

Berlin, Gorham teams seek funds to compete in Destination Imagination global finals

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Contributing Writer

REGION — Destination Imagination is a program that is 100 percent student driven. The students acquire skills to problem solve in assigned, complex challenges. Two local teams, one of Gorham Edward Fenn Elementary and the other of Berlin High School, advanced to state finals last month and have now earned the opportunity to compete globally. The teams are in the process of raising funds needed for the trip.

On March 11, the regional competitions for Destination Imagination, known simply as DI, was held at the Berlin High School. 27 teams from all over the state brought about 450 attendees including student participants, their families, teachers, coaches

and judges. Among the teams, Ed Fenn Elementary and Berlin High scored well in the judge's eyes and advanced to the state competition that was held on April 1 at Bedford High School. The Ed Fenn team "The 7 Pixel People" placed first and the Berlin High team "Abstract Minds" placed second. Now, the two teams will compete against over 1400 teams from 45 states and 15 different countries in Knoxville, Tenn. on May 24 through May 28.

Berlin Middle School placed third, just shy of making it to the global finals.

Students in a team are assigned a problem solving challenge, put on their thinking caps and design a method to solving the challenge all

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Gorham's Edward Fenn Elementary Destination Imagination team, "The 7 Pixel People," have advanced to the global finals being held late next month. The team is seeking funds needed to make the trip to Tennessee. Pictured here, from left to right, are Gavin Corrigan, Kody Lemieux, Liam Alnwick, Abram Wydra, Ayden Corrigan, Shianna Wood and Addison Eastman. In the right, back row, is team manager Shannon Wydra.

Three local women receive Sylvia Evans Awards

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REGION — Three local women were named Sylvia Evans Award recipients and received their awards at a ceremony held at the White Mountains Community College on Friday. Kathleen Kelly, of Randolph, received the Sylvia Evans Citizen's Award. Berlin High student Tiffney Poirier and Gorham High student Lauren Gralenski each received the Sylvia Evans Young Leadership Awards.

Sylvia Evans Award recipients are recognized for their leadership and contributions to the community and are credited as role models.

Kelley, who credits her parents for leading her in the right direction, graduated from the University of Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in science with a focus on accounting and computer science. She worked as an auditor at Brown University in 1988. She is married to Mark Kelley, who carries on the family business at White Mountain Lumber. As a mother of four, she has diligently pursued her passion of working with young woman in northern New England. She is a member of the American Association of University Woman. She raises money for non-profit organizations. She has helped manage and raise money for the AAUW Pathfinder Project that helps young woman decide career paths in science and math. The programs were especially benefi-



COURTESY
Kathleen Kelly, of Randolph, has received the Sylvia Evans Citizen's Award.

cial to young mothers by helping them stay in school. She is an advocate in early childhood education and supports Federally Qualified Health Centers. She is locally known as a mentor



COURTESY
Berlin High senior Tiffney Poirier has received the Sylvia Evans Young Leadership Award.

for the Miss New Hampshire and Miss Berlin/Gorham Outstanding Teen programs. She presently works as an assistant treasurer for the town of Randolph and is a volunteer treasurer for



COURTESY
Gorham High senior Lauren Gralenski has received the Sylvia Evans Young Leadership Award.

the Randolph Mountain Club. She is a chairperson of the Association for Fund Raising Professionals.

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Tri-County CAP to offer more beds while pursuing new facility to combat substance abuse

BERLIN -- The Department of Health and Human Services a program of Tri-County Community Action Program (TCCAP), is excited to announce it is finalizing approval for conditional licensing to increase the current treatment roster from 18 to 30 beds for individuals struggling with substance use disorders and in need of residential services.

Kristy Letendre, the Director of the Clinical Services Division, stated, "After working closely with the

Department of Health and Human Services administration for the past several months, a final inspection was conducted on Monday, April 3 and we anticipate approval within a couple of weeks."

The North Country of New Hampshire has one of the highest overdose rates per capita in New Hampshire and Friendship House, in Bethlehem, is the only residential treatment center within a radius

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Brewtopia returns this Friday at White Mountain Chalet

BY JODY HOULE
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BERLIN — New Hampshire Distributors and the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce present the 11th annual Brewtopia happening this Friday, April 14, at the White Mountain Chalet on East Milan Road.

The evening will consist of ale tasting, promos, raffles and giveaways, sports memorabilia, a silent auction, a photo booth contest, pizza and wings, a cash bar, live music and free bus rides home.

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to sample a number of ales between 7 and 9 p.m. Conception stands are set up and ale and beer tasters make their rounds and sip new and old products. There will be 30 different products to choose from 10 different breweries. Products include



Brewtopia 2017 will take place this Friday at the White Mountain Chalet.

Stoneface, Tuckermans, Founders, Jack's Abby, Sea Dog, Henniker, New Belgium, Shipyard, von Trapp and 603 Brewing Company. Each Brewer will have at least 3 different beers to sample. Anheuser Busch will feature new summer flavors Grape and Peach Rita's.

"This popular event has become a sort of 'rights of spring' with many local residents," said Chamber Executive Director Paula Kin-

ney. "Whether you have been to Brewtopia in the past or you never have been, this is the year to attend. New Hampshire Distributors is bringing some new breweries to the tasting with lots of giveaways. Support the event to keep it coming back."

From 9 p.m. to midnight, there will be a cash bar and live music will be provided by the popular rock band Riot Act of Maine.

The Chamber strong-

ly advocates a safe evening and encourages attendees to drink responsibly. Free bus rides will be available after the event. A bus will depart the chalet at 10 p.m., and again at midnight.

Attendees must have a ticket to attend. Tickets are \$20, and are available at Northland Dairy Bar, the Chamber Office, Fagin's Pub, and Greetings Jewelers. Tickets are also available online at www.androscogginvalleychamber.com.

Ticket holders are automatically entered into

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- FIRST CIRCUIT COURT LOG -

Haley Kline, 18, of Berlin, was found guilty of unlawful possession of alcohol and was fined \$372.

Nathaniel Vincent, 21, of Berlin, was found guilty of acts prohibited and was fined \$434.

Charges of unlawful possession of alcohol and transportation of alcohol by a minor against Justin Vien, 18, of Berlin, were placed on file without a finding on one year good behavior. He shall successfully complete the 3rd Millennium Program within 45 days and file proof with the Berlin Police Department.

Brain Perry, 36, of Berlin, was found guilty of receiving stolen property and was fined \$310.

A charge of theft against Robert Remillard, 29, of Berlin, was nolle-prossed.

Charges of harassment, criminal threatening and disorderly conduct against Maurice Tellier, 59, of Randolph, were nolle-prossed.

Charges of animals in

a motor vehicle and cruelty to animals against Shawn Hill, 25, of Berlin, were nolle-prossed.

Robert Smith, 65, of Gilman, Vt., was found guilty of driving after suspension or revocation and was fined \$310.

A charge of driving after suspension or revocation against Jamison Rousseau, 36, of Shelburne, was nolle-prossed.

Margarito Lopez, 36, of Berlin, was found guilty of prohibited sales of alcohol and was fined \$434.

John Qualls, 47, of Berlin, was found guilty of a town ordinance and was fined \$50.

Daniel Flint, 19, of Milan, was found guilty of a town ordinance and was fined \$100.

Randy Duguay, 36, of Berlin, was found guilty of theft and was ordered to pay \$416.16 restitution. He was found guilty of an additional charge of theft and was ordered to pay \$498 restitution. He was also found guilty of an ad-

ditional charge of theft and was ordered to pay \$178 restitution. He was sentenced to jail for 26 days. He was credited

with 26 days of pre-trial confinement. He was also found guilty of acts prohibited and was fined \$434 suspended on

one year good behavior. Additional charges of transportation of drugs in a motor vehicle, driving after suspension or

revocation, driver's license prohibition and contempt were all nolle-prossed.

Easter Services

Lancaster Congregational Church, UCC, 142 Main St., Lancaster
Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14 at the Lancaster Congregational Church. There will be Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 113 Main St., Lancaster at 12:30 p.m. with Fr. Tim Brooks and Rev. Sharon van der Laan.

Easter Sunday Breakfast, April 16 from 7-9:30 a.m., free or by donation
Easter Sunday Service, April 16 at 10 a.m.
Easter Sunday Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the scenic overlook across from Rodger's Campground.

Community Baptist Church in Whitefield
Wednesday, April 12 to Thursday, April 13
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Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
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April 13
Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service with Communion, 7 p.m.

April 14
Ecumenical Good Friday Service
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: Trinity Methodist Church, Whitefield
April 16
Easter Sunrise Service. 6:15 a.m.
Location: Mountain View Grand Hotel Overlook
Location: Breakfast to

Easter Sunrise Service at Bryant Farm

BERLIN — There will be an Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on April 16 at 7 a.m. at the Bryant Farm, 810 Hillside Ave., Berlin. All are welcome.

follow at Trinity Methodist Church, Whitefield
Easter Service: 10 a.m.
Location: CBC
No Sunday School this Sunday.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lancaster
April 13
Maundy Thursday Service
Service will begin at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Will consist of the hum-

ble act of foot washing followed by the Last Supper.

April 14
Good Friday Services 12:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross. Service shared with Rev. Sharon van der Laan from Lancaster Congregational Church of Christ. Service begins in Memorial Garden. Participants will proceed to side lawn. Chairs will

be available for those who wish to participate but find standing a challenge.

6:30: Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt following service. "Kids" of all ages are invited to participate.

All are welcome.

Hockey exhibit at Moffett House Museum & Genealogy Center

BERLIN--An expanded hockey exhibit is now on display at the Moffett House Museum & Genealogy Center in Berlin, NH. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the 1957 New England Championship for Notre Dame High School as well as the 50th anniversary of the 1967 National Championship for the Berlin Maroons and the New England Championship for Berlin High. Notre

Dame was a private, Catholic high school in Berlin from 1942 - 1972. These outstanding achievements deserve special recognition in this anniversary year.

The exhibit features championship jackets, photo albums and clippings, championship plaques, player uniforms, and much more. This display can be seen from April 1 throughout the summer. There is no admission charged

to either the museum or to the special display. Donations are gratefully accepted to maintain both.

The Moffett House Museum & Genealogy Center is located at 119 High Street in Berlin, N.H., and is open year round Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 603-752-4590 for more information or to make an appointment.

Update on rally against Northern Pass

CONCORD — Because the size of the crowd at the April 23 "Hands Around the State House: Short-Circuit Northern Pass" rally can't be predicted, the site for an after-event social is still up in the air.

Organizers had

hoped that people could socialize at the Grapone Convention Center after the rally, but that was ruled out because of unpredictable numbers.

The schedule so far includes gathering at the State House at noon, a brief speaking session at 1 p.m., hand-

to-hand circling of the State House at 2 p.m., and disbanding at 3 p.m. Bus-travel may be in the offing at Colebrook, Lancaster and Littleton. Many participants plan to wear Hunter Orange. Arrangements for music are still in the making.

College Access Convention 2017

CONCORD— Back by popular demand, several hundred under-represented high school students from schools all around the northern half of New Hampshire will attend the 9th Annual College Access Convention Berlin on April 7

and in Plymouth on May 5.

This is part of a statewide effort to educate our students on strategies for paying for college. College tuition remains a difficult hurdle for many families; the cost to gain entrance is keep-

ing many high school graduates from accessing their own hopes and dreams for the future. The College Access Convention empowers students and their families with useful and practical tools they can use to get

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Certification program offers a path for aspiring North Country teachers

BY MICHAEL MCCORD
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REGION — Alicia Vaillancourt-Locke graduated from Gorham High School in 2011. Today, she teaches third grade in Groveton Elementary School with the help of a grant that allowed her to finish her studies in the North Country.

The North Country Teacher Certification Program really helped, Vaillancourt-Locke said.

“One of the wonderful benefits of being part (of NCTCP) is being able to maintain a job to help pay for bills that come with living off campus and paying for college independently,” Vaillancourt-Locke said.

The program helps student teachers in the North Country and it has just been renewed. For the sixth time since 2007, the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund awarded the North Country Teacher Certification Program a targeted stipend grant for students enrolled in NCTCP.

“This is exciting news,” said Brian Walker, the NCTCP program director. He added that the \$66,000 grant will provide support stipends of up to \$5,000 to help defray costs associated with student teaching at North Country schools.

Launched in 2005, NCTCP is a collaboration between Plymouth State University and White Mountains Community College in Berlin. The program was designed to provide teacher training education opportunities

to place-bound students in the North Country. Without leaving the North Country, students can earn a bachelor’s degree and K-8 teacher certification upon graduation from the program.

Walker has been part of the program since 2008 and said the two-year cohort program of three semesters of classes and one semester of student teaching has proven successful in meeting the need for highly qualified elementary school teachers in the North Country.

“We’ve tried to meet a few goals. This was created for students to get a bachelor’s degree and a teacher’s certification without having to go far,” Walker explained. “It was also designed to be affordable and to focus on older students who work and have families. The program has also evolved. Obviously, online learning has allowed us to increase our geographic reach.”

Walker said Vaillancourt-Locke graduated first from White Mount Community College and then with Honors from Plymouth State University last May.

“Alicia worked to pay her way for college and living expenses while completing her college degree,” Walker said.

With more than a decade in place, NCTCP has become a quiet but impactful success story. Walker said that graduates of the program have gone on to teaching and administrative leadership positions.

According to program data supplied by Walker, 59 students enrolled in cohorts one through five beginning in 2005:

52 graduated (88 percent rate)

50 graduated on time (96 percent rate for graduates)

Coös County schools with NCTCP graduates include: Brown and Hillside elementary schools in Berlin; Gorham Middle School; Groveton elementary and middle schools; Lancaster Elementary School; Strafford Elementary School; Whitefield Elementary School; Strafford Public School; and White Mountains High School (Career and Technical Education).

There are also Coös County residents teaching at elementary schools in Bethlehem and Lunenburg.

Student teaching requires an extra level of commitment and time and Walker said dozens of graduates have benefited during their student teacher phase from the grant. During the spring of 2016, Vaillancourt-Locke was a fifth-grade student teacher at Groveton Elementary School.

“The Tillotson stipend made it possible for me to pay rent and bills, buy groceries, provide myself with the proper attire of a teacher, and afford the gas to travel back and forth to my internship,” Vaillancourt-Locke said.

After graduation, Groveton hired her to be the school’s third grade



COURTESY

The Class of 2016. Front Row seated from left: Bianca Clauss, Jessica Hallee. Back Row standing from left: Tabbetha Shosa, Robyn Sweet, Breanna Birt, Alicia Vaillancourt-Locke, Brianna Roy, Danielle Adams, Abigail Hill

teacher.

Walker said the program is not only successful in helping to make the overall program work but it is changing lives and creating the next generation of public education leaders in the North Country. “There are a number of emerging leaders in schools throughout northern

New Hampshire whose success can be tied directly to these Tillotson stipends,” he said. “These stipends support students during a critical period at the start of their teaching careers.”

Find out more about

North Country Teacher Certification Program.

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Access

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into the school of their choice and pay for it.

In 2016, more than 1,500 students around New Hampshire participated in these conventions around the state, many of whom took what they learned and were accepted to college. The convention’s goal is to encourage New Hampshire’s underrepresented and first generation students to pursue their higher education studies in New Hampshire. Registration is free for students.

Participant students will attend panel presentations, a financial aid workshop, and will take part in a campus tour to help them pave the way to college. Many of these students will be immersed in a college atmosphere for the first time.

The North Country College Access Convention is made possible through the NH Scholars Initiative and funded via GEAR UP NH. The Plymouth College Access Convention is made possible through spon-

sorship by Plymouth State University. A convention in Concord was held in March at NHTI – Concord’s Community College.

“New Hampshire is often perceived as a state that does not face the same economic challenges confronting most other regions in the country,” said NHCUC’s Director of NH Scholars, Scott Power. “The reality is often quite different. With a rapidly growing Latino population, significant new numbers of immigrants and refugees, and changing demographics, New

Hampshire must begin to seriously reach out to our underrepresented populations and encourage them to obtain as much education as possible,” Power commented.

As the fastest growing segment of the state’s population, minorities are poised to play a critical role in New Hampshire’s competitive edge. This convention provides a platform for hundreds of underrepresented high school students looking to earn a college degree and continue into the workforce of the future.

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"Snow" days

Well, here we are quickly in the midst of mud season. Temperatures have risen quite quickly from last week, where a few days were below freezing. This week, the sun will shine, and people in the North Country will finally enjoy some solid spring weather. With the snow melting and summer on the horizon, the chirp about town has been in regards to snow days, and whether or not they should be made up.

In New Hampshire, the law states that students shall attend 180 days of school per year. This includes the required 945 instructional hours for elementary school students and 990 for high school students.

Each school is required to have an additional 60 hours in duration to provide for instructional time lost due to severe weather or any other unexpected reasons, staff development and parent teacher conferences. According to RSA-189, schools shall use these additional hours to reschedule lost instructional time before requesting a waiver of the amount of instruction time under RSA 189:2, unless extraordinary circumstances exist that would place an unreasonable burden on the school or students such as but not limited to substantial building damage.

That being said, living in New England comes with its inclement weather as we all know. We are used to snow storms and while we are attending meetings and school white knuckling it on snow covered roads, our neighbors in the southern part of the country are canceling due to dustings. The point is that a snow day in the North Country is rare.

Researchers from Harvard University conducted a study and found that closures have no impact on student achievement and found that individual absences have more of a negative effect. The study found that teachers face more of a challenge getting students on the same page after an absence rather than when the entire school is closed.

To make up a snow day in June is pointless due to the fact that those make up days are spent outside at recess, watching movies, playing games or kids helping teachers clean their classrooms for the summer and do not result in any significant learning. That does not constitute instruction, and is a waste of time. Why not let the kids enjoy the warmer weather, especially since our spring and summer months are so short? By June, everyone, including staff, is chomping at the bit to have some down time and the rate of burn out is high.

Could one way to avoid making up a snow day be that students are given an assignment to complete at home? This would not count as instructional time, but the students would be using their time off for academic purposes. In that case, it would take away from the joy a snow day brings in the middle of a hectic and harsh winter.



PHOTO BY CHRIS JENSEN

Berlin Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme listens to an explanation of the project. A photograph of one of the proposed greenhouses was on the back of the diagram of the site plan being discussed.

— A CENTURY IN COÖS —

A look back at this week in local history

COMPILED BY CATHY GRONDIN

1917

Archie Shillings of Jefferson was instantly killed when kicked by a horse.

Many couples danced to good music at the annual Easter Ball at the Opera House.

An ammunition factory in Pennsylvania explodes killing 133.

1927

Lancaster had three fires on Monday ~ a chimney fire at the Fred Congdon residence on Winter Street, a grass fire on Ray's Field toward the Community House, and another grass fire between the tracks and Frank Smith's residence.

Advertisement - Get your Rugs, Chenille, Machine Braided, Wash Rugs, etc. at Ross F. Standard's, Furniture and Undertaking.

Bell Telephone Company transmits an image of Herbert Hoover which becomes the first successful long distance demonstration of television.

1937

Weeks Hospital receives a \$1000 check for their Endowment Fund from Harry Roberts in memory of his mother, Mrs. Emma Weeks Roberts.

Vermont becomes the first in the union to ban sit down strikes.

1947

The Democrat is an inch longer, the result of a new press.

Lancaster Rotarians sat to hear of Charles Emerson's 12,000 mile trip across the country.

Get next winter out of your hair now, order from CW Fitch and Son.

1957

Miss Dawn Emerson of Groveton received word that she won the Ruth Cutting Memorial Scholarship, covering \$800 of her college expenses at the University of Massachusetts.

An auto accident on the Stratford Road, just south of the Merriam Farm, involved four youths, seriously injuring Stanley Grattage, age 16.

Henry Fonda stars in 12 Angry Men, topping the Box Office.

1967

Ladies shift dresses on sale at \$1.67.

Spring time is Prom Time at Hortons.

The first Boeing 737 takes its maiden flight.

Miss Verna Smith selected as Lancaster High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year.

1977

The Big Three from Groveton making the list for 1977 High School All American - Richard Penney, Bill Johnson, and Rick Barlow.

The body of Philip Grandmaison was found in the Connecticut River by two trappers in Colebrook. Foul play is not suspected.

Groveton Fire Chief Jack Ryan cites safety reasons for not being able to use the third floor of the school for students.

The Commissary on Mechanic Street is going out of business.

1987

Statewide manhunt for suspect involved in shooting Twin Mountain Police Officer Kurt Adams.

Angela Hall, age 13, of Colebrook is the best speller in the State.

Groveton selectmen names Kerry Hopps Chief of Police in Groveton.

Kasey Pinard of Lancaster wins music scholarship to Keene State College.

1997

Denise Verdo of Berlin swerved to avoid a rabbit on Route 2 in Jefferson and went over the embankment opposite the home of Alan and Laurette Balog. She is reported in stable condition.

Wayne Phillips of Stratford Hollow reports his 600 pound pig, Kong, is back at the farm after being gone for five days.

Weeks Library received a \$10,000 grant in memory of Ellen Moody, a former teacher who also led the story hour for many years prior to her death.

2007

A strong group of seniors will lead Lady Eagles in field hockey this spring - Jeri Hawes, Allison Brown, Nina Pelletier, Carry Dunn and Mary Nolin.

Sherri Gregory from Jefferson was awarded for her 550 hours of volunteer services to White Mountains Regional School District for helping with the K-5 children.

Florida Gators take top spot in final four.

Eric Catman of Berlin and Maria Neal of Northumberland were involved in a motor vehicle accident in Stark; both were transported for treatment.

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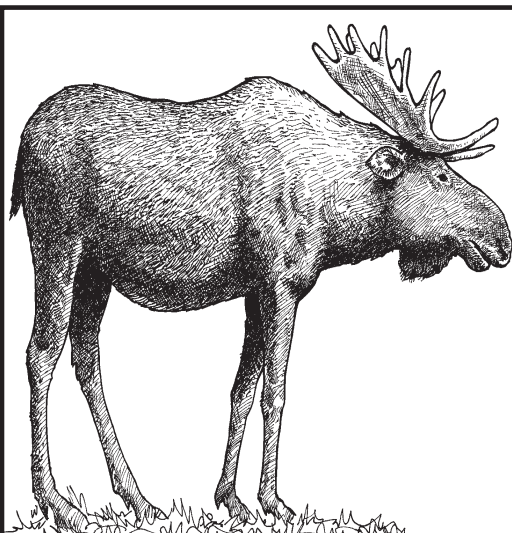
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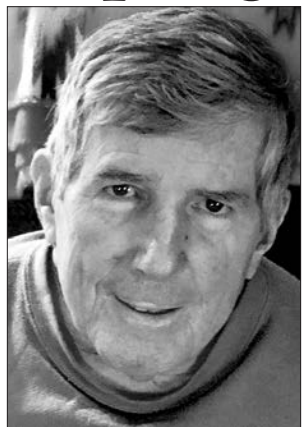


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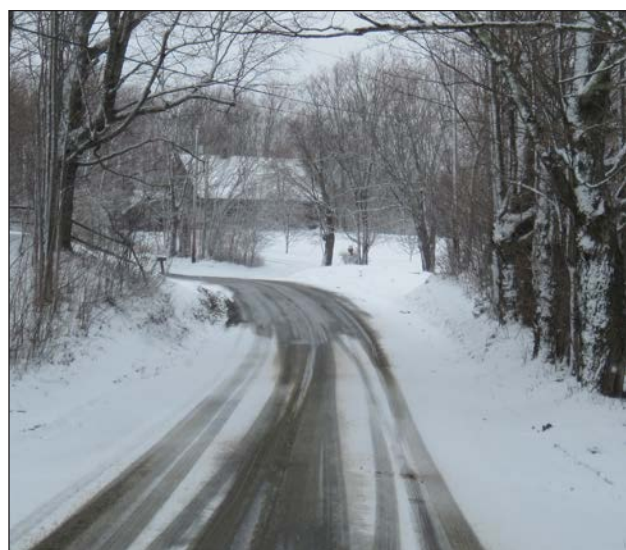
It could save your life.

North Country Notebook

A springtime medley of trains, getting stuck, and errant geese



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST



South Hill Road, just below a near-neighbor's house, after we woke up to another coating of snow on the morning of April 8.

Some people pay for mud. They actually pay people to put mud on their faces. Here, we get it for free--say, from behind a spinning wheel, while pushing.

Right now, my barnyard driveway is a good place to get stuck. For a modest fee, to cover tractor time and diesel fuel, I will pull you out. The fee consists of coming in for coffee, and enduring rants and raves.

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Whose tree is it?

Three weeks ago, high winds toppled a red spruce along my section of South Hill Road.

When I got the news--daughter Kathryn was in charge of the household while I was down below--my first question was "On which side of the fence?"

I live on a two-rod right of way road. That's roughly 33 feet, or 16 feet and change from center. Someone had cut the top off so traffic could move unimpeded, but the tree was still there in repose across my fence when I got home. Maybe I didn't

note that it's a pretty big tree.

Donald Beloin came by in an outrageous four-wheel-drive rig while I was looking at the situation. He knows that a lingering foot problem sidelines me from chainsaw work. His brother (and my neighbor), Danny, is a cable-skidder logger whose work is beyond good.

I took another look, and there's no way to

weasel out of it. It's my tree, not the town's.

"Get Danny to come over," Donald said. "He'll take care of that like nothing."

I will, and he will.

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Brad Smith, my Colebrook Academy classmate of '65, told me he'd seen geese flying north on March 29 or so.

At the time, Bob Vashaw had just finished helping clear about a foot and a half of new snow. I told Brad that either the geese were confused, or Bob and I were, or all four of us, probably making good company.

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Long-distance train trips seem to captivate readers. Whenever I write about taking such a trip, lots of mail follows.

There are five trans-continental trains on the North American continent. One is the fabled Canadian, which I've taken, and the rest are in the United States,

which I have also taken.

This spring I'm off again, on the Lakeshore Limited (an overnight train) from Boston to Chicago, and then on the Southwest Chief, from Chicago to Los Angeles (two nights, three days). I'm not a train fanatic and have no fear of flying--it's all about comfort and the freedom to move around. The bottom line is that if I have a choice, and have the time, I'll take a train over a plane, anytime.

Travel by train is not for everyone, but to me it is bliss. You get to have your own room, and a comfortable bed. Never, I advise anyone who asks, take a long-distance overnight train without reserving a room. You have your own bathroom and shower, plus two big lounge chairs and a picture window. You get to wander around, to the lounge, the dome-car, the snack bar with its tables, the dining car. You can even ask that your meal be brought to you

room, to be placed on a wall-mounted fold-down table.

The first question I always get on train travel is about price. The second is time.

Let's take the second question first. If you are a nervous person, an A to B traveler, someone who cannot read, relax, and enjoy the trip itself and the time to totally relax, the train is not for you.

As for the price, consider that you're getting a hotel room for a couple of nights (do the math) and breakfast and supper each day, and the freedom to move around.

It's a no-brainer for me, but it's not for everyone.

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Fewer moose permits to be issued in North Country

Fish and Game says shortened winters, impact of ticks will decide future of NH moose

BY JENNY MONAHAN
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REGION — New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) officials held a public hearing on April 4 in Lancaster on the state's proposed rules to reduce moose permit issuance for the 2017 moose season.

This was the second of two public hearings, the first of which was held in Concord on March 30.

NHFG Wildlife Division Chief, Mark Ellingwood, and NHFG Moose Biologist Kristine Rines conducted the hearing.

The state's moose population has plummeted by 50 percent in twenty years, from peak population of 7,600 moose in 1996 to just 3,800 today, and biologists attribute much of this decline to increasing parasite loads due to shorter winters caused by climate change.

A four-year study is underway in New Hampshire to learn more about threats facing the moose population, including winter tick. The study began in 2014 with the collaring and tracking of 45 moose cows and

calves.

Of the moose collared during the first year of the study, researchers recorded 64 percent mortality for calves and 5 percent mortality for adult cow moose. In 2015, calf mortality was 74 percent and adult mortality due to winter tick was 5 percent. In 2016, following the exceptionally mild winter of 2015-16, calf mortality was 80 percent, and adult mortality 22 percent.

The number of ticks found on the calf carcasses ranges from 35,000-96,000, and a single adult can carry as many as 160,000 in a high tick population year.

In response to the declining moose population trends, for the tenth consecutive year NHFG has proposed to reduce statewide moose hunt permits, from 71 in 2016 to 51 in 2017.

The majority of the reduced permits come from the White Mountains Region and North-ern Region of the state.

Under the proposal, the White Mountains Region's permits would be reduced from 20 to 15

and the North Region's permits reduced from 25 to 15. The combined areas make up 75 percent of the total proposed permit reductions.

The areas are represented on NHFG's Moose Management Units map as units B, C2, and D1 in the North Region and units C1, D2, E1, E2, E3, and F in the White Mountains Region.

About 25 people attended the public hearing in Lancaster.

Dave Magnan, of Millsfield is a licensed New Hampshire guide. After noting that charts shown during Fish and Game's Powerpoint presentation showed moose population densities were at or nearing permitting cut-off numbers in several regions of the state, he asked Rines if it makes sense to "shut the moose season off for a judicious period of time, until they recover," or until more research could be done into how to effectively manage the tick populations.

Rines said that there's been a lot of research done on the ticks already, independent of

NHFG own studies, adding "if we stopped hunting tomorrow, that isn't going to cause moose populations to recover."

She said that there are multiple tick affecting factors, to include moose population density, cutting practices, the length of the snow period, and weather during tick questing.

She said, "Given what we're seeing in our future, our winters aren't going to start getting longer--they're going to continue to shorten."

Rines said that 30 years ago, when short winters were an occasional happenstance, tick populations would surge for a season but then be knocked back down when the next winters normalized.

But that isn't happening anymore.

"We don't know what it's going to mean for moose, and ticks, to have ever more foreshortened winters," she said.

She said that one way to manage ticks is to keep moose populations at a low density.

"Right now in our

state, if you get down to a quarter of a moose per square mile, you don't really see ticks on moose. There just aren't enough moose to support the ticks," she added.

Rines said that moose densities in the Connecticut Lakes and North Regions are actually robust, compared to most of North America.

She said "They're lower than they used to be, but the truth of the matter is, these ticks are really the biological carrying capacity now, and they are going to determine the amount of moose that can be held on the landscape, and it's probably going to be significantly lower than it is right now."

Another attendee, Marcel Arsenaault of Milan, asked why the state isn't doing more to address ticks with insecticides.

Rines said the problem is there is no methodology to effectively dose the moose. She said it's been tried before, in livestock scenarios, but inaccurate dosing led to ticks developing immunity to the agents.

"You cannot treat wild animals like you treat livestock. It's just not possible to get this medication into wild animals. You can't even do it with cattle," she said.

When asked how the population density cut-off rates are determined by NHFG, Ellingwood said the cut offs chosen are somewhat arbitrary, but they constitute viable populations for moose. The recommendations of NHFG are then presented to the public via hearings and phone polls, public input is considered and then ultimately confirmed by NHFG.

"Essentially, if we end up at those cut-offs, we'll have what constituted a hunt-able population back in 1988 when we started moose hunting in the state," said Ellingwood.

But several people at the hearing were still wondering why we see so many less moose in the North Country today then we did just five or ten years ago.

After considering public comment, the Wildlife Division will present the final rule package to the Fish and Game Commission at its April 12 meeting. The rules then go before the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for approval. The new rules will establish permit numbers to be issued in the 2017 moose permit lottery in June.

Coös 4-H County Activities Day

LANCASTER--Despite Mother Nature's attempt at a cruel joke, Coös County enjoyed a wonderful celebration of 4-H at the 2017 County Activities Day (formerly called Demonstration Day) on Saturday, April 1.

The big event was held at Stratford Public School in North Stratford. Over 70 people were in attendance with 29 youth from eight different clubs participated along with 15 adult volunteers who helped out in an official capacity. The main purpose of 4-H County Activities Day is to give 4-H members a chance to show off their project work or a topic that is of interest to them and to gain valuable experience

presenting themselves in a public speaking situation. All of the participating 4-H members did a great job! Youth ages 8-18 participated this year. Of course, the day is also designed to select those members who will represent Coös County at State Activities Day (SAD) on May 20 at Manchester Community College. Each county receives a quota of slots for SAD. In years past, only youth ages 12 and older were eligible to advance to SAD, however this year ages 8 and up are eligible! It is important to note that a certain minimum standard of excellence is required in order to advance. We do not simply fill slots for the sake of sending youth. So, it is a great

honor to be selected to go to SAD. Congratulations to the following Coös County 4-H youth who have qualified to advance to state-level competition:

Demonstrations

Amie Weagle of Groveton N.H., member of the Colts & Fillies 4-H Club in Stark - Oh Baby It's Complicated.

Christina Asher of Maidstone, Vt., member of the Lion Cubs 4-H Club in Stratford - Back In The Saddle.

Aviara Challinor of Whitefield, N.H. & Shantel Corliss of Lancaster, N.H., both members of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club in Lancaster - Eleven Month Miracle.

Davey Weagle of Groveton, N.H., mem-

ber of the Colts & Fillies 4-H Club in Stark - Horse Treats.

Danielle DeBlois of Columbia, N.H., member of the Early Risers 4-H Club in Columbia - Dystocia in Cattle.

Diajana Griffin of Groveton, N.H., member of the Lion Cubs 4-H Club in Stratford - How To Groom Guinea Pigs.

Action Exhibits

Mackenzie Laundry & Lauren Tyler both of Groveton, N.H. Mackenzie is a member of the Silver Snaffles 4-H Club in Maidstone VT and Lauren is an Independent member - Growing the Green Way.

Aaron Eaton of Jefferson, N.H. & Carissa

see 4-H, page A10

GORHAM RESIDENTS LICENSING OF DOGS

All dogs four (4) months old and over are **required** to be licensed by **April 30, 2017**. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 forfeiture fee as well as a \$1.00 per month penalty fee for every month dogs are not registered as per RSA 466:13, beginning June 1, 2017.

Current rabies certificates are needed when registering dogs.

Male/Female \$9.00
Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$6.50
Owner over 65 (first dog only) \$2.00

Carol T. Porter, Town Clerk

— OBITUARIES —

Maureen J. Cloutier, 44

BERLIN--Funeral services for Maureen J. Cloutier, 44, of Berlin, were held on Friday March 31, 2017, at St. Anne Church of Good Shepherd Parish, following prayers at the Bryant Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated

by Father Kyle Stanton. The pall was placed by her nephews, Justin Eafrazi, Jeremy Eafrazi, Kevin Eafrazi and her companion Michael Maure, the crucifix was placed by her nieces, Brittany Cloutier and Alexis Cloutier and the gifts were presented by

Leo A. Breault, 87

BERLIN--Leo A. Breault, 87, of Berlin, passed away at his home on Monday, April 3, 2017. Mr. Breault was born in St. Hermenegilde, P.Q. Canada on June 20, 1929, the son of Gilbert and Blanche (Landry) Breault. He was raised on the family farm on Wallace Pond in Canaan, Vermont and moved to Berlin, N.H. in the early 1950's. Leo was a self-employed carpenter for many years. He made fiddles, enjoyed woodworking, loved music and played the fiddle and also liked fishing. He enjoyed driving and taking care of his car.

Family members include his children, Nor-

man Breault and his wife, Rachel, of Berlin; Rosemarie Boilard and her husband, Mark, of Deerfield, N.H.; Dennis Breault of Manchester, N.H.; Kimberly Bedard and her husband, Gary, of Berlin, N.H. and David Breault of New London, N.H.; his grandchildren: Sarah Breault; Nathan Breault; Candace McCaffrey and her husband, Casey; Taylor Boilard; Cayley Boilard and Brandon Bedard; two sisters, Cora Ran-court of Colebrook, N.H. and Annette Breault of Manchester, N.H.; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a granddaughter, Samantha Boilard

her brother and sister in-law Michael and Julia Cloutier. The pall bearers were Justin Eafrazi, Jeremy Eafrazi, Kevin Eafrazi, Michael Maure, Brittany Cloutier and Alexis Cloutier. Many relatives and friends attended the service.

and by four brothers and two sisters: Claude Breault; Paul Breault; Jeanne Breault; Pauline Breault and Leandre "Pete" Breault and Donald Breault.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at St. Anne Church of Good Shepherd Parish. Interment will be in the spring in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Bloomfield, Vt. There will be no calling hours. Friends are asked to meet directly at the church for the Mass. Arrangements are by the Bryant Funeral Homes, Berlin & Gorham, N.H. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Barbara Jean Pelkey, 72

BERLIN--Barbara Jean Pelkey, 72, of Berlin, passed away Wednesday morning, April 5, 2017, at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital. She was born in Berlin on Aug. 6, 1944, the daughter of the late Gilman Pelletier and Lena Pelkey and was a lifelong resident of the area. Barbara worked at

the local paper mills for many years. She enjoyed playing cards, dice, games, listening to music and entertaining. She loved animals, especially her dogs and spending time with her son and his family.

She is survived by her son, Aaron Levesque and his wife, Dale, of

Milan; sisters, Doris Levesque of Berlin and Verna Brunson of Bangor, Maine; grandchildren, great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by several sisters and brothers.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at the Bryant Funeral Home, 180 Hillside Ave., Berlin. Interment will be in St. Kieran Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 6 to 8 PM. Donations in her memory may be made to the Humane Society or the ASPCA. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

BERLIN--A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Annette L'Heureux, of Berlin, on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Holy Family Church with Reverend Michael Sartori as Celebrant. The Cantor was Madeleine Jeffrey, accompanied by Sandra Patrick as organist. The Altar

Server was Jordan Neil.

Serving as readers were her great-granddaughter, Ashley L'Heureux and her niece, Gloria Leighton. The offertory gifts were presented by Nolan Grenier and Peter L'Heureux.

Interment followed at Holy Family Cemetery. Serving as Pallbear-

ers were Colton O'Neil, Kolby L'Heureux, Nolan Grenier and Peter L'Heureux.

To post a tribute, please visit www.fleury-patry.com.

Arrangements were under the care of Fleury-Patry Funeral Home of Berlin.

David G. Dernbach, 70

GORHAM--David G. Dernbach, 70, of Gorham, N.H., passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017, at the Coös County Nursing Home after an extended illness. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis. on June 25, 1946, the son of Dr. George P. and Dorothy H. (Bentz) Dernbach. David grew up in New London, WI where he spent countless hours exploring the many lakes and building a love of wild places he would have all his life.

He graduated from Washington High School in New London in 1964 where he was a standout athlete in baseball and football. He attended Notre Dame University in So. Bend, IN and graduated from Marquette University in 1968. David enlisted in the US Army and was trained as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas where he was ranked top in his

class. He lived in Alaska and then moved to New Hampshire, settling in Randolph. David also spent much of his time on the island of Bequia in the West Indies.

David's service to the community was vast, having served on a number of State Boards working to increase funding and participation for volunteer programs, environmental education, service learning, and numerous opportunities for area youth. David served on the Randolph School Board for many years. He was the founder and the Director of the North Country Trailmaster Program which from 1990-2003 gave area youth the opportunity to build self-confidence and leadership skills through service learning and outdoor education. By sharing his great love of nature, and teaching the skills to build and maintain trails all over

the state of New Hampshire, David empowered youth to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. With no biological children of his own, this is perhaps his greatest legacy.

David leaves behind the many members of the North Country Trailmaster community; his numerous friends; his sister, Candi Jane Bowen of Hartland, Wis., her husband and their son.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on April 24, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Gorham. There will be no calling hours. The Bryant Funeral Home in Gorham is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in David's memory to The Cohos Trail Association, PO Box 82, Lancaster, NH 03584.

Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Thelma Phyllis Kenison, 94

BERLIN--Thelma Phyllis Kenison, 94, of Berlin and formerly of Freedom, N.H., passed away Monday afternoon, April 3, 2017, at the Coös County Nursing Home in Berlin. Mrs. Kenison was born in Somersworth, N.H., on Dec. 4, 1922, a daughter of Ross and Eleanor (Blaisdell) Glass. Phyllis was raised in Newfields, N.H. and lived in Exeter, N.H. where she worked assisting her husband

with their business, Kenison's Floor Covering. She later retired in Freedom, N.H. on Osipee Lake. Her memberships include the Order of Eastern Star, Ladies Guild in Freedom and the First Christian Church of Freedom. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, painting and raising her three sons.

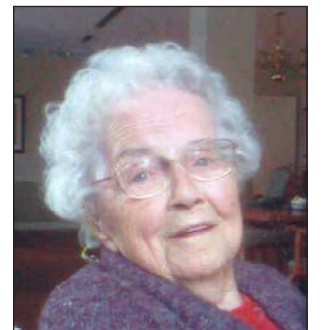
She is survived by her sons and their spouses: Alan and Vivian Kenison of Berlin and Wayne Kenison and Betty Benedict of Berlin; two sisters, June Armstrong of Exeter and Laurel MacNeil

of Brentwood; a brother, Vernon Glass and wife, Carol, of Newfields; 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Lyman D. Kenison; a son, Darrell Kenison and grandsons, Wayne Kenison Jr. and Jacob Kenison.

A graveside service will be held on Friday May 12, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Newfields Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bryant Funeral Homes, Berlin and Gorham. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Virginia M. Mosher, 93

SUNCOOK--Virginia M. Mosher, 93, of Suncook, N.H., passed away on March 31, 2017 at the Pleasant View Nursing



Home in Concord, N.H. She was born in Bethel, Maine on June 14, 1923 the daughter of Leroy and Beatrice (Blake) Andrews and lived in Errol, N.H. for most of her life. After her husband's passing, she wintered in Louisiana and summered in Errol. In later years, Virginia lived with her daughter in Pembroke, N.H.

Family includes her daughters: Penny Batchelder and husband, Jim, of Franklin, N.H.; Patricia Crawford of Louisiana and Cathy Trayah of Vermont; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Mosher, in 1983 and by her sister, Kathryn Drown, in 2016.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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Church Services DIRECTORY

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church of Good Shepherd Parish

345 Pleasant St., Berlin • 752-2880
Rev. Kyle F. Stanton, Pastor • Rev. Andrew K. Nelson, Assoc. Pastor
Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday evening 4:00p.m., Sunday Morning 7:00a.m. & 9:00a.m., Saturday night 6:00p.m.
Daily Mass Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00a.m. Holydays Vigil 6:00p.m., Feast 8:00a.m. & 12:05p.m., Confessions 3:00p.m. or by appointment

Bread of Life Church

Apostolic Pentecostal • 603-869-3127 • 35A Mill St., Littleton
Sunday Worship: 3:30 p.m. • Thursday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James F. Sullivan

Harvest Christian Fellowship A Foursquare Church

219 Willow St., Berlin • 752-5374 • Pastor: Bill Donahue
Sunday Morning celebration begins at 10:30 am
with children's church and nursery provided • Wednesday Bible Study 6:30p.m.

Christian Science Society

Main St., Lancaster, NH • Sunday 10:00 am Service & Sunday School
Reading Room in Church 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 10-2 p.m. (June - August)

West Milan United Methodist Church

Bible Study every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Andrew Mullins, 449-2159
Pastor William Simpson

Milan Community Methodist Church

Main St., Milan • Parsonage-3344 • Church- 449-2026
Rev. William Simpson • Sunday School and Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.

Gorham Congregational Church, UCC

143 Main St., Gorham • 466-2136 • Rev. William B. Jones, Pastor
www.gorhamnhucc.org • Sunday Worship 10 am • Bible Study Wed. 4:30-5:30 pm
Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.
Welcoming all people who seek a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Heritage Baptist Church Independent-Fundamental

207 Jericho Rd., Berlin • 752-4523 • Rev. Dana C. Hoyt, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening 6:00 • Thursday Bible Study 7:00

Word of God Christian Church

Services at corner Hill & E. Side River Road, Dummer
449-6628 or 449-6765 • www.wordofgodchristianchurch.com
Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 am
Bible Study after service and Wednesday at 7 pm

Lamb's Chapel Christian Center

214 School Street, Berlin • 752-5773 • www.lambschapelberlin.com
Monday Worship & Prayer 7:00 pm; Monday Men's Fellowship 6:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am; Thursday Bible Study & Worship 7:00 pm

Community Bible Church

593 Sullivan St., Berlin • 752-4315
Wednesday Youth & Group Prayer Service 7 pm
Sunday Family Bible Hour 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am • Evening Worship & Praise 6 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Rev. Gail Bauzenberger, Pastor
St. Paul Lutheran Church is located on the corner of Norway and 7th St. in Berlin, NH.
Our Worship services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. No Sunday School during the summer months. For more information, call 603-752-1410.

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church

7 Church St., Gorham • 466-2335
Rev. Kyle F. Stanton, Pastor • Rev. Andrew K. Nelson, Assoc. Pastor
Weekend Masses Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 11:00a.m.
Reconciliation Saturday 5:15 - 5:45p.m. or by appt.
Weekday Mass Wednesday 5:00p.m.

The Salvation Army

15 Cole St., Berlin • 752-1644
Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 - 10:45 am
Monday - Friday Prayer 9 - 10 am

Riverside Assembly of God

Berlin/Gorham Rd. • 466-2851 or 466-5478 • Pastor Paul Lavigne
Sunday Worship 10:30 am • Sunday School 9:30 am • Wednesday 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church

79 High Street, Berlin • 752-6215 • Reverend Dean Stiles
Sunday School 9:45 am - Nursery available
Sunday Worship 11 am • Monday Night Bible Study 6:30 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

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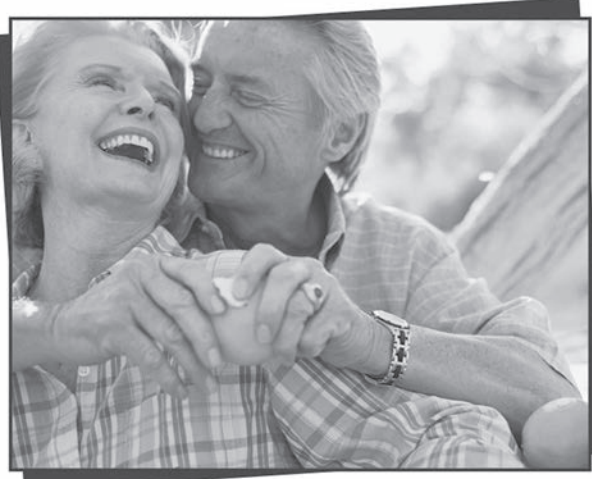
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Shape up for 2017 with Drums Alive® at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts

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BERLIN – Drums Alive® is one of the latest innovations in fitness and wellness. Drums Alive® is a unique and different workout than

you've ever tried before. It captures the essence of movement and rhythm combined with fun to deliver real fitness results! The choreographies are

designed to burn fat, improve physical and mental fitness and above all, allow you to have some fun while doing it! If you've been meaning to

do something for yourself and haven't join us yet, feel free to jump in as certified instructor Denise Doucette continues to share this amazingly fun fitness program at St. Kieran Arts Center.

Registration is open for Session 3: Openings on Wednesday evenings from April 12 through May 17. For \$60, Denise will provide the drum sticks, the exercise balls, music and guided instruction. Save \$10.00 when you pre-register with full payment by the first class! Participants are required to sign a release of liability prior to participation.

Space is limited to 20 participants, so call early to reserve your spot. Can't make all 6 classes? Feel free to join us on the days that you can: \$10 per class. The goal of the program is to improve lives through a unique sensory-motor drumming program involving drum sticks, an exercise ball, and music.

The primary goal of the Drums Alive® program is creating a "whole mind, whole body" experience for all participating. Drums Alive® will improve the quality of life for a wide variety of audiences; including mentally and physically challenged children; gifted and talented children; fit and healthy children and adults; children and adults with aggression issues; senior citizens and patients with Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and other life-altering conditions.

Improvements will come through the use of principles from movement therapy, music and see DRUMS, page A10

Ongoing Events:

LEGO Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A variety of LEGO bricks and Suplos invites children to explore creativity while building sensory-motor skills in a cooperative environment. Gorham Public Library.

Plug-in to the Library, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. An electricity program for school-age kids that enhances academic skills through school-subject relevant toys and crafts. Gorham Public Library.

Who-Who is Reading?, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. School curriculum and routines introduced as fundamental components in the 1000 Books before Kindergarten literacy program for children ages newborn to 5 years of age.

Weeks Diabetes Support Group - The group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Weeks Hospital Board Room. The hospital is located at 173 Middle Street Lancaster, NH. The group is for diabetes patients, as well as friends and family of people with diabetes. Please contact Casey Dowland at 788-5294 for more information. The Diabetes Support Group Newsletter can be found at weeksmedical.org.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshops "Better Choices, Better Health" is a free 2-hour 6 week peer supported workshop held each week for people living with chronic illness

or caring for someone with a chronic illness. Connect with others who understand. Topics covered include nutrition, stress-management, exercise, and communication. Offered in Littleton, Haverhill, Berlin, North Conway and Plymouth. Contact Becky at 259-3700 or bmcenany@nchnh.org for dates and locations of classes.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursday evenings at the Lancaster Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) Building, 19 Mechanic Street, Lancaster. Weigh-in is 5-6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:15 p.m. Parking and entrance at rear of building. Call Bonnie at 802-892-6614 for more information.

Lancaster AA Meetings - Sundays 9:30 a.m. 3rd and 11th Step meeting at Weeks Hospital, 3rd floor conference room. Wednesday's 7 p.m. - 12 & 12 discussion group, Weeks Hospital 3rd Floor conference room; Thursday's 8 p.m. open discussion, at All Saints Catholic Church, Main St., Lancaster. Saturday's 7 p.m. Big Book discussion group, Weeks Hospital, 3rd floor conference room. Ongoing.

Groveton Weight Watchers meets Mondays at the United Methodist Church in Groveton at 6:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers meets Thursdays at the Christ United Methodist Church in Lancaster at see CALENDAR, page A9

— OBITUARIES —

Jeanne Pare Neil, 81

BERLIN--Jeanne returned to our Lord on Monday April 3, 2017. Born and raised in Lewiston, Maine on Feb. 28, 1936, the daughter of Harvey and Marie-Ange Champagne Pare. Jeanne attended schools in Sabattus and Lewiston, Maine, graduating from St. Dom's High School in 1954.

Upon marrying the late Robert N. Neil in July of 1958, she began another life chapter residing in Berlin, N.H. raising their two children, Linda and Richard.

Over the years, here work history included Converse Sneaker Co., a Chapter 1 Tutor for 15 years, a department aide at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, and finally as a Medical Records Clerk at Coös County Nursing Home until her retirement in June of 1998.

She was a communicant of St. Kieran

Church and worked many years at the fall festival. Jeanne devoted many years to the local Girl Scouts as a Troop Leader, Community Chairman, Day Camp Registrar and Arts & Crafts Director. Since retiring she enjoyed scrapbooking, solving crossword puzzles and participating in aqua aerobic classes at the Royalty Athletic Club.

Jeanne thoroughly enjoyed the many family gatherings, special celebrations and preserving cherished family traditions. Her most beloved memories were those of being "Mimi" to her only grandchild Rebecca

Daily afternoon tea

time provided much laughter and heartfelt conversations with her kindred spirit sisters Joyce Douglas and the late Dot Desrochers.

Jeanne's final years were spent in Manchester as an active resident

@ St Teresa's Manor experiencing new adventures while making many new friends.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Neil Dutille and her husband, Thomas, of Manchester; her son, Richard and his wife, Dianna, of Sabattus, Maine; one granddaughter, Rebecca Dutille of Manchester; one sister, Beatrice Pare Fogg and her husband, Reginald, of Dover, N.H. and many nieces and nephews.

Jeanne was predeceased by her husband Robert N. Neil in Sept of 1996. They had been married 48 years. She also was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral service was held on Friday April 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bryant Funeral Home, 180 Hillside Ave., Berlin. Interment was in St. Kieran Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Richard M. Legere, 66

BERLIN — Richard M. Legere, 66, passed away unexpectedly at his home.

He was born Jan. 5, 1951 to Maurice and Clarisse Legere and was a 1969 graduate of Berlin High School. He graduated from the White Mountains Community College in 1971 with an Associate's degree in machine tool processes and had been employed as a microwave electronics technician by Microdynamics and Sanders. He married Gail Fournier in 1974, and had lived



in Auburn for 15 years before moving back to Berlin. Richard was a longstanding member of Longmeadow Congregational Church in Auburn.

Family includes his children, Scott Legere and wife Shawnee

of Albuquerque, N.M. and Lisa Condon and husband John of Mont Vernon; grandchildren Madelyn, Brooks, Miles and Margaret; his mother Clarisse Legere of Berlin; sister Louise Marquis and husband Peter of Berlin; nephews, aunts and several cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Maurice; his grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.


Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. The Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

Mosher


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ham, N.H. Online guest book at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.



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Finals

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on their own. During the competitions, the students perform a skit that sometimes involves improvisation.

The Berlin and Gorham teams both chose the "Top Secret" challenge which is considered the scientific challenge explained Berlin co-manager David Griffin.

"In this challenge, the team must encrypt and decode two coded messages," said Griffin. "This is done during an eight minute skit that they put together. In this skit they also include a disguised character and a 'gadget' that is an object that does something it's not originally made to do."

The students used cryptography and steganography to decipher the encoded messages and problem solve. Some of their skit in-

involved on-the-spot, specifically timed improvisation.

The teammates for "Abstract Minds" are Berlin High School students Josh Berthiaume, Dorothy Winslow, Brianna Bergeron, Aiden Wood, Alexis Griffin, Kelsey Alimandi and Julia Belanger.

"They have worked hard since October and have grown as individuals and have come together as a team," said Griffin. "We didn't expect to go on, but they did extremely well in what's called instant challenge, where they work on a challenge that is presented to them on the spot. Now we need to raise money to get to Tennessee."

Ed Fenn's "The 7 Pixel People" are Kody Lemieux, Abram Wydra, Liam Alnwick, Ayden Corrigan, Shianna

Wood, Gavin Corrigan and Addison Eastman.

"I am so proud of this group," said Ed Fenn Elementary team manager Shannon Wydra. "They have worked incredibly hard on their solution, putting in over 100 hours since October. The entire group is very dedicated, even asking me to please have extra practices with them. The team won a DaVinci award and first place at States. Winning the DaVinci award is a huge honor."

A quote on the DaVinci award reads: "The appraisers were sucked into this presentation. This enthusiastic team's scenery made a lot of noise to wow the appraisers! The technology displayed - from a 3-D printed gadget case, to the touch board, conductive paint, and sound effects enhanced their



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Berlin High School's Destination Imagination team, "Abstract Minds," impressed the judges with a problem solving skit they created and designed and advanced to the state tournament that was held on April 1 in Bedford. The regional's skit, pictured here, was held at Berlin High School on March 11. The team placed second and Ed Fenn Elementary placed first in state finals for their respective grade levels. Both teams have advanced to the global finals being held on May 24-28 in Knoxville, Tenn., and seek funds needed for the trip.

energetic performance! The team displayed extraordinary coding as well as great costumes and use of recycled materials displayed skills beyond their years!"

"They cannot wait to represent Northern New Hampshire while interacting with students from all over the world," Wydra concluded.

Ed Fenn competed in the global finals last year as well.

The cost of the trip to the University of Tennessee is about \$13,000 for each team. A number of fundraising efforts are being set up.

Stever, Griffin and Wydra are confident that the money will be raised as the community has been supportive in the past.

"We are committed to going to Knoxville and have begun the arduous task of trying to raise approximately \$13,000 to get us there,"

said Berlin High School team co-manager Guy Stever, "the bulk of which is the room and board at The University of Tennessee and the airline tickets down and back. We are doing everything we can dream up from selling Crispy Cream donuts and coffee to holding road tolls. Later this week we will begin to sell tickets to raffle off four box seat tickets to the Yankees / Red Sox game on July 16. While trying to do all this we are also continuing to practice and rehearse. We would appreciate people contributing to our effort by purchasing tickets, donuts and what not. Anyone who is interested in donating to our cause can get in touch with Amy Welch at Berlin Middle School, 200 State St., Berlin, NH 03570."

"The team is working as hard with their fundraising as they worked during the year," said Griffin. "The parents have been very supportive."

"Odyssey of the Mind," DI is a non-profit global organization originating in the early 80s devised solely by volunteers with the purpose to inspire and drive students to creatively problem solve and help equip them with 21st Century skills. Creativity and innovation is learned through the assigned challenges of each student team. Through months of preparation, the teams develop creative, innovative and improvisational methods for solving their challenges. Students are taught to come up with quick solutions to solve problems using a combination of technology, science, engineering, mathematics, the arts, and many other skills. Through a collaborative effort the students learn teamwork, patience, and many other positive structures. The skills they learn can be applied to their futures in modern industries, big businesses and entrepreneurial endeavors.

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6:30 p.m.

The Presidential Gem and Mineral Society meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. There is a program, raffle and refreshments. Jefferson Town Hall 6:30 p.m. Open to all. For more info call Sharon O'Neill at 466-2395 or Dave Tellman at 837-9764.

Randolph Public Library-Open Monday and Wednesday from 3- 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon.

Jefferson Christian Church Sunday Services, 8:30 a.m. at the IOOF Hall, across from the Town Hall. Sunday School offered during these services. Everyone welcome.

Coös County Republicans meet on the third

Thursday of each month at the Water Wheel in Jefferson at 7 p.m. For more info regarding topic and speakers: contact Eric, 348-1140.

Addiction Recovery Program - LDS Family Services of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sponsors weekly Addiction Recovery Meetings. Addictions can include tobacco, alcohol, coffee, tea, drugs (both prescription and illegal), gambling, codependency, self-destructive eating patterns and compulsive spending. The program is based upon the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Recovery meetings are confidential, free and ongoing, and all discussion is held in strict confidence. Dress is informal and anyone is welcome. Group Leaders: Elder and Sister Putnam, 435-720-2856, gregput@live.com. Colebrook: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 26 Bridge Street, Colebrook. Starts Wednesday March 11, 2015

Randolph: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m, Randolph Hill #5, US Route 2, Randolph.

The First Baptist Church of North Stratford will again host monthly potluck suppers on the second Saturday of each month starting March 14. A variety of casseroles, salads, baked beans and pies will be served. Suppers are at 5:30 p.m. The price is \$7 adult.

North Country Toastmasters now meets at Bailywicks Restaurant, 106 Main Street in Littleton. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Practice your communication and leadership skills in an easygoing, no pressure, supportive atmosphere. Meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday at Littleton. Open to the public, ages 18 or older. Please contact e_brisson@yahoo.com or call

Elaine at 802-473-0120 to go to northcountrynh.toastmastersclub.org for more information.

Narcotics Anonymous - Trinity Unity Methodist Church, Lancaster Road, Whitefield. Wed. 7- 8 p.m.

Robots Arrive to Plug-in to the Library! Every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm, the Gorham Public Library runs an electricity program (Plug-in to the Library!) that is designed to teach school-age kids about the different types of energy. In addition to snap circuits; squishy circuits made with homemade play dough; LED lights; and other amazing electronic devices... the library now has two robots available during this program. Recon 6.0 Programmable Rover robots may be programmed to get a snack and come back, patrol and protect one's surroundings, perform spy missions, etc. What a super opportunity for kids to get electrified, through playing with age-specific learning toys and inventing, while advancing core subject knowledge and skills (i.e. science, math, English, history-social studies). Contact Sue @ 466-2525 for more details. Nessa Platt will be offering beginner's yoga classes at RizFit on Depot Street in Lancaster every Saturday at 9 a.m. The cost will be \$10 per class. Call ahead 603-631-4144 to pre-register and save your spot!

Connecticut Valley Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club meets monthly at the Guildhall, Vt. town building on the third Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings will be held February 20, March 19 and April 16, 2016.

New members and guests are welcome. For information, contact John at 802-328-2182.

North Country Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, meeting the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at Weeks Medical Center (hospital) in Lancaster. If attending for the first time or for more information contact Richard Cotter at 603-219-8912 or Sara Cotter at 603-631-5629.

Berlin Material Girls Quilt Guild Meeting. First Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery St, Berlin. Sew days are on Tuesdays. Come and join us! Like us on Facebook.

Open Mic, the 3rd Saturday of every month, at Christ United Methodist Church, Main St., Lancaster. For more information, call 603-631-4890.

A Notch Above Photography Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1 PM in the conference room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St., Bethlehem, NH. The club is open to everyone interested in photography regardless of skill level. We meet for informal discussion, tutorials and photo critiques, and we schedule periodic field trips and nature hikes. New members are welcome. Contact doctortim@wildblue.net for more information or find us at Meetup.com. Join us for fun, fellowship and learning

SPECIAL NOTICE!!

The Lancaster School will be conducting an evacuation drill during the week of April 17. This drill will include Country Village, Colonel Town, Berry Transportation, Lancaster Fire Department, Lancaster Police Department, Lancaster EMS and Weeks Medical Center.

This Week's Calendar of Events: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

***A ServiceLink representative will be available to offer free, confidential Medicare counseling to beneficiaries from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the AVH Mt. Adams Conference Room. No appointment needed. For more information, please call the AVH Customer Service Department at 326-5628 or Paul Robitaille of ServiceLink at 752-6407.

*** WMRHS Senior Capstone Presentations, (and April 13), 6:15-8:15 p.m. Light refreshments served.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

***North Country Home Health and Hospice, a member of North Country Healthcare, is offering a Foot Care Clinic at the lower level of the AVH Professional Center every Friday in March from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For an appointment, please call 800-750-2366.

***AVH's Valley Birthplace is now offering a free Lactation Support Group for breastfeeding and soon-to-be breastfeeding mothers, facilitated by Wendy Beals, RN, IBCLC, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in AVH's Mt. Adams Conference Room. No RSVP is required. For more information, please call 326-5882.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

*** Lancaster democrats will be holding our next meeting at the Episcopal church in Lancaster Meeting Hall from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Jeff Woodburn will join us for part of meeting to discuss Medicaid Expansion.

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Brewtopia

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drawings and have the chance to win a variety of prizes donated by local businesses.

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Awards

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Berlin High School senior Tiffiney Poirier received the Sylvia Evans Young Leadership Award for her excellence in academics, sports and service work. She is a leader and role model in three-season sports including soccer, basketball and track and field. She was a team captain for soccer and basketball during her freshman and sophomore years. She volunteers for the unified basketball team. As a junior, she was president of the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) and Key Club editor. This year, she is the president of the Key Club sponsored by the Kiwanis club. She has a grade point average of 95.66. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and was named a New Hampshire Scholar with a career pathway in STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

She is involved in the Youth Leadership Through Adventure program. She wants to be a teacher and will attend the White Mountains Community College in the fall. She has achieved two years of career technical education in early childhood development. She works in the preschool organization at Berlin High School.

Gorham High School senior Lauren Gralens-

ki also received the Sylvia Evans Young Leadership Award. She has been the president of the National Honor Society Gorham chapter for two years. Some of the activities she was involved in include cooking and serving a Veteran's Day Supper and performing for a Christmas event at the Polar Express in North Conway. She has been accepted at 10 different colleges. She is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America organization. She is a three-sport athlete and has been a team captain for soccer, basketball and softball. She was elected treasurer of the Student Council for four years and is currently the vice president. She volunteers for school events such as the homecoming, the prom and the winter carnival. As a junior, she attended the St. Paul's School Advanced Studies program in Concord and studied math and statistics. As a senior, she is participating in starter courses including advanced placement biology. She has participated in some internships including working at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital Administration. She has job shadowed at Northway Bank learning skills in marketing. She is interested in a career in business and management.

CAP

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of 65 miles. Because of that TCCAP partnered with AHEAD, Inc. in Littleton, N.H. to replace its aging facility with a proposed \$5MM facility. It appears over half of this will be supported by various grants.

The bed capacity for the new building based on single occupancy is 32 beds. With this new facility, TCCAP will

able to extend services with increased efficiency and effectiveness to more individuals because of better infrastructure and equipment. This new facility will allow TCCAP to serve private insurance individuals it cannot serve at this time due to private insurer requirements.

Tri-County CAP is currently working with

other potential partners, whom could work to manage the program and maintain the current staff. Chief Executive Officer, Robert Boschen said, "We hope ground may be broken this spring on the new building. We expect that the partners on this project and we will create this new facility, which offers a modern program to the people of

the North Country and New Hampshire. Even with the intense work of so many dedicated caring, individuals, including many of our elected officials, projects like this often take longer than anticipated or one would like. But it is important to be timely and get it right! In the long run, it is all about our clients and our community."

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Challinor of Whitefield, N.H., both members of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club in Lancaster, N.H. - Guess That Origin.

Ciera Challinor of Whitefield, N.H. & Tyler Hanf of Twin Mountain, N.H., both members of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club, Lancaster, N.H. - Equi-cise.
Tara St Cyr of Dal-

ton, N.H., member of the Coös Clovers 4-H Club, Lancaster, N.H. - How To Make Smoothies.

Posters

Lauren Tyler, poster title: Make A Difference.

Alexis Scott of N. Stratford, N.H., member of the Lion Cubs 4-H Club, poster title: 4H Colors My World.

Diajana Griffin, poster title: What Time Is It?

Photography

Drew Pettit, Stewartstown, N.H., an Independent 4-H member, photo title: Beautiful Sunset.

Adelle Pettit, Stewartstown, N.H., an Independent 4-H member, photo title: The View.

Lauren Tyler, photo title: Simple Beauty.

Posters and photography are very good mediums for members to express themselves and a good alternative for members who are not able to be with us on County Activities Day. It is also completely acceptable to enter in these categories and to give a demonstration or action exhibit.

New for this year, we had a Mouse Trap Car Challenge in which youth raced the Mouse Trap Car they had built previously at 4-H project

meetings. The challenge was a distance contest. The farthest travelling car was built by Ethan Oakes of Dalton, N.H., a member of the Majestic Adventurers 4-H Club. He had an average distance of almost 32ft.

For more information on Coös County 4-H, contact the UNH Cooperative Extension office, 629A Main St, Lancaster, NH 03584, call 603-788-4961 or email cecoos@unh.edu.

Drums

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Josh Peitranonio of the Berlin River Drivers scored a goal and had an assist during a semifinals match on Saturday against the Danbury Titans. Berlin won 4-2.



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Jiri Pestuka of the Berlin River Drivers had an assist on Saturday that helped the team advance to the championship. Berlin won 4-2 against the Danbury Titans.

River Drivers advance to the finals

BY JODY HOULE
Contributing Writer

BERLIN – The FHL Berlin River Drivers have given new life to “Hockey Town USA” playing a remarkable 2016-17 season. The hometown heroes have secured a shot at the championship after two back-to-back victories over the Danbury Titans this past weekend during the playoffs. Saturday’s game was game two of three in the semifinals in which Berlin

won 4-2 advancing them to the chance to play for the title. The team is “driven” to bring home the cup.

The Watertown Wolves also won against the Danville Dashers on Saturday in game one. This week’s game will determine who the River Drivers will play for the cup.

Berlin won 3-2 against the Titans for game one on Friday in Danbury.

On Saturday at the Notre Dame Arena, a



JODY HOULE PHOTO

Berlin River Drivers’ Jan Salak scored two goals on Saturday at the Notre Dame arena helping the team win the semifinals and advance to the championship.

fast paced game kept the large crowd of fans on the edge of their seats. Berlin out-shot the visitors, who put up a strong fight.

In the first period, the

only goal came by way of the Titans Michael Doleman at 13:42 assisted by Matt Coleman. It was an even strength goal. Both teams raced with top speed up-and-down the rink. Berlin quadrupled Danbury’s shots on goal.

At 3:21 of the second period, Berlin’s Jan Salak tied it up with an even strength goal assisted by Josh Pietranonio and

Jiri Pestuka.

A series of minor penalties began. At 3:41, a Titan was called for tripping and sat in the box for two minutes. At 8:35, Berlin’s David Brancik sat for two minutes for hooking. At 13:36, Salak sat for high-sticking and the Titans got the power play goal at 14:20, taking the lead at 2-1. The goal was by Danbury’s Taylor Bourne assisted by Dean Yakura and Matt Graham.

At 16:20, a Titan was called for elbowing and Berlin tied it up again on a power play, the goal by Brancik was assisted by John Celli and Cameron Dimmitt.

Everyone was biting their nails.

At 18:29, Berlin’s Salak got an even strength goal with assists from

Kubena and Matt Fuller and Berlin led 3-2.

There was another series of penalties in the third period that left Berlin with only three men on the ice at one point. The Titans did not capitalize on the 5-3 man advantage.

Peitranonio put the nail in the coffin with four minutes left of play in the game. His even strength goal was assisted by Kubena and Vojtech Zemlicka and Berlin won 4-3.

There were almost 1,000 fans in attendance and the Berlin fans were very vocal in congratulating the team for securing a shot at the cup in the semifinals match.

Berlin goalie Matt Kadulis had 28 saves and Titans keeper Bobby Bowden had 31 saves.

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Jillian Hallee heading across the pond

Berlin Middle School student selected to play hockey for World Selects Invitational in France

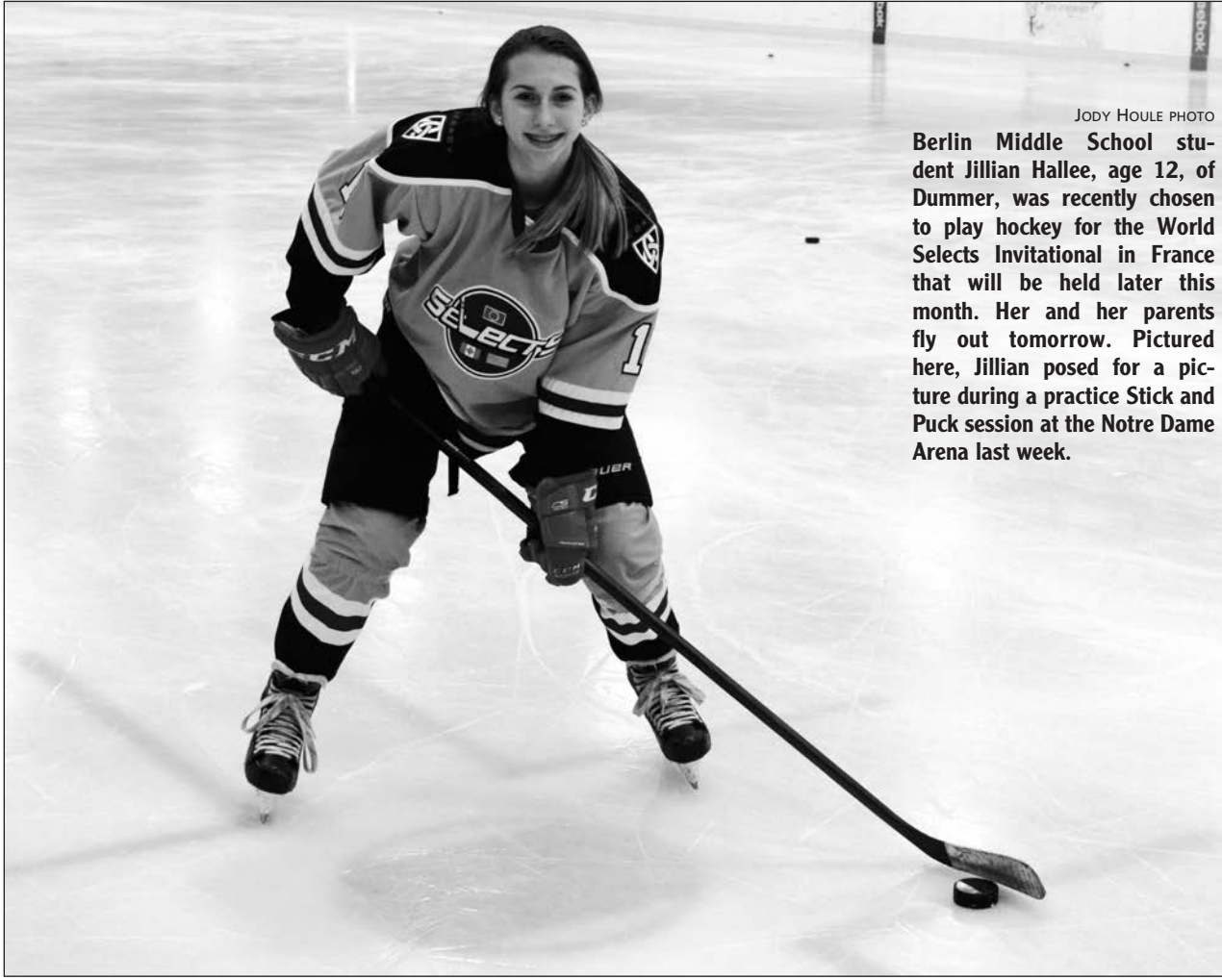
BY JODY HOULE

Contributing writer

DUMMER – Twelve-year-old Jillian Hallee of Dummer has been playing hockey since the age of three, and her dedication to the sport and her skills have landed her on the International Selects Hockey Program.

"We are very proud of her and very thrilled for her," said Jillian's parents Julie and Allain Hallee. "This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime for Jillian to not only experience the high level play of hockey, but also the culture of other countries."

The Berlin Middle School seventh grader and honors student tried out at the North American Prospect Showcase (NAPS) in Rochester, N.Y. last June along with 150 girls from the US and Canada. She then attended a second tryout on New Years' Eve in Exeter. About 75 girls from the Eastern Coast of the



JODY HOULE PHOTO

Berlin Middle School student Jillian Hallee, age 12, of Dummer, was recently chosen to play hockey for the World Selects Invitational in France that will be held later this month. Her and her parents fly out tomorrow. Pictured here, Jillian posed for a picture during a practice Stick and Puck session at the Notre Dame Arena last week.

Jillian has been playing hockey since she was three years old. She started with the Berlin Youth Hockey Instructionals Program and is currently playing at the Bantam level.

She has spent many hours at the rink, even prior to playing, as her two older sisters Jamie and Jessica play hockey as well as her parents.

"She was a little 'rink rat,'" said her mother.

Jillian plays spring and summer hockey as well. This summer will be her third summer playing for the NH No-reasters organization. Last spring, she played for the NH Knights organization, and this summer she will play for the Big Dogs organization out of Massachusetts.

Jillian said she is "very excited" for the opportunity and was "surprised" to get chosen to play the invitational in France.

"It's (hockey) my favorite thing to do," she added.

She plays soccer and softball when she is not playing hockey. She mostly plays defense and sometimes as a center forward. Her favorite shot is a wrist shot, she said.

"Jillian is an outstanding hockey player," said Kathy Pippy, Director of Girls' Hockey for the Selects Hockey program. "She has shown she has the skill to be a top hockey prospect but also demonstrated great leadership and passion on the ice."

US and Canada, including Jillian, were hand-picked and invited to

attend the World Selects Invitational tournament in the Mont Blanc region

of France held later this month.

Her and her parents

will fly out tomorrow and land in Geneva, Switzerland in the French Alps. The tournament games will be held between two ice arenas, one in Chamonix France and the other in Courmayeur, Italy. The girls' team will have one team practice, two scrimmages and at least six World Select Invite games. Any games beyond that will depend on how they seed going into the playoff round.

Aside from the tournament, there will be a guided city tour of Chamonix, France. There will also be a Gondola tour up to Mont Blanc and also a guided day trip to Annecy, France.

Waterville Valley announces agreement with USSA

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Waterville Valley Resort and Waterville Valley Black and Blue Trail Smashers (WVBTS) announced today a new multi-year comprehensive partnership with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA). The agreement designates Waterville Valley Resort as a U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Development Site, confirming two annual competitive events.

Tim Smith, President and General Manager of Waterville Valley Resort, says, "Waterville Valley Resort was designed by a two-time Olympian and U.S. Ski Team member and has a long history of producing high caliber competitors. Having hosted 11 World Cup races, Waterville Valley truly is a competitor's mountain. It is very exciting to bring together these three entities and formalize the enormous growth and support that

our site has to offer competitive snowsports."

Peter Stokloza, WVBTS and Waterville Valley Academy (WVA) CEO and Executive Director, says, "It is exciting to continue to develop a strong partnership and alliance with both Waterville Valley Resort and the U.S. Ski Team, for the benefit of all the WVBTS and WVA athletes and the entire New Hampshire ski community. Officially being named a U.S. Ski Team training site, enables athletes from around the country to experience a world-class mountain and a snowsports organization that is rich in tradition and legacy, continually looking to improve and augment the on-hill venues and resources."

One of the oldest ski clubs in the country, WVBTS has become one of the leading training and competition centers in the United

States. In 2014 WVBTS was named a Certified Gold Level Club as part of the club development program by the USSA. In 2015 WVBTS was selected by the United States Olympic Committee as a Community Olympic Development Program (CODP), and was the first mountain sports organization

in the eastern United States to receive the designation and is one of 15 CODPs nationwide.

The recent partnership with USSA continues the commitment of Waterville Valley Resort and Waterville Valley BBTs to the support and advancement of athletes, on and off the slopes.

A new baseball season and already some storylines

Another baseball season has begun and after what seemed like an exciting start took a bit of a tough turn with the first road trip of the season for the Red Sox.

I'm not going to lie, I was a bit nervous about the offense given the retirement of the great David Ortiz. While I'm no expert, my concern lied in the fact that there was a huge hole in the middle of the lineup and while Mitch Moreland is a decent baseball player, he's not going to put up the type of numbers that Big Papi did. Sure, he's bound to be a defensive upgrade when he's at first and the Sox might get a bit more out of Han-

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

ley Ramirez when he's used more as a DH than in the field, but replacing David Ortiz numbers is not easy.

And through the first four games of the season, my concerns were certainly born out, as there seemed to be a general struggle to knock in runners on base and put runs on the board. Besides one inning in each of the first three games when they scored a number of runs, the bats were not doing their job.

In fairness, after the

first game of the season, the team lost a few of its best players to, of all things, the flu. Evidently the illness had been running through the clubhouse during the end of spring training and it carried over into the regular season, knocking out MVP runner-up Mookie Betts and Ramirez from the lineup and also claiming a victim in the bullpen in Robbie Ross. Deaths in their families took both Matt Barnes and Xander Bogaerts away from the team, weakening the bullpen and the lineup yet again.

So, there was a few excuses when the Sox dropped the first two games in Detroit and it's early in the season, so things can surely pick up. And the Red Sox fan in me sure hopes they do. But I'm not sure the explosive offense people were expecting is there.


That leads to the pitching, where the biggest offseason acquisition was Chris Sale, who proved he might be the anti-David Price in his first start, despite the fact that he didn't get the win. I was not impressed with Price last season and was hoping to see a turnaround from him, ala Josh Beckett in his second year, but he's out with an injury and the starting rotation is down a man. Rick Porcello was fantastic last year and deservedly won the Cy Young for his efforts and I anticipate he's going to have another good season. But Eduar-

do Rodriguez struggled a bit in his first outing of the season and Drew Pomeranz is coming off an injury, so the depth is wearing thin. I'm hoping to see a Kyle Kendrick appearance at some point, as I thought he deserved a spot after his spring training performance. The bullpen is also a question mark in my mind, with the two biggest bullpen acquisitions in the last two off-seasons, Tyler Thornburg and Carson Smith, are both sidelined, leaving Joe Kelly as the set-up guy in front of (in my mind) an overrated Craig Kimbrel. If everyone comes back healthy, I'm optimistic, but arm injuries are tricky things for pitchers.

That being said, I predict a solid season and a playoff berth. If everyone gets healthy, then a run to the ACS and the World Series is possible. But one step at a time.

Finally, congratulations and have a great day Tori and Rob Karstedt.

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Local teams set to kick off the season, weather permitting

BY JODY HOULE
Contributing writer

REGION – Berlin Athletic Director Craig Melanson and Gorham Athletic Director William Goodrich have announced the spring varsity sports schedules. Due to the recent snow storms, the first few practices and games were cancelled or postponed.

The schedule moving forward is as follows, weather and court conditions permitting:

Berlin boys' varsity baseball:

April 12, 4 p.m. vs Bishop Brady
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Belmont – Memorial Field
April 17, 4 p.m. vs. Prospect Mountain
April 20, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes – Memorial Field
April 21, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
April 26, 4 p.m. vs. Bishop Brady – Memorial Field
April 28, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett – Memorial Field
May 3, 4 p.m. vs. Gilford
May 5, 4 p.m. vs. Belmont
May 10, 4:30 p.m. vs. Newfound – Memorial Field
May 12, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
May 17, 4 p.m. vs. Winnisquam
May 19, 4 p.m. vs. Franklin – Memorial Field
May 22, 4:30 p.m. vs. Newfound
May 24, 4 p.m. vs. Mascoma – Memorial Field
May 26, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett.

Berlin girls' varsity softball:

April 12, 4 p.m. vs. Bishop Brady
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Belmont – Community Field
April 17, 4 p.m. vs. Prospect Mountain
April 20, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes – Community Field
April 21, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
April 28, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett – Community Field
May 2, 4 p.m. vs. Bishop Brady – Community Field
May 3, 4 p.m. vs. Gilford
May 5, 4 p.m. vs. Belmont
May 8, 4 p.m. vs. Laconia
May 10, 4:30 p.m. vs. Newfound – Community Field
May 12, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
May 17, 4 p.m. vs. Winnisquam
May 19, 4 p.m. vs. Franklin – Community Field
May 22, 4:30 p.m. vs. Newfound
May 24, 4 p.m. vs. Mascoma – Community Field
May 26, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett

Berlin boys' varsity tennis:

April 12, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes – Gorham tennis courts
April 18, 4 p.m. vs. Profile
May 1, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett – Gorham tennis courts
May 3, 4 p.m. vs. Profile – Gorham tennis courts

May 5, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
May 8, 3 p.m. vs. Moultonborough Academy (doubleheader) – Gorham tennis courts
May 10, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton – Gorham tennis courts
May 12, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes
May 15, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett
May 17, 4 p.m. vs. Gilford – Gorham tennis courts

Berlin girls' varsity tennis

April 12, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton – Gorham tennis courts
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes
April 18, 4 p.m. vs. Profile – Gorham tennis courts
April 20, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional
May 1, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett
May 3, 4 p.m. vs. Profile
May 5, 4 p.m. vs. White Mountains Regional – Gorham tennis courts
May 8, 3 p.m. vs. Moultonborough (doubleheader)
May 10, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton
May 12, 4 p.m. vs. Inter-Lakes – Gorham tennis courts
May 15, 4 p.m. vs. Kennett – Gorham tennis courts
May 17, 4 p.m. vs. Gilford

Berlin track and field:

April 15, 10 a.m. at Belmont
April 18, 4 p.m. at Laconia
April 27, 4 p.m. home meet
May 2, 4 p.m. at Gilford
May 6, 10 a.m. at Prospect Mountain
May 9, 4 p.m. home meet
May 13, 10 a.m. at Newfound
May 16, 4 p.m. at Gilford
May 20, 9 a.m. at Belmont
May 27, 10 a.m. at Belmont

Gorham varsity boys' baseball games will be held at the Gorham Common:

April 12, 4 p.m. at Moultonborough
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Lisbon
April 17, 4 p.m. at Profile
April 19, 4 p.m. vs. Woodsville
April 20, 4 p.m. vs. Profile
May 1, 4 p.m. vs. Moultonborough
May 2, 4 p.m. at Colebrook
May 5, 4:30 p.m. vs. Lin-Wood
May 8, 4 p.m. at Groveton
May 10, 4 p.m. at Littleton
May 12, 4 p.m. at Lisbon
May 15, 4 p.m. vs. Pittsburg-Canaan
May 17, 4 p.m. at Woodsville
May 19, 4 p.m. vs. Groveton
May 22, 4 p.m. at Pittsburg-Canaan
May 24, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton

Gorham girls' varsity softball games will be held at Libby's Field:

April 12, 4 p.m. at Moultonborough
April 14, 4 p.m. vs. Lisbon
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April 19, 4 p.m. vs. Woodsville
April 20, 4 p.m. vs. Profile
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May 2, 4 p.m. at Colebrook
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May 24, 4 p.m. vs. Littleton



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Huskies honored

Fourteen senior scholar athletes from Gorham were honored by the NHIAA and the NH Athletic Directors Association for their accomplishments in the classroom as well as on the field, courts, ice and slopes. The awards ceremony was held March 13 at the Capitol Center in Concord. Those seniors recognized must have a B+ average throughout high school, letter in at least two varsity sports, be active in the community, and be a positive role model. Pictured (front row, l to r), Bronson Leclerc, Jackson King, Kyle Berwick, Hunter Desilets, Sam Sjostrom. Back row (l to r), A.D. Bill Goodrich, Caitlyn Malia, Emma Schoenbeck, Hannah Rivard, Emily York, Jana Oelofse, Natalie Harmon, Lauren Gralenski, Jacquelyn Hallisey and Felicia Voisine.

Groveton baseball aiming for playoffs

BY TARA GILES
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GROVETON — The Groveton baseball team will enter the 2017 season with a veteran team under the leadership of longtime coach Brock Ingalls. Ingalls will begin his ninth season with the team and will be assisted by coaches Jim Caterino, Jeremy Brann and Andy Schafmeyer.

The team is suffering just one loss this season, Lucas Simpson, due to graduation. Returning to the Eagles this season are seniors Corey Gadwah (infield/pitcher), Austin Woodward (catcher), Andrew Howland (outfield/pitcher), Ryan Laverty (infield/pitcher), Reid Styles (infield), Isaiah Stone (infield/pitcher), William Armstrong (outfield) and Mason Whiting (infield).

Juniors include Matt Mason (outfield/pitcher), Brody Haas (outfield, infield, catcher, pitcher), Scott Hamilton (outfield) and Noah Deblois (outfield).

Returning sophomores are Gavin Simpson (outfield) and Zack Willey (outfield). The only freshman to return is Luke Shafermeyer, who will play infield.

Newcomers to the team include junior Derek Rogers (pitcher, outfield), freshmwn Damien Champagne (catcher), Nicolas Goulet (infield) and Rolf Wal-

lace (infield/outfield).

According to Ingalls, he has several players to watch this season. “Ryan Laverty and Isaiah Stone will each spend significant time on the mound. Austin Woodward will spend the majority of his time being the team’s rock behind the plate. Corey Gadwah (shortstop) and Reid Styles (second base) will provide a solid tandem up the middle. Additionally, we will look for key contributions on offense and defense from our veteran players (Will Armstrong, Matt Mason, Brody Haas and Mason Whiting),” Ingalls said.

As for the 2017 season

Ingalls said, “Most of our regular lineup will feature a veteran group. With a new pitch count rule this year, our pitchers will need to work more efficiently and throw strikes consistently. The players have to stay focused and stay within themselves. They need to avoid letting one error lead to two and letting things get out of control.”

Ingalls went on to say, “We will need to do all the little things and do them well in order to compete. We will keep working and try to improve in all aspects of the game, physically and mentally. Hopefully by the end of the season

we will be playing good fundamental baseball and earn the right to play in the playoffs.”

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Groveton softball an underdog team to watch in 2017

BY TARA GILES
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GROVETON — The Groveton girls' softball team will hit the ground running this season. Having only lost two players from last year's roster, the Eagle bench is looking solid. Coach Tege Randall, who will begin his second season coaching the team said, "We have a very young team again this year with all of last year's eighth graders returning."

This year's lineup includes one senior, Ariel Woodworth. Woodworth is new to the team this year but with her senior status is looking to show some leadership. Junior McKayla Mortensen is one of the two most experienced players on the team. Randall said, "We need her to be a strong leader this season. She is a rock in centerfield but is showing some potential of possibly doing some relief pitching."

Sophomore Jill Laverty is the other most experienced varsity player according to Randall. "She will be a force to be reckoned with on the mound this year. Even when she's not pitching, she is a major asset in the field. Her abilities are what we need the younger players to feed off of," the Eagle coach said. The other sophomore, Harmony Jones, is new to the team this year and is looking to

take over the catching position that was previously held by Jenna Randall, who graduated last year.

The class of 2020 will make up the bulk of the team with seven of the 10 freshman returnees and three brand new.

Returning freshman include Kelsea Brasseur, Kiera Mortensen, Colleen Murray, Dayna Randall, Hanna Showalter, Lauren Tyler and Dakota Woodworth. Randall said, "These girls snagged some very valuable playing time

last year at the varsity level, so even though they are only freshmen, I am very excited to see their abilities improve from the start this year."

Randall went on to say, "Colleen, Dayna, Lauren, and Dakota are steadily continuing to

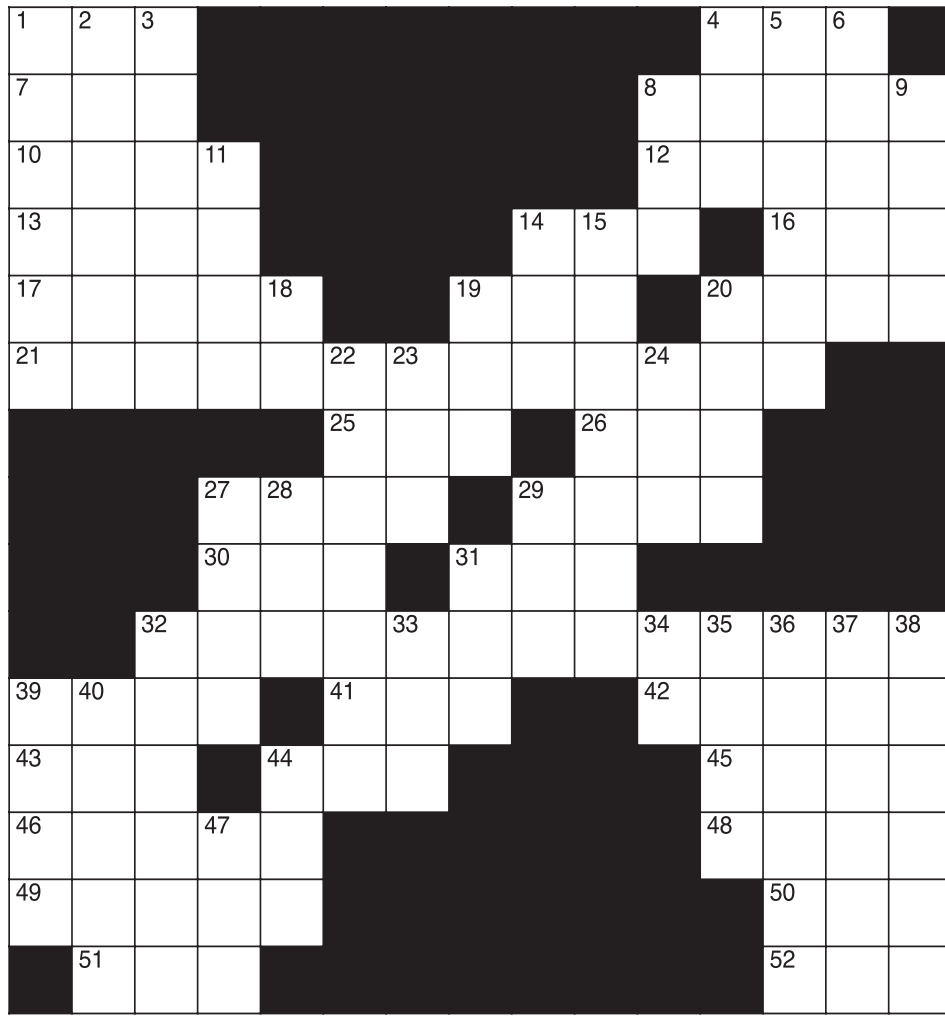
show their abilities at the infield positions, with the other girls adding a competitive edge to challenge them to do their best."

New freshman to the team include Katelyn Desilets, Lexie McMann and Pearl Styles. "The

addition of these three freshmen will strengthen us as a team for the next four years," said Randall.

Five eighth graders will round out the team with two returning and three newcomers. The see **SOFTBALL**, page B10

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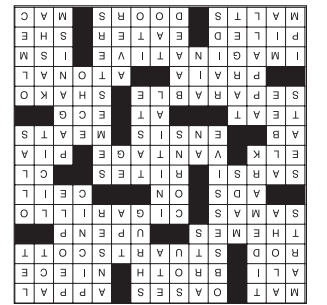
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ATHLETIC SCHEDULES SPRING 2017

BERLIN VARSITY TENNIS (BOYS)

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 12	@ Littleton High School	4:00PM
Apr. 14	vs. Inter-lakes High School	4:00PM
May. 01	vs. Kennett High School	4:00PM
May. 03	vs. Profile School	4:00PM
May. 05	@ White Mountains Regional H.S.	4:00PM
May. 08	vs. Moultonborough Academy	4:00PM
May. 10	vs. Littleton High School	4:00PM
May. 12	@ Inter-lakes High School	4:00PM
May. 15	@ Kennett High School	4:00PM
May. 17	vs. Gilford High School	4:00PM

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VARSITY TENNIS (GIRLS)

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 12	vs. Littleton High School	4:00PM
Apr. 14	@ Inter-lakes High School	4:00PM
May. 01	@ Kennett High School	4:00PM
May. 03	@ Profile School	4:00PM
May. 05	vs. White Mountains Regional H.S.	4:00PM
May. 08	@ Moultonborough Academy	4:00PM
May. 10	@ Littleton High School	4:00PM
May. 12	vs. Inter-lakes High School	4:00PM
May. 15	vs. Kennett High School	4:00PM
May. 17	@ Gilford High School	4:00PM

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VARSITY TRACK (COED)

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 15	@ Belmont High School	10:00AM
Apr. 18	@ Laconia High School	4:00PM
Apr. 27	Berlin Meet Track- Gaydo Field	4:00PM
May. 02	@ Gilford High School	4:00PM
May. 06	@ Prospect Mountain High School	10:00AM
May. 09	Berlin Meet, Gaydo Field	4:00PM
May. 13	@ Newfound Regional High School	10:00AM
May. 16	@ Gilford High School	4:00PM
May. 20	@ Belmont High School (Wilderness Meet)	9:00AM
May. 27	@ Belmont High School (State Meet)	10:00AM

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VARSITY BASEBALL (BOYS)

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 12	@ Bishop Brady	4:00PM
Apr. 14	vs. Belmont High School	4:00PM
Apr. 17	@ Prospect Mountain High School	4:00PM
Apr. 21	@ White Mountains Regional H.S.	4:00PM
Apr. 26	vs. Bishop Brady	4:00PM
Apr. 28	vs. Kennett High School	4:00PM
May. 03	@ Gilford High School	4:00PM
May. 05	@ Belmont High School	4:00PM
May. 10	vs. Newfound Regional High School	4:30PM
May. 12	vs. White Mountains Regional H.S.	4:00PM
May. 17	@ Winnisquam Regional HS	4:00PM
May. 19	vs. Franklin High School	4:00PM
May. 22	@ Newfound Regional HS	4:30PM
May. 24	vs. Mascoma Valley Regional HS	4:00PM
May. 26	@ Kennett High School	4:00PM

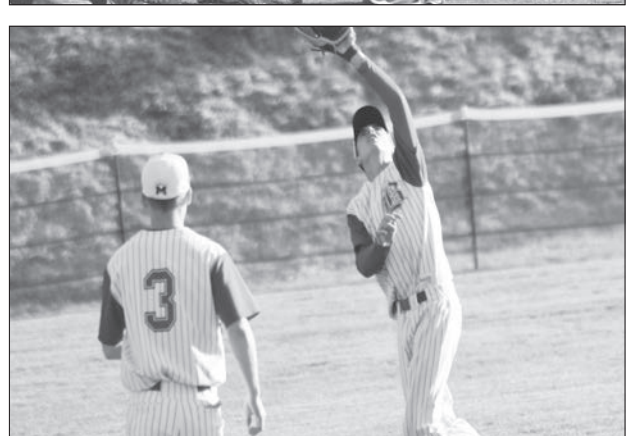
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VARSITY SOFTBALL (GIRLS)

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 12	@ Bishop Brady	4:00PM
Apr. 14	vs. Belmont High School	4:00PM
Apr. 17	@ Prospect Mountain HS	4:00PM
Apr. 21	@ White Mountains Regional H.S.	4:00PM
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May. 26	@ Kennett High School	4:00PM

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GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES SPRING 2017

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
4/12	@Moultonboro	4:00
4/14	vs Lisbon	4:00
4/17	@Profile	4:00
4/19	vs Woodsville	4:00
4/21	vs Profile	4:00
5/1	Moultonboro	4:00
5/2	@Colebrook	4:00
5/5	vs Linwood	4:00
5/8	vs Groveton	4:00
5/10	@ LinWood	4:00
5/12	@ Lisbon	4:00
5/15	vs Pitts/Canaan	4:00
5/17	@Woodsville	4:00
5/22	@Pitts/Canaan	4:00
5/24	vs Littleton Senior Day	4:00

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Date	Opponent	Time
4/12	@Moultonboro	4:00
4/14	vs Lisbon	4:00
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5/8	vs Groveton	4:00
5/10	@Littleton	4:00
5/12	@Lisbon	4:00
5/15	vs Pitts/Canaan	4:00
5/17	@Woodsville	4:00
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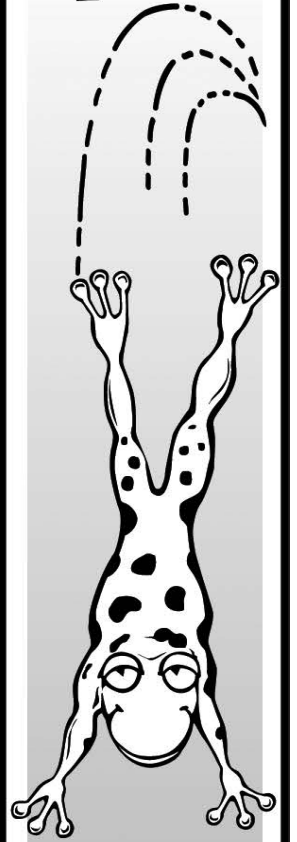
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White Mountains Regional School District
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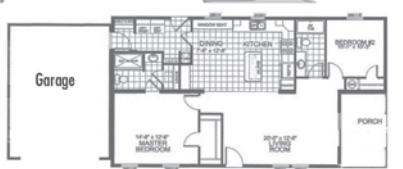
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Softball

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two returning eighth graders are Alexis Call and Ava MacNeVins. Randall said, "Ava and Alexis also had some valuable playing time last year and even though their roles may be a little more restricted this year, I anticipate that when they are called

upon, they will handle any situation with great poise."

The three new eighth grade Eagles include Julia Mills, Amanda Newman and Katy Woodworth. Randall said, "Again, these girls actually playing time probably won't be much this year, but with the ability to practice at the varsity level, it will make them

very strong players in the future."

The team's only seventh grader is Jenna Lamorder. Lamorder has been faithfully going to the practices, and just like the other newcomers will gain a big advantage from playing on a varsity team.

Randall explained, "Last year, we set our expectations low know-

ing that we had a very young, inexperienced team. I think we greatly surpassed those expectations by winning two games, and making the playoffs. In the playoffs we faced the number one seed, undefeated Sunapee in the first round. After the first three innings, the score was 0-0. Of course, after that, our inexperience, along with

the fact that Sunapee was undefeated for a reason (they made adjustments), they beat us and ultimately won the title. But the girls remember those first three innings and are always talking about it."

Randall said that experience will be one of the building blocks for this season. The girls all have a desire to be better

than last year, and Randall says it shows in the practices, "Again, the expectations are low because in all reality, we are still a very young team. This year, we want to win a few more games. The games we lose need to be kept a little closer in the scoring margin and we are shooting for a little better position in the playoffs."

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