

Consultant says Berlin can support a hotel

BY BARBARA TETREAULT THE BERLIN SUN BERLIN — The head of the management firm overseeing development of a 60-room hotel in Rumford, Maine, is enthusiastic about the opportunity to build a small hotel in Berlin. "It definitely can be done," said Rob McCarthy, founder of the Melan Hotel Group. see **HOTEL** page 7

Snowshoe club gives out free meals



The Le Joliette Snowshoe Club with the help from members of the Eagles Club and VFW of Berlin gave away a free meal to anyone who wanted one Tuesday. The club is a social organization founded years ago mainly by Canadian immigrants. They got together twice a year, once in Canada and once in America, and had snowshoe races until COVID put a stop to these events. To keep their non-profit status, the club has ben holding meal giveaways. They are planning another in mid-September. From left: Bob Pemberton, Anita Bergeron, Harold Arsenault, Cheryl Flanders, Donna Dupont. (RITA DUBE PHOTO)

Gorham officials happy with ATV parking changes

BY EDITH TUCKER THE BERLIN SUN GORHAM — ATV traffic on Lancaster Road (Route



2) to the state-owned parking lot on the edge of the Presidential Rail Trail has been reduced substantially, reported select board member Judy LeBlanc at





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LeBlanc explained that she lives in the

Monday evening's biweekly meeting on June 14.

pany leaders.

manufacturing

ny's production of COVID-19

vaccines in Baltimore, where

have rendered 75 million

doses unusable and forced

a two-month-long shutdown

of operations. Emergent has nonetheless enjoyed the best

financial year in its two-de-

cade history, thanks largely to

the government's largess and

decision to sidestep the usual

contracting rules, interviews

and previously undisclosed

2020 not only committed to

reserve production space at the troubled Baltimore plant,

but also booked two Emer-

gent facilities nearby to bottle

and package vaccines and

coronavirus drugs. Regulators have criticized those

sites for quality shortcomings

in recent years, according to

previously unreported inspec-

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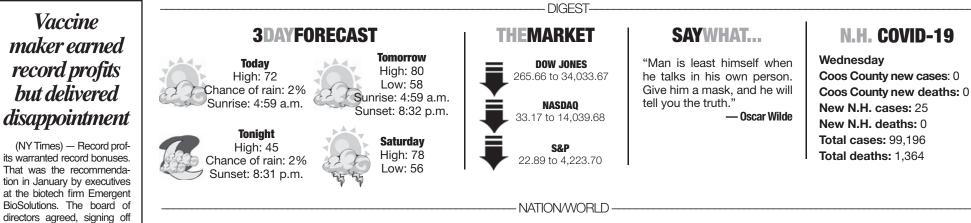
not taking adequate steps to

prevent contamination.

Federal officials in May

documents show.

mistakes



on nearly \$8 million in cash Biden, Putin say talks went well and stock awards for five com-The bonuses arrived this spring even as Congress was investigating the compa-

GENEVA (NY Times) —President Joe Biden and President Vladimir Putin of Russia emerged from their first in-person summit Wednesday and offered broad claims of good will, but it was clear that on issues ranging from cyberattacks to human rights, the two countries remain profoundly divided.

"There has been no hostility," Putin said as he met with reporters after the summit in Geneva. "On the contrary, our meeting took place in a constructive spirit."

For his part, Biden said, "The tone of the entire meeting was good, positive."

But the tensions remained evident.

Putin denied that Russia has played a role in a spate of increasingly bold cyberattacks against U.S. institutions and said it was the United States that is the biggest offender.

The Russian leader also appeared to give short shrift to what Biden had said was a key objective of the talks: to establish some "guardrails" that would make some kinds of attacks on critical infrastructure off limits in peacetime.

Biden said that he had pressed the Russian president on a variety of issues — and that he would not stop doing so.

"I made it clear to President Putin that we'll continue to raise issues of fundamental human rights," he said.

"I did what I came to do," Biden said.

He expressed optimism that Putin would not seek to escalate the tensions between the two nations.

"The last thing he wants now is a cold war," Biden said, noting that "we have significant cyber-capabilities, and he knows it."

The high-stakes diplomatic engagement came at the end of a whirlwind weeklong European tour for Biden in which he sought to rebuild the traditional alliances that often bolstered the United States' position during the Cold War.

Biden has argued that the world is at an "inflection point," with an existential battle underway between democracy and autocracy. But with Putin at the vanguard of the autocrats, the American leader faced criticism from some quarters for even taking part in the summit.

Sensitive to the dangers of appearing to embrace the Russian leader, the White House insisted that both men hold separate news conferences after the three-hour meeting. Putin spoke first.

There were signs of easing tensions.

Putin said the two nations had agreed that their ambassadors, who both returned to their home countries amid the tensions, should return to their posts in the near future. He said they would also begin "consultations" on cyber-related issues.

"We believe the sphere of cybersecurity is extremely important for the world in general — including for the United States, and for Russia to the same degree," he said.

Putin, who flew in from Sochi, Russia, arrived first for the summit at an 18th-century Swiss villa perched above Lake Geneva. A short time later, Biden's motorcade pulled up as Russian, American and Swiss flags waved in the breeze under a blue sky with the United States entourage.

The two leaders were greeted by President Guy Parmelin of Switzerland, who welcomed them to Geneva, "the city of peace."

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, NH, to hear the following case:

03-21 An application for Special Exception has been filed with the Berlin Zoning Board by Patrick McLaughlin. The subject property is located in a Residential Single Family Zone, at 41 Rheims Street, Tax Map 135, Lot 68. The request for a Special Exception, if approved, would allow construction of a 16'x40' garage (640sf) in addition to existing 560sf permitted shed which will be a total of a 1,200sf detached accessory buildings. This request comes under Article II, Section 17-24. Uses by Special Exception and 17-26.1 Dimensional Special Exceptions of the Berlin Zoning Ordinance.

You can also submit written comments prior to the meeting and sent them to 168 Main Street, Berlin, NH 03570 or email them to jarenburg@berlinnh.gov before 4:00pm on Monday, June 28, 2021.

> Posted by: Reverend Dana Hoyt Chairman, ZBA







The Berlin City Council discussed the possibility of major renovations to the Berlin Fire Station (above) located at 263 Main St. during their Monday evening work session. Renovations would include repairs to the current station and a building to the south of the main station building. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)

City council talks about renovating fire station

By WILLIAM CARROLL THE BERLIN SUN

BERLIN — The Berlin City Council continued its discussions regarding work that needs to be done at the Berlin Fire Station.

During Monday's council work session, City Manager Jim Wheeler presented a report from Alba Architects regarding contemplated work at the station.

Wheeler noted that the council had previously discussed looking at the feasibility of tearing down the storage building on the south side of the station and putting a new building there as a means to house the station's equipment, specifically the station's ladder truck, two fire engines and a tanker. He noted that work will need to be done on the fire station's main building regardless of what action is taken on the storage building as the floor in the existing building does not structurally meet code requirements and is continuing to degrade.

The report from Alba specifically

states that, "the structural floor system of the existing building is significantly undersized for the weight and forces applied of stationing equipment. In addition, roof replacement, window replacement, and boiler replacement are all needed."

The report further states, "With the partial demolition of the neighboring building, consideration could be given to a new building located directly adjacent to the existing building, specifically designed for the stationing of vehicle equipment."

The report notes this would be achieved by demolishing the building on the south side and building a single-story slab on grade structure to be used solely for storing vehicle equipment.

During the presentation of the report, Wheeler said the proposed new building would have four bays to match the four pieces of equipment to be stored there.

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Happy 90th Birthday Cecile Poirier



June 21, 1931 Love, JP, Sylvia, Donald,









– LETTERS –

Why is the GOP going down a rabbit hole?

To the editor:

Why is the Republican Party going down the rabbit hole with Donald Trump?

What happened in January was the second time that a flag other than the red white and blue was on display.

In the War of 1812, it was

a Union Jack flag, Jan. 6 a Confederate flag. Do you really believe that Trump will be reinstated in August? Try Googling the party of

lies. The GOP will show up. The state motto is credited

to John Stark. Stanley Ouellette

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An open letter to our 'pro-choice' governor

To the editor:

Dear Gov. Chris Sununu,

I support a woman's right to choose. I can't believe that a "pro-choice governor" (your own words) would support an abortion ban that allows no exception for rape, incest or the health of the mother.

Your legislature has included provisions in the budget that would not pass if they were subject to fiscal scrutiny (SB 130, the school voucher bill) or an independent vote (the "divisive concepts" bill, even as revised in the Senate).

It is fiscally irresponsible, and also dishonest, to sneak these through hoping that you will not dare to veto the budget. New Hampshire taxpayers deserve better. New Hampshire citizens who prize free speech deserve better. New Hampshire teachers, who work so hard for our students — I was one for over 20 years — also deserve better.

We deserve a governor who has the courage to insist that a budget bill be about the budget, not unrelated issues that do need to be debated, but outside of the budget.

Please veto this budget and send it back to the legislature.

Give us a chance to have an honest debate about abortion, free speech and school vouchers.

David Blair Harrisville

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N.H. State Sen. Rebecca Whitley and Clifton West Jr.

We must invest in N.H. families

As parents, we believe that right now is a critical moment to make bold and strategic investments in our families, children, and child care workers, all of whom are essential to building towards a more prosperous economic future. That's why we're proud to support the American Families Plan. The American Families Plan is a once-in-a-generation piece of legislation that prioritizes and funds the foundation of middle-class prosperity: education, health care, and child care. This legislation is much needed here in the Granite State as Republicans in the State House and Governor Sununu fail to prioritize working families by chronically underfunding these critical programs.

The American Families Plan could not be coming at a more important time. Navigating this pandemic has been difficult for us all, especially parents, and particularly working moms who have made hard choices for themselves and their families. Unfortunately, in 2020 we saw nearly 3 million American women leave the workforce and we're seeing this trend continue now in 2021. Many women have left the workforce due to lack of childcare, to help children with remote school, to care for a sick relative, or to recover from COVID themselves.

Working and having a family has never been so difficult. We all know someone who has had to make the hard decision during the pandemic between their job and their family. It's clear that families need time to care for themselves and their loved ones without risking their professional livelihoods and incomes. Supporting working families is central to rebuilding and sustaining our economy and will help us address any compounding inequalities in the long term. Because when women, children and working families thrive, New Hampshire's workforce and economy prosper.

That's why the American Rescue Plan includes a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave program. Today, far too few workplaces have paid family and medical leave — in fact, four out of five private sector workers have no access to paid leave. And the numbers get higher for the lowest wage workers, mostly women and workers of color, with 95 percent of them lacking any access to paid family leave.

The American Families Plan will change that. This plan will provide workers up to \$4,000 a month, with a minimum of two-thirds of average weekly wages replaced, rising to 80 percent for the lowest wage workers.

Paid family and medical leave supports American workers and families and is a critical investment in keeping families strong. Democrats in New Hampshire know this — but unfortunately, Governor Sununu vetoed paid family and medical leave twice, forcing Granite State families to choose between caring for a newborn or a sick loved one and missing a paycheck. Thankfully, the American Families Plan lays the foundation to make it possible for Granite State families like ours to thrive. Most importantly, it will allow workers to care for themselves and their families without being afraid of losing their jobs — and a paycheck.

Another key part of this plan is extending the American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit (CTC) to \$3,000 per child 6-years old and above and \$3,600 per child under 6. This will benefit 221,000 Granite State Kids - including 33,000 children of color. When passed, this proposal is estimated to reduce child poverty in New Hampshire by 39 percent. This would be extraordinarily meaningful to so many families, our economy, and our state. Democrats believe that New Hampshire's middle class deserve financial security and tax breaks, but Republicans like Governor Sununu prioritize their wealthy friends and big businesses over Granite State families. That's why they're opposing this bill.

The American Families Plan also makes critical investments in education, starting with universal, high quality, pre-school. Investing in universal pre-school will improve educational outcomes for young children in New Hampshire while allowing more Granite Staters to get back into the workforce The American Families Plan will also increase the maximum Pell Grant awards by approximately \$1,400 to support the 73,329 students in New Hampshire who rely on Pell for their education, and provide grants to increase college retention and completion.

To make higher education more accessible, the American Families Plan will also provide two years of free community college to all students, including DREAMers. And, this legislation provides financial support to minority-serving institutions and the students they serve across the country, like Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Hispanic-serving institutions. These investments will help working families and close the racial educational gap for Black, Indigenous, AAPI Americans, and other people of color.

Sen. Rebecca Whitley represents Concord, Henniker, Hopkinton, and Warner and Clifton West Jr. is the Vice President of Public Affairs at the NH Young Democrats and Executive Director of Black Lives Matter Seacoast.

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neighborhood in which many residents have complained they are badly affected by ATV enthusiasts off-loading and re-loading their OHRVs and gunning their vehicles as they speed off to reach Jericho Mountain State Park in Berlin.

Noise levels are also far less.

A short stretch of trail alongside the lot up the bridge that replaced the historic pony truss bridge was also paved by the state Trails Bureau, reducing airborne dust.

"Residents are happy with the change and the solution," LeBlanc said.

The lot is now being used exclusively by bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, dog walkers and strollers, some of whom cross Route 2 to use the unpaved emergency road to the Gorham airport that boasts a bridge over the Moose River.

The state ATV parking lot created last year off Route 16 above the Black Trestle and new entrance to the OHRV trail system, plus the parking created for ATVs supplied by Northeast ATV Rentals near the cell-tower base not only address the problems at the Route 2 lot but have also those of Northeast's Main Street ATV support facilities.

"It's like night and day compared to last summer," said chairman Mike Waddell.

He also reported on a field trip that he, LeBlanc, and planning board chairman Paul Robitaille took shortly after the ATV season opened on May 23 to get firsthand information.

The board remained cautious, however, in declaring victory over past problems, noting that it was still early in the motorized warm weather tourist season.

Additional outreach will also be made to the owners and managers of tourist rental properties to ensure that they can provide up-to-date information on what the select board hopes will be the normally used ATV route and parking lot on Route 16.

Town manager Denise Vallee reported that on Friday she and Craig Rennie, the new state Trails Bureau chief supervisor (who formerly worked for the N.H. Department of Environmental Services and began his new job on May 21), District I Trails Bureau supervisor Clint Savage of Gorham, and N.H. Department of Transportation Traffic Bureau Director William "Bill" Lambert rode around town in two ATVs to see and evaluate all the ATV-related wayfinding signs.

Looking at signs while seated in ATVs meant the



Gorham town manager Denise Vallee reported at the June 14 selectmen's meeting on a field trip she took to look an ATV signs with the state Trails Bureau and Department of Transportation officials. (EDITH TUCKER PHOTO).

foursome had the same perspective as will area visitors. A 12- by 12-inch sign, for example, is really almost unnoticeable, she said.

The Trails Bureau is going to try to come up with a sign symbol that's easy for ATVers to spot, with the expectation that it could be used on all ATV trails across the North Country. The bureau is looking for an integrated signage system.

"We've been pushing for better signage for some time," Vallee explained.

DOT is considering adding large painted directional signs right on the pavement of Route 16. Apparently, some drivers have headed north in the wide ATV corridor that was created last year on the southbound side, jeopardizing lives and limbs.

Gorham has received an additional \$2,000 N.H.



Fish and Game patrol grant to be added to the original \$2,200 award.

Vallee also reported that townspeople have not understood that the outlet to Libby Pool is not functioning due to storm damage, making it, in essence, a great big mud puddle without any through-water flow.

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Stewart has applied for an emergency DES permit so that a temporary fix can be made, allowing it to be opened up for the summer months. No one should be swimming now at Libby Pool; its bacteria levels are not being tested.

Vallee also reported to the board that the three-day Fourth of July schedule is posted on the town website. Board members noted that townspeople seemed pleased the event will take place, considering it to be a "return to normalcy," but they're also happy about its being scheduled for fewer days.

Assessing clerk Michelle Lutz presented abatement requests that had been evaluated by KRT Assessors with whom the town has a contract. The select board voted to accept their all their recommendations: Denied abatements at both 9 Alpine St. and 2 Prospect Terrace; reduced the assessment by \$39,600 at 26 Alpine St. where the assessors had previously been denied entrance to both buildings; and reduced the

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McCarthy's assessment was warmly received by the Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority, which hired him in March to evaluate the city's potential to support a small hotel.

Berlin Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme reviewed McCarthy's report with BIDPA at its monthly meeting last week.

Armed with McCarthy's assessment, BIDPA voted to hire him to continue working on the effort for the next three months. By the end of that period, the schedule calls for him to have finalized a group of stakeholders willing to invest in the project, agreed on a site for the hotel, and decided whether it will be an independent or brand hotel. McCarthy will be paid \$5,000 a month as he moves through the various goals for a total of \$15,000.

Under the schedule he has proposed, construction would get underway in spring 2022 and the hotel would open in the summer of 2023.

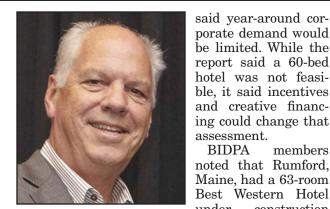
"I really truly feel he can pull this off," said BIDPA Chair Mike Caron.

Board member Paul Robitialle agreed, noting after years of effort he feels this is the closest the city has come to meeting its goal of a hotel.

City Manager James Wheeler pointed out that McCarthy has a lengthy track record in the hospitality business, dating back to 1990.

Before hiring McCarthy in March, BIDPA had just reviewed the results of a comprehensive market demand study for a proposed 60-room hotel in Berlin.

The study, by the Pinnacle Advisory Group, concluded a hotel was not financially feasible for Berlin. Pinnacle projected demand would come mostly from leisure visitors and largely seasonal, with the peak demand from mid-June through October. The study



Rob McCarthy

the mill town with a population of about 6,000 could attract a hotel and not Berlin with a 10,000 population and a growing motorized recreational-based tourism economy.

BIDPA contacted McCarthy, whose firm put together the finance plan for the hotel in Rumford and will manage it. He agreed to review the Pinnacle report and do his own evaluation for a fee of \$9,500.

In the course of three months, he reviewed the Pinnacle study thoroughly and said he thought there was more opportunity here than Pinnacle found.

McCarthy interviewed over 30 people from ranging from local hotel owners and representatives of various hotel chains to financial people and local stakeholders.

One of McCarthy's recommendations is to increase the size from 60 to 77 beds to get better economics of scale. He suggested ultimately the investors may want to go with a brand name hotel to take advantage of their marketing.

In a phone interview, McCarthy said what needs to be determined is the type and style of the hotel.

porate demand would be limited. While the report said a 60-bed hotel was not feasible, it said incentives and creative financing could change that assessment.

BIDPA members noted that Rumford. Maine, had a 63-room Best Western Hotel construction under and wondered how

That, he said, will require research, potential site visits, and discussions with potential stakeholders. In Rumford, he said 29 small business leaders and community members formed an investment

group, Pennacook Falls Investments, LLC, and invested their personal money in the project. That provided the equity to secure the needed loans to build the hotel. The group has been working for two years when the Melan Hotel Group came along and put together a plan that allowed them to get to a groundbreaking.

A hotel in Berlin has long been a goal for the city's economic development efforts.

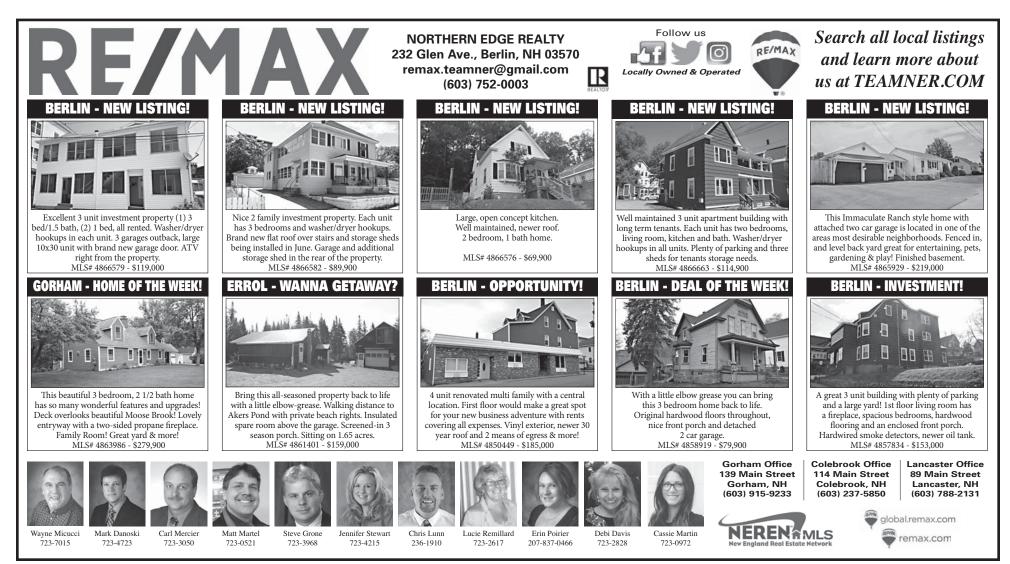
In 2012, Chris Thompson of Parallax Partners met with city officials to discuss the possibility of a Hampton Inn on the Rita Aid property across from the Albert Theater but the project never moved forward.

Two year earlier, Berlin developer Alan McLain unveiled preliminary plans to construct an 80-room hotel on Jericho Road, across from the former Converse Shoe property.

His efforts to get the Comfort Inn chain to build and operate a three-floor hotel were unsuccessful.

McCarthy has a long resume in the hospitality business. He created the Melan Hotel Group in 2016, Prior to that, he was the senior vice president of operations for Linchris Hotel Corporation, a 24-unit hotel chain and management company. In 1998, McCarthy opened the prestigious, 4 Diamond Inn at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

McCarthy also served as the opening general manager and project manager for Sonesta International Hotels Luxor in Cairo, Egypt, a 224-room, five-star hotel with six diverse dining concepts. He was the general manager for the Flatley companies Tara hotels from 1990 to 1995.





REAL ESTATE



By JASON ROBIE

You'll notice my headline didn't say "Going Green." We're not talking about saving the earth today. At least not directly.

My honey loves to garden and I am fortunate enough to enjoy the bounty of her hard work. Mostly, I like the cucumbers, but a garden-fresh tomato is never something to turn your nose at.

It really is true that everything from your garden tastes a thousand times better than anything from the grocery store.

Perhaps it is the love and care that went into it. Most likely it is because it has not been shipped across two countries. I'm not sure. But as some-

one who does not reach for a vegetable by default, creating and curating your own garden is well worth the effort.

When we first began discussions about the remodel, the location of the garden was something we had to keep in mind. It currently gets some great midday sun and then gets a little respite in the later



Jason Robie

afternoon. This allows for early morning watering and then a refresh in the afternoon without worry of burning the leaves like you would do if you watered at noon. With the remodel stretching the home towards the East, it looks like the garden will be able to stay where it is.

I say all that about the garden because I read an interesting and kind of amusing article about "rage gardening" this week. It was on the realtor.com website if you want to find the original. Unless you have been living under a rock, this pandemic has affected us all in various ways.

Our behavior outside the home notwithstanding, we are all feeling the effects of being secluded at home (and being secluded in public). As an introvert, I feel that I fared pretty well this past year. I work from home so I don't really see many people as it is. That said, having the little socialization that I DO enjoy taken away from me did not go unnoticed.

One of the ways we can express our disdain for our current situation is physical exercise. If you've been reading along for the last decade, you know I'm a huge fan of hiking, biking and skiing. I enjoy cycling alone, so a peaceful 60 mile cruise in the Whites is salve for the soul. For others, like my honey, taking her frustrations out on the weeds is a win-win.

She gets outside and enjoys the benefits of a

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Union members and supporters gather June 3 before the House session at the N.H. Sportsplex in Bedford to show their opposition to right-to-work legislation. (ARNIE ALPERT PHOTO)

House kills right-to-work bill, ends any further discussion

BY GARRY RAYNO

CONCORD — The N.H. House dealt a blow to one of the key Republican priorities, soundly defeating right-to-work legislation and then voting not to discuss the issue again during the remainder of the two-year session. Senate Bill 61 had passed the Senate on a

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Northeast Credit Union awards \$40,000 in scholarships to 24 N.H. Maine students

PORTSMOUTH — Twenty-four students from New Hampshire and Maine have been selected as recipients of Northeast Credit Union's 2021 Scholarship Awards totaling \$40,000.

The scholarships were awarded to students who displayed exceptional leadership, compassion and commitment to academics as well as their communities.

Northeast Credit Union President and CEO Timothy J. Collia said: "Our student-members, both graduating high school this year or taking initiative to further their education later in life, have overcome great obstacles in the past year and a half. Under these circumstances, they continued to adapt to new ways of learning, growing and supporting their peers. We are so proud of each student who applied for a Northeast Credit Union's scholarship this year, as they made it incredibly difficult for our Scholarship Committee to make their final selection of the recipients."

This year, the program awarded students from 19 different schools including students from the Berlin and Gorham High Schools.

Becca Pouliot of Berlin High School was awarded the Peter J. Kavalauskas Memorial Scholarship.

Kyra Woodward and Grace Bradley of Berlin High School, and Libby Fortin of Gorham High School were awarded a Love Your Community Scholarship.

White Mountain Rotary welcomes new member



The White Mountain Rotary welcomes Chrissy Grant, MSEd, coordinator of educational partnerships and access at White Mountains Community College, where she coordinates the dual enrollment programs, From left; White Mountain Rotarians, Rotary President James Patry; Chrissy Grant; Ben Belanger, president-elect; and Guy Lopez, secretary. (COURTESY PHOTO)

GAO releases report on **Postal service complaints**

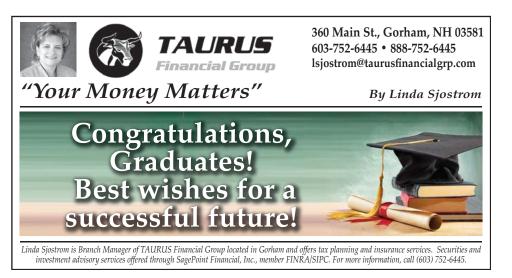
WASHINGTON - Following a request from U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), a member of the committee that oversees the U.S. Postal Service, the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office released a comprehensive report detailing how Postal Service handles customer complaints.

The report found that despite implementing a new online system to track customer complaints, the

Postal Service is still not meeting its performance goals for customer service — which includes timeliness in responding to customer complaints.

"The COVID-19 pandemic furthered underscored our reliance on mail delivery for everything from food to medication, and I know how problematic it can be when those important packages arrive late or don't arrive at

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better looking (weedless) garden and also enjoys the mental benefits of releasing some stress on those pesky vines.

One of the suggestions in the article was to plant "high maintenance"

plants and vegetables. The objective is to create a bit more work for yourself you're inclined \mathbf{SO} to visit the garden more frequently, thus relieving that much more stress.

We also have implemented raised gardens or "boxes" (not sure what the correct term is, but you get it). These are great because they tend to allow for healthier (more concentrated) soil as well as separating themselves from the riff raff down on the "normal" dirt where there are far more weeds.

In many cases, we tend to stew on what is bothering us. It keeps churning over and over in our minds. In this way, cycling is not great (without a good playlist or podcast) because on the open road there's not much to do BUT think.

With a gardening project, there is literally always something to be done.

"Just walking into the garden area spins up a whole list of projects that can be tackled," notes Badger Realty

agent Don Lapointe. "This is perfect for those times when you are frustrated and stressed out." A few minutes weeding or harvesting your yummy bounty is sure to allow those frustrations to fade away.

And it's not too late. I'm not an expert in gardening (by a long shot)

It really is true that everything from your garden tastes a thousand times better than anything from the grocery store.

but I do know that we are about to plant cucumbers and the tomatoes are still really small.

local garden shop and get some recommendations for what you

You could even mix up the tasks a bit as well. By that I just mean, you could plant your garden treats, even using raised beds, and then focus on the rest of the area with fencing, weeding, watering, etc.

There are no rules when it comes to your garden. Plant whatever you want and enjoy the learning process.

Home improvement projects can be (and usually are) stressful.

Perhaps this spring/summer is better spent on a more simple project that can benefit you in your brain and your belly.

Happy gardening.

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all," Hassan said. "When these delays do occur, Granite Staters deserve to have their complaints resolved quickly and efficiently.

"This report shows that the Postal Service still has a way to go to improve its response time to customer complaints, as well address ongoing mail delays. I will keep pushing the Postal Service to improve its operations so that Granite Staters can receive the consistent and quality service that they expect and deserve."

The GAO report found that in Fiscal Year 2020, Americans made 10.7 million customer complaints to the Postal Service, the majority of which were related to late or missing packages.

The report also noted that Postal Service installed a new software system in 2019 to better collect and track customer service and complaint information, which postal officials say may help the Postal Service better identify service issues and analyze issues resulting in complaints.

Hassan is working to improve the Postal Service, which is especially vital for rural communities in New Hampshire, and recently joined in introducing bipartisan legislation to strengthen the Postal Service and improve the agency's long-term financial stability. Additionally, last year, Hassan led negotiations to include \$10 billion for USPS in the COVID-19 relief and government funding package that was signed into law in December to help the agency address pandemic-related mail delays. Furthermore, following a request from Hassan, the Postal Service inspector general issued a report that found that the main cause of postal delays and poor service in New Hampshire was a lack of permanent staff.





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BILL from page 8

13-11 vote; supporters believed this year would be the best opportunity they would have to make New Hampshire the only state in the Northeast with right-to-work.

The bill would prohibit collective bargaining agreements from requiring all employees to pay for the negotiating and administering costs of master contracts.

Similar bills have been before the Legislature for almost 40 years, but none has become law, instead killed by the House or Senate, or successfully vetoed by the governor.

Proponents say right-to-work promotes worker choice and forces unions to provide better services. They also claim it will spur companies to move or expand in New Hampshire, however, the claim is controversial.

But opponents say it is "right-to-work-for-less," union busting in favor of executives and investors, and un-American because it forces unions to provide their services for free to non-members.

Supporters of right-to-work said it is a matter of value and freedom of choice, but opponents said it intrudes into a business relationship between employers and their employees.

"It is unfair for non-union employees to reap the benefits of collective bargaining agreements," said Rep. Donald Bouchard (D-Manchester), "while their fellow employees cover the cost with their union dues."

He said federal law already protects workers who do not want to join a union and instead they pay a reduced fee to cover the costs of negotiations and administering the contract.



Wages are higher in non-right-to-work states, and workplaces are safer, while worker fatalities are 54 percent higher in rightto-work states, Bouchard said. "The real purpose of this legislation is to tilt the balance toward business and further rig the system at the expense of the state's working families," he said. "They want to make everyone an at-will worker."

Tim Soucy

But bill supporters said companies will be knocking at the state's door if right-to-work passes, and say those states with the provision have higher rates of job growth.

The growth is greatest in small manufacturing, said Rep. Tim Baxter (R-Seabrook), which will attract more employers to move to the state.

"No worker to keep his job and put food on the table should violate his conscience to join a union and be forced to fund political speech that violates his deeply held view," he said.

Rep. Leonard Turcotte (R-Barrington), told of his 36-year involvement with the pilots association for American Airlines often in leadership roles. He said 99 percent of the pilots joined the union as he did because they received value for their money.

"The value I received from my union provided an adequate return on my investment," he said.

He said if he does not believe he is receiving value for his investment, he should have the freedom to not pay union dues.



Leonard Turcotte

Hampshire has a long legislative history of not interfering with private relationships, why do we want to do it now?"

"This is not about

union busting," Turcotte

said. "This is about the

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But Rep. Tim Soucy

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should not be.

After the vote, the head of one of New Hampshire's largest labor unions praised the House's action.

"These bills are nothing more than out-of-state, corporate interests looking to take advantage of our lawmakers, our businesses, and our workers," said AFL-CIO New Hampshire president Glenn Bracket. "They deprive workers of their freedom to join together and form strong unions if they choose to. And they have no business being a part of how we do things here in New Hampshire."

The head of the national right-to-work organization said the vote is getting closer to passage in New Hampshire and vowed to try again next year.

By the House's vote to indefinitely postpone the bill, no further action can be taken on right-to-work until a new legislature is elected.

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Dog owners have until July 15 to register pets

BERLIN — State law requires dog owners to annually register their fourlegged friends with the city and Berlin residents have until July 15 to do so without paying an additional \$25 civil forfeiture fee.

City Clerk Shelli Fortin reported to the city council Monday night that 218 dog owners have not registered with the city despite multiple notices mailed from her office. Technically, registrations are due on May 30 and Fortin said 905 owners have registered their dogs as required.

The cost to register is \$6.50 per dog for those neutered and spayed and \$9 per dog for unaltered dogs.

Senior citizens over age 65 are

charged \$2 per dog. The owner must also show proof that the dog has had its rabies vaccination shot. There is a \$1 late charge per month for registrations after June 1.

Failure to register your dog is a violation of state law. The council decided to give residents until July 15 to register dogs. After that, those not in compliance will be assessed a civil forfeiture fine of \$25 plus the registration fee. Failure to pay the fee and fine within 15 days will result in a court summons.

Dog owners can register their dogs at the city clerk's office or download a registration form from the city's website and mail in their registration.



The building south of the main Berlin Fire Department building was part of the city council's discussion Monday regarding a potential new structure to house fire vehicle equipment. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)

FIRE STATION from page 3

The report lays out the project in two phases. Wheeler said Phase I would include renovations to the existing fire department building at a projected cost of \$594,000. He said that figure is effectively equal to the amount of money the city has available currently.

The report notes that Phase I would include structural reinforcement of the existing floor system and replacement of the existing fire station roof, windows and boiler.

Wheeler said that Phase IIA would include renovations to the building on the south side of the station at an estimated cost of \$187,000. He said even though the city only has enough money currently for Phase I, he hoped that between minimizing the scope of work for Phase I and how the bids come in on the project, the city may have funds available to do some of the work for phase IIA.

Phase IIB, which would be a complete replacement of the building on the south side with the proposed fourbay building would be something for the city to consider for the future. Wheeler said the proposed cost for the new building is \$893,000.

City council member Mark Eastman said that the city must perform work under Phase I as far as he is concerned. He suggested getting Phase I taken care of before moving on to either option under Phase II.

The building on the south side currently houses Fire Engine 2, according to Fire Chief James Watkins.

No action was taken Monday on the proposed renovations.

George A. Laflamme

OBITUARY -

George A. Laflamme, 92, of Milan, N.H., passed away on Monday June 7, 2021, at the St. Vincent de Paul Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

He was born in Berlin, N.H. on Aug. 25, 1928, the son of George J. and Georgia (Howard) Laflamme and was a lifelong resident of the Berlin-Milan area.

He served with the Army Air Force during World War II and was a life member of the White Mountain Post 2520 VFW in Berlin. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for James River

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assessment at 26 White Birch Lane by \$9,200 since the dwelling does not have a full foundation as the assessors had thought.

The board also acted on a three-part decision of the state Board of Tax and Land Appeals on a commercial property at 195 Main St. where Road Hawg BBQ Swine Dining is located: a refund including interest for 2018 of \$4,974.90; a refund including interest for 2019 of \$4,497.67; and a \$3,949.40 abatement for 2020.

The board also considered whether or not to continue the moratorium on charging building permit fees on residential properties. Many homeowners do not realize that they should get a permit before undertaking remodelCorporation.

Family includes his sister Doris Laflamme of Berlin, N.H.; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Anne Marie Demers Laflamme and his sisters Irene Savard, Florence Gauthier and Jeannette Therriault; and by his brothers Richard, Norman, Howell, Maurice and Raymond.

Per George's wishes, there will be no services. The Bryant and Fleury-Patry Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Find the online guestbook is available at bryantfuneralhome.net.

ing projects, even if no fee is charged. Waddell pointed out that the planning board will discuss tonight (June 17) the new short-term rental ordinance which passed town meeting in March.

"These short-term rental permits and how we interact and collect them will come before us," he explained. The board voted to leave residential building permits as is for now, with the understanding that all residential permits will be discussed, together.

Vallee also updated the board on the progress of the Main Street paving project. Its completion date has been changed to Thursday, June 24.

The work is expected to be done over four nights, rather than two. Traffic in downtown Gorham is much heavier than contractor Pike Industries expected.



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DEAR ABBY by Abigail Van Buren WEDDING PLANS COVER ALMOST **EVERYTHING**

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married, and my fiance's daughters, 19 and 21, are in the wedding party. I have purchased the dresses they are wearing, which are light and flowing. I have told the girls that on the day of the wedding I do not want them wearing thong underwear. The older one then went to her dad and said she didn't want to wear regular underwear. He told her she could wear whatever she wants. I have tried telling them that as young ladies there are times you don't wear thongs, and under a flowing dress is one of them. It's ONE DAY of their lives. How can I get my point across? -- WISE BRIDE IN PHOENIX

DEAR WISE BRIDE: Explain to your fiance exactly WHY you are concerned about his daughters wearing thong underwear under their bridesmaid dresses and, when you do, be graphic. After that, if he still feels the same, accept it. Then pray no slip-ups occur while they are dancing, and no strong gusts of wind come along when the wedding photos are taken.

DEAR ABBY: I'm dating a lady and committed to our relationship, but every time I visit her at her apartment, she expects me to take her dog out. The building has a policy that if the dog poops, you have to pick it up and dispose of it, so they have bags at different locations.

I don't like doing it. I grew up on a farm where we had dogs, but never would I think about picking up their poop. It grosses me out. OK, so I have been doing it for a couple of years, but I don't want to do it anymore. But if I say that or don't do it, she'll think I'm not committed to her. What should I do? -- DOG WALKING IN TEXAS

DEAR DOG WALKING: Stand up for yourself. Because you feel so strongly, tell her that from now on you will walk her dog TOGETHER or she'll have to do it herself. You may have been raised on a farm, but you are now part of a community with ordinances against leaving excrement on the streets. Your devotion to this person should not be predicated upon your willingness to perform a task she should have been doing herself.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are having a minor argument, and we are seeking your help in resolving it. We live in an age when we commonly experience "conversations" with robo-calls, virtual assistants (Alexa and Echo) and phone routing software. All this technology is powered by artificial intelligence. So given that we are talking to machines, do we need to follow the rules of etiquette with these robots? My wife insists we should say "Thank you" and "Please" to these software creations, while I say no manners are needed. Your thoughts? --MULLING IT OVER IN MONTANA

DEAR MULLING IT: Although it isn't mandatory, I know of at least one AI "assistant" that would acknowledge the courtesy.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Nothing makes or breaks an experience like expectation. And assumption, the close

cousin of expectation, outright changes your understanding of reality. This adventure goes better when you leave those kin at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A great accomplishment is earned in small gains. The steps you execute today will set you up for one of the more exceptional weekends you've had in a long while.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The path before you is being cleared. This isn't a lucky happening so much as payback for work you've done, relationships you've cultivated and favors you've so freely given in the past

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll model yourself after an admired person, aligning in superficial ways at first, and then on deeper levels such as communication style, work approach and attitude about life and relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your current circle of friends, loved ones and supporters help you in every way they know, and yet what you really

want and need right now is still conspicuously missing. Time to widen the circle, broaden the search

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In full knowledge that an opportunity will not be here forever, you'll soak up every bit of its deliciousness while you have it. You're a smart cookie who realizes a good thing while it's vours

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are ways of knowing that fall outside the five senses that seem to be giving you lots of information now (arguably more than you're finding in the traditional ways), and the best part is that you can trust it

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've had your share of fickle friends who only come out to play in the sun and leave you wanting and alone in the shadows of dreary weather. This is why, no matter what comes, you show up for your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If what you feel is the downward tug of tethers, you'll also be presented with the option afforded by garden shears. It's so easy to build yourself up when there's nothing holding you down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once

upon a time, the answers were blowing in the wind. They may still be, but since people are not outside as much, check for answers trending on social media, too. Also, call a mom,

doubt, diversify. Seek advice, friendship and news from different sources. Make sure you're not getting your inspiration and influence all from one place, as that's a short ride to narrowminded mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Part of you wants to go back and reopen the old fight, check under the hood of a relationship or rehash a more dramatic bit of history. Yes, there's something juicy there, and it should be left back there, too!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17). Though you're serious about making progress, you never lose your sense of humor -- an essential part of your charismatic leadership. Qualities like loyalty and honor become increasingly relevant. Your commitment to a person or an ideal will define much of your year and in ways you'll always be proud of. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 21, 14 and 2.

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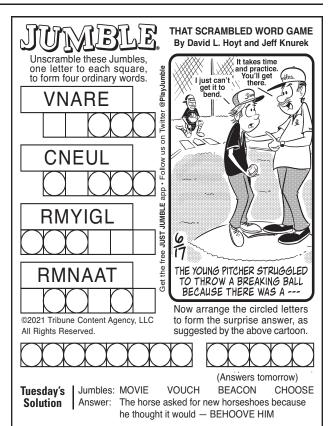
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by Holiday Mathis



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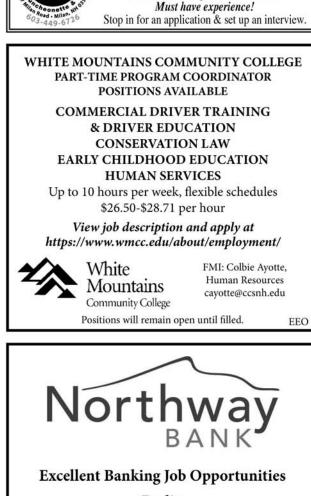


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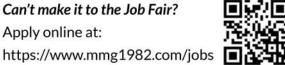
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Gray returns to compete in 60th Mount Washington Road Race

PINKHAM NOTCH — The Northeast Delta Dental Mount Washington Road Race will take place will take place this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 19 an 20, at the Mount Washington Auto Road.

Joseph Gray, the recently voted "Greatest of All Time" mountain runner by the World Mountain Running Association, four-time Mount Washington Champion, and two-time and reigning World Mountain Running Champion, has just entered the race.

Gray, 37, of Colorado Springs, Colo., has won Mount Washington the last four times he ran it (2014-2017), finishing in under an hour each time.

Defending champion and four-time winner, Eric Blake, 42 of West Hartford, Conn., will be looking to defend his title. Blake has 13 top three finishes at Mount Washington.

Another new addition to the field is David Sinclair, 29 of Truckee, Calif. Sinclair is a 2:16 marathoner and is fresh off a win and course record at the Silver City 50 Mile Race on May 15.

This Mount Washington field also has five of the top 10 finishers from 2019 returning. Sage Canaday, 35 of Boulder, Colo, and past Mount Washington winner, has withdrawn from the men's race due to health concerns.

In the women's race Heidi Caldwell, 29 of Craftsbury Common, Vt., will be back to defend her title from 2019.

Unfortunately, Brittni Hutton, 31 of Alamosa, Colo., who finished in a historic tie with Caldwell in 2019 has withdrawn from this year's race due to a back injury.

Challenging the returning champ is five-time Mount Washington winner, Kim Dobson, 37 of Eagle, Colo. Dobson has never lost at Mount Washington.

Hoping to return to winning form, two-time winner and nine-time top ten finisher, Brandy Erholtz, 43 of Hayden, Colo., will be returning after several years away from Mount Washington.

Two first-time Mount Washington runners, Ashley Brasovan of Golden, Colo. and Sam Diaz, 29 of Jackson, Wyo., will be making their debuts. Brasovan has competed in two World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships and two Olympic marathon trials. Diaz is a four-time winner and current record holder of the Rendezvous Mountain Hill Climb in

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The City of Berlin will receive sealed bids until no later than 3:30pm, prevailing time, Thursday June 24, 2021 at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570, for Contract #2021-05 for ELECTRICAL SERVICES BID for the City's annual electrical needs. Shortly thereafter, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in any available office or conference room. Bid Documents will be available at no charge at the City Manager's Office or may be downloaded from the City's web site at <u>www.berlinnh.gov/bids.</u> The City, through its City Manager, reserves the right to waive defects in form and minor irregularities and to reject any or all bids as determined to be in its best interest.



Joe Gray from Colorado Springs, Colo. in one of his four wins on Mount Washington. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Even though restrictions are relaxing as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, many changes to the race protocols remain in place to ensure the safety of racers and everyone involved in the event.

Both the men's and women's races will start from the pond on the Great Glen Trail system to accommodate the queue of runners. The road will open to support vehicles from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The full race schedule is

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CITY OF BERLIN INVITATION TO BID

The City of Berlin will receive sealed bids until no later than 4pm, prevailing time, Thursday, June 24, 2021 at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570, for Contract # 2021-06 for BOILER SERVICES BID for the City's annual BOILER SERVICE needs. Shortly thereafter, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in any available office or conference room. Bid Documents will be available at no charge beginning at the City Manager's Office or may be downloaded from the City's web site at www.berlinnh.gov/ bids It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to check the web site for any addendums to the bid. The City, through its City Manager, reserves the right to waive defects in form and minor irregularities and to reject any or all bids as determined to be in its best interest.

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Weathervane Theatre announces summer interns

WHITEFIELD — Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini and Intern Program Director Marisa Kirby announce this year's Weathervane Intern Program Company members.

These early career artists will be featured on the Mainstage as well as headline Weathervane's Theatre for Young Audiences programming known as the Patchwork Players series.

Eight students from some of the nation's most competitive college theatre programs make up the 2021 Weathervane Intern Program. They are Nate Blakley (University of Montevallo), Connor Buonaccorsi (Boston Conservatory at Berklee), Nicole Fluegge (Boston Conservatory at Berklee), Matthew J. Kelly (University of Alabama at Birmingham), Ricky Moyer (Baldwin Wallace University), Nasir Panjwani (Oklahoma City University), Sunayna "Sunny" Smith (Kent State University) and Kinza Surani (Baldwin Wallace University).

The Weathervane Intern Program, designed to immerse interns in practical theatre arts training, began in 1991 and had previously been tuition-based through 2020. The Weathervane Theatre Internship Program is a total immersion experience of practical theatre arts training and networking. Interns, known as WIPs, live, work, learn and play alongside the professional actors and staff from the Broadway and regional theatre communities and perform in original children's theatre and Mainstage productions throughout the season.

A rigorous schedule, WIPs increase their stamina, performance longevity, and work ethic rehearsing one show during the day while performing another at night. WIP participants receive a stipend and may choose to earn Equity Membership Candidate (EMC) credits. Notable WIP alumni includes 2018 Tony Award winner Ari'el Stachel.

All intern company members will be featured in Mainstage productions of Green Day's "American Idiot," "Hello, Dolly!," "Kinky Boots" and "The Addams Family." In addition half of the intern company will be in the Mainstage production of "Disaster!" and half will be in "Amadeus." These productions run in alternating rep July 1-Sept. 4.

Kicking off the intern season is Interns at the Inn on Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Inn at Whitefield at 381 Lancaster Road, enjoy a delicious Italian meal catered by the Inn as well as high quality entertainment provided by the 2021 Weathervane Intern Company. Call (603) 837-2400 to make reservations.

Tickets for season 56 are now on sale and can be purchased online (weathervanenh.org) by phone (603-837-9322) or in person (389 Lancaster Road, Whitefield). Additional inquiries can be directed to boxoffice@weathervanenh.



Weathervane's 2021 theater interns: Front row, from left: Nate Blakley, Kinza Surani, Nicole Fluegge, Sunayna "Sunny" Smith and Matthew J. Kelly. Back row: Connor Buonaccorsi, Ricky Moyer and Nasir Panjwani. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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available online at mt-washington.com/mount-washington-road-race. Visiting tourists can expect the Auto Road to open at 1:30 p.m. on both days.

Sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental, the race ascends the Mt. Washington Auto Road from Pinkham Notch, to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington. In addition to the unrelenting grade which averages 12 percent, runners face the added challenge of Mount Washington's famously high winds, precipitation, and unpredictable temperatures.

Prizes include \$1,000 apiece for the first male and female finishers, smaller cash prizes for the next five men and women and the top three male and female masters (over 40), prizes for the first male and female finishers from New Hampshire, and a \$5,000 bonus for setting a new course record.











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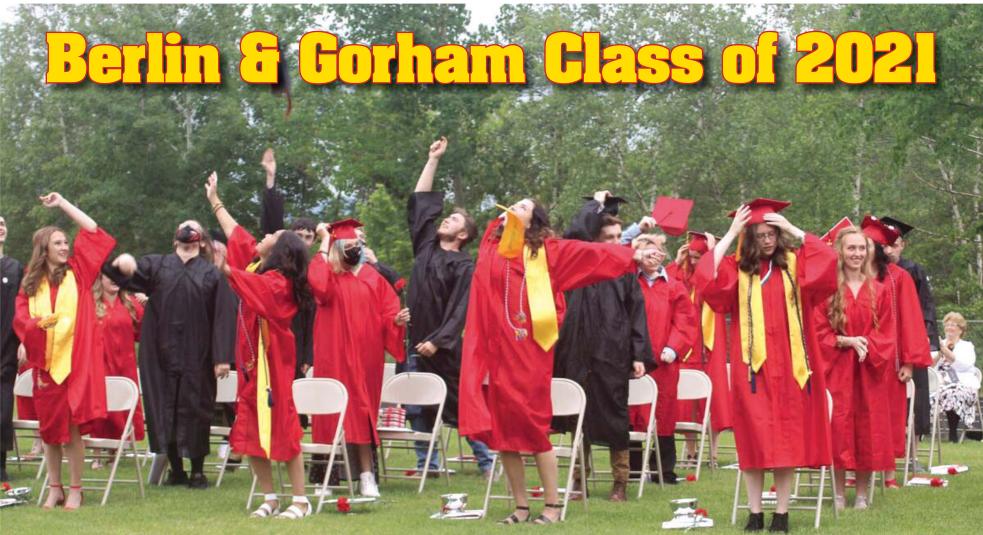
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Members of the Berlin High School Class of 2021 throw their mortar boards into the air at the end of graduation ceremonies in Berlin on June 11. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)



Members of the Gorham High School Class of 2021 prepare to be seated at the beginning of commencement exercises at Great Glen on June 11. (EDITH TUCKER PHOTO)

Berlin High School graduates announce future plans

BERLIN — Many members of the Berlin High School Class of 2021 have announced plans to attend college or otherwise pursue further education.

The school celebrated at commencement exercises at Gaydo Field near the high school on Friday, June 11. With fewer than 80 graduates, it was the smallest class in the school's history.

Class President and valedictorian Kyra Woodward spoke about how students had supported one another through change and obstacles. She encouraged classmates to, "Shoot your shot, follow that dream and just have fun because life is way too short to have any regrets."

Among the other speakers were Berlin Middle High School Principal Michael Kelley, Superintendent of Schools Julie King and teacher Ted McCormick, to whom the yearbook was dedicated.

Commencement exercises were live streamed on Northeast Sports Network website and can be viewed at nsnsports.net/high-schools/berlin/?bfplayvid=274486. For awards and scholarships, see story, page 19.

Among the graduating class, nine students achieved high honors and seven achieved honors recognition.

Those students and more than a dozen others have announced their plans for further education.

High honors students

Valedictorian: Kyra R. Woodward will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham, majoring in psychology. Kyra is the daughter of Alan and Rebecca Woodward.

Salutatorian: Kelly M. McCormick will attend the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I., majoring in biology. Kelly is the daughter of Ted and Cheryl McCormick.

Lily M. Campbell will attend Plymouth State University in Plymouth, majoring in fine art. Lily is the daughter of Mike and Nicole Shields of Berlin.

Emily L. Coulombe will attend the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, majoring in wildlife ecology. Emily is the daughter of Tim and Kim Coulombe of Berlin.

Mia M. Dalphonse will attend Plymouth State University, majoring in art education. Mia is the



Berlin High School teacher Edward McCormick, who was the recipient of the school's yearbook dedication this year, hugs his daughter Kelly after she received her diploma June 11 as part of the school's graduation exercises at Gaydo Field in Berlin. Kelly McCormick is the Class of 2021 salutatorian. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)

daughter of Danielle Hayford and the late Tod Dalphonse of Berlin.

Emile K. Morris will attend Husson University in Bangor, Maine, majoring in nursing. Emile is the daughter of Wayne and Katherine Morris of Berlin.

Becca R. Pouliot will attend New England College in Henniker, majoring in criminal justice. Becca is the daughter of Marc and Sandy Pouliot of Milan.

Julieenne D. Provencher will attend Plymouth State University, majoring in psychology. Julieenne is the daughter of Mark Provencher of Berlin.

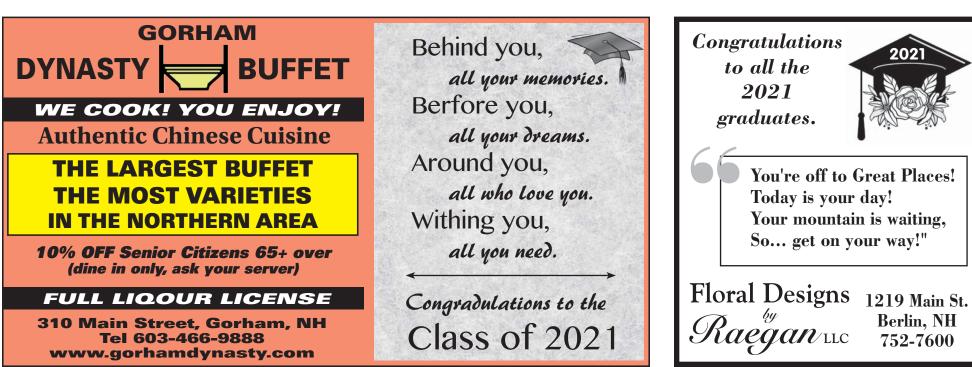
Nicole P. Reynolds will attend White Mountains Community College in Berlin, majoring in nursing. Nicole is the daughter of John and Krista Reynolds of Berlin.

Sophie M. Wheeler will attend the Steps on Broadway Conservatory in New York City, N.Y., studying dance. Sophie is the daughter of James and Karen Wheeler of Milan.

Honors

Jace D.Arsenault will attend Keene State College in Keene. He is undecided at this point in time. Jace is the son of Dan and Sue Arsenault of Berlin.

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LEFT: Gorham High graduate Aiden Etienne carries his diploma and a memorabilia bag given to all members of the Class of 2021 as he steps into his future. RIGHT: Gorham High Class of 2021 graduate Anastasia Pepin looks ready to attend Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I. after accepting her diploma from Gorham Randolph Shelburne School Board member Dennis Wade. (EDITH TUCKER PHOTOS)

Most Gorham graduates plan to attend college

GORHAM — Gorham High School graduated 31 students this year, with commencement ceremonies taking place June 11 at Great Glen at the base of Mount Washington.

Most members of the Class of 2021 have announced plans to pursue further education.

This was the second year Great Glen hosted the event, which allowed for an outdoor ceremony with social distancing. The loosening of COVID-19 restrictions meant that graduates were hugged by their parents, relatives and close friends, and groups stood close to one another for photographs.

Valedictorian Libby Fortin gave the sole student speech, talking about lessons learned from "Sorry," a children's board game that she plays almost daily with her mother.

"Tve come to realize that many of the cards you pick and how you chose to play are sort of like life," Fortin said. She told classmates to persevere, give people second chances and be competitive but stay kind, saying "It's how you play the game that matters." The guest speaker was Gorham High English teacher Rob Hamel, who told graduates, "If you want to be more liked, to be kinder, to learn more about others and the world around you, then use 'You' more often than 'I,"

The graduation celebrations also included a motorized parade through Gorham and a Class Day, hosted by the students, with speeches, music performances and a class slideshow, followed by the online release of awards and scholarships. Videos of commencement, Class Day and awards and scholarship presentations can be found by going to gmhsnh.org.

The following students received awards (for scholarships, see story, page 18).

Valedictorian Award: Libby Fortin. Salutatorian Award: Jocelyn Paradis. Summa cum laude recognition: Katelyn Chase, Libby Fortin and Jocelyn Paradis.

Magna cum laude recognition: Isobel Micucci, Bryanna Poirier and Nicholas Wade. **Cum laude recognition:** Emma Bernier, Cheyenne Berube, Madisyn Buteau, Wyatt DeBlois, Colbe Goudreau, Julia Langlois, Anastasia Pepin, Christopher Pickett, Tristan Robertson and Ean Steady.

Academic honors diploma recognition: Katelyn Chase, Libby Fortin, Colbe Goudreau, Bryanna Poirier and Nicholas Wade.

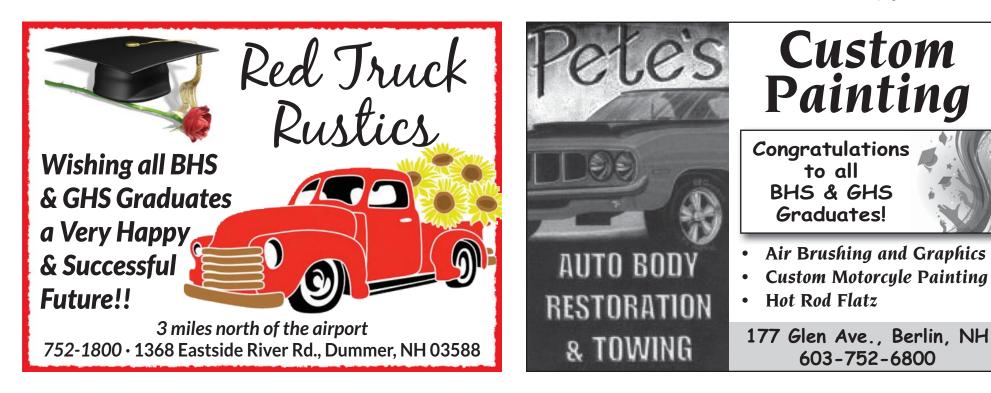
Career and technical diploma recognition: Cullen Anderson, Wyatt DeBlois, Wesley Fillion and Ethan Taillon.

N.H. Scholars Awards: Cheyenne Berube, Wyatt DeBlois, Hailey Morehouse, Anastasia Pepin and Christopher Pickett.

N.H. Scholars with Arts Emphasis Awards: Julia Langlois, Jocelyn Paradis, Tristan Robertson and Sophia Schoenbeck.

N.H. Scholars with S.T.E.M. Emphasis Awards: Emma Bernier, Madisyn Buteau, Katelyn Chase,

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Berlin High School seniors listen to several presentations during the school's graduation ceremony held outside at Gaydo Field in Berlin on June 11. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)



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Makenna R. Balderrama will attend Plymouth State University, majoring in criminal justice. Makenna is the daughter of Michelle Meader and Yair Balderrama of Berlin.

Grace L. Bradley will attend N.H. Technical Institute in Concord, majoring in science. Grace is the daughter of Karen Bradley and Joseph Bradley of Berlin.

Timothy R. Girard will attend Plymouth State University, majoring in art education. Timothy is the son of Randy and Amy Girard of Berlin.

Shawn R. Kay will be pursuing employment after graduation. He is the son of Timothy and Sandy Kay of Berlin.

Dominick M. Paradis will be pursuing employment after graduation. He is the son of Alain and Susan Lessard of Berlin.

Joseph Zimmer will attend the University of New Hampshire, majoring in engineering and physical science. Joe is the son of Heather Vashaw and Joe Zimmer.

College bound

Timothy Allen will attend the University of Maine majoring in finance. Tim is the son of Jennifer and Jarret Allen.

Jacob Cooney will attend the University of Maine majoring in sociology. Jacob is the son of Beth Cooney.

Austin Cornish will attend White Mountains Community College. Austin is the son of Amy and Dennis Cornish.

Aeris Costine will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in health sciences. Aeris is the daughter of Teri and Mark Costine.

Alyssa Delafontaine will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in teacher education. Alyssa is the daughter of Julie and Jason Delafontaine.

Lindsay Gosselin will attend New Hampshire Technical Institute pursuing an alied health pathway. Lindsay is the daughter of Kerry Gosselin of Berlin and Brian Gosselin of Whitefield.

Kathryn Hayes will attend Franklin Pierce

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LEFT: Nine members of the Berlin High School Class of 2021 earned high honors (front row, from left): Becca Pouliot, Kyra Woodward and Emily Coulombe; (middle row) Sophie Wheeler, Kelly McCormick and Emile Morris; and (back row) Lily Campbell and Julieenne Provencher. Also receiving high honors was Mia Dalphonse (not pictured). RIGHT: Seven members of the Class of 2021 earned honors (front row, from left): Timothy Girard, Makenna Balderrama and Grace Bradley; (back row) Shawn Kay, Jace Arsenault, Joseph Zimmer and Dominick Paradis. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

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Libby Fortin, Colbe Goudreau, Isobel Micucci, Bryanna Poirier, Ean Steady and Nicholas Wade.

Senior Man: Nicholas Wade. Senior Woman: Libby Fortin.

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D.A.R. Good Citizens Award: Nicholas Wade. **CTE Certificate of Competency completion recognition:** Automotive technology — Richard Burton, Kristofer Johnson, Jordan Lukaszewski; building trades — Cullen Anderson, Colby Carrier, Ethan Taillon; early and elementary teacher prep — Claudia Wentworth; welding technology — Wyatt DeBlois and Wesley Fillion.

Richard Avore Award: Wyatt DeBlois.

Lisa Tanguay Award: Madisyn Buteau.

Three-sport athlete awards: Emma Bernier and Madisyn Butetau.

Also recognized among the graduates were "gold tassel" scholars, who earned an overall weighted GPA of 90 or above cumulatively at the end of the third quarter and have a good disciplinary and attendance record. This year, they are: Emma Bernier, Cheyenne Berube, Madisyn Buteau, Katelyn Chase, Wyatt DeBlois, Libby Fortin, Colbe Goudreau, Julia Langlois, Isobel Micucci, Jocelyn Paradis, Anastasia Pepin, Christopher Pickett, Bryanna Poirier, Tristan Robertson, Ean Steady and Nicholas Wade.

Future plans

Gorham High Class of 2021 graduates have announced the following plans:

Cullen Anderson has been accepted at and will attend Central Maine Community College in the precision machining program. Cullen is the son of Wendy Anderson and Dave Anderson.

Emma Bernier has been accepted at the University of Massachusetts — Boston, the University of Maine — Orono, the University of Tennessee — Knoxville, St. Joseph's College of Maine, Northern Vermont University, Husson University and Endicott College. She will attend the University of Maine — Orono in the nursing program. Emma is the daughter of Alison Bernier and Tim Bernier.

Cheyenne Berube has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the business administration program. Cheyenne is the daughter of Janet Berube and Jim Berube.

Madisyn Buteau has been accepted at the University of Maine — Orono, St. Joseph's College of Maine, Rivier University, Northern Vermont University, Husson University, New Hampshire Technical Institute, Plymouth State University, Franklin Pierce University and Keene State College. She will attend New Hampshire Technical Institute in the health science program. Madisyn is the daughter of Chrissy Grant and Matt Buteau.

Colby Carrier has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the culinary arts program. Colby is the son of Maria Bilger and Ryan Carrier.

Katelyn Chase has been accepted at the University of North Carolina — Wilmington, the University of North Carolina — Charlotte, the University of New Hampshire, the University of New England, Emmanuel College, and Rhode Island College. She will attend the University of North Carolina — Wilmington in the nursing program. Katelyn is the daughter of Jennifer Gilbert and Scott Chase.

Wyatt DeBlois has been accepted at and will attend Paul Smith's College in the forestry program. Wyatt is the son of Shelli Schoenbeck and Shawn DeBlois.

Aiden Etienne has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the liberal arts program. Aiden is the son of Marisa Alonzo and Jeff Etienne.

Wesley Fillion has been accepted at and will



Gorham High School salutatorian Jocelyn Paradis receives her diploma from Gorham Randolph Shelburne School Board member Dennis Wade. (EDITH TUCKER PHOTO)

attend White Mountains Community College in the industrial mechanics program. Wesley is the son of Jill Fillion and Craig Fillion.

Libby Fortin has been accepted at Western New England University, the University of Vermont, the University of New Hampshire, the University of New England, Bates College, and Simmons University. She will attend the University of New England in the medical biology/pre-med program. Libby is the daughter of Shelli Fortin and Paul Fortin.

Justin Frattallone has been accepted at and will attendthe University of New Hampshire in the computer science program. Justin is the son of Li Li and John Frattallone.

Colbe Goudreau has been accepted at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of North Dakota and Southern New Hampshire University. He will attend the University of North Dakota in the chemical engineering and astrophysics programs. Colbe is the son of Bridget Goudreau and Raymond Goudreau.

Kristofer Johnson has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the industrial mechanics program. Kristofer is the son of Brenda Johnson and Troy Johnson.

Julia Langlois has been accepted at and will attend Keene State College in the studio art program. Julia is the daughter of Anne Langlois and Craig Langlois.

Holden Lettre has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the liberal arts program. Holden is the son of Sarah Lambertson and Shawn Lettre.

Jocelyn Paradis has been accepted at and will attend Plymouth State University in a self-designed illustration program. Jocelyn is the daughter of Amanda Carrier and Brad Paradis.

Anastasia Pepin has been accepted at Thomas College, Southern New Hampshire University, Plymouth State, New England College, Lesley University, Lasell University, Keene State, Husson University, Franklin Pierce University, Castleton University, Curry College and Johnson & Wales University. She will attend Johnson & Wales University in the hospitality and tourism management program with a minor in marketing. Anastasia is the daughter of Allison Roberge and Brian Pepin.

Christopher Pickett has been accepted at and will attend Keene State College in the elementary education and history programs. Christopher is the son of April Pickett and Michael Pickett.



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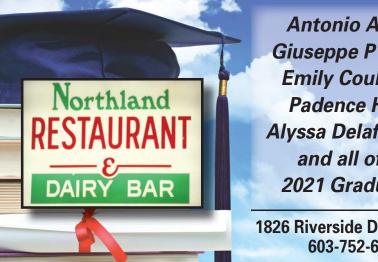






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The Gorham High School Class of 2021 gold tassel students (front row, from left): Madisyn Buteau, Libby Fortin and Jocelyn Paradis; (second row) Colbe Goudreau and Emma Bernier; (third row) Isobel Micucci, Bryanna Poirier and Katelyn Chase; (fourth row) Anastasia Pepin and Cheyenne Berube; (fifth row) Julia Langlois and Christopher Pickett; (sixth row) Tristan Robertson, Nicholas Wade and Ean Steady, Wyatt DeBlois (not pictured) also received a gold tassel. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Bryanna Poirier has been accepted at Husson University, Franklin Pierce University and St. Joseph's College of Maine. She will attend Husson University in the physical therapy program. Bryanna is the daughter of Kimberly Poirier and Gary Poirier.

Tristan Robertson has been accepted at White Mountains Community College and Ithaca College. He will attend White Mountains Community College in the industrial mechanics program and then transferring to Ithaca College in the film program. Tristan is the son of Heather Piche and Lincoln Robertson.

Sophia Schoenbeck has been accepted at Nichols College, Johnson & Wales University, Merrimack College, Bryant University and Castleton University. She will attend Nichols College in the criminal justice and psychology programs. Sophia is the daughter of Joy Schoenbeck and Dr. Paul Schoenbeck.

Ean Steady has been accepted at and will attend White Mountains Community College in the trades management and diesel mechanics program with a certification in industrial mechanics. Ean is the son of Angie Steady and Silance Steady.

Nicholas Wade has been accepted at Purdue University, North Carolina State College, Clemson, Clemson University and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He will attend Purdue University in the computer science program. Nicholas is the son of Keri Wade and Dennis Wade.

Edith Tucker contributed to this report.

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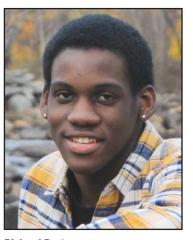
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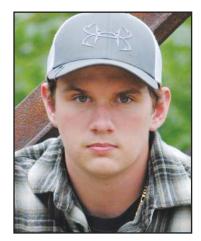
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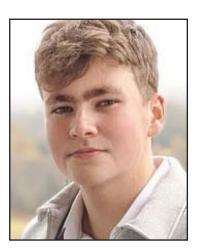




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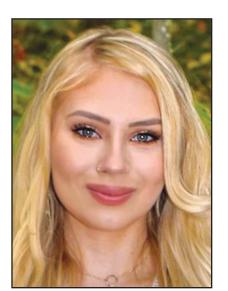
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Hailey Morehouse



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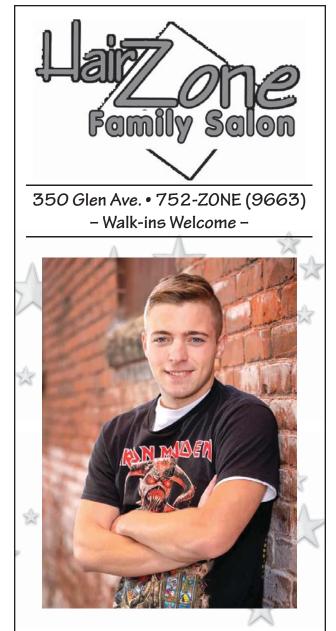
Ethan Taillon



Nicholas Wade



Claudia Wentworth



Congratulations to Dustin Rainville and the Class of 2021! Best of luck in your future! We are so proud of you!



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University majoring in criminal justice. Kathryn is the daughter of Terri and Jeremy Hayes.

Jenna Laflamme will attend White Mountains Community College in health science. Jenna is the daughter of Karen Laflamme.

Emmelia Letendre will attend the University of Maine majoring in early childhood special education. Emmelia is the daughter of Kristy and Chris Letendre.

Aubree Poirier will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in industrial mechanics. Aubree is the daughter of April and Corey Poirier.

Bianca Price will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in associates in science. Bianca is the daughter of Stephanie and David Price.

Dustin Rainville will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in industrial mechanics. Dustin is the son of Kerry Rainville and Scott Rainville.

Megan Riff will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in teacher education. Megan is the daughter of Toni Lacasse and Floyd Riff Jr. both of Berlin.

Tyler Rousseau will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in the advanced welding technology certificate program. Tyler is the son of Jessica Rousseau.

Beyonca Shadoan will attend White Mountains Community College majoring in the veterinary assistant program. Beyonca is the daughter of Jennifer and Brandon Shadoan.

Mickailey Walsh will attend Rivier University majoring in nursing. Mickailey is the daughter of Tricia Walsh and Sean Walsh of Gilford.

Barbara Tetreault contributed to this report.



Berlin High School teacher Edward McCormick, who was the recipient of this year's yearbook dedication, plants the flag of the BHS Class of 2021 in the ground at Gaydo Field during June 11 graduation exercises. (WILLIAM CARROLL PHOTO)





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Gorham graduation

NEAR RIGHT Gorham High senior Madisyn Buteau sings the "National Anthem" at the Gorham High School commencement June 11 at Great Glen. FAR RIGHT: Cullen Anderson was the first of 31 Gorham High Class of 2021 seniors to receive his diploma from school board member Dennis Wade. (EDITH TUCKER PHOTOS)



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Braylynn Alvarado



Charlotte Anthony



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Olivia Baillargeon



Makenna Balderrama



Emma Bergquist



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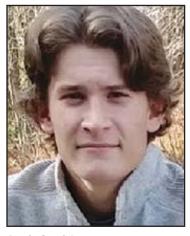
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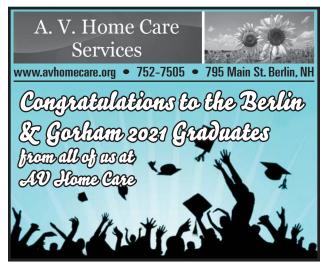


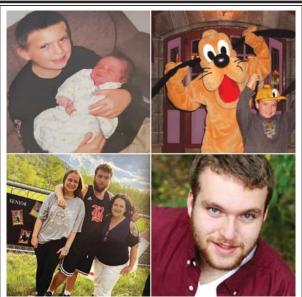




Andrew Hart-Gonzales







Behind you, All of your memories Before you, All of your dreams Around you, All who love you Within you, All you need

Congratulations Joseph Zimmer!



Love, Mom, Tyler, Abby, Grambo & Mike





Timothy Girard



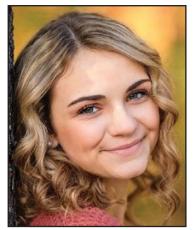
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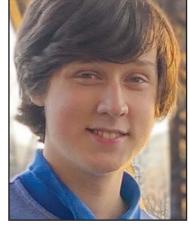
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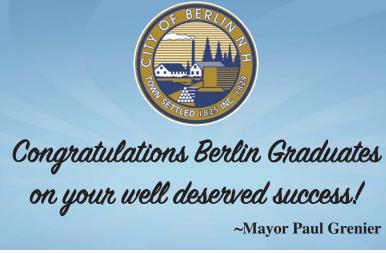
Aubree Poirier



Becca Pouliot



Destiny Powers





Congratulations Cheyenne, we love and are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Steve, Kaitlyn, Dalton, family and friends









Julieenne Provencher



Dustin Rainville



Nicole Reynolds



Megan Riff



Felix Roland Frechette



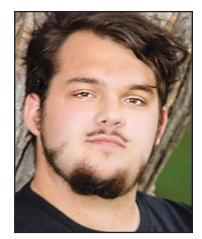
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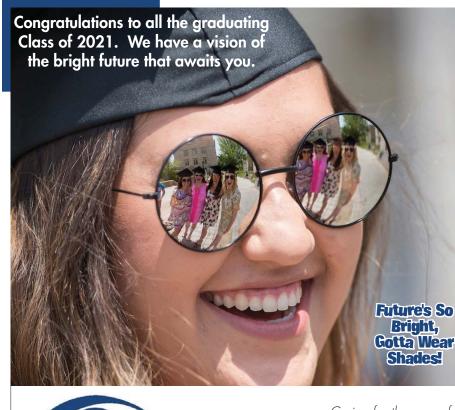
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To: Joshna Michael Stewart







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You have shown His light since day one, with a few bumps along the way. Remember when you go through deep waters, He will be with you, Us too. We hope you never doubt His love for you and how proud we are of you reaching your goal. Love Da-Mamma and Daaad, Abbie and Zach



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Sophie Wheeler



Kyra Woodward

Joseph Zimmer



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Gorham High graduates awarded scholarships

GORHAM — Scholarships for Gorham High School graduates were announced online on Friday, June 11, following Class Day events.

The following members of the Class of 2021 were recognized for their achievements by receiving the following scholarships:

American Legion Post 82 Scholarships: Libby Fortin, Julia Langlois, Anastasia Pepin and Sophia Schoenbeck.

American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary Scholarships: Julia Langlois and Anastasia Pepin.

American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary Margaret "Peggy" Qualls" Memorial Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Scholarship: Wyatt DeBlois.

Angela McKenzie Scholarship: Christopher Pickett.

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Gaynor Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Berlin City Auto Group Scholarship: Anastasia Pepin.

Berlin Police Department — Call to Duty Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Berlin Kiwanis Club Scholarships: Katelyn Chase, Jocelyn Paradis and Nicholas Wade.

Brookfield Renewable Scholarship: Colbe Goudreau.

Chris Gilbert Memorial Scholarship: Katelyn Chase.

Corine E. Daniels Bergeron Memorial Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Dagesse Family Scholarships: Cullen Anderson, Emma Bernier, Cheyenne Berube, Madisyn Buteau, Colby Carrier, Katelyn Chase, Wyatt DeBlois, Aiden Etienne, Wesley Fillion, Libby Fortin, Justin Frattallone, Colbe Goudreau, Kristofer Johnson, Julia Langlois, Holden Lettre, Jocelyn Paradis, Anastasia Pepin, Christopher Pickett, Bryanna Poirier, Tristan Robertson, Sophia Schoenbeck, Ean Steady and Nicholas Wade.

Danny Legendre Memorial Scholarship: Tristan Robertson.

Denman Bartlett Wight Scholarship: Sophia Schoenbeck.

Fred's Fishing Fund Scholarship: Wyatt DeBlois.

Gorham Booster Club Scholarships: Emma Bernier and Bryanna Poirier.

Gorham Fire Department Scholarships: Emma Bernier, Katelyn Chase and Wesley Fillion.

Gorham High School Alumni Scholarships: Emma Bernier and Jocelyn Paradis.

Gorham Police Association Scholarship: Sophia Schoenbeck.

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Gorham Randolph Shelburne Teachers' Association Scholarships: Cullen Anderson, Tristan Robertson and Nicholas Wade.

Harry E. Corrigan Memorial Scholarship: Wyatt DeBlois.

John Arsenault Memorial Scholarship: Julia Langlois.

Joseph Small Arts Prize: Christopher Pickett and Bryanna Poirier.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Colbe Goudreau.

Lou Addington Nursing Scholarship: Katelyn Chase.

Lucy M. Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Madisyn Buteau.

Margaret D. & Sumner E. Ruggles Memorial Scholarship: Christopher Pickett.

Marion Carsley Hennessey Memorial Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Masonic Scholarship: Katelyn Chase.

Maurice N. Boisselle Memorial Scholarship: Emma Bernier.

New Hampshire School Boards Association Scholarship: Christopher Pickett.

Northeast Credit Union Love Your Community Scholarship: Libby Fortin.

Northway Bank Scholarship of Excellence: Libby Fortin.

Paul T. Doherty Memorial Scholarships: Wyatt DeBlois and Jocelyn Paradis.

Presidential Range Riders Scholarship: Bryanna Poirier.

Reginald Currier Memorial Scholarship: Ean Steady.

Re/Max Northern Edge Realty Giving Back Scholarship: Sophia Schoenbeck.

Roy B. Newton Community Scholarship: Nicholas Wade.

Running Start Course Vouchers: Cheyenne Berube, Madisyn Buteau, Colby Carrier, Wesley Fillion, Kristofer Johnson, Holden Lettre, Tristan Robertson and Ean Steady.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 82 Scholarships: Ean Steady and Nicholas Wade.

Sons of the American Legion Post 17 Groveton: Ean Steady.

Student Council Scholarships: Katelyn Chase, Libby Fortin, Isobel Micucci, Christopher Pickett, Sophia Schoenbeck and Nicholas Wade.

W. Craig Malick Memorial Scholarship: Nicholas Wade.

Wayne King Legacy Scholarship: Christopher Pickett.

Wayne King Memorial Scholarship: Anastasia Pepin.

White Mountain Community College Scholarship: Wesley Fillion.

White Mountain Rotary Scholarships: Tristan Robertson and Ean Steady.

A video of the 2021 GHS Class Day Awards & Scholarships Presentation can be found at youtu.be / ZMfjsHQny20 or by going to gmhsnh.org.

Berlin High students earn scholarships, accolades

BERLIN — Members of the Berlin High Class of 2021 were awarded the following scholarships:

Mickailey Walsh: VFW Auxiliary Scholarship, \$500; VFW Scholarship, \$500; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000; Gedeon Vachon Award, \$500; and N.H. Scholar.

Kyra Woodward: Arnold P. and Della A. Hanson Scholarship, \$22,000 per year for four years; UNH Rydin Scholarship \$7,500; VFW Auxiliary Scholarship \$500; Androscoggin Valley Hospital Mariam Gaynor Scholarship \$3,000; and N.H. Scholar.

Jacob Cooney: VFW Scholarship, \$500.

Elijah Pinette: Jason Sanderson/Bobby Stephen Scholarship — JAG, \$1,000; 2021 Educational Talent Search Scholarship, \$1,000; and Irene Ouellet Markovich Scholarship, \$2,000,

Becca Pouliot: Masonic Collegiate Book Scholarship, \$500; Berlin Police Department — Call To Duty Scholarship, \$750; Temple Beth Israel Scholarship, \$800; Irene Ouellet Markovich Scholarship, \$2,000; NH Scholar; Coos County Chiefs of Police, \$500.

Aeris Costine: WMCC Voucher, \$323; and N.H. Scholar.

Aubree Poirier: WMCC Voucher, \$323.

Alyssa Delafontaine: Outstanding CTE Student; Retired School Teachers Scholarship, \$1,000; Jason Sanderson/Bobby Stephen Scholarship — JAG, \$750; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000; Lucie P. Gagnon Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Berlin Education Support Staff Scholarship, \$250; Berlin High School Backers Scholarship, \$500; and Teachers Supporting Teachers Scholarship, \$500.

Emmelia Letendre: Michael A. Morgan Scholarship, \$2,000; Odette M. Leclerc Memorial Scholarship-Berlin and Coos County Historical Society, \$300; and Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000.

Bianca Price: WMCC Voucher, \$323; Brookfield Renewable Energy, \$500; and Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game-Jeremy Baillargeon Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Jace Arsenault: John Philip Sousa Award; and N.H. Scholar.

Kya-Myth Doucette: Norman H. Miles Award, \$250; and National Choral Award.

Makenna Balderrama: Re/Max Northern Edge Realty, \$500; Berlin Police Department - Call To Duty Scholarship, \$750; Temple Beth Israel Scholarship, \$800; and N.H. Scholar.

Nichole Reynolds: WMCC Voucher, \$323; Lou Addington Scholarship, \$1,000; Theresa Denault Roy Nursing Scholarship, \$1,000; Jason Sanderson/Bobby Stephen Scholarship – JAG, \$750; WMCC 3 Credit Tuition Scholarship; Berlin High School Backers Scholarship, \$500; AVH Mariam Gaynor Scholarship, \$3,000; White Mountain Rotary Club, \$500; and N.H. Scholar.

Jenna LaFlamme: Kids Chance Scholarship, \$2,500; WMCC 3 Credit Tuition Scholarship; and N.H. Scholar.

Braylynn Alvarado: Terrance Sullivan Award, \$250; and N.H. Scholar.

Dustin Rainville: Seth Jones Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Tim Allen: Berlin Education Support Staff Scholarship, \$250; N.H. Scholar; and Wayne King Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Shawn Kay: Gedeon Vachon Award, \$500.

Grace Bradley: WMCC Voucher, \$323; Raymond & Muriel Binette Scholarship, \$1,500; Andrew J. Monahan Scholarship, \$1,000; and N.H. Scholar.

Tyler Rousseau: Raymond & Muriel Binette Scholarship, \$1,500; and Leo L. Croteau Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Emily Coulombe: Tin Mountain Scholarship, \$1,500; National Honor Society Scholarship, \$300;

Northway Bank Scholarship, \$2,500. for four years; and N.H. Scholar.

Kelly McCormick: Susan H. Wyman Scholarship, \$2,000; Brenda Gagne Memorial Scholarship, \$500; and N.H. Scholar.

Joe Zimmer: UNH Rydin Scholarship, \$11,000; and N.H. Scholar.

Austin Cornish: WMCC Voucher, \$323.

Megan Riff: WMCC Voucher, \$323; I am College Bound, \$500; and Jason Sanderson/Bobby Stephen Scholarship — JAG, \$500.

Lily Campbell: N.H. Scholar. Elijah Gilcris: N.H. Scholar.

Timothy Girard: N.H. Scholar.

Caryn Goodrich: N.H. Scholar.

Linsay Gosselin: N.H. Scholar.

Sophie Wheeler: N.H. Scholar.

Eimile Morris: N.H. Scholar.

Julieene Provencher: Jason Sanderson/Bobby Stephen Scholarship — JAG, \$1,000.



We Congratulate the Graduating Class of 2021 -Here's to a Bright Future Filled with Promise!



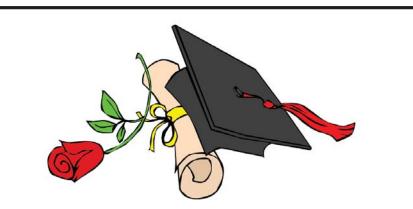
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Valedictorian Kyra Woodward (left) received the Arnold P. & Della A. Hanson Scholarship, UNH Rydin Scholarship, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship and Androscoggin Valley Hospital Mariam Gaynor Scholarship. Salutatorian Kelly McCormick received the Susan H. Wyman Scholarship and Brenda Gagne Memorial Scholarship. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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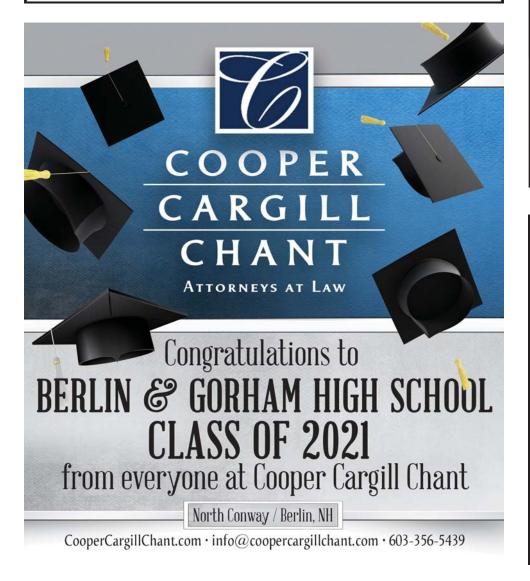


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