Board gives nod to resource center, library

GORHAM — Two non-profit organizations housed in historic buildings that help make this town a tourist mecca received budget approval from the selectmen on Monday, Dec. 16.

The approval of the Family Resource Center and Gorham Public Library budgets followed discussions of budget issues and reviews their respective histories.

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DRA: Property value update complies with state standards

BERLIN — The N.H. Department of Revenue Administration has reviewed the 2018 statistical update of property valuations performed by KRT Appraisal and said it complies with uniform standards of professional appraisal practice.

DRA Municipal and Property Division North District Supervisor Philip Bodwell said the results are reported annually to the state Assessing Standard Board and stressed the report is separate from the issues before the N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

“While we have made the determination that the report is compliant, this should not be construed as a waiver regarding any of the issues addressed in the October 29, 2019 BTLA order,” Bodwell wrote in a Dec. 17 letter to the city.

The BTLA has ruled it will hold an evidentiary hearing on issues raised with the statistical update. Originally scheduled for Dec. 9, the hearing is now set for Feb. 13 in Concord.

The city authorized a statistical update of residential property valuations in September 2018 after property sales showed residential values were increasing. With a decrease in utility valuations, the city hoped to recover enough added value.

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Bringing Christmas cheer

Mrs. Claus (teacher Elaine Connary) and her elf helper, CTC secretary Danielle Demers, recently braved cold temperatures to deliver 16 food baskets to families courtesy of the Berlin Middle High School food pantry. (COURTESY PHOTO)
Trump policy removes bird protections

WASHINGTON (NY Times) — As the state of Virginia prepares for a major bridge and tunnel expansion in the tidewaters of the Chesapeake Bay last year, engineers understood that the nesting grounds of 25,000 gulls, black skimmers, royal terns and other seabirds were about to be plowed under.

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The island is one of dozens of bird-preservation efforts that have fallen away in the wake of the policy change in 2017 that was billed merely as a technical clarification to a century-old law protecting migratory birds. Across the country, birds have been killed and nests destroyed by oil spills, construction crews and chemical contamination, all with no response from the federal government. Not only has the administration stopped investigating most bird deaths, the documents show, it has discouraged local governments and businesses taking precautionary measures to protect birds.

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With an initial decision about Africa expected in January, the plans are sure to draw criticism from lawmakers, allies and military officials, and could eventually affect most global missions in some way. About 200,000 American forces are currently stationed abroad, similar to the force posture when President Donald Trump took office with a promise to close out the nation’s “endless wars.”

But Trump is not so much ending wars as he is moving troops from one conflict to another, and Esper’s initiative aims to carry out that rebalancing.

Officials say the overhaul of Africa deployments will be followed by one in Latin America, and that drawdowns will happen in Iraq and Afghanistan as has been expected.

The initiative reflects what has become the defining priority for Esper: moving away from 18 years of counterterrorism deployments in places troubled by militancy and insurgency where thousands of American troops cycle through in an attempt to maintain minimal stability but without much prospect of definitive solutions.

Pentagon eyes Africa drawdown as first step in global troop shift

An American Special Forces sergeant and Nigerien forces last year in Agadez, Niger, during a joint training exercise with several African countries’ militaries. (TARA TODRAS-WHITEHILL/THE NEW YORK TIMES)

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**Klobuchar to campaign in Gorham Dec. 30**

**BY BARBARA TETREAULT**
THE BERLIN SUN

GORHAM — Amy Klobuchar has outlasted many of her rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination and her performance at the recent debate is said to have stolen the show. She even got spoofed on Saturday Night Live.

The U.S. senator from Minnesota has built up momentum in her run for the White House and will bring her campaign to Gorham next Monday, Dec. 30, as part of a three-day swing through the state. She is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting at the Gorham Medallion Opera House at noon.

This will be Klobuchar’s second visit to the Androscoggin Valley. She held a town hall meeting at the Northland Restaurant in October.

Klobuchar has cited her blue-collar background and argues her roots in the Midwest make her the ideal candidate to take on Donald Trump and compete in the critical states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and her home state of Minnesota.

She cites her ability to work with Democratic and Republicans in getting bills passed and signed into law.

She wants Medicare to be able to negotiate for cheaper prescription drug prices, believes in strengthening the country’s infrastructure, wants to make the U.S. carbon neutral by 2050 and retain a safety net.

In her previous visit, Klobuchar said New Hampshire has a reputation of giving underdogs an opportunity to show they can be good candidates and said her plan called for her to spend time in the state. She also spoke about the rural-urban divide and the need to help regions like the North Country compete in the new economy.

Valedictorian of her high school class, Klobuchar graduated from Yale University and earned her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

After working as a corporate lawyer, she served two terms as the Hennepin County Attorney.

In 2006, Klobuchar became the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Minnesota.

She has been re-elected twice; in 2018 she won her third term by a 24-point margin.

**Fish & Game panel’s party compliance to be reviewed**

**BY NANCY WEST**
INDEPENDENT

CONCORD — State Sen. Dan Feltes asked Attorney General Gordon MacDonald Friday to determine whether the Fish and Game Commission is out of compliance with state law for having seven of its members registered as Republicans.

The Concord Democrat who is running for governor said state law RSA 206:2-a requires that no more than six of the 11 commission members be of the same political party.

Feltes was critical of the commission and Gov. Chris Sununu when Glenn Normandeau wasn’t reappointed as the executive director of the Department of Fish and Game in October.

“It raises serious questions concerning the validity of actions taken by the commission during the time its composition was in violation of state law,” Feltes told MacDonald.

Feltes asked MacDonald to review the situation and “take necessary actions to address it.”

“New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission members are appointed by the Governor, in consultation with the NH Executive Council. There are currently 11 members, one from each county in the state,” Hatch said.

“Reached Friday by phone, Hatch said he wasn’t sure off the top of his head what the political split is on the 11-member commission because it has never been a political body.”

“I have remarked to other commissioners over the years that I was amazed how well it works and it is not political. I was always impressed by that,” Patch said.

Patch said the executive director’s position is still posted and a search committee has been formed, but no one has been selected.

When Normandeau wasn’t reappointed, he criticized the commission for not telling him why or giving him a chance to discuss it first.

“Feltes at the time accused Sununu of lying about his role in the commission’s decision.”

“We don’t know why, but it is now clear Gov. Sununu lied when he said he had no involvement in the ousting of the New Hampshire’s Fish & Game director,” Feltes said at the time.

Sununu spokesman Brandon Pratt responded at the time: “The accusations are completely without merit and are nothing more than a desperate political stunt for attention.”

Patch said a member of the public first raised the question at the last Fish and Game Commission meeting. He said he wasn’t sure if the political party affiliation limit was a law or a “strong recommendation.”

He also said he would have to check, but believes many of the members were approved by a Democratically controlled Executive Council.

“It’s never been a political committee. We’re there to take care of the species and wildlife of New Hampshire,” Hatch said.

The following is posted on the Fish and Game Commission’s website: “New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission members are appointed by the Governor; in consultation with the NH Executive Council. There are 11 members, one from each county in the state, plus one representing the coastal area. Commission members must be well informed on the subject of fish and wildlife; no more than six commissioners may be members of the same political party.”

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Roger Stephenson

Field of view: climate change through N.H. lens

In the two weeks after Thanksgiving it snowed a lot and then rained a lot.
The roller coaster weather prompted me to call Tim Boutin at Absolute PowerSports in Gorham to ask how business was going. Absolute PowerSports is a locally owned operation in business for many years specializing in snowmobiles, ATVs, side by sides and the like.

Tim told me the business for snow machines has been flat for the past eight to 10 years, but his ATV business in growing "remarkably."

Outdoor winter recreation is a critical economic driver for New Hampshire's four northern counties and is vital to the entire state. Thousands of work hours and millions of dollars hang in the balance of a couple of degrees on the thermometer.

In a recent radio interview on New Hampshire Public Radio both Kris Blomback, general manager at Pat's Peak, and Ben Wilcox, president and general manager at Cranmore Mountain Resort, said weather is what keeps them up at night. To prosper, they, their employees, not to mention the gas stations, restaurants, breweries, ski shops and inns, depend on 100 days of snow-covered peaks but acre.

More than 10 years ago, I commissioned a study on winter tourism and climate change. University of New Hampshire professor Cameron Wake; Laurence Goss, then a professor for tourism research at the Institute for New Hampshire Studies at Plymouth State University, and Elizabeth Burakowski, then a UNH graduate student, combined their expertise to look at how temperature had influenced local economies in New Hampshire's northern counties between 1984 and 2006.

What they found was not surprising: Cold, snowy winters brought more visitors and generated more economic activity than warm, slushier winters.

Their research revealed what's at stake regarding climate change and northern local economies. They found:

- Warm, wussy winters meant 3,000 fewer jobs — a loss of 4 percent of New Hampshire's winter employment.
- 33 percent fewer skiers visited New Hampshire in low- versus high-snow years. Alpine ski ticket sales declined by 15 percent, or almost $12 million dollars. Nordic ski ticket sales dropped by almost 30 percent, or $650,000.
- Snowmobile registration license fees drop by almost 30 percent, a loss of nearly $1 million.
- Total ski ticket, fishing license and snowmobile registration fees declined by 14 percent, a loss of over $13 million in warm, slushier winters.

During the winter quarter (December-March) almost 40 percent of our state's total visitor spending goes to the North Country. Almost 80 percent of that is spent on snow- and cold-dependent outdoor recreation:

skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling. During the winter quarter, the North Country generates one-third of visitor rooms and meals tax revenue, an incredibly important stream of cash for New Hampshire.

What's past is prologue. In 2018, climate and social scientists, including Burakowski, now a Ph.D., expanded upon this earlier climate and winter tourism research with the national report "Economic Contributions of Winter Sports in a Changing Climate," which includes additional data and analysis.

Even more recently, earlier this month, Climate Central reported that Concord winters are 5.6 degrees Fahrenheit warmer today than they were in 1970. Businesses like Tim Boutin's are adapting before our eyes. More ski slopes now offer three and four-season recreation. Former President Barack Obama signed into law the Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act allowing ski slope operators on federal land to more easily offer recreation opportunities that don't need snow, including zip lines, mountain bike trails and even open-air concerts. By my count, nine ski areas operating in the White Mountain National Forest are closed today.

Fifty miles from the New Hampshire border investors are pledging $38 million to re-develop Saddleback, Maine's third-largest ski area, into a four-season resort.

Of course, the changing interests of millennial and GenX consumers are influencing changes in business. But many in the winter sports industries understand they are faced with warmer winters and know they have to respond. Pat's Peak and Cranmore are making higher quality snow at a lower cost.

Cranmore, meanwhile, also is a trail-blazer when it comes to using clean energy and reducing energy consumption. I interviewed Wilcox on camera in 2017 (three minutes on You Tube).

Under his leadership and with the support of the owners, Cranmore has embraced innovative technology for many years. Today, they offer electric vehicle charging stations, and they have a state-of-the-art electric hybrid trail groomer and super-efficient snow guns that make more snow with much less energy.

The $50 million complex of 106 condominiums and new base lodge being built will be heated using electric heat pumps, not fossil fuels. State and utility incentives and a strong partnership with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative made efficiency improvements possible for Cranmore, and skiing customers applaud the resort's leadership in energy efficiency.

Local examples of innovation and clean energy leadership are positive reminders that solutions are out there, and all of us — consumers, businesses, utilities and state
Happy Holidays from all of us at Badger Realty!!

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MLS # 4771947  Berlin  $307,900

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MLS # 4750259  Berlin  $199,900

**Featured Property**

Spectacular 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath New Englander. H/dwd floors, formal dining room w/pellet stove, foyer, living room, office/den. 3 season porch, covered porch, & deck. Mtn views. 1 car garage. 3rd floor master suite w/private bath. Direct ATV access.

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MLS # 4787879  Gorham  $209,900

**New Listing**

6 room, 2-3 bdrm home. Nice corner 100’ x 100’ lot in need of some upgrades. Great starter home, or 2nd home so you can enjoy all the north country has to offer. Direct ATV access.

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**New Listing**

Vintage 1 bdrm camp. Walking distance to Cedar Pond. Large enclosed porch. Additional lot of land available for sale. Looking for that perfect getaway?? This you’ve got to see. Small, quaint, comfy and year round.

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MLS # 4471887  Gorham  $29,000

NEAR MILAN STATE PARK this 49.5 acre plot has over 500 feet of road frontage and could provide some great views with cutting.

MLS # 4463850  Milan  $74,999

Happy Holidays from all of us at Badger Realty!!
Family Resource Center executive director Patti Stolte said she and the nonprofit’s board of directors will make developing a new agreement between the town and the resource center, detailing the use and maintenance of the historic red school house, a top priority.

Town manager Denise Vallee said that she has a first draft in hand and will work collaboratively with Stolte and the board to prepare a document for the selectmen’s approval.

Three board members live in Gorham: Vicky McGillicuddy, Gretchen Taillon and Les Glover.

“Twenty-plus years ago the redevelopment of a Gorham Community Center at 123 Main Street began as a town-community project under the management of Cathy McDowell of Randolph and the FRC board as a Community Development Block Grant,” Stolte said.

The Gorham school district, which then did not include Shelburne or Randolph, owned the building.

“From the outset, SAU 20 has owned 11 percent of the building for its central office staff, making it responsible for a comparable share of all major improvements.

Since then, the center has received over $50,000 in various grants to fund several capital projects, including $35,000 to re-side its back side and $6,000 to replace broken front doors.

“We’re a young town compared to those in the southern part of the state, and we have very few buildings that date back to the early 1900s or before; the railroad station (now a museum); the 1858 Gorham Hardware and Sport Center; the Congregational Church (that just received a $16,250 LCHIP grant); and the public library, which was moved to 35 Railroad Street at the top of Exchange Street to make way for the 88-room Royalty Inn to be built.

Selectmen Judy LeBlanc asked if the Family Resource Center would consider buying the building.

Stolte replied that she tries to keep an open mind but that the center’s board of directors has been opposed to that idea.

Board members point to the overwhelming problems that Tri-County CAP experienced in the recent past, some of which arose because it owned too many buildings.

Stolte said that every year the Family Resource Center sets aside $200 a month to build up its long-term maintenance account that now stands at nearly $22,700.

The center delivers many services to the community, but the center’s board of directors has been opposed to that idea.

“We’ve had a lot of growth in the last year,” she said.

In addition to its longtime focus on prevention, early childhood education and helping moms and dads develop good parenting skills, the Family Resource Center has branched out at the request of state’s Division for Children, Youth and Families to help families with children in foster care to become reunified through its “Strength to Succeed” program.

This new program is funded by federal grant dollars that the state distributes. Some of the parents who were successful in recovering from opioid or other addictions are now employed at the Family Resource Center as parent-partners, showing those whose children are in foster care that they can succeed in becoming reunited.

“We started by working with 10 families, and now are up to 75 families,” said Stolte, who praised the family support staff and the recovery specialists.

“We had high success with families from all walks of life.”

Gorham, however, no longer qualifies for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant funding, because fewer Ed Fenn Elementary and middle-school youngsters qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program, Stolte said.

This decision is only based on a two-month window, and she believes it likely that the Family Resource Center will qualify after the next count. Working with Superintendent David Backler and principal Tina Binette, 50 children from 38 families are continuing to receive homework help and to benefit from enrichment activities in a safe environment.

“This makes our budget a little in the hole,” Stolte said.

Library Director Shannon Buteau and trustees’ treasurer Paul Bousquet surprised the selectmen by reporting that the Gorham Public Library is requesting $5,000 for its capital reserve fund, half the 2019 ask.

The trustees have level-funded the 2020 expenses cut in the 2019 budget from $4,000 to $2,500, making other adjustments, and allowing only one staff member to travel to conferences. Buteau will take turns with Assistant Director Katelyn Sirois.

The library also employs five on-call part-time aides.

The books/AV budget was increased number of hours it is open each week.

Nearly 16,600 circulations were tallied so far this year, Buteau said, with 238 programs drawing nearly 3,275 attendees.

Selectmen Adam White asked that the library consider reducing the number of hours it is open each week.

“Only the White Mountains Community College library is open more hours,” he said.

Following these lengthy discussions, all three selectmen indicated their support for both organizations, which will go before the town budget committee next month.

The next selectmen’s meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, at town hall.
Berlin: Presenting a terrific opportunity! Ron's Variety & Take Out is now available! This convenience store (open 7 days a week) has all the straight-ahead convenience store items, with beer, wine, tobacco, groceries and lottery. The recently upgraded kitchen, which is the "Take Out" portion of this business, features an extensive Thai Food menu! The addition of the Thai Food to the menu transforms Ron's from an ordinary convenience store to a destination! Business, Building, Land and Equipment included. Huge Beer Cooler! Newly added office area! Two levels of storage that features ample shelving, walk in cooler, chest freezers, washer/dryer hook-ups, stand up freezers and more. Above the store there are living quarters with two possible bedrooms, half bath and three quarter bath. This property is located in a prime, high traffic area! MLS# 4787532 - $159,900

Gorham: Perfect opportunity to run your business out of this amazing downtown location! For many decades this well established car sales and 2 bay service garage with an additional 3 car garage behind the building has been a local go to place for your auto needs. Large waiting room and plenty of parking. The lifts and possibly other items will convey with the sale. MLS# 4707644 - $195,000

Berlin: Long established service station with three garage bays. Located on high traffic Route 16 (Glen Avenue), in close proximity to a three way intersection and a short distance to Downtown. Also on the premises, and included, is a 400 Sq.Ft building that has recently been used as a hair salon. Whether you are a mechanic looking to begin your business venture, or relocate your business, or you are in need of garage space or storage space this is property could fit the bill. Garage Auto Lift, 0.62 acre lot, rear of the property borders the Androscoggin River, 250 feet of road frontage and ATV/OHRV direct access. MLS# 4742537 - $139,900

Gorham: Centrally located in Gorham with a high traffic count. Formally a 60 seat restaurant now being used as a retail space. Very well maintained building with updated roof and siding in 2002. Direct access to the Androscoggin river with 295 feet of frontage. Sale could include kitchen equipment. Ample parking. Options are endless for this property and this could make the perfect spot for your business. MLS# 4750711 - $299,000

Berlin: This highly visible Rt. 16, Main Street location has River Views, major road frontage and located across from the up-coming River Walk. Minutes from the Heritage Park where ATV festivals gather, River Fire, Paddlemania and so many more events are held. Property is comprised of 4 garage bays, office spaces and has three phase power. Large level lot fenced in 1.10 area provides public water and public sewer. This is a fantastic opportunity to open your own business with lease space to carry the overhead cost. Plenty of space for an auto dealership, commercial garages, deep warehouse space, high ranging power garage doors, window exposure and entry space for car displays, office areas, storage space, plenty of fenced in paved parking area with full exposure centrally located on Main Street. MLS# 4756399 - $249,999
Kick off the New Year in a state park!

CONCORD — New Hampshire State Parks invites the public to kick off the New Year and New Year’s Day with a hike. Five state parks across New Hampshire will host free hikes providing the opportunity for individuals and families to welcome in 2020 in the outdoors, exercising and connecting with nature.

This is the 10th year New Hampshire has participated in the First Day Hikes program. The program is part of a nationwide initiative led by America’s State Parks to encourage people to get outdoors. “First Day hikes are a great opportunity to embrace winter and experience the beauty of N.H. State Parks,” said Eric Feldbaum, N.H. Div. of Parks and Recreation community recreation specialist. “We are excited to offer First Day Hikes for the 10th season. We invite you to become part of this great tradition.”

Registration and check in for First Day Hikes, at all locations, will run from 12:2 p.m. Hikes commence at 12 p.m. and continue to 4 p.m. Online registration at nhsrtparks.org/news-events/first-day-hike is recommended.

N.H. Parks will serve a hot beverage and a healthy snack to returning hikers. Participants of First Day Hikes can explore historic sites, state parks and even enjoy pet friendly hikes with their four-footed friends either on their own or discover and experience nature with a guided hike lead by park staff and partners volunteers. The staff offers a few helpful tips to make your day enjoyable:

- Please remember to check the weather prior to the event.
- All hikes will take place as scheduled rain, snow or sunshine.
- Dress in layers appropriate for the winter weather and wear appropriate footwear. For more information regarding recommended clothing and gear, go to Hike Safe (hikesafe.com).
- Traction devices for wearing on footware are highly recommended (trails may be icy).
- Be sure to pack water and a snack for during the hike. The park will provide a warm drink and healthy snack at the completion of the hike.

For questions, contact Eric Feldbaum, nhfih@dnr.nh.gov or (603) 271-3556.

The following is the 2020 New Hampshire’s First Day Hike schedule for state parks in the North Country:

**Milan Hill State Park**

The well-groomed, 16 kilometer cross-country ski-trail network, maintained by the Nansen Ski Club, in and around Milan Hill State Park will open for cross-country skiers and those wanting to snowshoe.

Park Staff and club volunteers will be on site with trail maps and suggested routes for those with varying skill levels who wish to take a self-guided tour of the park and its trails. The event will leave from the newly constructed warming hut near the park entrance. Your adventure will offer opportunities to spot animal tracks and take in expansive views of the Northern Presidential White Mountains from the trails, with the option of a spectacular 360-degree view from the fire tower at the top of Milan Hill. Hot drinks and snacks will be offered back at the warming hut upon your return. Limited stock of demo cross-country skis will be available. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Owners are responsible for carrying out any pet waste.

Address: 72 Fire Tower Road, Milan, NH 03588
Parking: Main entrance Parking Lot
Pets Permitted: Yes

**Franconia Notch State Park, Flume Gorge**

Join park staff for a self-guided hike through the winter woods of Franconia Notch State Park-Flume Gorge.

This is an opportunity to experience winter hiking in the White Mountains and the Flume Gorge. See what the Gorge looks like in the winter and get a glimpse of the forces that formed the Flume during the ice age. Find animal tracks in the snow and listen to the wind through the silent hardwood forest.

The hike will begin from the north side of the Gilman Visitor Center (closed in winter) and follows the summer route of the Flume Gorge trail. Guests will have two hike options. Option 1: The two-mile Flume Gorge Trail Loop. This option takes you past the Flume covered bridge to the base of the Gorge. It then traverses around the Gorge (boardwalks are removed for the winter) and brings you to a look off above Avalanche Falls at the top of the Flume Gorge. The trail then takes you west to the pool and Sentinel Pine Covered Bridge and back to the visitor’s center. Option 2: A shorter hike option is a 1/2 mile, out and back hike to the base of the Flume Gorge and back. Both hike options are moderate and require traction devices for walking on snow and ice. Snow depth may warrant use of snowshoes. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Owners are responsible for carrying out any pet waste.

Address: 852 Daniel Webster Highway, Lincoln, NH 03251
Parking: Main Entrance Parking Lot
Pets Permitted: Yes

The Division of Parks and Recreation is one of five divisions of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. N.H. State Parks and Recreation is comprised of the Bureau of Park Operations, Bureau of Historic Sites, Bureau of Trails, Community Recreation, and Cannon Mountain.

The division manages 93 properties, including state parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites, trails, waysides and natural areas. To learn more about N.H. Parks and Recreation, go to nhstateparks.org or call (603) 271-3556.

This Week:

**Fortier Library, White Mountains Community College, Riverside Drive, Berlin**

Through December — **Paintings by Loretta Russell Locke**

**Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Page Hill Road, Berlin**

Through December — **Artwork by Annette Tardiff**

**Gorham Public Library, 35 Railroad St.**

December Artist of the Month — **Artwork by Claude Pigeon**

**Town & Country Inn and Resort, Shelburne**

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28 — **Tim Dion**

Live music in the lounge starting at 8:30 p.m.

Next Week:

**Medallion Opera House, Gorham Town Hall**

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. — **Odyssey of the Mind Benefit Concert**

Enjoy an afternoon of classic, hymnal, holiday, rock and pop music when local talent takes the stage. Tickets $10/adults and $5/students under 18.

**New Hampshire State Parks**

Wednesday, Jan. 1 — **First Day Hikes**

Five state parks will host free hikes to provide the opportunity to welcome in the New Year connecting with nature. See story in today’s paper.

**Northwoods Casino, 155 Emery St., Berlin**

Saturday, Jan. 4, 4-6 p.m. — **Tournament of Champions**

Prequalification applies. For more information log onto northwoodsca-sinlle.com

**AMC Highland Center, Route 302, Crawford Notch**

Saturday, Jan 4., 4-6 p.m. — **Wild Places**

Opening reception for the art exhibit by local artist Anthony Celli. See story in today’s paper.
Anthony Celli's oil paintings, featuring unique landforms, cosmic lighting and varied weather spectacles, will be on display from Jan. 4 until April 3 at the AMC Highland Center at Crawford Notch.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

AMC to present Wild Places by local artist Anthony Celli

BRETTON WOODS — The Appalachian Mountain Club's Highland Center at Crawford Notch is the setting for the exhibition, “Wild Places,” on display from Jan. 4 until April 3, 2020, in the Mount Willard Dining Room.

An opening reception is set for Saturday, Jan. 4, from 4-6 p.m., with dinner available for purchase that evening. The exhibit is free and open to the public when the space is not in use.

Anthony Celli, an avid hiker and explorer, finds inspiration in alpine landscapes, hidden waterfalls, dense northern forests and secluded mountain trout ponds. Hiking the 4,000 feet of New Hampshire, Celli was motivated to capture the wild energy of these places and express it through color and contrast on canvas.

Celli's oil paintings feature unique landforms, cosmic lighting and varied weather spectacles and show his progression as an artist while inviting the viewer on a journey on a secluded mountain trail. When Celli is not hiking or painting, he can be found creating culinary masterpieces in the AMC’s Highland Center kitchen.

The exhibit is one in a series of displays of artwork depicting a sense of place in the White Mountains. Each year, AMC welcomes four artists to show their work spirited by the dramatic landscape of this area.

With extraordinary artworks by masters such as Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt and Frank Henry Shapleigh, Crawford Notch has a long-standing tradition of attracting landscape painters to capture the allure of the White Mountains on canvas. AMC recognizes that modern day artists reflect similar connections to the landscape in their own style and honors present day landscape artists by offering the opportunity for them to share their craft and inspiration.

For more information on the exhibit, call the Highland Center at (603) 278-4453, or email amchighlandinfo@outdoors.org.

Why Integrity Health Centers Can Change Your Life And Reverse Many Health Related Conditions

(A Practical approach to getting and staying healthy) by Rocco Boulay, Exercise Physiologist

Do you wake up every day feeling less than alive? Is your body telling you it could use a little more life? Did you know that close to 70 percent of all US health care costs (230 million people) are attributed to lack of activity, poor food consumption and smoking?

Why do most physicians tell their patients to eat better and exercise more but never explain how this is done? The answer is clear, either they don’t know how or possibly they will lose revenue if you, the patient, actually got healthy.

Doctors are not villains but their scope of expertise lies in the field of medicine not health. There is a distinct difference. If a patient’s condition(s) are a result of the aforementioned behaviors then maybe there’s a better solution.

Lack of activity is a challenge for most people because they don’t understand how much and what type of activity/exercise is most effective. Many believe cardiovascular exercise is best but that couldn’t be further from the truth. Too many of you have tried this approach only to become discouraged and quit. Treadmills and such are not a very effective weight loss exercise. It’s boring to most and impacts the body’s joints negatively only to cause pain and discomfort long before noticeable weight loss is achieved.

The most effective exercise is resistance training but it has to be done correctly. Resistance (weight) training has many benefits that cardio training cannot provide. It builds a strong, fat burning metabolism.

I am not saying doing some cardio training is bad. I’m saying that without the incorporation of weight training you will never achieve a body that will effectively burn belly fat and become lean. The best part is you can do it sitting down reducing stress on the joints.

Making good food choices is another challenge for most individuals due to the misconception and confusion most have about eating. Since the 1970’s I have witnessed the decline of quality in our food supply.

The main reason why so many are gaining weight and getting sick is from the amount of sugar (carbs) people consume. Reduce the sugar; reduce the majority of many health conditions such as; diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, metabolic syndrome, depression, some forms of cancer and many others. It’s that simple!

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**Strategies for securing your home**

I'm a huge fan of "Calvin and Hobbes." If you haven't had the pleasure of those comic strips, run-don't-walk to your local bookstore and grab one of the collections. You won't regret it, and your family will continue to enjoy it for years.

One of the saddest story lines Bill Watterson told was when Calvin's home was broken into and burglarized. He did a great job of eliciting the fear and vulnerability that Calvin's mom and dad felt after coming home to that scene. You feel like a stranger in your own home. And you have certainly lost all sense of safety and comfort inside those four walls. Of course, Calvin was mostly concerned that they stole the television.

This is the time of year when many of us are hitting the road. Whether to head off on a skiing (or more likely — beach) adventure or simply visiting family and friends for the holidays, lots of us are going to be leaving our homes for a bit.

Today, I'd like to run through a handful of tips you can use to keep your home safe. These are some suggestions that can help you avoid that experience Calvin endured. The goal is for you to return home and find everything as you left it — minus the presents under the tree.

The first thing you should be aware of is what you actually have in place now for home security. Quite often we purchase a new home that includes some sort of system, and we never take the time to understand how it works or even if it works.

Whether you have cameras sprinkled around the home, motion sensors, entry-way sensors or whatever other items are in place, take a little time and figure out how they work.

Since we are talking about a home you have just purchased, it is also just plain smart to have all the locks changed when you move in. You will appreciate the peace of mind.

Your home's appearance (from the street) is perhaps one of the more critical pieces of this security puzzle. We have all seen the movie scene where the "bad guys" roll past a house that has a handful of newspapers collecting in the driveway.

Those obvious signs are a beacon to the sorts of people that are looking for an easy target.

“The solution to this is as simple as stopping deliveries, mail and newspapers for the duration of your trip,” Badger Realty agent Janet Nickerson said. "I also love the presence of lights on timers and, if you can swing it, curtains that open/close on timers as well.”

Anything you can do to create that appearance of someone being home is great. If you can't easily create that appearance, the next

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**Eversource names new leader of New Hampshire operations**

MANCHESTER — Eversource announced that current President of New Hampshire Operations Bill Quinlan will be promoted to President of Transmission and that Joe Purington will succeed Quinlan as the leader of New Hampshire operations.

In his new role, Quinlan will oversee all operations and development of the energy company’s transmission system in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut, with a focus on facilitating the integration of new clean energy resources.

Purington, currently Eversource New Hampshire’s vice president of electric operations, will become president of New Hampshire Operations on Jan. 1.

“I’m honored and humbled by the opportunity to lead Eversource’s New Hampshire operations, continuing our important work to ensure that the people and businesses of the Granite State have the power they need for their everyday lives,” said Purington. “At Eversource, we’re focused on innovative solutions that lower costs for our customers, enhance reliability and advance clean energy, and I look forward to working with our dedicated employees and stakeholders across the state to achieve those goals.”

Since joining Eversource in 2014 as vice president of New Hampshire operations, Purington has been responsible for overseeing Eversource’s field and system operations, and for ensuring consistent approaches to engineering, construction and maintenance of Eversource’s electric distribution and transmission system. Under his leadership, the energy company developed a state-of-the-art control center, launched its troubleshooter program to strengthen rapid response during emergencies and outages, installed distribution automation and smart switch technology across the electric system to reduce the number and duration of outages, and created its successful Electrical Lineworker Certificate Program in partnership with Manchester Community College and IBEW.

Purington previously served as director of electric distribution at Central Maine Power, a business unit of Iberdola USA, as well as director of system operations for CMP, New York State Electric & Gas, and Rochester Gas & Electric. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Southern New Hampshire University and an associate degree in applied science from Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. Purington also serves on the board of Granite United Way.

Quinlan first joined Eversource — previously Northeast Utilities — in 1984, and gained extensive experience spanning across his career in the company’s operations, policy, legal, regulatory, technology and business development.

Since becoming president of New Hampshire operations in 2013, Quinlan led Eversource’s efforts with the state of New Hampshire and other key stakeholders to reach a settlement agreement on the deregulation of the state’s electric utility industry and establish an enhanced reliability program, then successfully oversaw the sale of the company’s generation facilities; championed energy efficiency, battery storage, electric vehicles and other clean energy innovations; and continued to demonstrate Eversource New Hampshire’s leadership in employee volunteerism, economic development and community engagement, including leading Eversource’s partnership with Easterseals New Hampshire on their highly successful walk and 5K run.

“I’m proud of all that we have accomplished since 2013 to better meet the needs of our customers in the Granite State, and I look forward to this new opportunity to help ensure that all of our customers benefit from a robust, reliable and resilient transmission system,” said Quinlan. “From completing the restructuring of the electric utility industry and the sale of our generation facilities, to the installation of innovative technologies that enhance the reliability of our electric system and help support a clean energy future, we’ve made great progress over the last several years in New Hampshire. Joe Purington’s expertise and commitment to serving the people of New Hampshire has been integral to our efforts over the last five years, and I’m confident that the state will continue to benefit from his leadership for years to come.”

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**Renewable energy funds coming to N.H.**

WASHINGTON D.C. — U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), a senior member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, announced on Tuesday with U.S. Reps. Anna Kuster (D-N.H.) and Chris Pappas (D-N.H.) that rural communities throughout the state will receive $577,276 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of Rural Development in support of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

The funding will be awarded through the Rural Energy for America Program to the small businesses and farms listed below:

- Solis, Inc., LLC Berlin, $27,610.
- Meridian Hill Maple Farm, LLC Colombia,
  $27,700.
- DC Dawson, Inc. Laconia, $28,577.
- Port City Air, Inc. Portsmouth, $171,633.
- Service Jet, Inc. Newington, $89,820.
- Froling LLC Keene, $82,903.
- Holt Brothers Orchard Partnership Lyndeborough, $49,999.
- McKenzie’s Farm Milton, $49,188.
- NE Solar Charlestown, $39,846.

REAP helps farmers and small business owners in rural communities improve their energy efficiency or purchase renewable energy systems. As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee,
RE/MAX Northern Edge Realty adds support to Lancaster Team

BERLIN — Linda Gilmore of Lancaster joined the RE/MAX Northern Edge Realty LLC team in Lancaster this fall.

Gilmore is providing customer service to buyers and sellers in the Lancaster office, as well as marketing support to the Realtors in all four RE/MAX Northern Edge Realty locations — Lancaster, Berlin, Colebrook and Gorham.

Gilmore is a New England native who grew up in rural Massachusetts. She received her B.A. from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and her M.B.A. from the University of Maine in Orono.

She recently relocated from San Antonio, Texas, where she spent 30 years in advertising and marketing. She was an account executive for the Hearst Corporation and owned a full-service advertising agency, MediaLinda Marketing and Advertising.

“I’m thrilled to be back in New England. We’ve been coming up to the area for many summers, and Lancaster reminds me very much of my hometown,” said Gilmore. “People have been so welcoming! I love helping business owners with their digital marketing strategies, and since I spent so many years in sales, I’m looking forward to supporting all of the agents at REMAX.”

RE/MAX Northern Edge Realty is headquartered in Berlin, and services all of Coos County, New Hampshire and the North East Kingdom of Vermont. The agency is licensed in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. The Lancaster Office, located on 89 Main St., can be reached at (603) 788-2131, and found online at teamner.com.

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Shaheen advocated for funding for USDA energy programs to committee leadership and voted in support of the bipartisan spending bill that passed the Senate earlier this year, which would significantly boost the program’s funding level from $334.5 million in Fiscal Year 2019 to $706 million for Fiscal Year 2020.

“This federal funding will help our farmers and small business owners from Keene to Berlin to the Seacoast make important investments to reduce energy use and costs, under-scoring the importance of federal programs like REAP,” said Shaheen. “Promoting renewable energy sources and energy efficiency are key to building a cleaner, more affordable energy future for communities throughout New Hampshire and across the country. Supporting programs such as REAP that boost these efforts will continue to be a priority for me in the Senate.

“Small businesses and farms are part of the lifeblood of communities across New Hampshire, and by helping them reduce their energy costs, these grants will help them thrive,” said Hassan. “In the Senate, I’ve prioritized working across the aisle to strengthen renewable energy, and I will continue to fight for programs like these that spur our economy and move us towards a clean energy economy.”

“Utilizing renewable energy is a win-win for our environment, our economy, and the health of Granite Staters, and it’s key to combating climate change,” said Kuster. “I’m pleased to announce these grants, which are an investment in our collective future. I’ll continue working to ensure all Granite State communities have the support and resources they need to make critical energy efficiency improvements to infrastructure.”

“Energy costs pose a tremendous burden to businesses across our state, and we must support projects and initiatives that will help ease it,” said Pappas. “These federal funds will facilitate renewable energy and efficiency projects that will allow businesses to save money and reduce their carbon footprint. This is a win for our economy and environment, and I’m pleased REAP is able to assist so many farms and businesses with these grants.”
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Dr. Teboldt and Dr. Plociennik are proud to deliver babies at the Valley Birthplace at AVH, now steps away from the AVH Surgical Associates' OB/GYN Clinic.

For a prenatal office appointment with Dr. Teboldt or Dr. Plociennik at Coos County Family Health Services, please call 603.752.2040. For an appointment with Dr. Plociennik at AVH, please call 752-2300.

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In First Circuit Court, District Division, Berlin, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, the following cases were heard:

Marc R. Rendeau, 52, 51 Summer St., Berlin, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $620, complete the Impaired Driver Care Management Program, and surrender his driver's license for a period of three years. He was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle in a 40 mile-per-hour zone and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $124. A charge of stop lights was nolle prossed.

Pamela J. Mansulla, 32, 143 Jericho Road, Berlin, was found guilty of failing to yield to left-turning traffic and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $62. Mansulla was found guilty on charges of operating a motor vehicle after her license to do so was suspended and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $310. Mansulla was found guilty of resisting arrest and ordered to serve 180 days in the Grafton County House of Corrections which was suspended. A charge of contempt of court was dismissed.

Monique Levesque, 23, 466 School St., Berlin, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle at 60 miles per hour in a 40 mile-per-hour zone and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $124. A charge of criminal mischief was nolle prossed.

Corey Long, 36, 331 Pleasant St., Berlin, was found guilty of simple assault and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $124. A charge of reckless conduct was nolle prossed.

William Desilets, 35, 653 Cheshire St., Berlin, was found guilty of simple assault and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $124. A charge of reckless conduct was nolle prossed.

Stephen Tremaine, 46, 816 Third Ave., Berlin, was found guilty of operating a vehicle with defective equipment, stop lights and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $124. A charge of contumacious conduct was nolle prossed.

Michelle C. Brown, 48, 191 Howard St., Berlin, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license to do so was suspended and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $930 which was reduced by $450 for three days of confinement. She must complete the Impaired Driver Care Management Program and surrender his driver's license for 12 months with the opportunity to petition the court for early reinstatement after three months.

Rachael Smith, 20, 521 Goebel St., Berlin, was charged with disorderly conduct, which was placed on file without a finding on the condition she maintains good behavior for six months.

Adam Renz, 45, 625 Route 85, Salem, Conn., was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $620 and to serve 30 days in the Coos County House of Corrections which was all suspended on the condition he maintains good behavior for two years. Charges of reckless operation and attempting to elude an officer were nolle prossed.

Monique Levesque, 23, 466 School St., Berlin, was found guilty of obstructing government administration and ordered to serve 12 months in the Grafton County House of Corrections which was all suspended on the condition she maintains good behavior for two years. Charges of reckless operation and attempting to elude an officer were nolle prossed.

Mark C. Laplante, 47, 148 Thacher St., Attleboro, Mass., was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle after his license to do so was suspended and ordered to pay a fine and penalty assessment of $310. A charge of unlawful operation an OHVR on a public way was nolle prossed.

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Rotary donates to college Running Start program

BERLIN — White Mountain Rotary recently raised and donated $1,000 to the Running Start Program of White Mountains Community College.

In 1999, the Community College System introduced the Running Start program, a partnership enabling high school students to enroll in college courses at a significant reduction in tuition. In 2006, Running Start was a New England Board of Higher Education Excellence in Education Award recipient.

Through Running Start, North Country high school students have the opportunity to earn White Mountains Community College credit.

High school faculty members whose courses and teaching expertise have been certified by a White Mountains Community College professor teach WMCC courses at the high school during the regular school day.

The cost of a course is $150, plus books and supplies, which are usually provided by participating high schools. These costs are well below the per-credit tuition costs at all New Hampshire public and private institutions of higher learning and offer significant savings on college tuition and in college classroom time.

Even better news is that scholarships are available to students with financial need.

Funds for this donation were raised via a Halloween-themed bowling event and the sale of raffle tickets to win $100 worth of scratch tickets.

White Mountain Rotary presents a donation of $1,000 to the Running Start Program of White Mountains Community College. From left: Mandy Remillard, sergeant at arms, White Mountain Rotary; Michael Peterson, president, White Mountain Rotary; Chuck Lloyd, president, White Mountains Community College; Christine Grant, Running Start coordinator, White Mountains Community College. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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CONCORD — Gov. Chris Sununu announced that the state has secured a $26.8 million Preschool Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The University of New Hampshire will serve as the lead agency administering the grant, in collaboration with the New Hampshire Departments of Education and Health and Human Services, and an array of stakeholders.

The grant will build capacities for learning and well-being at home, in child care, and community-based settings for children from birth to age 5. This would include a Welcome Families website, direct support for New Hampshire’s Family Resource Centers, expanded coaching of play-based learning and best practices, development of an Early Childhood Center of Excellence at UNH, and providing grants directly to New Hampshire communities.

“This grant will build on my administration’s commitment to Early Childhood Development,” said Sununu. “It started with creating full-day kindergarten funding in 2017. We have established a coordinated system of support across all aspects of early childhood education. Recently, we have seen some other federal grants fall victim to partisan politics in the Legislature, and that cannot happen here. Both parties have a responsibility to deliver results for our kids and it is imperative the Legislature not reject these funds.”

“While many educational and public health indicators rank New Hampshire above other states, there are disparities, especially among New Hampshire’s most vulnerable families,” said Kimberly Nesbitt, UNH assistant professor of human development and family studies and the primary investigator on the grant. “UNH is committed to undertaking research like to make a positive impact on the state and its people.”

A needs assessment revealed that 70 percent of parents turn to family, friends and neighbors when looking for information on effective early childhood care and education. New Hampshire has used this knowledge to drive the state’s unique approach in which parents play a dual role as both recipients and providers of supports and services.

Recognizing that families are the most local, and often most trusted, source of support, New Hampshire’s proposed strategies are centered on communities as the hub for engagement, capacity building and service delivery.

“Over the last couple of years, DHHS has been intensely focused on integrating and strengthening programs and services that support families with young children,” said Christine Tappan, associate commissioner of human services and behavioral health. “This grant links to and leverages numerous DHHS efforts already underway including: Child Welfare Transformation, 10 Year Mental Health Plan, Community Collaborations and the Whole Family Approach to Jobs, all of which have at their core elevating the voice of parents, locally designed and delivered services that are enabled through state government as facilitators.”

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Funding still available for robotics

CONCORD — The New Hampshire Department of Education announced that 101 New Hampshire schools have been awarded grants so far this year from the Robotics Education Fund. That compares to 57 schools last year.

The grants, which help fund the purchase of robotics kits, stipends for coaches, and competition expenses including transportation, total $522,000 so far. Participating schools are eligible for another grant next year.

Schools in Coos County that received grants include: Berlin High School received $7,587; Gorham Middle High School received $5,565; Groveton Middle/High School received $6,000; White Mountain Regional High School received $8,740.

The purpose of the program is to motivate public school students, including those attending traditional and charter schools, to pursue educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, while building critical life and work-related skills. Grants from the robotics education fund established in RSA 188-E:24 shall be available to any eligible public school, traditional or charter, for the purpose of financing the establishment of a robotics team and its participation in competitive events.

“Robotics tournaments combine teambuilding, problem solving, and hands-on high-tech experience. I am thrilled that the Robotics Education Fund is helping more than 100 New Hampshire schools compete over the next two years,” said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. “Funding is still available, and I would encourage any eligible school with a robotics team, or starting one, to apply.”

Eligibility:
- Must be for students attending public schools, traditional or charter.
- The school must develop a two-year itemized budget for the robotics program.
- The school must establish a partnership with, or have a valid letter of commitment from, at least one sponsor, such as a business entity or institution of higher education.
- The school must participate in at least one competitive event each year.
- Grants will support robotics teams for the next two years.

For more information, contact Melissa White at Melissa.White@doe.nh.gov or (603) 271-3855.

The more people to whom you brag about being friends jealous is challenging to comprehend.

I know, the idea of going somewhere on vacation and not making all of your (insert social media platform) trip to yourself on social media.

But the other part is the peace of mind they enjoy keeping the home safe and secure while you are gone. They can rest easy knowing all is well in the home (no nervousness knowing someone trusted is in their home each night.

Part of that is, of course, to take care of my furry friend, whom I house/dog-sit when they are out of town. The best thing is to get someone to be there for real.

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Happy holidays and raise a seasonal toast to 100 New Hampshire schools last year. 57 schools have been awarded grants so far this year from the Robotics Education Fund.

The legal firm representing the board of assessors, called the allegations “baseless”. The BTLA said it has questions and concerns about the rationale and timing of the city’s decision to perform the update in the fall of 2018 and why it did not hold a hearing on the new assessments.

The board wants to discuss the selected time frame, the small number of sales used in the update, and the land valuation model. It also wants to review the decision-making process on abatement applications.

The BTLA said it also has questions about the obligations and performance of KRT as well as adjustments by the board of assessors for factors including depreciation, obsolescence, neighborhood codes, site index codes, building quality and condition factors.
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9 ___ Benedict; fancy of guilt
13 Wild hog
15 Huge lifting device
16 Outer garment
17 Speechless
18 Place to stay
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56 Member of WWII’s Allied Powers

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4 Plot
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13 Houses for tenants
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15 Poem divisions
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17 Prepare to be photographed
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YESTERDAY’S ANSWER
DEAR ABBY: We are expecting our first child after many years of struggling with infertility. We are overjoyed, to say the least. I have a wonderful partner who used to be my father but who now identifies as a woman—I call her “Grace.” She’s a supportive, loving, wonderful parent, and always was.

The problem is, the rest of the family has yet to see her transition. They are aware of what has happened, but are not comfortable with it. One family member keeps insisting that Grace is not transgender, just “confused.” She says that if she ever saw Grace dressed as a woman, she would laugh.

When it comes to a celebration for our bundle of joy, how do I handle this? I can’t imagine having the celebration without Grace, and I wouldn’t dream of asking her to dress as a man because I know how uncomfortable she would be. But I’m afraid if she attends, none of the other family will come because they are so uncomfortable. -- TRANSPARENT IN NEVADA

DEAR TRANSPARENT: Grace is not “confused.” People do not change their gender identity on a lark. The transition is time-consuming and difficult. Grace deserves to be treated with compassion and common courtesy. Make this clear to your family members. If you feel that one or more of them would be so rude as to ridicule your parent, strike them from your guest list.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has not been in good health for years. He had an accident in 2007 in which his left arm was broken. The doctor did many surgeries over seven years, but he had to have it amputated in 2014. Ten months ago, he suffered a debilitating stroke in the left lobe of his brain. He now has aphasia, the inability to use his right hand and arm, a loss of balance and he cannot walk unassisted. He must have help in all areas of daily living. I placed him in a rehab center, then into a nursing home.

The problem is, I feel so guilty about leaving him there. He isn’t happy and he blames me for keeping him there. I visit as often as possible, but it isn’t often enough for him I am sure. I am so disappointed. This is not the life that I had planned. Would you please tell me how to stop blaming myself, and how to accept this situation? -- SORRY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to you and your husband. Not everyone is so fortunate as to live the life they have planned. If you haven’t already done so, it may be time to reach out to your Area Agency on Aging and talk to someone there about what emotional support services may be available near you. The Eldercare Locator, which is sponsored by the U.S. Administration on Aging, is another resource.

Counseling can help you accept this “new normal” and lessens your feelings of guilt for making a decision that, while not pleasant, is what your husband now requires so his health needs will be met. It will, however, be your responsibility to stay close and ensure that happens.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The science indicates that the advantage, but usually the house wins.

Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 6, 40, and you’ll invest in meaningful pursuits. Pisces and

PISCES (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to do heart is fulfilled, there’s not much else that matters.

The process of becoming is often undetectable in real time, and glaringly obvious in hindsight. All you have control over are the behaviors you employ to get there. Keep packing up all the good parts of you and trust that it’s working.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 26). You haven’t always been able or allowed to express yourself, so the chances you get this year are, in a sense, child- hood dreams come true. You’ll add skills to your Arsenal and friends to your fold, even simulta- neously. Financial matters are put in proper perspective and you’ll invest in meaningful pursuits. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 6, 40, and 7.

Universal Crossword

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1 Old hat
6 Bike
10 Former CBS forensic show
11 It parodies aagoon
13 It engages a lagoon
14 Series of ancestors
15 Chinatown neighbor
16 Extinct bird
18 Maze
19 Puzzle’s constructor
20 Loves’ clash
21 Michelangelo masterpiece
22 Heer...?
24 Intention
25 Disguising internet phenomenon?
26 Start of many rappers’ names
28 Yourself can’t cast them before swine
30 Neck and neck
36 Casual attempt
39 Louvre Pyramid designer 1.M.
40 Needing charging
41 “Enr...”
42 Some are whopping
44 “Eft” extras
45 Game cube thrown by an Egyptian deity?
48 Jimmy Eat World genre
49 Lake comicway
50 Five, in Mexico City
53 One’s time
56 Coffee
60 Director’s urging to the dog in “The Wizard of Oz”
63 Burden
64 What may come down in buckets
65 A la King
66 Fuel for an expedition
68 Sparkle holy water on
71 Down

DOWN

1 Places to doodle during meetings
2 Situated above
3 Fizzy drink
4 They may sleep while
5 Name hidden in
68 Gravel over
69 Modern dating platform
70 Ice Bucket Challenge initials
71 Make very happy
22 Bay of Naples isle
30 Russian pancakes
35 “Tinker to ___ to Chance” Destined to (2)
36 Infinite loops don’t have them
37 Rising astrology’s exam
40 Boardroom biggie
42 Aromatic compound
43 “Cornelia” Alfred
44 “___ the opinion ...”
47 Brewery named for a Dutch river
50 Blockage
51 New Rochelle college
53 French pronoun
55 Actress Delany
56 Dutch river
57 Elites’ teachings
58 Elevator maker
59 “Little piggies”
60 “Cornelia”
61 Bonnie and Clyde
62 Nebraska senator
66 “Cornelia’s”
67 “The opinion ...”
68 Brewery named for a Dutch river
69 “Little piggies”
70 “Cornelia’s”

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**Olympians’ tourney winners**

The final standings in the Wednesday, Olympian & Friends League are (from left): David Law, Pam Couture and Travis Roy, Team Show Offs with 27 wins and 9 losses. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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**CO-ED DART LEAGUE**

Weekly Results No. 11

Snowshoe Devils, 4; Berlin Spring, 7; All Terrain, 4; SSDE, 7; Bye, SSA.

**Season Standings:**

Snowshoe Devils, 58; Berlin Spring, 48; Snowshoe Angels, 43; All Terrain, 34; Snowshoe Dragons, 23.

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**Weekly Results No. 10**

Snowshoe Devils, 5; All Terrain, 6; Berlin Spring, 3; Snowshoe Angels, 8; Bye, AT.

**Season Standings:**

**Berlin Spring,** 51; Snowshoe Angels, 51; Snowshoe Devils, 50; All Terrain, 40; SSDE, 28.


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**Season Standings:**

**Berlin Spring,** 51; Snowshoe Angels, 51; Snowshoe Devils, 50; All Terrain, 40; SSDE, 28.


**Weekly Results No. 12**

Snowshoe Angels, 5; SSDE, 6; All Terrain, 6; Berlin Spring, 5; Bye, SSD.

**Season Standings:**

**Berlin Spring,** 63; Snowshoe Devils, 63; Snowshoe Angels, 56; All Terrain, 50; Snowshoe Dragons, 32.

**NORTH COUNTRY DART LEAGUE**


**Overlooked ski deals**

Sometimes there are ski area programs, deals and events that go under the radar.

Recently, Ski New Hampshire hosted a media event at Manchester’s McIntyre ski area. Several ski areas turned out, including a handful from the Mount Washington Valley, like Cranmore, King Pine, Bretton Woods and Great Glen Trails. There were also resorts from the other side of the Whites like Cannon and Loon.

It was a chance to schmooze and also ask about some opportunities at areas that might go overlooked.

Cranmore Marketing Director Becca Deschenes used the occasion to roll out new local specials for residents of Carroll, Coos and Oxford Counties. Locals Learn to Ski Days start Dec. 15 and Dec. 22 with $10 90-minute group ski and snowboard lessons for those aged 7 and up.

The package includes rental gear and a lower mountain lift ticket. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 556-5544, ext. 333.

Students aged 5 to 14 in SAU 9, SAU 13 and MSAD 72 can take advantage of the Sunday Student Pass good for non-holiday Sundays all season. The cost is $99.

Lastly, locals pay $25 for Sunday Funday tickets from noon to 4 p.m. on non-holiday Sundays. Buy them at the ticket office.

“I think this is going to go over really well,” Deschenes said. Plus, everyone should look for Rollback Days on select Sundays with online purchase.

King Pine Marketing Director Thomas Prindle reminded skiers and riders about the many activities linked to the lift ticket.

The ticket also provides access to the enclosed Tohko Dome ice skating rink that has a Zamboni. The pass also provides access to King Pines’ cross-country and snowshoe trail network.

“You can come to King Pine, do some skiing and riding. Maybe bring along a pair of ice skates and do a little bit of ice skating with your family and friends and then maybe go out for a snowshoe walk by Purry Lake,” he said. “I think this is one of those things that people often overlook.”

Bretton Woods Marketing Director Craig Clemmer pointed skiers and riders to the Telegraph T-bar and Mount Stickney cabin.

“We are also trying to do something unique to Bretton Woods and try to make it fun,” Clemmer said. The T-bar gets you to the side-country ski experience with those glades, especially when we get more natural snow.”

He also reminds people about the soaring Canopy Tour. Most people think of it as a summer and fall pastime, but it’s also running during the winter.

Steve’s Sports

3 tourneys planned this week

The first thing I want to do is wish my lovely wife, Melinda, a Happy Anniversary today. It’s been a great 38-year run so far; let’s see if we can double it (although I just had a birthday, and if I do the math, I would be 108 years old!). Maybe we should just concentrate on year at a time instead.

There are three Christmas (Holiday) Tourneys taking place today through Saturday.

Berlin High School boys’ hockey team will take part in the seventh annual Peter Hall Christmas Tournament at Kennett’s Ham Arena, with their first game scheduled for today at 3 p.m. against Kennett (see related story).

The Gorham Huskies will host their own basketball tournament, beginning Friday, with Pittsburg-Canaan, Lisbon and Profile participating. The schedule is as follows:

Friday: Game 1: 2 p.m. Pitts/Canaan vs. Lisbon girls; Game 2: 3:30 p.m. Pitts/Canaan Vs. Lisbon boys; Game 3: 5 p.m. Gorham vs. Profile girls and Game 4: 6:30 p.m. Gorham vs. Profile boys.

Saturday: 2 p.m.: girls consolation game; 3:30 p.m.: boys consolation game; 5 p.m.: girls championship; and 6:30 p.m.: boys championship.

**Gorham basketball season openers**

The girls and boys had mixed results in their season opening games. The girls’ team lost their home-opener to Lin-Wood 33-30, on Thursday, Dec. 19. I watched the last few minutes of the game on NSN, with Lin-Wood up by one point with 2:36 left in the game.

Gorham had a number of chances to take the lead and possible control of the game, but costly turnovers hurt them.

Karly Cordwell did hit a key shot with 25 seconds left to tie things up at 30 but Lin-Wood began their “stalling technique,” and forced Gorham to foul when it resulted in one successful foul shot, but later on another Huskie mistake resulted in a hoop for the Lumberjacks and a three-point lead, which was the margin of victory even though Gorham did have a last second attempt at a shot but time ran out.

Meanwhile in Game 2, the Gorham boy’s won by a 10-point margin over Lin-Wood, 55-45, for their first win of the season.

Coach Dave Morrissette said the boys, “Played a great game with high energy and speed, which helped to dictate the tempo of the game, as they attacked the basket on the break regularly, and at one point in time were up by 22 points.”

The game was all tied up at 10 at the conclusion of period 1, but Gorham broke the tie with a 12-5 second-period advantage, to lead 22-15, at intermission.

They extended that lead with a 23-13 run in Period 3, and according to Coach Morrissette, “Had a big third quarter, forced numerous turn-overs and pushed the ball in transition” to lead by a comfortable score of 45-18, going into the final stanza.

Morrissette continued, “In the fourth quarter, we got away from our game plan and allowed Lin-Wood too many second chances,” which resulted in them having the upper hand at 17-10, but it was too little, too late.

Jesse Laflamme found his rhythm with 22 points, including three three-pointers, Ben Beals chipped in with 12; Aiden Etienne, 11; and rounding out the scoring, AJ Landry with 9.

I watched some of that game on NSN and Gorham seemed to be “clicking on all cylinders,” and were up at that point in time by 14 points, 37-23.

**Berlin teams to play in Groveton tourney**

Berlin High School will travel to Groveton to compete in their basketball tournament along with the hosts, White Mountain Regional and Colebrook, with action also beginning tomorrow.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Dec. 27: Game 1, 3 p.m.: White Mountains Regional vs. Colebrook (girls); Game 2, 4:15 p.m.: White Mountain Regional vs. Colebrook (boys); Game 3, 5:45 p.m.: Berlin vs. Groveton (girls); and Game 4, 7 p.m.: Berlin vs. Groveton (boys).

Saturday, Dec. 28: Game 5, 11 a.m.: Loser of girls games; Game 6, 12:15 p.m.: Loser of boys games; Game 7, 1:45 p.m.: Girls championship and Game 8, 3 p.m.: Boys championship.

In addition the Berlin High School Unified basketball team will have an alumni game this Saturday, Dec. 28, at the gym, beginning at 10 a.m., and the Berlin girl’s hockey will host Bishop Guertin, also on Saturday, at the Notre Dame Arena, beginning at 6 p.m.

**Berlin girls’ fall to Interlakes**

The Interlakes girls’ basketball team defeated Berlin High School last Friday night in Meredith 40-30. This was a game that Berlin Coach Don Picard described as, “a game where the majority of the time the teams exchanged the lead numerous times with the score being within three points.”

Berlin had the lead after one period, 11-9; down by one, at 19-18, at halftime; and up by one point (27-26) after three.

Picard said, “The fourth quarter was the difference maker as we made one field goal and went one for nine from the free-throw line (6-21 overall), amidst a plethora of misses. We gave up some open and easy layups, uncontested three-pointers, and freshman

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**Notice to Gorham Residents**

In observance of the New Year Holiday, the Public Works Dept./Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st. If Wednesday is your scheduled garbage collection day your garbage will be picked up on Thursday, January 2, 2020 and if it is your scheduled recycling day, your recycling will be picked up on your next scheduled day.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

**INVIITATION TO BID**

The City of Berlin is inviting sealed bids until 2 PM prevailing time Thursday, January 9, 2020, at the City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire for Contract 2020-02, Handheld Portable Radios. The City through its City Manager reserves the right to waive minor defects in form and to reject any or all bids as is determined to be in the best interest of the City. Bid Documents may be obtained, at no charge from the City Manager’s Office, 168 Main St, Berlin or City of Berlin website (www.berlin nh.gov/bids)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Berlin City Council will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall to hear comments regarding:

Resolution 2020-01 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of land consisting of approximately 14.9 acres identified on Milan Tax Map 42 and known as Lot 2-F-1A to the Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association (“AVGA”).

The full text of the proposed resolution is available at the City Clerk’s Office as well as on the City’s web site: www.berlinnh.gov. Shelli Fortin, City Clerk

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