Looking ahead to 2017

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BY JODY HOULE

BERLIN — Looking ahead, new plans for development in the City are in the works. Some changes are expected that may cause burden. There are also a number of things to look forward to in the upcoming months. Here are some highlighted features the Berlin Reporter has covered that are expected to transpire in the near future.

Giving the bad news first, taxes are expected to go up in the county if the proposed budget is adopted, while the budget would go down. In this most recent news, it has been reported that health insurance premiums are projected to increase by 10 percent and could increase as much as 16.9 percent. A two-percent cost-of-living increase for employees is also projected. The county hopes to reduce the projected losses for the two nursing homes that face a $6.4 million loss.

The Berlin, as well as other near-by communities, is up against cuts in state education stabilization grants. The City is working with surrounding communities to amend features to either freeze or end the cuts that would gradually reduce education aid and eventually eliminate the funding all together.

Another plan for the Home Health Department is in the works. The City voted to discontinue operations last month. Employees will be displaced and patients will be transitioned to near-by home health clinics.

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A possible high school football program is being sought after. A petition to incorporate football into Berlin High School has gotten over 400 signatures. The Berlin Gladiators Football Association is being used as a model to demonstrate the success of the program. Pictured here are the current IIFL champions, the Berlin Gladiators.

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Great conditions at New Hampshire ski areas just in time for the Holidays

CONCORD—A cold and snowy start to the holiday season means New Hampshire ski areas have plenty of trails to ski and ride — and plenty of fun activities both on and off the slopes. Across the state, ski areas are busy making snow, with many offering top-to-bottom skiing and riding by Christmas.

Beyond the great conditions, ski areas have planned a wide range of activities to celebrate the holidays and kick off the winter season. If you’re look- ing to get away and spend some time outdoors with friends and family, there’s plenty to do at New Hampshire’s ski areas this holiday season.

Snow across the State

The early season snowfall has allowed ski areas to start making snow — providing great conditions and plenty of ski area options across the state. This weekend, providing great conditions and plenty of ski area options across the state, there’s plenty to do between now and New Year’s Day, along with a couple of potential snowfall events over the next few days that forecasters generally call for comfortable temperatures with some sunny days that will make for perfect holiday weekend skiing. You can find a full re- port of New Hampshire alpine and cross-country ski area conditions at www.ski nh.com/con- ditions.

Celebrating the Hol- idays

Here are a few of the most popular ski areas and special events hap- pening at New Hamp- shire’s ski areas:

Bretton Woods has many family-friendly activities during the holidays, including a $30 lift ticket for all ages from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. The Slopeside Pub in the Bretton Woods Base Lodge will be fe- aturing live entertain- ment between 5:30 p.m. daily between Monday, December 26 and New Year’s Eve. Kids ages 4-12 can also enjoy après ski fun during these same days. Each uniquely themed après party includes live entertain- ment, games, activities and refreshments from 4-7 p.m. at the Level of the Bretton Woods Base Lodge. Guests can leave their kids in this supervised program while they enjoy entertainment at the Slopeside Lounge.

Celebrate the sea- son on New Year’s Day at Loon Mountain with a Tree Lighting Christmas Eve Service at the Governor Adams Lodge, featuring Christmas carols, a liv- ing nativity scene, and a non-denominational candlelight service hosted by Loon Moun- tain Ministry. On Dec. 26 keep the Christmas spirit going with cock- tail hour and Skiing the Sky at the Ugly Sweater Apres’ Party. Loon Mountain will also celebrate its 35th anni- versary this season on Dec. 27 with birthday cake outside the Gov- ernor Adams Lodge, and on Dec. 31, Loon will host its Burn Your Legend’s Night, New Year’s Eve Par- ty with music, champ- agne toast, and hors d’oeuvres. Throughout the week there will be evening activities focusing on the children, including Kid’s Karaoke and Kid’s Night Out.

At United States military personnel and their dependents, and retired U.S. mili- tary personnel can ski for free or ride for free until Dec. 24, as part of King Richard’s Military Appreciation Program, which includes opening day on Thursday of the next week. For details, call 326-5606. At Loon Mountain, King Pine invites fami- lies to celebrate New Year’s Day with an evening of skiing, riding, mu- sic and fun — complete with torchlight parade and fireworks. King Pine will also have its snow tubing, ice-skatin- g and XC & Snowshoe the next meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in AVH Mt. Adams Conference Room. No RSVP is required. For more information, please call 860-756-2926.

The Valley Birthplace at AVH is offering a Sib- lin’ Tour for children expecting the arrival of a new baby boy or girl. The next tour is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Classes are held on Wednesdays for six weeks from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call 860-383-1981.

AVH is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thurs- day, Jan. 19, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the AVH Mt. Success Meeting Room. To register or for more information, please call 860-383-1981.
North Country Chorus presents "Arthur's Dark Angel"

MONROE—North Country Chorus will transport Madrigal Din- ner guests to Camelot in its new 2017 produc- tion. Merlin has it all ar- ranged. Arthur will re- move the sword from the stone and become king. However, two women and one man with a lance will do their best to make it all up! Guests will enjoy an evening of music, mirth, magic, dance, and a sumptuous feast!

The 36th Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on January 20, 21, and 22 at the Town Hall in Mon- roe. N.H. Performances begin at 6 p.m. Fri- day and Saturday and at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

A vegetarian alter- native to the traditional beef pie will be available in limited quantities by prior arrangement. Con- tact Claire Mead (below) by 13 January.

Tickets limited to 120 per evening, are avail- able by advance sale through Catamount Arts for $30. Customers can reserve free tick- ets with each group of 8 tickets purchased for the same night. There are three ways to pur- chase and select your own seat: 1) Online at tickets.catamountarts.org or by phone (603) 788-5588 or 800-757-5559 (Toll Free) or 3) in per- son at the Catamount Arts box office at 355 Eastern St, John- bury, VT.

The play which car- ried the evening was written by Haverhill resident Bob Mead, and will be directed by Bill Vinton, St. Johnsbury Academy's veteran di- rector. Cindy Mitchell of Littleton and her scul- ture team will prepare a fine-course dinner, and NCC director Alan Rowe of St. Johnsbury will serve up musical treats. Stephen Cote of Littleton will perform magic for guests at their tables.

The Monroe Town Hall is handicapped-ac- cessible, but use of the lift requires prior ar- rangements. Please con- tact Claire Mead (below) by 13 January and plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. (3:30 on Sunday).

Mike Valcourt and Bill Mellekas introduce and welcome Jester Emeritus Jay Sprout to the hall.

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Become a STEM teacher in Rural N.H. schools

GORHAM—Ever thought about becom- ing a teacher? The University of New Hampshire is recruit- ing students interested in teaching in rural NH schools with a background in math or science but who do not yet have a teaching credential for the new Teacher Residency for Rural Education Program (TRRE).

TRRE is a 15-month residency pro- gram that prepares high quality teachers in either elementary or secondary educa- tion in math or science. During their first sum- mer, residents will take graduate coursework, observe in schools and complete a community-based in- ternship to learn about the resources of the communities in which they will teach. During the academic year, res- idents will complete a yearlong “residency” alongside an experi- enced master teach- er in an elementary, middle or high school classroom.

Residents receive a living wage to support their learning while earning a master’s de- gree and teacher cer- tification. In addition, during the first two years as a new teach- er, Residents receive ongoing support and professional develop- ment. Residents com- mit to teach in rural high need NH schools for three years follow- ing graduation.

TRRE includes many partners around the state including the Department of Educa- tion, North Country Education Services and school districts throughout the North Country: Berlin, Dum- mons, Enfield, Mount- ham Randolph Shuf- burne Cooperative, Laconia and White Mountain Regional.

The first cohort be- gins May 2017. An un- dergraduate degree in either a math or science discipline is recommended but not required. Those with related backgrounds may still be eligible. Interested individ- uals should contact Leslie Crusoe (Leslie.crusoe@unh.edu) for further information.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research uni- versity that inspires innovation and trans- forms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, engineering, law, lib- ral arts and the sci- ences across more than 200 programs of study. UNH’s research portfolio includes part- nerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than $10 million in compet- itive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

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Before we look forward, a quick glance behind

What fun it is to take a quick trip through time and get a kick out of New Year’s resolutions from yesteryear. For starters, resolutions are the magical date at the end of a new beginning. There’s nothing like the feeling of a clean slate to offer you up a hefty dose of motivation.

Taking it way back to the Babylonians in 31 BC, it was said that they made promises to their gods at the start of each year as well as returning borrowed items including paying debts. A neat fact that the new year for the Babylonians began in March.

The Romans also took credit for changing the start of the new year to January. The reason? The name Januarius was born from the Greek name Janus, which is the two-faced god who looks backwards into the previous year and ahead into the new one. In addition, Janus was known as the patron and protector of gates, doorways, endings, and new beginnings. For the Romans, the major- ity of resolutions stemmed from having positive morals such as treating others with kindness. Later New Year’s celebrations involved prayers and fasting.

Fast forward to the settlers in Colonial Amer- ica, who avoided the hoopla of New Year’s and instead referred to it as the first month. For them, the ‘60’s and headed straight to the ‘70’s, people were resolving to gain more acceptance of new one. In addition, Janus was known as the patron and protector of gates, doorways, endings, and new beginnings. For the Romans, the major- ity of resolutions stemmed from having positive morals such as treating others with kindness. Later New Year’s celebrations involved prayers and fasting.

For the folks in the 1950’s, women resolved to get a kick out of New Year’s resolutions from a hectic day-to-day. One common change many wanted to make was to return anything borrowed including paying all debts. A hefty dose of motivation.

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North Country Notebook

A big snowstorm? No problem: The snow roller will come along

By John Harrigan

As someone who lives on a country road, a question I’m sure to get before a big snowstorm is “Are you going to be able to get to town?” The implication is that I have some abiding need to get to town, a notion I don’t dispute, but the real implication is that my road will be impassible.

Quite the contrary.

“My biggest challenge is getting from my barn to the road,” is my standard reply. “The road’s always in good shape.”

Which is why I have a mid-size tractor with a bucket loader, but this kind of rig is no good for clearing a big barnyard and long driveway. For this, I rely on a neighbor who plows commercially.

However, he has a long list of customers to take care of, so I always tell him “I’ll pay you last.” This is partly because I’m in no hurry to get anywhere, and partly because I want to get doorways and the outdoor furnace and woodshed all cleared out, and move the snow into my path before he gets here.

Some people from more urban areas think I’m kidding about the road, but I’m not. During a typical extended snowstorm that promises to dump some substantial snow, I’m sure to hear the town plow rumble by at least two or three times during the night. And in the morning I could set my watch, if I were one, by the glow coming by at 7, just before the school bus runs.

But imagine what life was like before snowplows. What if everybody all over the countryside had to wait for the snow roller? I can practically envision younger riders rushing for their computers, to Google “Snow Rollers.” But that’s no good, because what they’ll get is a description (and photos) of a weather phenomenon in which wind-driven wet snow begins rolling down-hill and forming rolls that look like muffins, or even more precisely muffins I have actually seen this. No, “Horse-drawn snow rollers” is what Google needs to seek.

These were basically giant wooden rollers drawn by horses, oxen, or even, hairy enough to park the snow down so that horse-drawn sleighs and wagons could travel without floundering.

But this took time, far more time than today’s diesel-powered snowplows, and farm families could be cut off from the outside world for days. In farming’s heyday, schoolhouses were scattered all over the countryside, each town supporting multiple schools so that they were within reasonable walking distance for students. The stories from grandparents that teenagers roller peeled the eyes of at, about walking three or four miles to school, were no joke, and even in winter children were expected to trudge their way through a five inches of new snow to school and back, and no argument about it. But a big snowfall was something else.

For children, being cut off from school by a big storm was a disheartening phenomenon in which circumstances they were expected to tackle a list of hose and chores, ranging from sewing on buttons to splitting kindling to hauling heavy loads of wood and cleaning out livestock pens. Thus the alternative of school soon took on a rosy hue—an emancipation from hard work at home.

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The Road Roller,” by Rockwell Kent (1909), depicts a snow roller and crew in a heroic scene, which was an actual fact of life on the farm.

From a 1990s issue of the Berlin Reporter. (Right) Plows drawn by horses or oxen were cumbersome affairs, had to be weighted down with rocks, and were no good in deep snow.

When farm families began expecting roads to be cleared for cars and trucks, all kinds of early contraptions were tinkered up.

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The Berlin-Lee-O. Boiesseille, 80

The Berlin Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, December 29, at St. Anne Church in Berlin. Interment will be at Mt. Cemetary Cemetery at a later date.

while building sensory motor skills in a supportive environment.

Gorham Public Library.

PLUG-in to the Li-brary” Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. An electrifying program of school subject relevant kids that enhances academic skills through school subject relevant toys and crafts. Gor- ham Public Library.

Whois-Read-ing”, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Shop support group - The group meets weekly at 5 p.m. every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Book Exchange at the United Methodist Church in Groveton at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.“ A variety of classes.

Pounds Sensibly (Mormon) meets Thursday evenings in the AVH Board Room. The price is $7 adult. For more information call Linda Morris, the AVH Volunteer Coordinator at 348-1140.

BERLIN--Ann Gooss-elin and Sylvia Charett have been licensed Practical Nurses for many years and, thereafter, the Berlin Quilting Guild was formed. Both have attended many classes, starting with the International Quilt Festival inHouston, Texas, in 200. Late- ral, they attended the five eating patterns and competent speak- ing. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Re- covery meetings are confidential, free and ongoing, and all dis- cussion is held in strict confidence. Dress is in- formal and anyone is welcome. Group Lead- ers, Elder and Sister Randolph, 455-724-2856, grv@comcast.net. Colebrook.

The “Material Girls” meet for a business meeting on the first Monday of the month and have “meet and sew” days at St. Koran’s Community Center for the Arts on Emma Street in Ber- lin every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They have a quilt show ev- ery two years. The next show will be in Septem- ber 2017. For more in- formation on the Guild, you may contact Sylvia Charest at BRU- neau.ne.r.com or check our Facebook page, The Berlin Quilting Guild Material Girls.

The Valley Hospital is delighted to display hand-made quilts on display in the weeks Hospital for patients, visitors, and community. No one at an Art Therapy is a retired and a current long-term member of the Guild.

Dr. McCready is a 2001 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Medicine, and is a Board Certified Family Physician. Dr. McCready has practiced internationally, most recently in Indonesia and China, and has also provided patient care at two Community Health Centers.

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday until 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 28 Bridge Street, Cole- brooke. Starts Wednes- day March 11, 2015. Randolph: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Randolph Hill Rd, US 2, Ran- dolph.

The First Baptist Church of North Strat- ford will again host monthly potluck sup- pers on the second Sun- day of each month starting March 14. A variety of food, salads, baked buns and pies will be served. Suppers are at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

North Country Toastmasters now meets at BallHawks, large building, Main Street in Littleton. Contact the club for more information on your communication and leadership skills. SeeCALENDAR page A11.
Town of Milan protects 577 acres for Community Forest

MILAN—Today the town of Milan added 577 acres to its Community Forest. These lands will provide with income through sustainable timber harvesting, as well as places for local residents to hike, hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors. The project also protects important wildlife habitat in New Hampshire’s North Country. This is a part of a multi-phase project, which will eventually protect nearly 1,400 acres of community forest in Milan.

The parcel protected today is a 577-acre tract acquired from The Trust for Public Land, which will now be adjacent to Success Hill and French Hill. This tract came into the Town of Milan through the acquisition of nearly 550 acres of forest in Milan.

“The parcel protected today is a 577-acre tract acquired from The Trust for Public Land, which will now be adjacent to Success Hill and French Hill,” said J.T. Horn, senior project manager for The Trust for Public Land. “Our mission is to protect and steward the forest for rural economic viability and recreational access. This project would not have been possible without the generous and consistent support of Senators Ayotte and Shaheen and Representative Kuster.”

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The WMCC Grand Auto Show Scholarship is the result of funds raised during the annual event held in May. The event is made possible by the Grand Auto Show’s participants and its growing list of sponsors. Sponsors include: Northcountry NH Automobile Dealers Association; Berlin City Auto Group; Rymes propane & Oil; Valley Car Club, Synco of Northern New England; M&B Auto and Truck Supply; Sanel Auto Parts; Walmart; Koffee Kup Bakery; Follett Bookstore; O’Reilly Auto Parts; Band Auto Parts; Corvigan Screen Printing and Awards; and Reinhart on SCHOLARSHIP. page A11.

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Lady Huskies defeat Patriots in holiday action

BY JODY HOULE
Contributing Writer

GORHAM – The Gorham High School varsity girls’ basketball team defeated the Profile Patriots 39-27 during the Holiday Tournament at the Huskies home court on December 27.

The follow-up games and continuation of the tournament was scheduled for the next day, which was past the end of holiday deadlines for this week’s edition.

Both the girls and boys played against Profile. The boys lost 54-27. The invited schools, Pittsburg/Canaan and Lisbon, played each other first. The girls game was held first followed by the boys. The holiday games are not counted in the regular season.

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The Profile Patriots played Lisbon first and the Lisbon Panthers came out on top. For the girls, Lisbon won 28-26. For the boys, Lisbon won 54-31.

During the first Huskies game, the lady Huskies showed that they are a promising team.

In the first quarter, nobody scored in the first two minutes of the eight minutes of regulation play. Huskie Lauren Gralenski broke the ice, scoring her first of many baskets. The teams were tied-to-tie and came out almost even at the buzzer. It was 7-6, Profile. Gralenski scored all six points with two-pointers.

In the second quarter, the score remained even but both teams started hitting the shots. Gralenski netted another two-pointer but missed her two foul shots. Delaney Holmes and Maddie Rivard each scored a basket. So did Karly Cordwell, who also netted one of two foul shots. When the second quarter count, Gorham was still behind by two points, 15-13.

Things changed in the second half. Gorham outscored Profile 15-3 in the third quarter. The Huskies stopped it up in rebounds and turnovers. Gralenski tallied four points, Holmes and Cordwell tallied four, and Rivard netted two more. The halftime buzzer, it was 30-20, Gorham.

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Gorham boys fall to Profile at Holiday Tournament

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Huskies Bryan Raymond attempts to scoop in a basket during the Holiday Tournament last Tuesday.

Lady Huskie Felicia Voisine was a key player during the Christmas game held in Gorham last Tuesday in which the Huskies came out on top against Profile.

Huskies Delaney Holmes stole the ball from Profile during the holiday games in Gorham on December 27 and scored a lay-up. Gorham beat Profile 39-27.

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**BY TARA GILES**

**GROVETON — The battle between the Groveton Eagles and the Berlin Mountaineers was the most intense at the Holiday Hoop Classic in Groveton on Dec. 27. The Eagles had six more points in them to secure the win over Berlin, 58-52.**

During the first quarter Berlin outscored the Eagles 16-15. Berlin's Evan Arsenault wasted no time getting down to business and sunk a three-point shot 30 seconds into the game. Berlin's Moore followed suit with a three-point shot with 4:03 on the clock. Groveton, then made a fast break to score again. Mountaineer Mike Moore put up two points at the foul line that left the score 14-2 with Berlin in the lead. Austin Lesperance scored one at the foul line followed by Daegan Rogers, who added two.

Two minutes into the second quarter Eagle Ryan Laverty scored one point from the free throw line to tie the game. Berlin's Moore raced through the Eagle defense and found himself unguarded and was able to score two on a layup. Groveton's Dylan Davis scored an impressive rebound but the ball quickly fell back into the hands of the Mountaineers. Berlin's Joey Fico drove the score to 24-19 with the Eagles in the lead. Mountaineers Davis scored two points with 55 seconds left to go.

**Groveton boys fly past Mountaineers in holiday tournament**

**Eagle Corey Gadwah attempts to protect the net against Mountie Sincere Davis during Groveton's Holiday Hoop Classic on Dec. 27.**

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Arsenault took a chance and went for three at the buzzer, and swoosh in it went to end the half with Groveton in the lead 27-24.

Lesperance began the third quarter with one basket to hold the lead. At the 6:13 mark, Lurvey had a nice steal then sent it to Lesperance who put up two more points. Gadwah made his team sigh a bit of relief after he sunk a three with 5:50 on the clock. Lurvey made a great interception then took the ball down the court to score two more with 4:43 on the clock. The score was 36-28 and neither team was giving up. Groveton pulled ahead but Berlin was soon back in the game with 41 seconds to go, making it a one-point game at 36-35 with the Eagles holding the lead. Gadwah passed the ball to Laverty, who scored two to end the quarter.

During the final quarter both teams went back and forth but Groveton played faster and celebrated the 58-52 win over the Mountaineers.