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### September Taping Schedule

9.2.08 Town Council  
9.08.08 Planning Board  
9.10.08 School Committee  
9.15.08 Gorham Fire Dept. Training  
9.17.08 CMP Sub-Station Expansion  
9.18.08 Appeals Board

### October Taping Schedule

10.06.08 Planning  
10.07.08 Town Council  
10.08.08 School Committee  
10.28.08 Meet the Candidates **5:30 PM**  
Sponsored by Business Exchange

#### Tentative

10.16.08 Appeals Board  
10.20.08 Planning Board II

#### CHECK IT OUT

GOCAT WEBSITE

[www.gocat.org](http://www.gocat.org)

**Opening on Cable Committee**  
**Contact Town Clerk at 222-1671**

#### TRAINING

Ongoing classes – Gorham Recreation Dept. Individual sessions are available by appointment.

GOCAT Studio is available to all Gorham residents.  
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## GOCAT Studio

September / October 2008

### Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region – Video Festival

GOCAT submitted 4 entries for this year's festival. There are 20 different program categories available. The following videos were entered:  
Local Attraction: "Retinal Delights III" video and edit by Jamie Kennedy. Deb Loughlin curates this juried community art exhibit, which is in its third year.  
Documentary Profile: "Maine's Beloved Benefactor" video and edit by Georgia Humphrey and Jamie Kennedy. The life and poetry of James Phinney Baxter was featured in this video.  
Public Service Announcement: "Gorham Adult Education" video and edit by Georgia Humphrey.  
Community Impact: "Voice – Winterization" Produced by Ivonne Vazquez, directed and edited by Georgia Humphrey. The focus of this locally produced show is to inform the public of low cost/no cost services and resources. This entry was an informative interview and presentation from Efficiency Maine (state initiative for the conservation of energy).

Winners will be announced in October.

### Energy Resource Network

**This program aired at 8 AM & 8 PM.**

Dennis Morton, initiator and motivational speaker for Energy Resource Network, was in the studio on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the Energy Resource Network is to gain support from community and faith based organizations, train volunteers, and connect people with services. There are many people in our community anticipating heating and energy shortfalls this winter. Dennis has a great presentation with information about what we can all do to help our neighbors.



## ACTION !

### Gorham School Department

On September 9, 2008 Christine Sawyer interviewed Superintendent Ted Sharp and Citizen Betsy Nygren in the GOCAT studio. Mr. Sharp brought architectural drawings of the proposed new elementary school. Information was provided on the elements of the proposal including tax impact and the large amount of state subsidy that Gorham would benefit from. This provided another opportunity to inform the public on significant issues that impact the town both socially and financially.

### V-Team and i-Team

Collaborative projects between GOCAT and Gorham Schools are moving forward. Last year Georgia Humphrey from GOCAT and Terri Dawson, the Gorham Schools Technology Integrator, established an after school video/technology club at the Middle School. The name of the group was derived from the MLTI (Maine Learning Technology Initiative) which is the program that provides i-books to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Teacher Patty Joyce is the third member of the Instructor Team

With the support of Village School Principal Brian Porter, some groundwork was also laid at that school in 07-08. Teacher Denise Asselin is off to a great start with one program that has already gone to broadcast. This video segment featured an introduction to new staff at Village School. The group of students working with Mrs. Asselin is called the V-Team. V for Village rah,rah,rah!

### Hot & Cold

**This program aired at 10 AM & 4 PM**

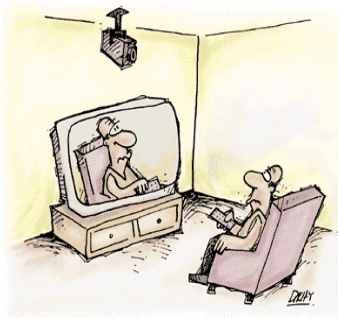
Features information about home maintenance with a variety of topics.

### Gorham Ram Sports

Pete Walker, "The Voice of the Rams", is back on the air. Like the fall foliage, the broadcast of fall sports is looked forward to with enthusiasm. The dedication of Mr. Walker to this pursuit is certainly noted by the folks at GOCAT. I wish I could estimate the number of Gorham students that have benefited from the video taken by Pete. It not only aids in strategy plans for coaches and teams but also provides source material for many student college applications for sports scholarships.

### Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005

The title above is legalese for broadcast signals which go digital after Feb.17, 2009. If you have a "maverick" television that still uses rabbit ears or an antenna you will need to purchase a converter box. You can get a \$40 coupon from the government to defray cost of the unit. Find more information online at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov)  
1-888-DTV-2009  
1-888-388-2009



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### Gorham Cable Committee

The Committee has been very busy over the last few months. Our work has focused on a presentation we hope to give to the Town Council in the near future. There are several capital projects the committee would like to address. The premise for all of the ideas is to facilitate better distribution of information to more of the citizens of Gorham.

There is currently an opening on the Cable Committee, if interested, please contact the Town Clerk at 222-1671. The Cable Committee is meeting on the second Thursday of the month at the Gorham Municipal Center in the GOCAT Studio. Our next meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

### The role of the press in our democracy

*Musings From Jon Bartholomew at Common Cause*

**Benjamin Franklin**, who largely is responsible for creating the modern press in America, wrote "An Apology for Printers" in which he states, "Printers are educated in the Belief, that when Men differ in Opinion, both Sides ought equally to have the Advantage of being heard by the Public; and that when Truth and Error have fair Play, the former is always an overmatch for the latter..."

**Thomas Jefferson** said: "The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

### Tour of Falmouth Police Video System

On Sept. 15, 2008 Police Chief Ron Shepard escorted Georgia Humphrey to - No, not the Cumberland County Jail - but to the Town of Falmouth Police Department. The purpose of this visit was to investigate the use of video surveillance that Falmouth has access to in their dispatch center.

Tapping into the surveillance system at Falmouth High School (only the school committee has authorized outside cameras for police use) and security at Police Headquarters, the dispatcher can view and remote control many of the cameras mounted around town. Obviously this is a powerful tool for the Police. It serves in 2 major categories, the traditional mode of recording and reviewing after an incident but more significantly the ability to monitor in "real time" an ongoing situation. Carol, the dispatcher on duty, indicated that the sensitivity of the cameras allows them to read a license plate in the school parking lot. She also stated a suspect was apprehended using such information.

The technology to integrate newer security systems, those utilizing IP (Internet Protocol) is readily available. Although Falmouth has a different brand of security equipment, most companies provide a similar software function. More research and cost estimates are required for an upgrade of this nature in Gorham. Hopefully further exploration of this technology option may prove feasible in the future.

Programming Notes . . .

### Maine Video Activists

**This program aired at 9 PM**

Social Commentary from Maine

### Shilling Shockers

**Classic Horror Movies aired at 10 PM**

Week 10.2.08 - "The She Beast"

Week 10.9.08 - "Attack of the Giant Leaches"

Week 10.16.08 - "Chamber of Horrors"

Week 10.23.08 - "The Devil Bat"

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