In ‘leap of faith’ council approves budget

By Barbara Tetreault

BERLIN — Taking what Mayor Paul Grenier described as a “leap of faith,” the city council Monday night approved a fiscal 2020 budget that restores all the public safety and public works positions cut because of the uncertainty over state education funding.

“It’s a leap of faith that the Legislature and governor can come together and fund education the way it’s suppose to be funded,” said Grenier.

Trusting that the state will restore edu-

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Berlin School Board Chair Nicole Plourde and Berlin High School teacher Lucie Kinney hold up the “Save Our School” banner (right) and Berlin Superintendent of Schools Corinne Cascadden holds two Berlin signs at Tuesday’s rally in Concord for education funding. (COURTESY PHOTO)
EPA finalizes plan to replace climate rules
WASHINGTON (NY Times) — The Trump administration on Wednesday replaced former President Barack Obama’s effort to reduce planet-warming pollution from coal plants with a new rule that would allow plants to stay open longer and slow progress on cutting carbon emissions.

While the Obama plan would have set national emissions limits and mandated the reconstruction of power grids to move utilities away from coal, the new measure gives states broad authority to decide how far, if at all, to scale back emissions.

“Climate change is happening, humans are causing it, and I think this is perhaps the most serious environmental issue facing us.” — Bill Nye

Iran has ties to al-Qaida, Trump officials tell skeptical Congress
WASHINGTON (NY Times) — Administration officials are briefing Congress on what they say are ties between Iran and al-Qaida, prompting skeptical reactions and concern on Capitol Hill that the White House could invoke the war authorization passed in 2001 as legal cover for military action against Tehran.

As tensions between the United States and Iran have surged, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Pentagon officials have told members of Congress and aides in recent weeks about what they say is a pattern of ties between Iran and the terrorist group going back to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, officials said.

They have stopped short of telling lawmakers or aides in large group settings that the 2001 authorization for the use of military force from Congress, which permits the United States to wage war on al-Qaida and its allies or offshoots, would allow the Trump administration to go to war with Iran. President Donald Trump has said he does not want a war, but he ordered 2,500 additional troops to the region in the last month in response to what American officials said was a heightened threat.

Statements tying Iran and al-Qaida by Pompeo and other officials point to the potential for the administration to justify invoking the 2001 authorization, some lawmakers say. And when asked in recent weeks by lawmakers and journalists whether the administration would use the 2001 authorization, Pompeo has deflected the questions.

“They are looking to bootstrap an argument to allow the president to do what he likes without coming to Congress, and they feel the 2001 authorization will allow them to go to war with Iran,” said Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.).
CONCORD – A $13 billion budget deal for the state was struck for the next two years Wednesday. It must still be approved by both full chambers and Gov. Chris Sununu.

Sen. Dan Feltes, D-Concord, said the deal includes funding for the most critical needs of the state addressing mental health, education funding for property-poor communities, an opioid crisis, and more. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu said he will have to look at the whole package but he has said he will not support anything that increases taxes.

The Democratically controlled conference committee agreed to take out the popular Family Medical Leave Act program, which was opposed by the governor and called a tax, but left in about $3.5 million in escrow to allow for a similar program to go in the future if the legislature finds a way forward.

Still, Republicans were quick to criticize the budget.

House Republican Leader Dick Hinch, R-Merrimack, said: “You may hear Democrats championing this budget as some sort of breakthrough, but let me tell you, it is rife with policy and gimmicks that put New Hampshire on a path to insolvency.

“This appears to be a partisan hack job of a budget, and it’s just not going to work. House Republicans will stand united to support a veto from the Governor,” Hinch said.

Sen. John Reagan, R-Deerfield, said, “Governor Sununu made it clear that he will veto a budget that raises taxes or spends taxpayer dollars in a reckless manner.”

“The budget is irresponsible and unsustainable and for that reason I cannot support it in its current form,” Reagan said.

In the budget, there is an additional $138 million being offered for education funding to help places like Berlin and Rumney and an effort for the first time to help try to bridge the gap between property poor towns and wealthy communities.

The sticking point between the governor and the legislature is about the business profits tax issue.

Democrats say they are freezing the tax while Republicans claim that the plan would allow for an increase for businesses.

In 2015, the state’s first tax cuts for business profits went into effect, bringing down the rate from 8.5 percent to 7.9 percent.

In 2017, the Republican-controlled legislature and Gov. Sununu passed further cuts in increments from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent by 2021.

The first cuts took effect in January and are now at 7.7 percent to cover the current year’s taxes.

They are to continue to drop to 7.5 percent but the Democrats want to hold it at the current percent. Sununu said for the first time that he could live with the way things are now but not an increase.

Feltes said, technically, it is not an increase.

The difference is on paper and likely only $90 million in a $13 billion budget to be paid for mostly by out-of-state businesses, he said.

Next Thursday both the House and Senate will be in session for an up or down vote on the budget with no amendments accepted on the package agreed to on Wednesday.

It will then be up to Sununu to go through the document, line by line, and decide whether to veto, let it go into law without his signature or sign the legislation.

An override would require a two-thirds vote of both houses. The Democrats do not have enough votes in both houses to override a veto.

The conference committee on the budget began on Monday and wrapped up at about 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Most interesting for many of the folks who attended budget hearings held in Belmont, Concord, Manchester, was that committee members listened to their concerns about increasing funding for education in towns that have fallen behind others since the state reduced stabilization funding over the past few years.

Berlin, for example, will get $1,017,069 more in 2020, and $3,252,468 in 2021 for a total of $11.1 million and $13.1 million respectively for those two years, coming from the current funding of $10 million.

By contrast, Hanover will lose $76,853 in 2020 and $76,853 in 2021 on the roughly $5 million it gets now.

Rep. Dave Bruno D-Hopkinton, said what the education agreement see BUDGET page 11...
I endorse Elizabeth Warren for president

To the editor:

In March, I was pleased to introduce Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) for her event at Kennett Middle School. I’ve long been inspired by her fight to establish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, as well as her principled stance and gumption on many issues that I care about.

Following the financial crash of 2008, it was clear we needed an agency that could hold financial institutions accountable and help the consumers they had taken advantage of. Warren believes in our capitalist system. She knows that the incentives provided by capitalism encourage creativity, innovation and growth. But she also believes in smart, effective and strong regulatory oversight. Unfettered capitalism led to the financial collapse. Establishing the CFPB required making structural changes to how financial products could be regulated. Of course, the monied interests opposed it. But Warren didn’t give up. She organized, kept fighting, sought support from Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.)—who was reluctant at first—but she persisted and eventually won. And to date, thanks to her hard work, the CFPB has returned over $12 billion to consumers who were cheated by big banks.

Her success establishing the CFPB made clear to me that she’s scrappy and won’t back down from a fight. We need that in a candidate to take on Donald Trump.

Out of the many qualified Democrats running this year, Warren stands out as the kind of person I want to be president. She has big, bold ideas and isn’t afraid to talk about them. She’s ready to fight hard to make them a reality and is energized by that fight. She’s not in the pocket of special interests, and she understands the importance of engaging people from across New Hampshire and all across the country in her campaign. No matter where she is campaigning, she values everyone’s voice and knows that organizing is how we will win.

I’ve seen first-hand the difference a grassroots organization makes right here in New Hampshire. We won the fight for marriage equality because we organized. Democrats took back the state house, the state Senate and the Executive Council last year because we organized. We were even able to hold a Democratic seat in Congress in a district that voted for Trump because we invested in grassroots organizing.

Warren’s campaign is leading the way not just on policy but also on organizing—investing early to build the organization we need to win up and down the ballot, and all across the country next year. Without broad electoral success, great ideas and an expansive vision will remain only that.

Warren has a crystal-clear vision for a government that works for all of us, a plan to make it reality and the drive to get it done regardless of what stands in her way—which is why I’m honored to endorse her today.

I’ll be proud to cast my N.H. primary vote for Warren at midnight in Hart’s Location. I hope you will join us in this fight.

Rep. Ed Butler
House Commerce Committee chair
Hart’s Location

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Hildy Danforth

Those who came before:
Peter Poor and Hope Austin

In August 1781 a group of armed Indians attacked Bethel. Six were from a camp on the St. Francis River in Quebec and apparently came for the purpose of collecting prisoners to exchange for a bounty from the British. They were led by a local Indian named Tom Hegan. They took four settlers captive, though one escaped. Travelling on foot along the Androscoggin, the next day they murdered the James Pettingill and robbed his cabin in Gilead.

Continuing up river they came into Shelburne and encountered the Messer children playing near their cabin. The Indians asked the children if any armed men were at the cabin, and the children held up 10 fingers though, in fact, the cabin was empty. The Indians, fearing to encounter such a crowd, forced the river “at an unfordable place” and came to the cabin of Hope Austin. Mr. Austin had gone to the grist mill owned by Jonathan Rindge on Mill Brook, though his family was at home. The Indians raided the house and killed Mr. Austin and his daughter didn’t harm Mrs. Austin or the children.

When the Indians came to the grist mill, they met two of Rindge’s employees, a black man named Plato, who they took captive, and Peter Poor, who was killed. Hope Austin escaped into the woods and later gathered his family and the others in the area. Fearing a return of the marauders they spent an uncomfortable night on Hark Hill and the next day set out for Fryeburg where they stayed until the following spring.

Captain Rindge, owner of the mill, claimed he was a friend of the King and though his house was pillaged, he was not harmed. This seemed to demonstrate that the British were behind the attack as previous relations with the native travelers had been peaceful.

The Indians marched their captives to Lake Umbagog and then by canoe and overland for two weeks to the St. Francis Indian camp and eventually to Montreal where they were exchanged with the British for a fee, the bounty being the same for a prisoner or a scalp. The men were held in a prison camp for the next year. At the end of the Revolutionary War in 1782 the men were exchanged as POWs. The tale of their grueling trek with no food, and of their 16-month captivity was described by Nathaniell Segar of Bethel when he and the others were finally allowed to go home at the close of the war.

Peter Poor was buried near where he was shot at Mill Brook. The stone that marks his grave was erected more than a hundred years after the fact by Woodbury Gates.

Hope Austin c. 1750 – after 1830

People traveled through the land, which became Shelburne, for thousands of years between the melting of the glaciers and the arrival of settlers of European descent. They certainly hunted and fished in our valleys and hills but left little record that we have discovered. They were probably seasonal visitors for the most part.

The town of Shelburne is planning a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the granting of Shelburne, which will take place in August. As part of the celebration Hildy Danforth is compiling stories about some past residents of the town.
Congratulations to our sellers and buyers on the sale of this Berlin property in a great location!

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Inexpensive rustic (outhouse utilized) get away cabin style retreat located in Prime Recreation Country. 12 x 20 cutie w/metal roof to shed the snow, a propane cook stove, & a 12 x 12 covered patio area. Located less than a quarter mile from US Rt-2. Road not town maintained!

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**MLS # 4716042 $389,900 Upton, ME**

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**MLS # 4738806 $150,000 Berlin**

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- Detached 2 car garage. 1st flr previously a dentist office could be easily converted into 1-2 bdrm unit.
- 2nd floor 2 bdrm unit is occupied.

**MLS# 4739250 $52,900 Berlin**

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Summer kick-off party today: Join Berlin Recreation summer playground leaders and the Kiwanis K-Kids for games, raffles, prizes and a fish pond. Entertainment provided by the Berlin Public Library. This free event will be held at the Berlin Recreation Center, today, June 20, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Playgrounds open June 24: Join the leaders for games, sports, crafts, and more from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday until Aug. 9. They will be closed July 4 and 5. Lunches at noon and snacks at 2:30 p.m. will be served to all school-age children. Children age 5 and younger should be accompanied by an adult. This is not a babysitting service and although children will be asked to sign in, they are free to come and go as they please. Playground sites are the recreation center, Friendship Park, Community/Central Park, the Brown School and Brookside Park.

Entering Grades K-8 Summer Soccer: Teams are being lined up but they are still taking registrations. There is a change in location this year with games and practices to be held at Community Field. The season begins July 9 with practices starting July 2. The cost is $35 per person. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Farm League Baseball: The cost is $35 per person and registration closing soon. Call (603) 752-2010 if you want to play but have not yet registered.

Minor Division for ages 5-8; Major Division for ages 9-12 with the option for ages 8 to play up.

Ms. Marisa's dance program for boys and girls entering grades 1-6: Mondays, 4:30-6 p.m. for five weeks. The cost is $35 per person. The program begins July 8 at the Berlin Recreation Center.

Tumbling clinic for boys and girls entering grades 1-6: Floor routines and basic tumbling with Instructor Marisa Villnave. Classes meet Tuesday to Friday, July 9-12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Berlin Recreation Center. The cost is $35 per person.

Summer basketball for boys and girls entering grades 3-6: Keep your basketball skills sharp this summer with Jim Couhie's six-week program starting Thursday, July 11, from 8:45-10 a.m. at the Berlin Recreation Center. The cost is $35 per person.

Beginner baseball for ages 4-6: First time players learn the very basics of the game from Instructor Jim Couhie. Held at the Gilbert Street Field unless inclement weather brings them inside to the Recreation Center. This is a six-week program that begins July 11, from 10:15-11:30 a.m. The cost is $35 per person.

Field hockey clinic: Marisa Lemoine returns to conduct a three-day clinic for students entering grades 3-8. The clinic will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 16, 17 and 18, at Community Field. Students must have their own stick, shin guards and mouth guard. The cost is $40 per person. Register at Berlin Recreation Center.

CLIF (Children's Literacy Foundation): Thursday, Aug. 8, fun and games starting at 1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. a CLIF presenter will spin tales and discuss great books while encouraging reading and writing. Each child (geared for ages 0-14) will have the opportunity to choose two books to keep. For more information, go to berlinnh.gov or call (603) 752-2010.

Summer programs continue to help stop the ‘Summer Slide’

CONCORD — The end of the academic year is here. But learning shouldn’t stop just because school is out. The New Hampshire Department of Education is launching its 2019 Summer Learning Challenge to help parents stop the summer slide.

Building on a program begun last year, the 2019 Summer Learning Challenge includes:
• Find A Book NH — a partnership with Lexile that helps parents find grade-appropriate summer reading material pegged to their children’s interests.
• The NH Summer Reading Program — a collaboration of New Hampshire libraries with the New Hampshire State Library.
• Scholastic’s Read-A-Palooza — an interactive challenge where students can log the number of minutes they spend reading this summer.
• The Summer Math Challenge — a partnership with Quantiles where parents can sign up for daily math challenges.
• Summer Nutrition — Where to find more than 100 summer meals programs across New Hampshire.

For more information, go to education.nh.gov/learning-challenge/index.htm.
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Jean Noel catches 12-inch rainbow trout at fishing derby

Jean Noel displays the 12-inch rainbow trout he caught at the inaugural fishing derby at Libby’s in Gorham which St. Vincent de Paul Rehabilitation and Nursing Center residents participated in. The residents were assisted by the Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Club. A total of six fish were caught with Noel catching the only 12-inch Rainbow Trout. (COURTESY PHOTO)
cation stabilization aid, the council restored over $1 million in cuts and will avoid layoffs. The body approved a general fund budget of $33.89 million, an increase of $1.07 million or 3 percent over the current budget. City Manager James Wheeler estimated the approved budget will result in a 25-cent increase in the property tax rate for a projected rate of $39.52. Most department budgets show little, if any increase, over current funding levels.

The approved police department budget is $3,285,302, up $55,792 over the 2019 budget. Police Chief Peter Morency said he will not have to lay off two officers and will be able to continue going after grants.

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The Community Service Division, which includes welfare, health, the library, and recreation and parks, is up $9,640 for a 2020 budget of $747,802.

The council restored $329,054 to the school budget for a total school appropriation of $18.2 million, up $26,621 over the current budget. The school board said it would have to cut supplies and furniture as well as five positions. The district had already voted to close the Brown Elementary School.

School Board Chair Nicole Plourde said the board will continue to push the state to meet its obligation to fund an adequate education. She said she and Superintendent of Schools Corinne Cascadden were in Concord Tuesday to advocate for school funding.

The council also restored $78,029 in appropriations to 12 outside agencies, ranging from North Country Community Action Program, are used by the agencies to attract additional funding.

With the state budget still being worked out, Grenier said the city felt comfortable using the numbers in the Senate version of the budget. Both the Senate and House budget bills restore state educational stabilization aid back to 2016 levels. Under the Senate the city would receive $1,017,069 in additional education funding in 2020 and $1,961,168 in 2021. The House

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Around Town

This Week:
- Fortier Library, White Mountains Community College, Riverside Drive, Berlin
  Through September — “Potpourri Paintings”
  The work of artist Patricia Klinefelter is currently on display. Library’s hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Gorham Public Library, 35 Railroad St.
  June Artist of the Month — Roberta Arbree
  Library’s hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- The Medallion Opera House, Gorham Town Hall, 20 Park St.
  Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m. — Danika & the Jeb
  Tickets $20 at the door.
- Service Credit Union Heritage Park, Main St., Berlin
  Saturday, June 22 — PaddleMania and the Pirate Poker Run
  Brown Company Barns, East Milan Road, Berlin
  Saturday, June 22, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Barn Sale
  This sale will feature glassware and linens.
- Town & Country Inn and Resort, Shelburne
  Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22 — Norm Coulombe
  Live music in the lounge starting at 8:30 p.m.

Next Week:
- Weeks State Park, Route 3, Lancaster
  Thursday, June 27, 7 a.m. — 200 Years of White Mountains Trail History
  Learn how hiking trail construction has evolved over the decades according to ideas about exploration, wilderness, crowd management, and access. Free and open to the public.
- Mt. Washington Regional Airport, Airport Road, Whitefield
  Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. — 4th Annual Fly-In
  The show will feature aerobatic performances as well as a pilot skills competition open to all, Unifly and helicopter rides, and displays of antique aircraft and tractors plus much more. Go to mountwashingtonairport.com/events/ for more details.

Governor’s Arts Awards return

CONCORD — The N.H. State Council on the Arts has announced that the 2019 Governor’s Arts Awards are returning to Concord. Festivities will take place on Oct. 21, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts’ Bank of New Hampshire Stage.

New Hampshire’s Governor’s Arts Awards recognize the contributions of individuals, organizations and communities that make a difference in quality of life in New Hampshire through the arts.

Categories for this year’s awards include: arts education, arts in health, creative communities, distinguished arts leadership, folk heritage, individual arts champion and Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure, a lifetime achievement award.

Nominations for the awards will be accepted through June 30 and must be submitted online. To be eligible for nominations, individuals must reside in New Hampshire or have made significant contributions to the arts while living in New Hampshire; nominated organizations, cities and towns must be physically located in New Hampshire.

To learn more about the 2019 Governors Arts Awards and to see a list of previous awardees, go to nh.gov/nharts/artsandartists/gaa/index.htm.

Brown Company Barns sale this weekend

BERLIN — The Berlin & Coos County Historical Society will hold its next barn sale on Saturday, June 22, at the historic Brown Company barns on the East Milan Road in Berlin. The barns are located about 1 mile north of the hospital and across from the state prison entrance. The sale will take place 8 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

The public is asked to not bring items for donation to be sold at these sales on this day. The volunteers are too busy on the day of a sale to accommodate you properly. Instead, call Ray at (603) 915-1454 to find out when someone will be at the barns to receive these donations.

The featured items for this sale are glassware and linen. The back of the smaller barn is overflowing with candy dishes, decorative bowls, serving plates of every size and type, as well as tumblers and stemware. The front of the barn has blankets, quilts, comforters, tablecloths and more.

These specialty items are in addition to the usual departments: baskets, sports, toys, kitchenware, books, records, and CDs. The furniture department can be found on the lower level of the larger barn, including sewing machines, with and without cabinets. There is a large selection of picture frames, small and large, in both barns.

Proceeds from the sales go toward expenses to keep open the Moffett House Museum & Genealogy Center and to preserve the barns. The museum, located at 119 High St. in Berlin, is open year-round, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (603) 752-4590, for an appointment or to arrange for a group to tour the museum. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

The next sale, the annual book sale, will be held on July 20.
Gorham’s Fourth of July parade has sports theme

GORHAM — The Gorham 4th of July Committee has announced that the 2019 Grand Marshal will be William “Bill” Goodrich and the Flyer Dedication will honor Michael Gaydo and Mike Howard.

This year’s Parade Theme: “All * Star Independence”, a sports theme. The Judges will consider: theme, craftsmanship and participation and creativity. To be eligible for prize money of $300-$150-$100, float entries MUST Pre-Register. A representative for each float must be at the Grandstand after Line-Up for the Main Parade starts at Dublin St. and the Parade starts promptly at 2 p.m. It will proceed down Main St. to Route 16, then onto the Gorham Common. The judging will be in the area of Ed Fenn School thru Gorham Congregational Church. Anyone can enter a float — an individual, business or organization. The registration forms will be available at the Gorham Fire Station, Corrigan Screen Printing and Caron Building Center. Deadline to register your float entry will be Tuesday, June 25th.

Completed forms may be left at the Gorham Fire Station, Corrigan Screen Printing or mailed back to: 4th July Committee, PO Box 165, Gorham, N.H. 03581. For more information call Janet or Nathan Corrigan at (603) 466-5399.

Grand jury indicts 13 individuals

LANCASTER — Meeting on May 17, a Coos County grand jury returned 27 indictments against 13 individuals.

• Zachary B. Blodgett, 21, of 298 Railroad St., Littleton, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled drug.
• Marcie Brundle, 32, of 15 Mountain View Drive, Groveton, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled drug.
• Taylor L. Caron, 26, of 69 Pleasant St., Colebrook, was indicted on charges of theft by unauthorized taking, firearm, burglary, and conspiracy to commit theft by unauthorized taking-firearm.
• Kristie Desautels, 52, of 9 Spring St., Lancaster, was indicted on two counts of tampering with witnesses and informants.
• Anthony J. Donato, 27, of 222 West Milan Road, Berlin, was indicted on a charge of falsifying physical evidence.
• Brenda A. Emery, 56, of 28 Fourth St., Colebrook, was indicted on a charge of tampering with witnesses and informants.
• Tiffany J. Enderson, 28, of 41 Bridge St., Colebrook, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled drug.
• Steve A. Merchant Jr, 37, of 97 Durgin Road, South Paris, Maine, was indicted on a charge of failing to report a change of residence — subsequent offense.
• George A. Poirier, 40, of 408 Hillside Ave., Berlin, was indicted on one count of theft by unauthorized taking and two counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a deadly weapon.
• Jeremy W. Rexford, 40, of Bridge Street, Lancaster, was indicted on two counts of second degree assault, and single counts of theft by unauthorized taking, reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, criminal mischief, and conduct after an accident.
• Bruce E. Tardiff, 54, of 519 Goebel St., Berlin, was indicted on a charge of operating a motor vehicle after being certified a habitual offender.
• Joshua Warren, 31, of 27 Brown Road, Groveton, was indicted on two counts of tampering with a witness or informant and one count of falsifying physical evidence.
• Melinda A. Wright, 31, of 15 Elm St., Lancaster, was indicted on charges of theft by unauthorized taking, conspiracy to commit theft by unauthorized taking, and falsifying physical evidence.
• Arraignments are scheduled for June 14 in Coos County Superior Court.

The deal also factors in the percentage of pupils who are eligible for free and reduced lunches to deal with socio-economic disparities. Sen. Jay Kahn D-Keene, said what they heard in budget hearings from the public was the need to restore stabilization funding, recognize the fiscal capacity disparity, and recognize how some communities have slipped since funding was reduced.

“This is a very good gesture,” Kahn said. “I think we have brought together a very good package.”
Real Estate  Jason Robie

Quick fix for sellers

With the weather finally rolling into a nice steady warmth, I’ve been enjoying some cycling and hiking and still find myself looking forward to more time in the woods and on the road. As the temps have been climbing, so has interest in real estate. We have all seen more signs popping up like colorful perennials so the competition is growing as well. If you are skipping down the “selling” road this year (and you want to spend more time hiking and less time selling) here are a few tips to get your home in tip-top shape and your boots up to the Tip Top House!

All of these projects are relatively quick, but provide some pretty good dividends. The first one is simply cleaning up around the yard and exterior of your property. Simple projects like hosing down the siding, painting the garage door or maybe even replacing gutters and down-spouts can do wonders for that “first impression” I ended up RB-raking my whole yard this year because the lingering leaves from last year simply looked terrible. In addition to that, leaves packed up on your lawn cause dead spots (read: yellow grass). Although some of you are cursing the speed at which your lawn is growing, you don’t want to have an uneven looking patchwork for the prospective buyers to see.

While chocolate may be the key to my heart, doors are the key to your home. For the benefit of those buyers that are going to be walking around your home, your doors should be spotless and functional. When I say functional, works! Interior doors should also be visually appealing. Some of the hardware needs to be functional. Something as simple as a door that “sticks” or needs to be “encouraged” to close all the way needs to be fixed as well. Something as simple as a door that “sticks” or needs to be “encouraged” to close all the way needs to be functional.

Ceiling when they are opened. The doors should not squeak (like a haunted house) and should not make any uneven looking patchwork for the prospective buyers to see.

Flooring is next and tends to be a little more tricky. It should go without saying that all carpets need to be steam-cleaned and stain-free. Both digital and traditional marketing channels and advertising partnerships.

Reardon noted that the association’s marketing campaign still focuses on New England, but is reaching out to “own” Penn Station in Manhattan for the second year in a row. Other major metropolitan areas — Boston, Montreal and Toronto — plus smaller cities — Portland, Maine; Providence, R.I., and Hartford, Conn. — continue to be the focus. Travelers from abroad are a growing market segment.

Casswell noted that Gov. Chris Sununu had sought a fully funded budget for the BEA’s Division of Travel and Tourism: 3.1 percent of rooms and meals tax, but that that amount might not survive such an expenditure.

Cheryl Reardon, who became president of the White Mountains Attractions Association about six months ago, pointed out that she represents the state’s official Destination Marketing Organization — directed by 17 major attractions — in a tourism region that includes Route 2 to Route 25 in Center Harbor to the state borders. Santa’s Village, Mt. Washington Auto Road, Cannon Mountain, Conway Scenic Railroad, and the Mt. Washington Cog Railway are all members.

“Some might expect the Attractions to be competitors, but they are colleagues who understand the importance of bringing visitors to the region together,” Reardon said. “They share the same goal and mission: to drive sustainable tourism growth and provide visitors to the state and our region with a memorable experience, so they return for generations.”

She noted that the association's marketing dollars had grown from several thousand dollars to just under $1 million through hard work, investment in
If this means hiring a professional: do it. This falls into the “first impressions” category and is something the prospective buyers will be dreading. They’ll be annoyed that they have to take care of your nasty carpeted home! (That’s right, I said nasty! Clean it up.) The hardwood floors are a little more of an investment if you need to have them refinished due to large scratches and scrapes. I encourage you to get the opinion of a professional here as well. They likely have “spot-check” solutions that can keep you from fixing the entire floor. It is worth the phone call, I promise.

While we’re on the subject of blemishes, it is worth a cruise around your home to inspect all of the walls. I think most of us tend to turn a blind eye to the “hiccup” on our walls. We see them every day and tend to block them out a bit. “When you visit a home for the first time, those scrapes and scratches stand out like the proverbial sore thumb,” notes Badger Realty agent, Debi Davis. Take a more critical look at the walls and see what you can touch-up with a warm-soapy sponge. Anything more serious than that can likely be touched up with a dab or two of paint. It will allow the eye to scan the whole room without stopping at every little inconsistency and will keep the buyers focused on the important stuff.

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Along the lines of organizing things, I strongly encourage sellers to ensure that every drawer and cabinet door in the house is functional. Just like anything else the buyers will dread having to fix, ensuring that whichever door or drawer they happen to open is working is going to keep them moving through the home and allow them to focus on the more important things. It also would be a good idea to get those areas tidied up as well. We all have that one “junk” drawer and that one areas tidied up as well. We all have that one “junk” drawer and that one

Lastly, I strongly encourage you to clean all of your appliances. This is a good idea for the rest of the year as well, but during selling season it is a bit more important. You don’t have to run out and buy all new appliances, but just make sure the ones you do have are clean. Even a worn, tired toaster can look presentable if it is not covered in crumbs and peanut butter.

More than anything, I want you to get outside and enjoy this glorious place we have the privilege of calling home. These tips for sellers are intended to get your home ready for sale. None of these are costly and none of them take a lot of time.

Jason Robie works for Badger Realty
BERLIN — The Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding its “Paddlemania” on a Saturday for the first time this year. This Saturday, June 22, the gates to the Service Credit Union Heritage Park, on Main St. in Berlin will open at 11 a.m. Admission to the park is free, but there is a $10 charge per hand to participate in the “Pirate Poker Run.” Registration for the poker run takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the top three hands, the worst hand, and the best use of the theme. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m.

Poker run participation is not required to join the paddle. So bring your kayak, canoe, or whatever you are floating on down to enjoy the magnificent Androscoggin River. Paddlemania will begin at the Wayside Park and return to the Heritage Park by 3 p.m.

New this year is a “Corhhole Tournament.” Registration for this event also begins at 11 a.m. Even if you do not want to paddle, the Heritage Park will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lots of activities for the children including lawn games, face painting, mining sluice, Bobo the clown and a “Dress like a Pirate” scavenger hunt. Bring your appetite as food vendors will offer a variety of choices. And yes, there will be a beer tent.

The entire event closes down at 5 p.m.
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Doris Yvonne Roy

Doris Yvonne Roy, 84, of Claremont, N.H., died peacefully on Monday, June 17, 2019, at her home. She was born in Berlin, N.H., on Aug. 29, 1934, the 10th child of Edgar and Corona (Danneau) Jutras. She was the first of her family to graduate from Notre Dame High School in Berlin. She was employed in Washington, D.C., while her future husband was in the service. Upon his return, she married Donald Roy on June 25, 1955. They would have celebrated their 64th anniversary later this month.

They brought up two sons, James and Jen, while they pursued their future in funeral services from Berlin to Windsor, Vt., to Claremont, N.H., and established the Roy Funeral Home in April 1973. She was the secretary for many years. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, a former member of the Jay Cee Janes in Windsor, Vt.; a member of the Red Hat Society; and the French Club. She was a cancer and open-heart surgery survivor.

She is survived by her husband Donald of Claremont; her sons James (Lori) Claremont and Jen (Sheila) of Stratham N.H.; eight grandchildren, Michelle, Tewksbury, Mass.; Benjamin (Kate) of Bar-

tion N.H., Kayla and Hayleigh of Claremont, Nicholas of Keene, N.H., Zachary Schuaret of Merimack, N.H., and Jordan Schuaret of Claremont; six great-grandchildren, Reagan, Calvin, Turner, Leah, Mason, and Pierson; three sisters, Cecile (Francis) Croteau of Carrollton, Md., Rose (Romeo) Cote of Enfield, Conn., Lorraine (David) Roy, Northboro, Mass., and Dade City, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her parents, five brothers, Maurice, Roland, Emile, Robert and Paul; four sisters: Alice Murphy, Irene Valerino, Eva St-Hilaire and Rita Michaud.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday June 21, St. Mary’s Church with the Very Rev. Shawn M. Therrien officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan St., in Claremont, N.H., on Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Claremont Soup Kitchen, PO Box 597, Claremont, NH 03743.

You are invited to share a memory of Doris with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at royfuneralhome.com.

Gloria Boisvert Russ

Gloria Boisvert Russ passed away June 13, 2019, surrounded by her children. A celebration of Gloria’s life will be held on Sunday, July 13, at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Portsmouth Country Club, 80 Country Club Lane, Greenland, NH 03840.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Triangle Club, PO Box 592, Dover, NH 03820. For the obituary, go to thrrobatson.com.

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We wish to thank our friends, neighbors and AVH staff for their caring, compassion and sympathy for the loss of our loved one, Paul Johnson, Jr.

He will be dearly missed and the acts of kindness and sympathy will always be remembered.

The families of Paul Johnson, Jr.
Exploring a gilded past at grand hotels exhibit

PLYMOUTH — Those looking to take a step back in time to the Gilded Age should visit the current exhibit at Plymouth State University’s Museum of the White Mountains, “The Grand Hotels of the White Mountains.” Running through Sept. 12 (closed Sundays), this marvelous exhibit provides a learning experience for how the wealthy (whom Sen. Bernie Sanders would call the 1 percent) lived and played in the 19th and early 20th centuries here in the White Mountains.

Visitors will learn how, during the golden age of the grand resort hotels between 1880 and 1910, approximately 30 such hosteleries opened their doors to an elite class of tourists. These gracious establishments were “grand” in that they provided room for 200 guests, with elegantly styled dining rooms, parlors and lobby spaces, incorporating not only recreational activities but cultural pursuits.

The exhibit features an extensive display of 19th century White Mountain School of Art paintings, dining room china, hotel ledgers and even a vintage 1912 cash register on loan from Ellie Koeppl of the Wentworth Inn of Jackson.


“We have done exhibits on the White Mountain School of Art and summer camps, and last summer we featured the centennial of the White Mountain National Forest, so the time was right,” said Robinson, a native of Long Island and Skidmore College graduate with a master’s in visual arts from Vermont College.

The goal is to give the visitor a sense of the elegance and resort way of life of the grand hotels, which enjoyed their heyday from the mid-19th century to about 1920. That summer resort way of life came to an end with the Depression and the onset of more mobile vacations and made for shorter stays.

“The Museum of the White Mountains is located at 34 Highland St., Plymouth. For information, call (603) 555-3214 or go to plymouth.edu/mwm.
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF GORHAM
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to RSA 676:7 notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing is to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Gorham Town Hall located at 20 Park Street in the Public Meeting Room (2nd Floor) at 7:00 pm for the following:

1) Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester – Holy Family Parish is requesting a Variance concerning Article IV, Section 4.01C of the Town of Gorham Zoning Ordinance for property located at Tax Map U5, Lot 42 (5 Church Street). The applicant is requesting a variance to build an 8’ x 40’ addition to allow for an emergency egress which does not meet setback requirements for Residential A zone.

2) Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester – Holy Family Parish is requesting a Special Exception per Article IV, Section 4.01B of the Town of Gorham Zoning Ordinance for property located at Tax Map U5, L42 (5 Church Street). The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the operation of a religious school in Residential A zone.

Wayne Flynn, Chairman
Gorham Zoning Board of Adjustment

Residents enjoy an evening of music

The residents of Coos County Nursing Home enjoyed an evening of music performed by North Country Orchestra on Wednesday, June 12. (COURTESY PHOTO)

TOWNS OF GORHAM, RANDOLPH AND SHELBURNE, NH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board will be holding a public hearing on Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds Made Available During Year under the provisions of RSA 198:20-b – Receipt of $29,000 from Melvin & Jennifer Olson for the Gorham High School Class of 2019 attending college.

The meeting will be held at –
SAU #20 Office, 123 Main St, Gorham NH 03581
Thursday, June 27, 2019 beginning at 4:30 P.M.

The public is encouraged to attend!

IN VINO VERITAS

In Loving Memory Angie Lynn Leeman
8/18/74 - 6/22/18

It’s been a year since you left us, seems like it was yesterday. We don’t know why you had to go, but we know that we will miss you. With your happy smile and your sense of fun. We can’t take it in that you are gone and you are missed so very much. But a beautiful soul lives on forever and memories of you we will always treasure. You’ll never be forgotten until we meet again.

Love, Mom, David, Andrew, Curtis and family

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Eversource warns of potential dangers caused by Mylar balloons

MANCHESTER — Summer welcomes many celebrations including birthdays, graduations, and Father's Day, and Mylar balloons are common decorations used to liven up the party. These festive decorations are dangerous around power lines. In recognition of National Safety Month, Eversource is reminding customers that Mylar balloons can cause power outages and even pose a significant safety risk.

“It only takes one balloon to create a potential hazard for customers,” said Eversource Vice President of Safety Ken Bogler. “The silver metallic coating on Mylar balloons is a conductor of electricity. If the balloon makes contact with power lines, it can damage electric lines and equipment, and cause power outages. In some cases, it could even cause an electrical surge impacting nearby homes.”

Thousands of Eversource customers experience outages every year because of Mylar balloons. You can prevent an outage and ensure the safety of friends and family at your next outdoor gathering by following these important safety tips:

- Make sure balloons are secured and can’t fly away
- Never release a Mylar balloon outside
- Keep all balloons away from power lines
- Never use metallic ribbon with Mylar balloons
- Never tie Mylar balloons to yourself or a child
- Always deflate Mylar balloons completely and dispose of them properly
- Never attempt to retrieve a balloon that is tangled in electric lines; instead, call your local power company to report the problem. Contact Eversource at (800) 662-7764.

Eversource warns that Mylar balloons can be dangerous around power lines. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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budget is more generous, providing Berlin with an additional $1.3 million over the biennium.

The Senate bill also provides Berlin with $238,545 in revenue redistribution funds in 2020 and $477,091 in 2021. If appropriated, Wheeler said he would recommend using that money to reconstruct Hutchins Street from the East Mason Street Bridge to Chapman Industries.

Gov. Chris Sununu’s budget, however, does not include restoring the stabilization aid. Sununu told city officials last month that he does not support fully restoring the stabilization aid and wants to see it phased in.

Grenier predicted there will be a lot of political wrangling in Concord over the next few weeks as a legislative committee of conference puts together a compromise budget that the legislature and Sununu can approve. The current state budget expires June 30.

While confident that school stabilization funding will be restored in the final state budget, Grenier made it clear that the city will be cautious. “I’m not signing any checks until the state signs our check,” he said.

Grenier said the city can revisit the budget if the funding does not come through — an advantage he noted the city form of government provides over a town.

While Grenier has enjoyed a good relationship with Sununu, he said he was disappointed that the governor is focused more on reducing business taxes than looking out for taxpayers and small business people.

He said reducing business taxes favors large national and international firms. Pushing more of the tax burden onto property tax payers hurts small businesses especially in property poor communities like Berlin.

“If he says he’s for business, he should be for all businesses,” Grenier said.

Considered the poorest community in the state, Berlin has $325,535 of property wealth per student compared to the state median average of $978,125, according to the policy group, “Reaching Higher NH.”

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UNH research supports NH’s native bees

DURHAM — Bees are essential for most of the fruit and vegetable crops produced in New England. The value of pollination to agriculture is estimated at more than $200 billion a year worldwide. However, the abundance of and diversity of pollinators are declining in landscapes across the United States.

At the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of New Hampshire, scientists are conducting research that not only assesses the state of our native bees but also developing ways that citizens can help support these important members of the ecological and agricultural communities.

For several years, experiment station researchers have been assessing the status of the state’s native pollinators. In the first ever assessment of New Hampshire’s bee population, scientists found that the Granite State has more than 100 native bees. They even discovered nearly 20 bee species that had not been previously documented in the state. The White Mountain National Forest alone is home to nearly 140 species of native bees, including two species of native bumble bees that are in decline in the Northeast.

Unfortunately, scientists also have discovered that three of the state’s most important bumble bee species have experienced drastic declines and range constriction over the last 150 years, with a fourth bee also in significant decline. In addition, scientists found that 14 wild bee species also are in drastic decline in New Hampshire.

Despite the declines, landowners, property managers, farmers, and landscapers have been eager to create and enhance pollinator habitat.

“The interest in helping pollinators has been astounding,” said experiment station researcher Cathy Neal “There are literally hundreds of pollinator gardens and habitats that have been installed in New Hampshire alone in the last few years.”

Neal, who also is a nursery and landscape horticulture state specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension, has conducted nearly 10 years of wildflower meadow trials at the experiment station’s Woodman Horticultural Research Farm. She has found that wildflower meadows comprised of a mixture of herbaceous perennials such as golden rod, asters, black-eyed Susans, bergamot, coneflowers and potentially many more, are extremely valuable places for bees to forage for food. In fact, she has developed a mix of wildflowers specifically ideal for New Hampshire.

Those interested in creating a wildflower meadow to support New Hampshire’s native pollinators can learn more at the upcoming field day “Connecting the Dots for Pollinator Conservation: Wildflower Meadows and Pollinator Habitat.” The event is Tuesday, July 30, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station’s Woodman Horticultural Research Farm, 70 Spinney Lane, Durham. It is free and open to the public.

And if you’d like to give your bees a bit of luxury, build a bee hotel or bee box nest. It doesn’t have to be as elaborate as the UNH Bee Hotel. According to Neal, when constructing nest boxes, it is important to remember that there are many types of bees, and providing cavities in a mix of sizes can help accommodate a wide diversity of bee species.

The most abundant species found in New Hampshire was the common Eastern bumble bee, (SAM DROEGE/USGS PHOTO)
Meet Drake!
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HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE OLD?

SORRY, I’LL REPHEARSE THE QUESTION

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OUR FRIENDS SNARK AND SELL TO CALL YOU OUT IF YOU THINK YOU ARE NOT BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF

NAH.

AND I HONESTLY DON’T CARE WHAT SHE THINKS SINCE WE'RE FIGHTING RIGHT NOW

WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA TO BE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM?

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DEAR ABBY

DAUGHTER PLAYS SECOND FIDDLE TO BROTHER WITH GRANDCHILD

DEAR ABBY: My mother has always had a horrible habit of making plans and canceling at the last minute. When I make plans with her, she invariably cancels the day of. Lately she has started making me feel guilty for not coming around more.

I lost my license two years ago, so I can’t drive, and I work full time. She has no job and several vehicles. I’m not saying she doesn’t have things going on, but I can’t help but feel she’s just going through the motions and making it seem like she cares.

My younger brother had a baby girl last year, and Mom constantly or is trying to get her. To top it off, my brother lives in the same town I do. It makes me feel invisible.

I know when parents say they don’t have a favorite child, they are lying through their teeth, but this is blatant. I’m in my 30s and shouldn’t have her or is trying to get her. To top it off, my brother lives in the same town I do. It makes me feel invisible.

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with a guy, “Derrick,” since high school. We recently concluded that for the last few years of his marriage he has been involved in an on-again, off-again affair.

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Please send your resume to dyane.barbour@becket.org or fax (603)761-2020 or call 603-960-1077.
The White Mountain Milers and EMS Summer Trail Series in North Conway’s Whitaker Woods began on Tuesday, June 11, and 92 people signed in for the first week. This is a new record for week 1 of the series.

Terry Livingston presented White Mountain Milers T-Shirts and Hats to John McAlpine and Cory Schwartz, who take the blame for starting the runs 40 years ago. John said he and Cory were just looking for some people to run with and got a few prizes to award.

This special announcement from the White Mountain Milers Board: “Marianne (Jackson) has stepped down to stepping into this role with her professional management experience and wonderful story of becoming a Miller. She is dedicated to the club and all the social, civic, fitness, competitive and generational benefits it offers. Please do not hesitate to thank Theresa for taking on this responsibility and offer to help whenever and however you can.”

Congratulations to Theresa and you to Marianne for all you have done for our community.

and the rest is history. They do attribute the series’ continued success to Bernie and Eileen Livingston. John said, “I can’t remember how many kids they had but they were half the participants in the runs!”

The Summer Series continues for eight more weeks, with prize eligibility for completing six of those weeks. The run is free but everyone is encouraged to become a member of the White Mountain Milers. The fees are $10 for students, $15 for individual and $20 for a family.

"I am so happy to see returning participants, as well as some new ones who have joined our community," Schwartz said.

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CITY OF BERLIN
Fire Chief

The City of Berlin, NH is accepting applications for the full-time position of Fire Chief. The Fire Chief is responsible for planning, organizing, directing and participating in Fire Safety, EMS activity, operations and Building Code Compliance including supervisory and administrative work in planning, organizing, budgeting, staffing, managing and directing all administrative and technical aspects of the Fire Department and Code Enforcement.

Candidates should have significant experience in fire prevention, fire-fighting, staff leadership and training and giving public presentations. Experience in building code enforcement is preferred. Candidates should possess an Associate’s Degree in Fire Protection, Fire Science or Public Administration and five years’ experience as a Fire Captain or higher rank. The position includes full City benefits. Pay will be determined based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

Job description is available at the City Manager’s Office (603-752-7532), Berlin City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, NH 03570, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Interested applicants should submit a resume & letter of interest to
City Manager’s Office, City Hall
168 Main Street, Berlin, NH 03570,
(603-752-7532), or e-mail to info@berlinnh.gov by Friday July 12, 2019.

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On the Run

Struble is new president of White Mountain Milers

Donna Cormier

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Applications can be obtained by visiting our website at WWW.cooscountynh.us or by calling or visiting the Business Office at 364 Cates Hill Road, PO Box 416, Berlin, NH 03570 (603)752-2343, from 8 am to 4 pm on weekdays. EOE

YARD SALE

97 Nansen St., Berlin. 8 AM to Noon. Please no early birds.
Berlin High School three-sport athletes were recognized at the high school athletic awards ceremony. From left: Kolbe Delafontaine, Nathan Fecteau, Brandon Weeks, Haily Knapp, Arianna Smith, Allison Theriault, Jenah Arsenault, Samantha McCann and Jessica Vien. (ANDY RANCLOES PHOTO)

Steve’s Sports Shorts

Cal Ripkin District III tournaments this weekend

Last week, I received 27 pictures from Berlin and Gorham high schools’ awards ceremonies and we were able to get many of them in this past Tuesday, including some individual ones of the student/athletes who did receive awards as well as group photos.

Two things we didn’t get in were the Berlin High School Tennis Award, which went to Haley Coulombe and the Derek Hodgeman Scholarship, which went to Sawyer Sanschagrin.

Also recognized at the event were several three-sport athletes: Kolbe Delafontaine, Nathan Fecteau, Brandon Weeks, Haily Knapp, Arianna Smith, Allison Theriault, Jenah Arsenault, Samantha McCann and Jessica Vien.

This weekend, the Berlin/Gorham Cal Ripken League will host the District III, 12 and Under Tournament beginning Friday, June 21, with Berlin playing Game 1 against the Great North Woods team on the American League Field at 6 p.m.

Game 2 will be Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m., with Littleton playing the winner of Game 1.

Then at 3 p.m., Game 3 will have the loser of Game 1 playing the loser of Game 2.

The finals will be held on Sunday, June 23, beginning at noon, with the winner of Game 2 playing the winner of Game 3.

A 4 p.m. game will be held if necessary, should the winner of the losers bracket win that first game of the finals.

Stop by for some great baseball action.

The Berlin-Gorham Road Warriors Babe Ruth Baseball Team has been hitting the ball lately as evidenced by their 13-4 win over Plymouth (including 17 hits) and 12-1 win over Hampton (18 hits), and even though they lost to Exeter, 10-8, they still managed to get into double-digits with 11 hits.

Coach Duane Johnson has connected me to a new game summary system that I have yet to master, but I did manage to figure out that in the win against
SPORTS SHORTS from page 26

Plymouth, Kam Huntoon, Brody Labounty and Carter Poulin had two hits apiece, while Ean Steady pitched three strong innings, and Labounty and Jerimyah Dow pitched an inning each to finish up.

Berlin-Gorham scored four runs in the first inning and five in the third to take a commanding 10-0 lead after three innings, and they never looked back.

In the Hampton game, Labounty had four hits, followed by Kolin Melanson, three hits; and Dow, two, to lead the hit attack.

Jacob Mercier, Ben Estrella and Kolin had two runs batted in apiece and Dylan Bisson pitched six strong innings to get the win.

Berlin-Gorham trailed in the Exeter game, 6-1, early but the locals scored four runs in the fourth to trail by only one run, but Exeter scored four more runs to Berlin-Gorham’s three to win by two runs. Dow pitched 2.1 innings; Labounty, 2.0; and Steady, 1.2, in the game.

Upcoming games include a special game tonight at 6 p.m. on the Gorham Common against Plymouth and a doubleheader (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) this Saturday at Woodsville. Their record stands at a very respectable 7-4.

Full results may be found at ultrasignup.com and photos by Jeff Simon may be found at Rockhopper on Facebook.

So far, there are 15 teams and five solo runners signed up for the Bucks for Bernie 12-Hour Relay. I heard a rumor that some more runners from the first Bucks for Bernie Relay along with some Milers coming out of retirement to return to the event. I had to peek at the registration list, and it’s true! That’s all I’m saying!

The race takes place on July 20 in Whittaker Woods and is a 12-hour event. The course is a 1.1-mile loop and promises lots of fun, and all proceeds from the race go to Bernie’s Kids. Coach Bernie needs to keep his growing track and field and cross-country kids in uniforms! Go to runreg.com to sign up now!

Kristina Folck-Welts of Rockhopper Races, LLC, is hosting a Ladies Only Rockhopper Clinic on Saturday, June 29. This special clinic is only open to six participants, and plans are to run up, down and around the summit of Mount Washington.

Kristina’s extensive mountain running experience and infectious positive attitude and smile will make for a very fun clinic. Email rockhopperraces@gmail.com to register for the lottery.

July 31 is the next cut-off date to save money on registration for the White Mountain Milers Half Marathon, Half of the Half Relay, 5K and Youth Dash. The race takes place on Saturday, Sept. 21, and is going to be a fun day of fun! For more info, check out wmmhalf.com.

“Obession with running is really an obsession with the potential for more and more life.” — George Sheehan, runner, physician, writer.

Upcoming Races and Weekly Runs: (Please note: All of these events listed for runners and walkers. See more events at whitemountainmilers.com and sign up early for extra savings on many races.)

- Saturday, June 29: Ladies Only Rockhopper Clinic, Mount Washington. Six lucky entrants only. Email rockhopperraces@gmail.com to register for the lottery.
- Sunday, June 30: Cranmore Hill Climb 5K, white-mountainmilers.co.
- Sunday, July 7: Loon Mountain Race, loonmountainrace.com.

Donna Cormier is a licensed massage therapist, avid runner, and walker, cyclist, hiker, paddle boarder, and skier; with an office at 50 Seavey Street, in North Conway. For more running information, ideas, contributions, race reviews and results, reach Donna at dmcorn21@gmail.com. See you on the run.

NORTH COUNTRY DART LEAGUE

North Country Dart League standings for the week of April 1
National Tons: John Shatney, 3077; Eric Houle, 2525; Kevin Allain, 1892.
American Tons: Dan Croteau, 1725; Tony Belmonte, 1471; Davey St. Cyr, 1066.
Matches: D. Guys, 10; Swamp, 5, BBC, 9; Pounders, 6, j.Dogs, 11; Northway; 4; A.North, 13, Bull, 2; X-Men, 9; Misfits, 6.

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The City of Berlin will accept sealed bids for the sale of 723 Third Avenue. All sealed bids must be received by the Office of the City Manager, on an Official Bid Form, in a sealed envelope, no later than Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and must be clearly marked: TAX DEEDED PROPERTY BID 723 Third Avenue, MAP/LOT 110-0018. The bid document is available on the City’s web site at www.berlinnh.gov/bids

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