic integrity and student conduct: USM Academic Policies, UMS Policies on Academic Integrity, and UMS Student Code of Conduct. A student's use of GenAI is not exempt from these policies.

"2. Students are prohibited from the use of GenAI in all academic work submitted for credit in a class unless the faculty member explicitly permits it.

"3. Students should ask for clarification from the relevant faculty or administrator if they are unclear on how, when, and if GenAI is permitted.

"4. No faculty member is required to use GenAI.

"5. Faculty must make expectations for the use of GenAI clear to their students in syllabus statements and other directions.

"6. Faculty must fully disclose to students any use of GenAI in the design, delivery of a course, the assessment of student work, or the provision of feedback on student assignments. (For academic references, the citations should follow the guidelines provided by the appropriate field or discipline (APA, MLA, etc.).) Where feasible, faculty should provide students with an opportunity to opt out of having GenAI used to assess their work or provide feedback. Concerns regarding faculty compliance with this policy should be referred to the appropriate dean of the college in which the course is offered.

"7. Faculty may only use GenAI detection tools that have been approved by USM or the UMS System and disclosed to students in advance, and are encouraged to consider all pertinent factors in determining a student's misuse of GenAI and not rely solely on GenAI detection software.

"8. Faculty and Students must use in their classroom and coursework only GenAI platforms vetted and approved by UMS/IT to have met the appropriate accessibility and information security standards and requirements. This provision does not apply to students working in internships or employment settings as a part of their coursework.

"9. Faculty and Students are responsible for the accuracy of the content they create with GenAI while using vetted and approved platforms.

"10. Faculty and Students must understand that any uploading or sharing of student data must be done only with the student's knowledge and in compliance with laws on privacy and copyright.

"11. Faculty and Students are encouraged to consider unintended consequences in the use of GenAI, including, but not limited to, a) clarity as to academic integrity, the authorship of work, and the issue of honesty in a university setting; and b) the question of accessibility, acknowledging that GenAI is a web resource that by definition is not available to everyone equally. Most importantly, faculty should not utilize AI to mimic, outsource, or replace the essential relational, scholarly, or evaluative roles of faculty in ways that deceive students and undermine the educational partnership between professors and students, which is at the heart of the university enterprise.

"12. While the Center for Academic Innovation and the Division of Libraries and Learning may provide guidelines, suggestions, and training on the proper use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) as needed by the USM community, this policy establishes the proper use and misuse of the technology at USM. Because the parameters of this technology are expected to change frequently, these policies may be updated by the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc AI Policy Committee."

October Gorham Shout-Out Winners

Heather Perry, *Superintendent of Schools*

The Gorham School Department is pleased to recognize three staff members as its October Gorham Shout-Out recipients. The monthly recognition highlights employees who are making a positive difference for students, families, colleagues, and the broader school community.



Photo Credit: Quinton Donahue

Cecely Conrad

Cecely Conrad, elementary multi-lingual teacher, was recognized for the compassion, dignity, and respect she brings to students and families. Her nomination highlighted the lasting impact she has had helping families feel welcomed, understood, and supported in Gorham Schools.

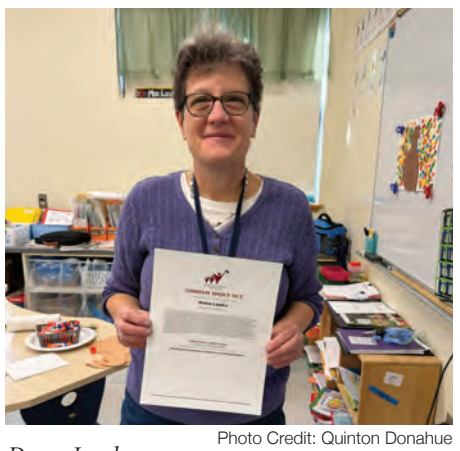


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Donna Landry

Donna Landry, Village Elementary School, was recognized for the extraordinary care and reassurance she provided to a student who became ill at school. Her nomination highlighted the compassion and calm support she brings to students when they need it most.

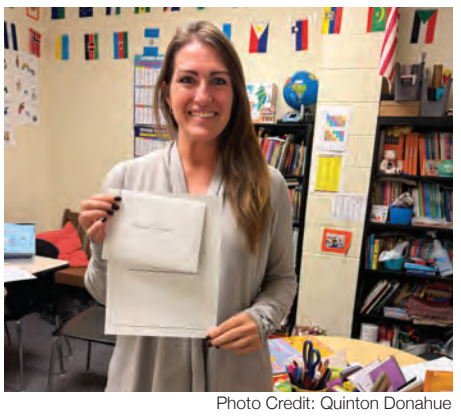


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Jessica Hunnewell

Jessica Hunnewell, Gorham Middle School, was recognized for her flexibility, dedication, and commitment to students. She has stepped into several substitute and long-term substitute roles and continues to bring care, enthusiasm, and a strong connection to the Gorham School Department.

The district received 34 Gorham Shout-Outs in October. Each of this month's recipients also received a $25 Gorham House of Pizza gift card generously donated by Gorham House of Pizza, as part of the recognition.

Staff, students, families, and community members can submit a Shout-Out recognizing a Gorham Schools employee for making a positive difference and demonstrating our Code of Conduct values.

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Volleyball Champs Continued from Page 1



Photo Credit: Eric Tirrell

Liana Edwards and Abigail Stevens in sync.

will always be a challenging team to play. Scarborough has volleyball roots and a strong culture that will stand the test of time. They are certainly rivals of ours and each year the pendulum of winning and losing in the regular season games seems to move back and forth. We are fortunate to have intense competition that creates an electric season and look forward to future matchups."

Coach Tirrell pointed out, "This is the first year that I had seniors trying to win the championship every year they've been a part of the program. This opportunity gave them grit, passion and an unwavering belief in our team. Knowing that 11 of our players were in their final days in the program made every practice so special."

Coach Tirrell emphasized, "I'm going to miss this group of athletes so much and am so excited to witness their success in the future. This year has been such a ride!"

Congratulations to Heather Whitaker

Heather Perry, *Superintendent of Schools*



Photo Credit: Mark St. Germain

On Nov. 6, Gorham Middle School teacher Heather Whitaker received the "Above and Beyond" award from the Manufacturers Association of Maine. Pictured: Heather Whitaker and Jodi Mezzonotte, former principal of Village School.

Cats vs. Dogs, Democracy in Action

Erin Eppler, *Principal, Narragansett School*



Photo Credit: Shari Edgecomb, Teacher

Mrs. Edgecomb's first grade class at Narragansett Elementary School got to practice their civic duty by holding their very own election to understand the voting process. Students cast their votes for cats or dogs by filling out paper ballots in a voting booth, then counted the votes, used tally marks, and created a bar graph to organize and display their data. They discovered firsthand just how close an election can be and how every vote counts. Cats won by only four votes. It was a fun way to learn about voting, the democratic process, and the importance of making your voice heard.



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Jon Shaw and Brad Monarch cut the ribbon.

in the fall of 2024, from a traditional stick frame to steel, and we quickly realized that 24 x 40 wasn't going to cut it."

Pratt continued, "We landed on a few must-haves. It had to be a timber frame. It had to be stone. It had to have a silo and a cupola. After we had our concepts and must-haves, we realized this wasn't just a farmers market anymore, it was an event space."

Cherry Hill Place held its first Makers Market on Sunday, Nov. 8, and it was a big success.

On Sunday, Nov. 15 they held a Kids Market. Going forward there will be Makers Markets every Sunday through Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus a special Saturday Market on Nov. 28. The Farmers Market will return in the summer.

Details about the building and events can be found online at: https://cherryhillmaine.com/



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(l-r): Lee Pratt, general manager, Shaw Brothers; R.J. Kuni, project manager, Shaw Brothers; Tom Biegel, CFO/controller, Shaw Brothers; John Fairweather, supervisor, Shaw Brothers; Jon Shaw, owner, Shaw Brothers; Brad Monarch, president and co-founder, Sebago Brewing Company; Dan Shaw, owner, Shaw Brothers; Tim Haines, treasurer and co-founder, Sebago Brewing Company

Portland Police Continue Search For Missing Man

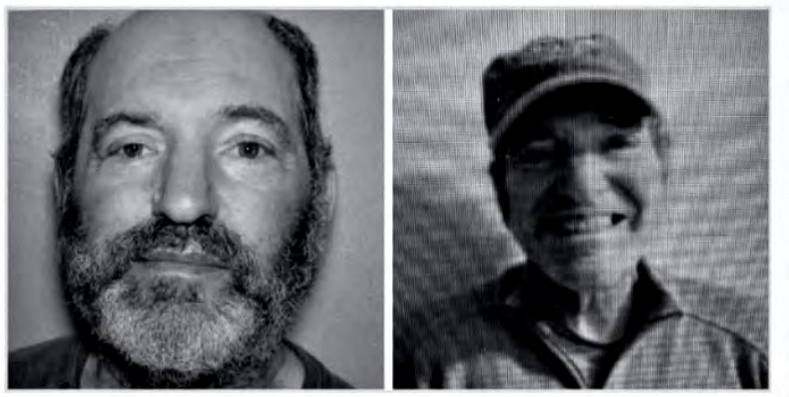
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The Portland Police Department is continuing its search for David Darman, who was reported missing from Holiday Woods at Canco, an independent living community in Portland. David was last known to be missing on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026, though he may have left the community earlier. Police are asking for the public's immediate assistance in locating him.

David is 6'1" tall, approximately 200 pounds, and has gray hair and a gray beard. He is often seen wearing a blue baseball hat with an orange logo and sunglasses. David has early-onset dementia, is largely non-verbal, and has wandered away from the community in the past.

Police are concerned for David's well-being and are asking anyone who sees him, believes they may have spotted him, or has information about his whereabouts to call the Portland Police Department immediately at (207) 874-8575, please do not wait to call.

If you believe you have spotted David outside the Portland area, please contact your local law enforcement agency right away so they can follow up on the possible sighting.



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May be unshaven

Missing since around November 3, 2026

from his residential facility in Portland, Maine.

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David has advanced dementia and struggles with communication



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OF INTEREST

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has launched Tractor Safety: Foundations, a self-paced online course that provides learners with the foundational knowledge needed to operate tractors and agricultural equipment more safely and confidently. Designed for beginning tractor operators, both youth and adult, the course expands access to critical safety training, particularly for those in regions of the state where in-person options are limited. The online format covers the same core curriculum as UMaine Extension's popular 5-week in-person program, but without the hands-on driving experience. For more information and to register, visit the Tractor Safety: Foundations course webpage at https://discover.maine.edu/product?catalog=Tractor_Safety_Foundations

VFW Post 10879 sincerely thanks the Gorham, Standish, South Portland, and surrounding communities for their generosity, volunteerism, and continued support. Your contributions help veteran organizations provide essential services, including assistance with basic necessities and housing when available. Veterans who served in qualifying foreign wars, campaigns, or expeditions are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and discover opportunities to continue serving fellow veterans. Monthly Meetings: Second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., Gorham Fire Station, 270 Main Street, Gorham. For questions, contact Jake Bauder, Quartermaster, at (207) 607-0370.

The Gorham Backpack Program is collecting pantry items year-round to help support Gorham students experiencing food insecurity. A list of needed items can be found at https://www.growgivegorham.org/the-backpack-program. Donations for all Gorham students may be dropped at the Middle School.

Metro Bus Offers New Tap-To-Ride Fare Payment Option. Riding the Metro bus is now easier! Greater Portland Metro has launched a new Tap-to-Ride fare payment option, allowing riders to tap their phone, Apple Watch, or credit card when boarding the bus. (Smartcard and mobile app users should continue to use their DiriGo Pass for frequent-rider benefits, including fare capping and free transfers.) Tap-to-Ride is ideal for infrequent riders taking single-leg trips who are not eligible for a reduced fare. All trips are charged the full base fare for the route being boarded. Visit the Greater Portland Metro website for more information at https://www.gpmetro.org/trip-planning-online-fare-apps/#tab-taptoride.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church is hosting a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation: $12 Adult, $5 Child, $24 Family. Parker Farm Road, Buxton

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Norway Savings Bank is holding its Share and Care Food Drive at all Maine and New Hampshire branches through Monday, Dec. 14. Customers and community members can drop off non-perishable food items at designated areas in each branch, and team members will hand deliver the donations to local food pantries and food banks. "Many food pantries have reported that donations can slow down or drastically decrease once Thanksgiving is over," said NSB President Darci Hamm. For branch locations and hours, visit norwaysavings.bank/locations-hours.

Are you spending Thanksgiving alone? Unable to fix a Thanksgiving Dinner? Please call Roxanne Hanscom Moody 839-4516 or email her at trmoody75.rm@gmail.com to make your reservation or request delivery for Thursday, Nov. 26. Pick-up or delivered meals will be provided; pick-up is appreciated. Delivered meals will arrive at different times throughout the afternoon. Please leave a message with names, phone numbers and addresses and please indicate if anybody is diabetic; she will return your call to confirm. This is a free meal; if you choose to donate any donations will go to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.

The Gorham Medical Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment. The closet also accepts CLEAN donations. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. They are open Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Call Carol Robinson at (207) 400-7171 or Anne Murphy at (207) 671-5971 and they will assist you.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of spring and summer clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or contact the director at director@gorhamfoodpantry.org.

SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op meets weekly at 34 School Street in Gorham, Mondays at 10 a.m. for "Games and Puzzles" and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for "Coffee and Conversation." Seniors from Gorham and neighboring communities are welcome. For more information visit: https://www.gorhamarts.org/seniorscoop.

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is $4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit https://gorhamrec.com or call (207) 222-1635.

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library - IT: Ask Me Anything! is held every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. with Cody in the Schneider Room. Don't miss Planning Ahead, Living Well: A free, four part series on aging, misconceptions, and living your best life! The next session is Levels of Care and Paying for Care on Nov. 24, 1-2:15 p.m. Check the calendar in this issue for what's coming up at the library, or visit the library in person or online at https://baxterlibrary.org/events/ to see what's happening. Children under the age of 8 require adult supervision. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

North Gorham Public Library is hosting a free Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m through Dec. 15. The library offers free one-day passes to the Portland Museum of Art for up to two adults and six children. Come in or call (207) 892-2575, or email northgorhampl@gmail.com if you are interested. The NGPL supports North Gorham and Standish, and is open Monday 3 to 6 p.m, Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Donate books anytime (please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers Digest condensed books). FMI: email libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us. Sign up for the library's email monthly

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Welcoming Spaces & Beach Access
32 Mill Pond Dr, Windham
$525,000
Built in 1875, this three-bedroom, two-bath home pairs historic character with thoughtful improvements. Wood floors, built-in cupboards & shelving, exposed timbers bring warmth and personality to approximately 2,003 sqf of living space. The granite-countered kitchen connects easily to everyday living, while a gas parlor stove makes the living room an inviting place. Enjoy morning coffee in the four-season sunroom, open the doors to the deck for outdoor dining, or head across the street to Mill Pond's sandy beach, reached by a deeded right-of-way. Almost half an acre on a dead-end street provides room to garden, play and unwind, with a separate fenced area behind the garage.



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1.38-Acre Gorham building lot! Unique setting featuring 300 feet of frontage along the Little River. You'll love the natural setting and convenient location just 2.2 miles to Gorham Village. Survey is available with property pins set. Elevated building site with rolling topography would be ideal for a walkout daylight basement. Public water is located in the public right way. Gorham has adopted an in-lieu-of-fee option for those that don't see the benefits of a residential fire suppression system. If you've been searching for a building lot that has a country feel yet just minutes to schools, shopping and every day amenities this lot is for you.



Patio Park Mobile Home
23 Patio Park Ln, Gorham
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Totally renovated single-wide mobile home on a large lot located in a clean, safe, adults only park. Gorham, Portland, Westbrook are all within 5 miles. All new kitchen with stainless steel appliances. New bath with walk-in shower. Updated electric, all new Pex plumbing, efficient Rinnai propane heat, and more. A 10x18 shed with a hobby room in the back overlooks the woods. This unit is a must see!

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newsletter: northgorhampl@gmail.com, or call (207) 892-2575. Check out What's Happening or the Events Calendar on their website, or their Facebook page for weekly updates.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS
The Department of Theatre has an incredible line-up of shows this year - musicals, mysteries, comedy, radio theatre, student-directed work and more. They have theatre for the whole family and they are ready to see you at Russell Hall. Tickets for the full season are on sale at PortTIX. There is a 10% discount when you purchase tickets to 3 or more shows or 4 tickets to the same show.

CLOSE TO HOME
Free Christmas Concert with the Westbrook City Band. Family-friendly event featuring seasonal favorites and a sing-along. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026 at 2 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Road, Buxton. For more information: Patsy Leavitt, patsyleavitt55@gmail.com.

Music lovers, the Osher School of Music is still at USM, and not that far away at the new Crewe Center for the Arts on Bedford Street in Portland. If you haven't been there yet, you really should. Find the events schedule at https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/events and a Metro stop right out front. Pay-by-plate parking.

To learn about music and arts events of all kinds and much more, in and outside of Gorham, check out Maine Public's Community Calendar at https://tinyurl.com/39y8azfz.

Send calendar items, public service announcements and events to community@gorhamtimes.com

October Real Estate Transfers

Gorham Times Staff

ADDRESS	SELLER	BUYER	PRICE
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41 LOCHWOOD DRIVE	ROBIE HEIGHTS INC	ERIN KIMBERLEY LITTLE	782,000.00
7 FLAGSHIP LANE	JUSTIN L. DIBIASE	SAMUEL HUNTER RABOUD	749,900.00
47 LONGFELLOW ROAD	JAMES WHITESHOUSE	XIAOFENG CHEN	740,000.00
59 HARDING ROAD	MCDONNELL BROTHERS CUSTOM BUILDERS, LL	JOHNA JOYCE	733,857.00
58 UNDERHILL DRIVE	ERIK L. RODSTROM	MARGARET JEWETT	710,000.00
7 KIARA LANE	DEBORAH DUFFY	MARILYN JILL JARONCYK	642,500.00
15 CROCKETT ROAD	FRANCONIA REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC.	EMILY SHELDON	635,000.00
83 HUSTON ROAD	JAMES CONOR DONOGHUE	AMANDA O'BRIEN	634,000.00
113 SOUTH STREET	HEATHER J. BETTENCOURT	JAMES MARTIN	605,000.00
1 SUNSET LANE	NICHOLAS ALLAN JEWETT	JOSEE RITA KAMANA	553,000.00
18 WINSLOW ROAD	BARBARA A. ROBERTSHAW	APRIL J. SHEEHAN	510,000.00
141 HURRICANE ROAD	JOSEPH G. LYNCH	ROBIN BOUCHER	485,000.00
263 HUSTON ROAD	AMY J. MIERS	NELL SHIPMAN	449,900.00
5 SPRUCE LANE	PAUL T. BOMBARO	DIANE ASTON	440,000.00
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15 LINCOLN STREET	THOMAS A. O'HARE	MCKAYLA ROSE REDFERN	419,000.00
MAP 14 LOT 1	ALLIED/COOK CONSTRUCTION CORP	KELLY A. PARENT	400,000.00
56 MORRILL AVENUE	KIMBERLY A. DOUGLASS	ROGER A. TURNER	375,000.00
76 WARDS HILL ROAD	JULIA G. CURTIS	ALYONA POPOV	300,000.00
BUMBLEBEE ROAD (LOT 5)	CARMEN SCHNEIDER	MELVILLE PARKER ROBERTS III	225,000.00
BUMBLEBEE ROAD (LOT 6)	CARMEN SCHNEIDER	MELVILLE PARKER ROBERTS III	225,000.00
7 PRIMROSE LANE	JEANETTE ZAGAORIANAKOS	TYLER JAMES LEWIS	162,500.00
MERCIER WAY (PORTION OF)	C/O GARY SMITH	STEPHENIE A. MACVANE	1,500.00

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 19
Baxter Memorial Library,
Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.
Book Group, 10:15 a.m
Board Game Café, noon
Adult Sewing Class, 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 21
Baxter Memorial Library, Pokémon Club, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 22
Westbrook City Band Christmas Concert, North Congregational Church, Buxton 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24
Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.
Aging Series Part 4: Levels of Care and Paying for Care, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25
Baxter Memorial Library, IT: Ask Me Anything!, 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 28
Baxter Memorial Library, Game on Saturday!, 10 a.m.
Living Waters Church, Buxton, Haddock Supper Buffet, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1
Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler and Family Storytime, 10 a.m.
Dogs Dig Reading, 4 p.m.
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2
Baxter Memorial Library
Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
Makerspace, 1 p.m.
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Public Works was notified to pick up trash on the side of White Birch Lane.

A black lab ran down the road from its home. Officer returned the lab without issue to its owner.

Caller stated he left his wallet in a taxi and was looking to get the plate so he could get his wallet back. He had no information about the company, only that it was a minivan. A short time later he called back advising that he found his wallet.

Officer responded to Maple Ridge Road for a fireworks complaint, and also for a driving complaint. During the time looking for the offending vehicles, and while driving through the area after, officer did not observe any fireworks in the area.

Officer was dispatched to an attempt to locate call in the area of Fort Hill Road. The report stated that 3 or 4 dirt bikes had been going by very loud at least 10 times. The K9 Officer was also dispatched to the area and did not make contact. The call was reopened, with a new complainant, stating that they were actively doing it again. Officer responded to the area, checking from Dingley Springs Road to the Standish line multiple times and sitting in the area, not seeing or hearing anything. Officer then received a priority call and cleared the area.

A caller reported a vehicle driving erratically heading east on County Road. Officer was out of position, and the vehicle was in Scarborough before officer was anywhere near the area. A plate was provided that did not come back on file. The call was passed on to Scarborough PD.

An officer assisted a motorist with changing a tire.

The green light to turn left onto Elm from Main Street was out. After reporting it, Public Works fixed the issue.

A citizen located a wallet in the roadway on South Street in the area of GHOP. He handed it to the officer at the PD. Inside the wallet was an ID identifying the owner. Officer was able to call the owner's cell phone. The owner came to the PD and picked the wallet up. He thought everything was in the wallet still. He signed the receipt and went on his way.

A caller's duck wandered off. No reports of anyone finding a duck.

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