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## Fire causes little damage to Gilbert Street building

By CRAIG LYONS  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**BERLIN** — Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that caused little damage to an abandoned building on Gilbert Street.

Late Monday night, Officer Nathan Roy of the Berlin Police Department smelled smoke and discovered the fire smoldering inside a vacant building at 49 Gilbert Street, according to a press release issued Tuesday morning. Since authorities noticed

and responded quickly to the scene the fire resulted in very little damage to the building.

Detective Richard Plourde said no official determination has been made regarding the cause of the fire at this time.

The fire occurred inside the building, in the middle section of the horseshoe shaped structure, said Plourde. The fire was discovered about 10-15 feet inside the structure and there doesn't appear to be any signs of forced entry at this time. He added

many of the windows had been broken prior to the incident since it had been vacant for some time.

B.P.D., the New Hampshire Fire Marshals Office, the Berlin Fire Department and New Hampshire State Police are investigating the incident. The fire marshal's office couldn't be contacted for comment.

The building had been vacant for a few years, and sustained heavy damage during a fire in 2007.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call 1-800-400-3526 or 752-3131.

## City wants sign and fire ruins removed

By BARBARA TETREAULT  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**BERLIN** — If there is anything the city has learned from its efforts to improve Berlin's appearance it is that such undertakings require persistence and patience.

That was demonstrated again at Monday's city council meeting as the body wrestled with two long standing issues.

One is the rusty dilapidated Budget Inn sign in Veterans Park that the city has tried to get taken down for several years now. The other is the ruins of another fire burned out building, this time at 67 Granite Street, that the owner has not cleaned up.

### Budget Inn sign

City Manager Patrick MacQueen reported that the state Department of Transportation's Bureau of Traffic held a hearing last November on the Budget Inn's application to renew its permit for the sign. No one from the inn attended the hearing and five months later the application to renew the sign permit was denied. Hearing Examiner Kathleen Muckahey-Hampson ruled that the inn did not have the city's consent to locate the sign on city property. She ordered the sign removed but allowed the inn 30 days to appeal the decision.

The inn filed an appeal within the deadline, arguing the sign is important for the business. In the inn's appeal, Suzanne Smith said she feels the decision is unreasonable and will create a hardship for the inn. She noted the inn, which is at 25 Pleasant Street, is on a one way street and the sign provides a directional guide to the building.

Smith pointed out the sign has been in the park for years with original consent from the city. MacQueen said the city did give permission for the sign to see CITY page 6

## NH State Champs !



Berlin Bobcat first baseman Megan Morin hugs team mate and pitcher Megan Hood after the final out in Berlin's two game sweep of Windham 11-2 and 8-4 in Concord on Saturday, to capture State Championship in the 16 and under girls Babe Ruth softball tournament. The victory automatically qualified the Berlin girls for the Babe Ruth World Series being held in Concord from August 8, through the 15th. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## Lady Bobcats NH state champions

### Berlin girls make Babe Ruth World Series

By JEAN LEBLANC  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**CONCORD** — The Berlin Bobcats 16 and Under girls softball

team defeated Windham 8-4 in the second game of the best of three series, thus winning the series and capturing the NH State Championship in Concord on Saturday. The victory automatically qualifies the Berlin team to the 16 & Under Babe see CHAMPIONS page 16

## Councilors hold mixed opinions on part-time administrators

By BARBARA TETREAULT  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**BERLIN** — The city council continues to have mixed opinions on allowing three top city administrators to retire and continue to hold their positions as part-time employees.

Starting July 1, Police Chief Peter Morency, City Comptroller Blandine Shallow, and Assistant Superintendent Marion Huntley all switched from full to part time employees. Since all three retired and are collect- see OPIONS page 10

## Town submitting C.D.B.G. proposal for new health services facility

By CRAIG LYONS  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**GORHAM** — The Gorham Board of Selectmen voted to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the construction of a new facility for Coos County Family Health Services at their meeting Monday night.

The C.D.B.G. application is looking for up to \$500,000 that would be used for the construction of a new facility in Gorham. The board held a public hearing on the grant application during Monday night's meeting.

"I think this is a needed project," said Selectman Paul Robitaille.

The board voted unanimously to submit the grant application.

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## How do you sneeze in a spacesuit?

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — When it comes to sneezing in a spacesuit in the void of space, it is best to aim well.

That's the advice lead spacewalker David Wolf offered Tuesday while answering one of the questions posted on YouTube for the crew of the space shuttle Endeavor.

"I've done it quite a few times, most recently yesterday," said Wolf, who led the mission's second spacewalk Monday and was set to go on a third spacewalk Wednesday. "You learn in training, and I don't know how to say it, but I can mess up your view and there is no way to clear it."

The YouTube questioners, mostly children and teenagers, had posted their questions well before last week's launch of Endeavor on a 18-day mission to the international space station. Their posts were played one at a time for commander Mark Polansky, pilot Doug Hurley, Canadian astronaut Julie Payette and Wolf, who took turns answering the questions live, more than 200 miles above Earth.

### SAY WHAT...

"Space is big. You just won't believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you may think it's a long way down the road to the drug store, but that's just peanuts to space."

—Douglas Adams

### 3DAYFORECAST

**Today**  
High: 73  
Record: 93 (1994)  
Sunrise: 5:21 a.m.

**Tonight**  
Low: 55  
Record: 41 (1950)  
Sunset: 8:20 p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
High: 74  
Low: 56  
Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:20 p.m.

**Friday**  
High: 76  
Low: 56

records are from 1886 to present

### DIGEST

#### THE MARKET

**DOW JONES**  
67.79 to 8,915.94

**NASDAQ**  
6,911 to 1,916.20

**S&P**  
3.45 to 654.58

#### LOTTERY #'S

**DAILY NUMBERS**  
Day 7-3-9 • 9-0-9-3  
Evening 8-6-5 • 0-9-8-9  
**WEEKLY GRAND**  
4-5-9-34 (2/21)

**4,328**

U.S. military deaths in Iraq.

#### TODAY'S WORD

Word: *sedulous*

adjective:  
1. Diligent in application or pursuit; steadily industrious.  
2. Characterized by or accomplished with care and perseverance.

— courtesy dictionary.com

#### WORLD/NATION

# Palin implicated in ethics probe

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — An independent investigator has found evidence that Gov. Sarah Palin may have violated ethics laws by trading on her position in seeking money for legal fees, in the latest legal distraction for the former vice presidential candidate as she prepares to leave office this week.

The report obtained by The Associated Press says Palin is securing unwarranted

benefits and receiving improper gifts through the Alaska Fund Trust, set up by supporters.

An investigator for the state Personnel Board says in his July 14 report that there is probable cause to believe Palin used or attempted to use her official position for personal gain because she authorized the creation of the trust as the "official" legal defense fund.

The practical effect of the ruling on Palin will be more financial than anything else. The report recommends that Palin refuse to accept payment from the defense fund, and that the complaint be resolved without a formal hearing before the board.

The fund aims to help Palin pay off debts stemming from multiple ethics complaints against her, most of which have been dismissed. Palin says she owes more than

## Panel delays Sotomayor vote as GOP support grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee put off its vote Tuesday on Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor for one week amid objections from the panel's conservative Republicans, even as the judge's support among GOP moderates continued to grow.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the Judiciary chairman, said his panel would vote on Sotomayor's nomination on July 28 and expressed confidence she would win confirmation by a bipartisan vote of the full Senate in time for the Supreme Court's ear-

lier-than-usual first meeting Sept. 9. His prediction came as Sen. Susan Collins of Maine became the latest Republican to publicly commit to voting for President Barack Obama's first high court pick.

"I know that I will not agree with every decision Justice Sotomayor reaches on the court," Collins said in a statement. However, she added that she believes Sotomayor "understands the proper role of a judge and is committed to applying the law impartially without bias or favoritism."

## Abortion 'hidden mandate' latest controversy in health overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic lawmakers opposed to federal funding for abortions said Tuesday the House leadership's health care bill contains a "hidden mandate" that would allow taxpayer dollars to be used to end pregnancies.

It's the latest controversy to hit the health care overhaul in a week that has seen Republicans sharpen their attacks and some Democrats start to waver on President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

Abortion is not mentioned in the 1,018-page bill that Democratic leaders hope will be approved by the last of three House committees this week. Supporters of the legislation say that means the bill is neutral.

Abortion opponents say the bill's silence is precisely the problem. Without an explicit prohibition on federal funding for abortion, it could be included in taxpayer-subsidized coverage offered through the health overhaul plan, abortion opponents say.

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## Jason Houle

March 1, 1976 – July 22, 2008

A year has passed my dearest son. I've missed you so much. I've cried for you so many nights. I long to hear your voice or just to give you a hug. I miss our phone talks and the secrets that we shared. You were so trusting. I could tell you anything. God gave me the world's best son. He must have needed an angel that day and chose you because you were the best. Good-bye my Jay... rest in peace. Until we meet again. I love you. Mom, Joanne Giroux



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## In Memory of Jason A. Houle

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It broke my heart to lose you, you did not go alone.

For part of me went with you,

The night God call your name.

I am filled with peaceful memories,

Your love is still my guide.

And though I cannot see you,

You are always at my side.

I miss you dearly, Brother.

Love, Katie & Dad

# N.H. out of courts, into classroom — for now

CONCORD (AP) — For the first time in almost 20 years, New Hampshire is out of the courts and fully engaged in the classrooms after Gov. John Lynch signed a final piece of legislation toward court-mandated changes to the school-funding formula.

The bill, signed last week, was passed as part of the Legislature's response to a series of New Hampshire Supreme Court rulings that the state offer children a constitutionally adequate education. The new law holds schools accountable for the educational programs by proving they meet key academic standards. It answers the last of four mandates issued by the Supreme Court in response to a 1991 lawsuit by five poor school districts.

But key players involved in the multiyear funding fight expect this will be only a lull in litigation, and

they predict a possible return to the courts in 2011, when the new financial aid system is fully implemented.

"I wouldn't say we're done, but I wouldn't say we're about to run off to court, either," said Andru Volinsky, lead lawyer for the five towns that filed the lawsuit. "One of our major problems is there is still not a reliable funding source."

With the new system, towns that received transition aid under the old system may not fare as well. Property-rich towns also no longer will be "harmless" and will have to send money raised through the statewide property tax to the state.

Full implementation will cost more in the next two-year budget at a time lawmakers can't count on federal stimulus funding to help. They used

\$80 million of federal stimulus funds in each year of the current two-year budget toward the roughly \$950 million in annual state school aid. The state will have to replace that with state funding and find more money for any increases in aid.

"We obviously made a positive, constitutional step forward, but everyone dealing with this for the last 18 years wants to make sure we don't take a step backward," said Mark Joyce, executive director of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.

William Chapman, lawyer for Londonderry and another coalition of towns that sued in 2005, said his clients most likely will press their case for changing the formula to increase school funding when the next budget is developed in two years.

# State officials say there's hope for Abenaki encampment

By ANDREA OSMUN  
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — Officials from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources say there is hope for saving the Abenaki encampment, a group of historical cabins in the woods off Intervale Cross Road that have fallen into disrepair and were recently struck by a fallen tree.

Deb Gagne, grant coordinator for the Division of Historical Resources, said of the damaged cabins, "They do need work, but I don't see that they're lost."

The Abenaki encampment used to be a summer gathering place for Abenaki Indians who would sell their homemade wares to travelers in the Mount Washington Valley. In 1985, the town of Conway was given the deed to the property and now co-owns it with Dennis Obomsawin, of Quebec, Canada, who is the nephew of the late Stephen Laurent. Laurent's father, Abenaki Indian chief Joseph Laurent, began camping on the property in the late 1800s. The encampment was inducted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

Town manager Earl Sires met with Division of Historical Resources officials and Conway Conservation Commission chair Paul Pinkham Tuesday morning to look at the encampment. Sires said rehabilitating the three cabins that were damaged could cost more than \$30,000. But at this point, the town should focus on stabilizing the cabins and preventing future damage, said Peter Michaud, national register, preservation, tax incentives and easements coordinator for the Division of Historical Resources.

"It's worth exploring stabilization," Michaud said as the group was leaving the site. "We haven't even discussed rehabilitation yet."

Gagne said the town of Conway could apply for grants to fund work on the cabins, but state grants have been very limited lately. She said New Hampshire's conservation plates, also known as moose plates, usually bring in about \$50,000, but there are usually about \$300,000 worth of applications for the grant associated with the program.

She wanted to encourage people to purchase moose plates to help fund



Town manager Earl Sires, left, discusses the possibilities of repairing the damaged cabins with Deb Gagne and Peter Michaud, from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. (ANDREA OSMUN PHOTO)

projects like the Abenaki encampment. "Purchase moose plates," she said. "The money goes toward brick-and-mortar projects for publicly-owned buildings."

Other grant possibilities might include applying with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the L-CHIP (Land Conservation and Historic Preservation Program), Gagne suggested.

Along with stabilizing the buildings, Sires said the site needed to be cleaned up so the public might access it again in the future. "Different groups have come up and wanted to help clean up," he said.

Pinkham said many people are not even aware the Abenaki encampment exists, since the cabins and little gift shop have been closed to the public for years. "This is a little island of culture many people don't know about," he said.

In recent weeks, since news of the Abenaki encampment's damage has spread, people have been exploring the property. As the group walked up the hill and around the cabins, Sires realized a window had been opened that was closed the last time he was there.

Christina St. Louis, program assistant for the Division of Historical Resources, urged the public to respect the site, especially in the condition it's in now. "Please respect cultural resources," she said.

Although Obomsawin's family has the primary responsibility of maintaining the site, according to the property deed, Sires said the town has been working to secure the buildings. Town officials have boarded up some broken buildings and closed them all down.

"They've been coming to town (from Quebec) two or three times a year,"

Sires said. "So, we've been doing a minimal amount of securing it."

Sires added that Obomsawin and his family have expressed interest in expanding the old Abenaki gift shop, which has been closed for years. "They wanted a place to come and stay," he said. "The others (cabins) are not serviceable."

Edna Feighner, review and compliance coordinator and archaeologist for Division of Historical Resources, suggested that state officials come to Conway again when the Obomsawins are in town and meet with them on the property. "We should get up here and meet with them and hear them tell their story," she said.

State officials agreed that the site was a valuable, historical resource. "This could be an excellent opportunity for folks to be aware of the Abenaki. The cabins could be brought back," Feighner said.

## LEFTS

**Berlin should be proud of its community**

To the editor:  
The Androscoggin Valley is extremely lucky to have the most responsive, capable and compassionate team of rescue professionals and volunteers any community could ever want. It is because of their quick thinking and

selfless efforts that I am able to pen this letter today. The circumstances of last Wednesday in Mahoosuc Notch illustrate how even the best-prepared day hike can go bad. Their ability to smoothly and quickly coordinate activities across the state border involving several agencies and rescue teams should be held up as a textbook example of how to do things right.

For the first two hours my brother-in-law, his son and an at through hiker attempted to move me along out of the notch. Once it was clear I could not self-evacuate and finally within cell phone range, they dialed 911.

Within an hour of the first call, Patrick and Jonathan of Berlin Fire and Rescue had trekked three miles to the notch and immediately set to work overcoming my hypothermia and stabilizing me. Other rescue teams continually arrived seemingly nonstop for the next couple of hours. Their quick assessment determined that a helicopter evacuation was not viable; they immediately prepared for a hand-carry, under the capable leadership of Matt Holmes, NH Fish and Game conservation officer. The evacuation was slowed by the constant need to stop and re-stabilize me due to the constant trauma symptoms I experienced. Through it all the team was patient yet proceeded

with urgency. So many folks assisted. For as many teams I learned of afterwards — Newry Fire, Bethel EMS, Mahoosuc Search and Rescue, Androscoggin Search and Rescue, Maine Warden Service. I owe them all a deep debt of gratitude. The three hour carry down the trail involved them all. There was an essential team at the base and ATV's making their way up the hill. I hope I did not forget anyone. I never felt deserving of such a large effort coming my way. I was overwhelmed as I await the details.

The last link, the staff at Androscoggin Valley Hospital were simply terrific. I was attended to swiftly and competently. While I'm used to the Boston hospitals, I can say without a doubt the caliber of the hospital nurses and doctors was just as high, and I received far more attention and follow up than I would have in the city. Berlin EMS even stopped by the next day to check on my well-being. You have a very special community.

I have considerable healing ahead of me, but it would not be possible without your generous teams. I intend to be back on the trail again someday soon, always thinking of and remembering the large effort the teams selflessly gave.

As a community you can and should be proud of having the finest in your midst. You can rest assured that if the time ever comes you need their help, you will receive the best that the world has to offer, right here.

Thank you one and all.  
Bill Tarkulich  
Lexington, Mass.

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John Walsh

# Riding With Lance

When Lance Armstrong won his seventh straight Tour de France back in 2005 and retired from international bicycle racing, it was truly the end of an era. Starting with his first win in 1999, Lance, who had nearly died of testicular cancer in 1995-96, went on to establish a modus operandi that had led to his unprecedented success. While most of us may believe that international bicycle road racing is an individual sport, it is truly a team sport in which each of the nine members has a definite, assigned role to play in helping its captain win in one or more of the categories. The categories are Sprints, King of the Mountains, Best Young Rider or the most coveted overall best time, the General Category or GC. If the team really succeeded then its captain can ride down the Champs Elysee in Paris and through the Arc de Triomphe on the last day of the Tour clad in that most visible symbol of triumph, the yellow jersey.

After Lance's last triumph and retirement, the sport has gone through some very difficult times. Because of various doping scandals, many highly ranked riders have been banned, and one, Floyd Landis, the GC winner of the 2006 Tour, has had his title removed after testing positive for a banned substance. It has cast a pall over the sport which has led to a decline in interest around the world.

When Lance announced that he would return to the Tour de France this year after a four year absence, fans like me were encouraged. We hoped that the return of the champion would revive interest and aid the tour in presenting a true test of man and machine which is clearly one of the most difficult athletic test ever devised. While many thought that Lance would again dominate the peloton, those who best knew the three week test he would be facing, had doubts. Lance, at 38 years of age, would seem to have little chance against the new wave of young riders who had risen to fill the vacuum his retirement had left in the sport. Those who had their doubts about Lance's ability to ride at the front in the tour have pretty much seen those doubts vanish. As of Tuesday, a rest day.

Lance will ride in the 16th stage this morning (Wednesday) placed second overall in the GC, just over a minute behind a teammate, Alberto Contador of Spain.

While Lance is positioned well for the Tour's final days, he is not likely to ride down the Champs Elysee next Sunday in yellow. There are still a couple of difficult mountain stages left, and Contador has shown himself to be the new strong man of the Tour when it comes to riding up those long, steep roads in the Alps. He displayed that prowess last Saturday when he cracked the field wide open as he rode on the 2,000 meter climb into Verbier in Switzerland. Lance finished well but could not stay on the wheel of the younger Contador.

While Lance himself has indicated he doesn't expect to win the Tour, he has embodied the ethic that has made the Tour de France a great sporting spectacle by emphasizing the team aspect. He has said he will support Contador out on the road and behind the scenes as the young man grows for his second consecutive win in the Tour de France. That's what good team members are expected to do.

But if Contador falters on the ride up Mount Ventoux on Saturday, Lance will be ready to take the lead and salvage the win for his team. It would be a glorious moment if it were to happen.

While Lance may not win, his presence in the field has been a winner for the Tour. Although the French have tried for years to catch him using a banned substance, he has never tested positive. He has maintained his integrity and his presence this July on the roads of beautiful La Belle France have helped to restore the integrity of its great sporting spectacle.

I've been riding with Lance throughout the Tour, as I have since his first attempt back in the early nineties before his illness. I'll be with him come Sunday when the Tour riders relax on their bicycles and sip champagne on their way into Paris. **Vive Lance Armstrong! Vive the Tour de France!**

## I strongly oppose John Walsh's position on a casino for Berlin

To the editor:

While I normally agree with Mr. Walsh, I must totally oppose his position on Casinos in Berlin as stated in "Waiting For The Train Wreck." John Walsh's editorial on Wednesday, July 15.

My personal experience with casinos began with New Jersey's referendum to allow casinos in Atlantic City. It was lauded a great employer and a great boost to the local economy. It has been a boost to the economy for Atlantic City. However, most of its employees relocated from New York City. Berlin's population lacks the educational background for casino employment. Where are visitors going to stay when they visit the Berlin Casino, the Berlin Hilton, or the Androscoggin Marriott? Obviously they will get to dine at Applebee's, Outback, LoneStar or the Olive Garden. These facilities, and more existed in Atlantic City well before casinos. Additionally, Las Vegas, Foxwoods and Atlantic City have many more activities to offer visiting guests. Logically, if a smart investor was going to locate a facility in the north country, it would be at the Balsams, Mt. Washington Hotel or Mountain

View Grand.

While living in Michigan, the casinos provided great improvement on the Indian Reservations where they are located. These casinos and associated business activities (hotels, restaurants, etc.) are managed by the local tribes. Profits turned rural slums into pleasant residential communities also improving both education and health care for native Americans. The state of Michigan receives no income from these casinos. The tribes have contributed large amounts of money to improving neighboring communities. Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, was a great neighbor.

Locating a casino in a poor downtrodden community with nothing to offer visitors is just poor (non) thinking, poor politics and poor business. If you plan on profiting from casinos, locate them in wealthy communities. Gosh, that took a lot of thought.

Poor people visiting casinos and losing money they can't afford, may cost Berlin and threaten more than potential profits, for food stamps, social services, mental counseling, credit counseling and law enforcement.

see **OPPOSE** page 5



Students participating in the health careers summer camp were: (l-r) Jamie Uran, Nicole Peare, Lacey Woodall, Zachary Boucher, Gabrielle Dumont. Back Row: Jason Chandler, Timothy Wolfe, Monica Gillis, Sonsee Flores, Allison Rollins, Barbara Peabody, RN, Health Science Technologies Instructor and Jordan Neil.

## Health career summer camp held in Berlin

**BERLIN** — Northern NH Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center have just completed hosting their first Health Careers Summer Camp. The Health Careers Summer Camp ran from July 13, through July 17, at Berlin High School. The Health Careers Camp was open to students who had completed grades 7 and 8 by the end of the 2008-2009 school year who were interested in a career in the health field or wanted to explore the option. Eleven students participated in the Health Careers Summer Camp. They are: Sonsee Flores, Gabrielle Dumont, Jordan Neil, Zachary Boucher, Lacey Woodall, and Monica Gillis from Berlin; Jason Chandler from Whitefield; Nicole Peare from Millan; Timothy Wolfe from Lancaster and Allison Rollins from Colebrook.

The camp allowed students to explore various health career options by participating in hands-on activities and workshops. Students explored careers in Medicine, Nursing, Mental Health, Dentistry, Public Health, Medical Examiner, Funeral Director, Wilderness Rescue, EMT, Chiropractor, Long-Term Care, Nutrition, Health Educator, and Diabetic Educator. The students travelled to Androscoggin Valley Hospital where they spent time in the Orthopedic Department and the Operating Room. They also went to St. Vincent De Paul Nursing Home

where they had exposure to Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Nursing careers. During the week of the camp, all attendees were trained and certified in CPR and First Aid.

Those agencies and individuals participating in the camp were: Uniformly Yours, Northern Human Services, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Coos County Family Health Services, Groveton EMS, Mark Evans, Acupuncturist, St. Vincent De Paul Nursing Home, Bryant Funeral Home, Faye Memolo, Medical Examiner, N.H. Fish & Game, Berlin EMS, and Riverside Wellness. The participation of these people and agencies allowed these young students to gain valuable experiences which may lead them to choose a career in health care.

Funding for the Health Careers Camp was provided by the Tillotson Fund and the Berlin Career and Technical Center. NCHC is a rural health network with a mission to improve the health of North Country residents through innovative collaboration. Northern NH AHEC, a program of NCHC, is affiliated with Dartmouth Medical School and The Dartmouth Institute. For further information regarding the Health Careers Summer Camp, or information in holding a Health Careers Presentation in your school, please contact April Allin, NNH AHEC Health Careers Counselor, at 837-2519 or email her at aallin@nchcn.org.

gain for Berlin as well as employment numbers. They could also discuss potential interested parties. Don't just talk pipe-dreams, talk reality.

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### OPPOSE from page 4

Proponents suggest that the casino would bring new roads, hotels and restaurants. Where? The citizens of Berlin would pay for road construction, not the casino. I would like to hear Representatives Ingersoll, Mears and Theberge discuss the potential capital

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**CITY** from page one  
be installed back in 1969. But the city has been trying for several years to get it removed. MacQueen said he discovered the state had been licensing the sign annually because it is on a route that has been declared a state scenic byway. When the license form was checked, it was discovered that signature for the city was the name of the owner of the motel.

MacQueen notified the Bureau of Traffic last year that the city did not want the sign on city property.

The city manager said the bureau will now hold a hearing on the appeal. No hearing date has been set but MacQueen said he expects a final decision in several months. He said the city could order the inn to take it down now but said he would recommend letting the state process run its course to avoid the city incurring legal costs.

Councilor Ryan Landry, who was not on the council when the issue surfaced last year, asked if the objection to the sign is due to its condition or the fact it is on city property. MacQueen pointed out it is the only commercial sign on city property. While acknowledging the city initially approved it, MacQueen said it puts the city in a tough position if other businesses want to install signs on city property.

Other councilors also noted the sign is unsightly and does not create a good impression of the city.

"It's a sorry looking sign," said Mayor David Bertrand.

**67 Granite Street.**  
Fire Chief Randall Trull presented the council with a request for a 155-B order to William James Jolly of Hebron for his property at 67 Granite Street. The structure was hit by a major fire on March 22. Trull said

he performed a street side inspection on May 18 and determined the building is not habitable and fits the definition of a hazardous building. The inspection revealed the upper floors and roof are unstable and the property is unsecured and open to vandals and arsonists.

Trull said identifying all the names on the deed took some time as did trying to see if Jolly owned other properties in the state the city could lien.

The council approved the 155-B order - one of many it has authorized in recent years. Under the statute, the owner has 20 days to contact Trull with a contract for demolition and a work plan to raze the building and fill in any cellar holes. Once Trull has been contacted, the work must be completed within 60 days of the date of the order. If the owner fails to comply with the order, the city can have the building razed and removed and try to recover its costs by selling the real estate.

While the process can take months with the city typically ending up razing the building, Trull noted before discovering how to use 155-B, the city struggled with burned out buildings that remained as eyesores for years. Most do not have insurance and the cost to clean up the ruins and take away the demolition debris exceeds the value of the land.

The city currently has a 155-B order on one of the buildings burned in the Jan. 17 fire in the downtown. The building at 90-92 Main Street has posed a tough challenge because there is a wall on the north side of the building that is attached to an abutting building. The city had hoped to get the site cleaned up before the Thunder in the Mountains event.

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# Hudson to speak on early camps on the northern peaks

**RANDOLPH** — Judy Hudson, RMC historian, will speak on "Early Camps on the Northern Peaks" at the annual meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club, 7:30 p.m., August 8, at the Randolph Town Hall.

Recently acquired photos will show **Crag Camp** as it was first built in 1909. Hudson will present a lecture-slide show accompanied

by dramatic readings from original sources. The material is drawn from her forthcoming book, "Peaks & Paths: a Centennial History of the Randolph Mountain Club".

The first comprehensive history of trails and camps on the northern Presidential and Crescent Ranges, the book will be released as part of the RMC's centennial celebration in 2010.

**PROPOSAL** from page one  
C.C.F.H.S. said in its previous C.D.B.G. application it's looking at a new facility since it's becoming increasingly difficult to provide adequate care in its current facility, which is too small. The application adds the clinic has seen an increase in patients, and in order to handle the growth the organization needs a more efficient facility.

"We'll be able to provide better services to the community with a new facility located in the town of Gorham," said C.C.F.H.S. C.E.O. Adele Woods.

C.C.F.H.S. estimates that the project would cost between \$6.5- \$9.5 million to construct a building, estimated to be between 22,000- 30,000 square feet, and outfit the facility with equipment.

A preliminary timeline for construction, supplied at the public hearing, estimated the facility might be operational in 2011.

When the search for a new site began, Woods said there were 11 sites, but that was narrowed to three possible locations.

During the review process, Woods said the search committee and engineers looked at a variety of factors including size, zoning, locations, access, available utilities and numerous other areas.

The three sites that were selected were one near Gorham Brick and Block on Lancaster Road, one on the Glen Road known as the Tailon site and the last one being on Glen Road as well.

Woods said the committee plans to look more in-depth at the Tailon site because it is the one that appears to be the best site at this point.

C.C.F.H.S. had previously been awarded C.D.B.G. funds to conduct a feasibility study that would help the organization find a site for its new facility.

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## Berlin District Court

Phillip Guay, 24, of 27 Pine Street, Gorham, was found guilty of operating an OHRV on a public way and fined \$120. Guay was also found guilty of failure to produce a registration and fined \$60.

Nicholas Belanger, 21, of 224 Wight Street, Berlin, was found guilty of false reporting of an accident and sentenced to 90 days in the house of corrections and two years of probation. All of the time in the house of corrections was suspended. A similar sentence was imposed on a charge of conduct after an accident. The charge was placed on file on the condition of good behavior for one year. A charge of possession of a controlled drug was placed on file without a finding on the condition of good behavior for two years and an admission of sufficient facts for a guilty finding if the complaint is brought forward. A charge for reckless operation was not-prossed and Belanger was fined \$420 on a speeding violation.

Cassandra Doucette, 26, of 610 Cheshire Street, Berlin, was found guilty of default or breach of bail conditions and sentenced to 30 days in the house of corrections, concurrent with a current sentence, to include a LADAC evaluation within 45 days of release. A charge of resisting arrest or detention was placed on file without a finding on the condition of good behavior for two years. Doucette was found guilty of criminal threatening and sentenced to one year in the house of correction. All of the time was suspended except for 30 days with credit for 10 days of pretrial confinement, based upon good behavior and probation for two years and restitution in the amount of \$561.

A criminal mischief charge and a charge of possession of a controlled/narcotic charge were not-prossed through a negotiated plea arrangement.

Louise Girard, 42, of 387 Coos Street, Berlin, was found guilty of operating an uninspected motor vehicle and fined \$60.

Samantha Simmons, 24, of 88 High Street, Berlin, was found guilty of possession of a controlled/narcotic drug and sentenced to one year in the house of corrections and two years of probation. All of the time was suspended except for seven days. Simmons was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and fined \$60. A charge for hindering apprehension was placed on file without a finding on the condition of good behavior for one year. A charge of possession of controlled/narcotics in a motor vehicle was not-prossed.

Joseph Cote 19, of 471 First Avenue, Berlin, was found guilty of a city ordinance of disorderly actions, excessive acceleration, and fined \$120.

Bernard Dunton, 59, of 1791 Riverside Drive, Berlin, was found guilty of simple assault and fined \$480 and sentenced to 90 days in the house of corrections. The time in the house of corrections was suspended upon payment of the fine July 15. The charge of obstructing the report of a crime was placed on file without a find-

ing, based upon good behavior for two years. A second simple assault charge was not-prossed by the Berlin police department.

Vicki Valerino, 37, of 164 Maynesboro Street, Berlin, was found guilty of driving while intoxicated and loss of her driver's license for nine months. However, the defendant may seek return of their driving privileges after 90 days, provided they have entered into the relevant driver intervention program required within 45 days of conviction.

Richard Pirvin, 48, of 473 Hillside Avenue, Berlin, was found guilty of driving while intoxicated and fined \$900 with a loss of his driver's license for nine months. However, the defendant may seek return of their driving privileges after 90 days, provided he have entered into the relevant driver intervention program required within 45 days of conviction. A charge of conduct after an accident was placed on file without a finding on the condition of good behavior for one year.

Eric Oglesby, 33, of 620 Cheshire Street, Berlin, had a charge of possession of a controlled/narcotic drug not-prossed by the BPD.

Dana Janes, 25, of 608 Burgess Street, Berlin was found guilty of loitering and fined \$360.

Jonathan Duff, 21, of 150 York Pond Road, Milan, had two counts of theft and one count of criminal mischief not-prossed.

Jeff Pike, 49, of 30 Rheims Street, Berlin, had a charge of a violation of a protective order dismissed.

Benjamin Kelley, 23, of 202 South Road, Deerfield, NH, was found guilty of speeding and fined \$50.

Dwight Lucas, 16, of 750 Deer Hill Road, Silver Lake, was found guilty of operating an OHRV on land without the landowners permission and fined \$72.

Gary Roy, 50, of 1 Meadow Village, West Lebanon, was found guilty of an open container violation and fined \$150.

Alexander Couture, 16, of 760 Kearsage Road, Intervale, was found guilty of operating an OHRV on land without the landowners permission and fined \$72.

Christian Badillo, 27, of 333 School Street, Berlin, was found guilty of driving after revocation or suspension and fined \$300.

Miranca Maurais, 17, of 24 Cross Street, Gorham, had a charge of willful concealment placed on file without a finding on the condition of good behavior for one year, stay out of and off the premises of the store where incident occurred, and admits sufficient facts to a guilty finding if the complaint is brought forward.

Stephanie Corriveau, 34, of P.O. Box 161, Bethel, Maine, had a charge of criminal mischief placed on file without a finding based upon good behavior for one year and admitting to sufficient facts if the complaint is brought forward, along with restitution made in the amount of \$666.50.

Derick Lettice, 17, of 731 Kent Street, Berlin, was found guilty of speeding and fined \$200.

## Berlin police log

Monday, July 13

9:21 a.m. - A man reported someone damaged his backyard and a gazing ball, and wanted the information on file.

9:47 a.m. - A man reported his home in Milan had been damaged. The call was referred to state police.

11:52 a.m. - Owen Mackin, 16, of Berlin, was issued a traffic citation for speed.

1:23 p.m. - Vincent Shockley, 28, of 2709 N. 28th St., in Waco, Texas, was arrested as a fugitive from justice. He was not given bail and is awaiting extradition to Texas.

3:51 p.m. - A man reported that someone broke into his residence on the Milan Hill Road.

3:53 p.m. - A caller reported seeing two men attempting to break into a building on Champlain Street.

5:05 p.m. - A man reported someone scared his granddaughter.

5:17 p.m. - A woman reported her 11-year old son missing. Police were on the lookout for the boy.

Tuesday, July 14

10:19 a.m. - A man reported he had been receiving fraudulent mail. Police could not locate the caller.

12:17 p.m. - A man reported his windshield was cracked by a rock that was turned up by a Department of Transportation truck, in Stark.

2:45 p.m. - A man reported that he noticed the window dressing at a building on East Mason Street had changed and thought it was suspicious. Police checked the building and everything was fine.

## State Police Troop F log

July 6

11:17 a.m. - State Police responded to Stratford to assist in an investigation of a break-in to a residence.

July 7

11:30 a.m. - State Police responded to a residence in Clarksville to assist in getting an individual to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

6:24 p.m. - State Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Rte 2 in Jefferson. Brittany Bloom, 17, of Lancaster, attempted to turn left from the Old Corner Store to head West on Route 2 and pulled into vehicle operated by Mark St. Hilaire, 46, of Gorham. Bloom subsequently also hit the corner of the Old Corner Store. No injuries reported.

July 8

10:07 a.m. - State police are investigating a report of criminal mischief that occurred in Stewartstown. The incident is being further investigated at this time.

10:49 a.m. - Carol Ribner, 67, of Jefferson, was eastbound on Route 2 and drove into the breakdown lane and onto the guardrail. She was not injured and her vehicle was towed from the scene.

July 9

5:24 p.m. - State Police are investigating an attempted theft by deception at Mt Washington Auto Road.

July 10

7:08 a.m. - State Police are investig-

6:00 p.m. - A 14-year old boy was bitten by a dog on Kent Street, and transported to the hospital.

8:15 p.m. - A man reported seeing someone throwing rocks at a vehicle.

9:50 p.m. - A caller reported a female juvenile that was being unruly and causing a disturbance.

Wednesday, July 15

2:39 a.m. - Police responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on Hutchins Street. Police subsequently arrested two subjects. Cody Morin, 18, of 16 Turcotte St., in Berlin, was arrested for driving or operating under the influence of drugs or liquor, driving after revocation or suspension, conduct after an accident, transportation of alcoholic beverages by a minor and unlawful possession of alcohol.

He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail and given a September 15, court date. Police also arrested Samuel Pelchat, 18, of 146 Maynesboro St., in Berlin, for unlawful possession of alcohol. He was released on \$350 P.R. bail and given a September 15 court date.

10:35 a.m. - A woman reported a white truck had been parked in front of her father's residence for some time and thought it was suspicious.

7:39 p.m. - Police are investigating a possible violation of a restraining order.

9:40 p.m. - A woman reported that her friend accidentally backed into her vehicle.

9:54 p.m. - A woman reported that someone stole her daughter's \$67 sweatshirt.

tigating a report of criminal mischief in Stewartstown. The victim reported that four vehicles in his yard had the tires slashed. The incident is under investigation at this time.

9:34 p.m. - State Police responded to a report of a medical emergency in Jefferson. The subject was transported to Weeks Memorial Hospital.

July 11

1:09 a.m. - State Police stopped Mario Giroux, 19, of Stewartstown, for a traffic violation in Stewartstown. Subsequently He was arrested for minor transportation alcohol. His passenger, Cody Leigh, 19, of Suffolk, Virginia, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. Both will need to appear in the Colebrook District Court, August 13.

6:54 a.m. - State police investigated a motor vehicle accident on Route 145 in Stewartstown. Justin Flanders of Stewartstown, was traveling southbound on Route 145, fell asleep and went off the left side of the road. He was transported to UCVH.

11:33 p.m. - State Police responded to a domestic disturbance in Columbia. The situation was resolved.

July 12

10:50 a.m. - State Police responded to the prison in Berlin to serve a warrant.

12:49 p.m. - State Police responded to the town of Errol for a burglary see TROOP F LOG page 9



**TROOP F LOG** from page 8

bia. The situation was resolved.

July 12  
10:50 a.m. -- State Police responded to the prison in Berlin to serve a warrant.

12:49 p.m. -- State Police responded to the town of Errol for a burglary from a residence. The investigation will continue.

5:24 p.m. -- State Police performed a quarterly sex offender registration in Stewartstown.

July 13  
10:45 a.m. -- State Police responded to a residence in Milan to take a report of a break in to a garage. The door to garage was kicked in and items taken.

6:30 p.m. -- State Police performed an annual sex offender advice verification in Stratford.

July 14  
1:13 p.m. -- State Police are investigating a report of a theft in Jefferson. The incident remains under investigation at this time.

2 p.m. -- State Police performed an annual sex offender address registration in Jefferson.

2:50 p.m. -- State Police are investigating the report of criminal mischief at the Bull Moose Restaurant in the town of Cambridge.

July 16  
10 a.m. -- State Police assisted a sexual offender with a change of information form in Columbia.

5 p.m. -- State Police investigated a report of criminal mischief in Stewartstown. A property owner reported vandalism to his property.

July 17  
1:51 p.m. -- State Police received a report of criminal trespass in Stewartstown. The incident is under investigation at this time.

8:44 p.m. -- State Police responded to Route 16 in Dummer for a motor vehicle accident. Richard Hall of Colebrook was traveling on Route 16 when a deer came into the roadway. Hall was unable to avoid the collision. No injuries and the vehi-

cle was driven from the scene.

9:30 p.m. -- State Police responded to Route 2 in Jefferson for a motor vehicle accident involving Kimberly Ann McKenzie, 27, of West Milan, who struck a moose and then a telephone pole. McKenzie was transported to Weeks Hospital for treatment and then arrested for driving under the influence.

July 18  
2:22 a.m. -- State Police took a report of a restraining order violation in Stewartstown.

12:39 p.m. -- State Police took a report of burglary in Columbia. The owner of the property reported that someone broke into the residence. The incident is under investigation at this time.

1:51 p.m. -- State Police took a report of criminal mischief at the Shrine in Columbia. The incident remains under investigation at this time.

4:33 p.m. -- State Police took a report of criminal mischief in Pinkhams Grant. TA woman parked

her vehicle to go for a short walk and when she returned found someone had attempted to pry open her window. The incident remains under investigation.

9:56 p.m. -- State Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute in Errol. Subsequently Matthew Kelly, 22, of Waltham, Mass., was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and Christiana Hickey, 18, of Manchester, was arrested for illegal possession of alcohol. Both will need to appear in the Colebrook District Court August 13.

July 19  
5:59 p.m. -- State Police responded to the Town and Country for a report of a minor motor vehicle collision. A vehicle operated by Nathan Simard, 20, of Shelburne, backed into a trailer that was parked in the no parking zone. There was minor damage to the trailer stand. No injuries were reported.

8:25 p.m. -- State Police assisted the Gorham Police Department with a domestic dispute.

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**Success:** Thomas R. Dillon & Scott A. Dillon Two-Lot Subdivision in Success. One lot consists of 169.4 acres conveyed to the United States of America (Federal Bureau of Prisons) on May 30, 2007. One lot consists of 4,776.8 +/- acres.

The public is urged to attend. The Board will hold its regular planning board meeting following the public hearing.

Suzanne L. Collins - Clerk  
Coös County Planning Board

**City of Berlin Zoning Board of Adjustment**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday July 29, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Chambers, City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, NH, to hear the following cases:

Case 08-09 - Pastor Joey Roberts, of 710 Glen Avenue, has filed and application for a Variance for the Dream Center, at 292 Pleasant Street, building owned by Norman Small of 319 High Street. The subject property is located on Tax Map 119, Lot 024 in a Downtown Zone. The Variance comes under Article IX, Section 17-92, Downtown Zone Permitted uses, of the Berlin Zoning Ordinance. If allowed, the variance would allow the building to be used as a church, to include services, student outreach programs and public charitable services.

Case 09-09 - Dan Landry, 1995 Hutchins Street has filed an application for a Special Exception. The subject property is located on Tax Map 136, Lot 007, in a Residential General Zone. The request comes under Article XV, Section 17-164-2-B, of the Berlin Zoning Ordinance. If allowed the applicant would be entitled to construct a sign six square feet.

Posted by: Harold Bigelow  
Chairman, ZBA

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**OPINION** from page one  
ing retirement benefits from the N.H. Retirement System, they are not allowed to work more than 34 hours a week.

Councilor Lucie Remillard raised the issue during council comments at Monday's meeting. She said she thought when the council voted to fund the comptroller's position as a full-time position, it would be staffed full-time. Councilor Ron Goudreau said that was his impression as well.

City Manager Patrick MacQueen said his understanding was the council appropriated the money in case Shallow could not fulfill the position on a part time basis. He said in that case the money would be there to restore it to full-time.

MacQueen said if the council insists on making the comptroller position full-time, Shallow would have to step down and he would be left with no one while the city searched for someone. He said there is a chance the city would not find someone qualified for the position.

MacQueen said if the part-time arrangement does not work out, Shallow has agreed to provide a 120-day notice to allow the city time to search for a replacement. Goudreau said the city could start the search and exercise the 120-day notice when it found a candidate to allow a training period.

Goudreau questioned having a part-time police chief. He said if any position was going to be part-time at the police department, it should be the deputy chief.

Councilor Tom McCue noted he voted to appropriate money to the police department for a full-time chief. He said it got voted down by the rest of the council because the body does not have line item control over the police budget and could not dictate where the money would be spent.

"We need a full-time chief and we

need a full-time deputy chief," he said.

Remillard noted the council does not have line item control over the school and police budgets.

Goudreau said he believes the positions will all be restored to full-time in the future and the city's budget will take a hit then.

He said he was concerned with the message the city is sending to young people who may be looking for jobs. Instead of letting veteran administrators retire and opening up jobs for new people, the city is retaining its retirees.

"I still don't think it sends a good message to young people and students," he said.

Mayor David Bertrand suggested putting the topic on a future work session agenda.

**In other business:**  
\* The council held a first reading of a new ordinance governing roadside memorials at fatal accident sites. The city is allowing limited memorials containing various mementos including crosses, flowers, and pictures to remain in place for 90 days. Friends and family members are asked to remove them at the end of 90 days or the public works director or police chief will be authorized to do so. A hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held on Aug. 3.

\* The council authorized the Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority to accept the donation of the former Rite Aid Drug Store building at 145 Main Street. The building, valued at \$355,000, is being given to BIDPA which plans to renovate it to lease to business tenants.

\* The city accepted a grant of \$13,200 from the Neil and Louise Tiltonson Fund on behalf of the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce. The money will be used to produce a video of the valley for marketing and promotion purposes.

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Androscoggin Valley. Courtesy of Berlin City Dealerships, a lucky golfer playing in St. Kieran Arts Center's new Swing for the Arts Golf Tournament, has the chance to win a 2010 Toyota Prius Hybrid valued at \$24,000! The first player to score a hole-in-one on the seventeenth hole at the Androscoggin Valley Country Club, will drive away on Friday, August 21, in style. There are still spots open for teams and sponsors of tees, greens, hazards and sand traps—all proceeds to benefit the Arts Center. Taking a closer look at the great prize is (l-r) Steve Griffin, St. Kieran Arts chairman, Jaimie Gagne, tournament treasurer, and Shawn Hanlon, general manager, Berlin City Dealerships. To register or donate please call Jaimie at Isaacson Structural Steel 752-2044x180 or the Arts Center at 752-1028.

## Harvest Christian Fellowship to host annual family fun day

BERLIN — Harvest Christian Fellowship (a Foursquare Gospel Church) is sponsoring their annual family celebration, Friday, August 14, beginning at 6: p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park, at the Gazebo on Glen Avenue.

"We are looking forward to our Harvest Family Celebration," stated Pastor Shane Ruff, of Harvest Christian Fellowship. "There will be free food and beverages, with plenty of games for everyone. The live concert will begin at 6:30 p.m." A collection container will be available for a food drive that night. All food collected will be donated to local food pantries.

The moonwalk, a favorite of the kids,

will again be available, along with many other games. Everything is free; including all you can eat of the hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, fried bread, donuts and beverages, and the live concert.

"This is an annual event we have done over the past 11 or so years for the community. We want to bless the community and offer a safe place for fun and entertainment. The economy is causing us to all tighten our belts, and you can bring your family here, and not have to open your wallets," said Pastor Ruff. "We invite everyone to come and join us for an evening of food, fun and entertainment, on us."

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Have Your Parents Made Their Financial Plans?

As an adult, you're fortunate if you still have your parents. However, as they get older, you may well have to assist them in some key areas of their life. Specifically, they may need you to get involved in some of their financial issues. And if you do, you may need to focus on two areas: leaving a legacy and managing finances during retirement.

While initiating these conversations may not be easy for you, it is important, and you may find your parents more willing to discuss these issues than you had thought. In any case, if your parents haven't already done so, encourage them to work with an estate-planning professional to develop the necessary legal documents, which may include wills, trusts and financial durable powers of attorney. These documents and services can be invaluable in helping individuals find efficient ways to pass assets from one generation to the next. An estate-planning attorney can identify which arrangements are the most appropriate for you and your family.

In your discussions on leaving a legacy, you may also want to bring up the topic of the beneficiary designations that may appear on your parents' life insurance contracts and qualified plans, such as 401(k)s and IRAs. If the family picture has changed in recent years, and your parents had intended to change these designations, they should take action sooner rather than later. While your parents need to deal with the legacy issue, they still may have plenty of years of living ahead of them — and they might need help managing their money during these years. For starters, you may want to have a discussion about their savings, investments, insurance and so on, and where these assets are held. Are they kept in banks or investment companies? Do your parents have safe-deposit boxes? This knowledge could be valuable if you ever become involved in managing or distributing your parents' resources.

Also, you might want to talk to your parents about the income sources they may be drawing from during their retirement. For example, how much are they taking out each year from their 401(k)s and IRAs? They don't want to withdraw so much that they deplete their assets too soon, but at the same time, they would not doubt like to maintain their standard of living in retirement. You may want to suggest to your parents that they evaluate their investment portfolio for both growth and income potential — because they will need both elements during a long retirement.

If your parents aren't already working with a financial advisor, you may want to encourage them to do so. Managing an investment portfolio during retirement is no easier than doing so during one's working years — and there's less time to overcome mistakes. A qualified financial advisor can help your parents choose the right mix of investments that can help meet their needs. During the course of your lifetime, your parents have done a lot for you. You can help pay them back by doing whatever you can to assist them in managing their financial strategy.

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## HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll feel a wild impulse to act and then just as suddenly, something stops you. It's not fear holding you back, just your own good timing. Don't act until you feel steady. 100 percent sure of yourself.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20). You'll be in good humor, laughing at the ironies of life and pointing them out so that others can react in kind. Tonight, the kindness you show a loved one is the key to unlocking this person's unbounded affection.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're in for a treat. A meal that's divine or some other elegant experience is in your near future. A person who shares your superior taste will turn you on to quality goods and services.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's said for optimum health, you shouldn't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Similarly for optimum spiritual health, don't wait until you're desperate to pray, meditate or ask the universe to show you some love.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Gratitude is one of your favorite human emotions. It seems that the more you find to be grateful for, the more you are given. You'll start the cycle up once more with a sweet thank-you note.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 22)**. This year turns up your self-discipline and recuperative powers and so, with robust health and vitality, you are ready to take bigger challenges. Your romantic fortunes improve in September. November introduces fantastic work prospects. Relationships grow sweeter in January and a commitment is featured. Love signs are Libra and Pisces. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 30, 42, 16 and 2.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Lately, you've been trying to do just as many experiences to your life as possible. That said, this is a time to be more discerning. Just because an opportunity is unusual doesn't mean you should go for it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one has your touch, encouraging manner or band of support. A distant loved one is homesick for your attention. Give generously those things that only you can. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If it seems like people are getting too up close and personal, or that your space is invaded by nonchalant intruders, this is all a sign. You are being rugged in a direction so that you will reconnect with your original purpose.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you indirectly indicate what you want, only the keenly observant people will get your drift. Subtle messages sail right over people's heads undetected. Be bold and clear.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll encounter a forceful personality. Though there is a certain glamour to this person, resist getting too sucked into all that. You need equal billing in your relationships. Make it known from the start.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't mind picking up the slack for your loved ones, but lately it seems like a certain person is handing over the whole kit and caboodle for you to handle -- and it's not your responsibility. Speak up.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're still on the fence about taking on a project or a relationship. If you want something badly enough, making a commitment is easy and you'll do whatever it takes. Wait until you feel an undeniable conviction.

## Garfield

by Jim Davis



## For Better or Worse

by Lynn Johnston



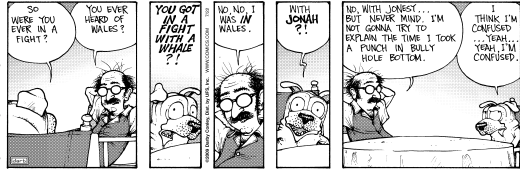
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## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

## FRIENDS OPT OUT OF COUPLE'S SPOUSE-SWAPPING PARTIES

DEAR ABBY: Our friends "Andy" and "Corinne" live out of state in Michigan. We visit them about twice a year. Our visits are planned weeks in advance. The last three times, on Saturday night they hosted a "swingers party."

The first time it happened we thought it was a joke, until the guests — after "tossing back a few" — started picking partners. We saw them begin to caress one another, then starting going into other rooms and outside. One of the attendees came on to my wife. We informed him we're not swingers. His response? He told us it was OK to "watch" the first time or two.

Abby, we're not prudish, but we feel uncomfortable visiting these friends. We now return to our bedroom when the swingers arrive. In contrast, when Andy and Corinne come to visit us in Tennessee, we have dinner, play cards and go to church on Sunday.

We have spoken to them about this. They tell us they "keep their relationship fresh" this way. We don't want to lose these friends, but we don't know what to do. Can you help? — SATISFIED WITH EACH OTHER

DEAR SATISFIED: I'm sorry because you like Andy and Corinne every other day of the week when you visit them, schedule an outside activity — dinner and a movie, a play — anything that will get you out of their den of iniquity on Saturday night. Either that, or leave for home on Friday.

DEAR ABBY: After 13 years of marriage, my wife has stopped wearing her wedding rings. First she said her fingers had shrunk and her rings kept falling off. Then she claimed that the "gold club had bent them." Now she refuses to wear them out of spite because I told her they are a sign of commitment, and I feel she's "advertising" that she's not married.

Am I reading too much into this? In many ways she is still a dutiful wife, but this ring thing is becoming an issue. Any pearls of wisdom? — FEELING INSECURE IN MIDWAY, GA.

DEAR FEELING INSECURE: Your problem isn't the "ring thing." It's that your wife is lying to you and acting out of spite. It is very important that you quickly get to the root of what's really bothering her because the rings are only a symptom of an underlying problem.

DEAR ABBY: My wife leaves knives lying around our house — and not just on counter tops. She also leaves the dishwasher wide open and then goes to take a shower.

We have a 4-year-old son who is curious about everything. I have tried to not allow to get her to understand that what she's doing is dangerous, but it turns into a joke, or she says I'm scolding her and treating her like a child.

Please help. I don't want anything to happen to our son, and I can't seem to get my wife to pay attention. — WORRIED SICK, ROCKMONT, VA.

DEAR WORRIED SICK: She may be careless, or she may have some kind of disorder. Your wife really should be evaluated to determine what's going on. If she resists the suggestion, please remind her that if her child is hurt by a sharp object left lying around or within his reach, he will probably need to be taken to the emergency room. And the doctors there will be required to report his injury to the authorities — even if it doesn't kill him or maim him for life.

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## SPORTS



Winning all six games on the mound for the Bobcats during the state tournament was left handed pitcher Megan Hood. Hood did not allow an earned run in the best of three series against Windham. (JEAN LEBLANC PHOTO)

## Berlin Bobcat bats too much for Windham in game one, 11-2

### Falardeau and Lemoine lead 17 hit attack

BY JEAN LEBLANC  
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

**CONCORD** — The Berlin Lady Bobcat 16 & Under softball team stroked out 17 hits and rode the two-hit pitching of Megan Hood, defeating Windham 11-2 in the first game of the best of three series for the New Hampshire state title.

The Lady Bobcats jumped on Windham starting pitcher Kelsey Chase for a pair of runs in the first inning. Marisa Lemoine opened things with a single. The speedy center fielder stole second base and then rolled into third on a pass ball. Teammate Cassie Martin got Lemoine home on her RBI groundout. Bobcat catcher Trisha Falardeau kept things going with a base hit. Falardeau pilfered second base and then scored when Sarah Dumoulin's hot grounder was misplayed for a 2-0 Berlin lead.

The Bobcats loaded five more runs in the top of the second inning. Molly Thagourous reached on an error. Nathalie Bouchard tried to move Thagourous, however, a good defensive play just got Thagourous at second base. Bobcat pitcher Megan Hood helped her own cause, crushing a one bounce triple off the right field fence to plate Bouchard for a 3-0 lead. Kiana Lefebvre worked her at-bat for a walk and Lemoine



Berlin Bobcat center fielder Marisa Lemoine was a key part in her team's success against Windham. Lemoine had three hits in each game and scored six times in the two victories. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Making contact on this pitch is Bobcat Nathalie Bouchard. (COURTESY PHOTO)

followed with an RBI single. Martin elevated her RBI total to three stroking a two-run double for the Bobcats. The inning was completed on a single by Falardeau to plate Martin for a 7-0 strong hold.

Windham's only two runs for the game came in the bottom of the third inning. A walk and an infield error put runners at second and third base. Windham's Ashley Adinson stroked the base hit, plating her team mates for a 7-2 score. Both runs were unearned.

The Lady Bobcats' offense went back to work in the top of the fourth inning. Hodd doubled to start the up-rising. The little lefty moved to third base on a groundout and then scored on Lemoine's RBI double. Falardeau stayed perfect at the plate stroking a double to get Lemoine to the plate for a 9-2 Berlin lead.

Defensively, the Bobcats settled in behind Hood. Hood silenced the Windham bats over the final four innings. The Bobcat chucker finished the game allowing just two hits, while walking three and setting down eight Windham batters on strikes.

The Bobcats scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Falardeau singled Martin (reached on a 2B) home

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The Berlin Bobcats defeated Windham 11-2 and 8-4 to win the best of three series and capturing the NH State 16 & Under Girls Babe Ruth Softball Championship. Members of the Berlin Bobcat team include: Erin Holt, Kiana Lefebvre, Marisa Lemoine, Cassie Martin, Trisha Falardeau, Sarah Dumoulin, Sarah Landers (missing), Megan Morin, Molly Thagourous, Natalie Bouchard, Sam Hallee, and Megan Hood. The girls are coached by Mark Bouchard, Donnie Hood, and Michael Holt. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Bobcat third base coach Mark Bouchard and Player Megan Hood were all smiles after Hood cracked an RBI triple. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Berlin Catcher Trisha Falardeau keeps an eye on a Windham base runner. Falardeau had four hits in the Bobcat's 11-2 victory in game one. (COURTESY PHOTO)

**CHAMPIONS** from page one

Ruth girls softball World Series being held in Concord this year. It was exciting that this is the first time ever that a local team has qualified for such an elite tournament.

"The girls just flat out hit the ball today," said Bobcat coach Donnie Hood. "The heat was brutal and it started to take effect on some of the girls in the second game. We didn't have any substitutes and the girls kept themselves hydrated and just gutted this game out. The coaching staff of Mark Bouchard, Mike Holt, and I are very proud of the girls and their accomplishments this year."

The Bobcats struck first, scoring a run in the bottom of the first inning. Marisa Lemoine continued her torrid hitting, singing and then stealing second base to put herself in scoring position. Team mate Sarah Dumoulin rocked a single to get Lemoine home for a 1-0 Berlin lead.

The Bobcat offense began to click in the second time through their batting order, scoring four times in the bottom of the third inning. Lemoine singled and was erased on a fielder's choice by Cassie Martin. Falardeau reached base on an error and Dumoulin cracked her second hit of the game. Sam Hallee reached base on an error to plate Falardeau for a 3-0 Berlin lead. Megan Morin put the finishing touches on the big inning, stroking a two-run double for a 5-0 Bobcat advantage.

Defensively, the Bobcats played solid defense behind their ace hurler in Megan Hood. The lefty had tremendous movement on her fastball and kept the Windham batters off balance mixing in a devastating change-up.

Berlin scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Lemoine doubled for her third hit of the game. Martin was hit by a pitch to reach base and Falardeau crunched a double to make it 7-0 for Berlin.

The final Bobcat run came in the bottom of the fifth inning. Morin smacked her second double of the contest and eventually touched home plate Hood's hot shot to second base for an 8-0 lead.

Windham was kept off the score board for the first six innings of the game. However, Windham made some noise in the top of the seventh inning. A single, a walk and an error, loaded the bases for Windham. Valerie

Bower knocked in a pair of her team mates on a double and when Rodgers singled to plate two more, Windham had cut their deficit in half to 8-4. Unfortunately for Windham, it would end there. Hood got the final out and the Bobcat team celebrated their state championship.

For the game, the Bobcat offense roughed up Windham pitcher Kelsey Chase for eight runs on ten hits. The Windham pitcher struck out one and walked two Bobcats.

For Berlin, Hood was simply immense all tournament long, recording all six wins for the Bobcats. Windham scored four times on six hits, all of the runs were unearned. Hood walked one and set down four Windham batters via the strikeout.

The win puts the locals into the Babe Ruth World series. Ten teams will enter the series and play in a four game round robin tournament beginning on August 8th to the 11th. In game one Berlin will battle the winner of the Southwest Region, game two the Pacific South West Region, game three the Mid-West Plains, and game four the winner from the Mid-Atlantic Region. All games will be played at Concord's Memorial field. Berlin is scheduled to play at 8 p.m. each night. After the round robin format the top teams will be selected for a double elimination tournament to be held from August 12th through the 15th. Further details on the events will be forth coming as the other teams qualify for the World Series.

"The girls were told by tournament officials that they will be experiencing an opportunity of a lifetime," said coach Hood. "The girls will continue to practice and we are going to try and hold some fund raisers to try and help with the expenses to each player's family for the up-coming tournament. Hopefully we can hold a road toll and the North Country will rally behind the Bobcats in their quest for a World Series title."

Members of the Berlin Bobcat team include: Erin Holt, Kiana Lefebvre, Marisa Lemoine, Cassie Martin, Trisha Falardeau, Sarah Dumoulin, Sarah Landers, Megan Morin, Molly Thagourous, Natalie Bouchard, Sam Hallee, and Megan Hood.

Windham 0 0 0 0 0 4 4-6-3  
Berlin 1 0 4 2 1 0 X 8-10-2  
Pitching: Berlin- Hood and Falardeau; Windham- Chase and Chasman, WP-Hood, LP-Chase.

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on a 2B) home in the sixth inning. In the seventh inning, Megan Morin reached on a fielder's choice after a Sam Hallee single. Morin raced around the bases on a Thagourous RBI double for the final score of 11-2.

The victory put the Berlin girls

one win away from qualifying for the 16 and Under girls Babe Ruth Softball World Series being held in Concord NH this year.

Berlin 2 5 0 2 0 1 1-11-17-2  
Windham 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2-3-3  
Pitching: Berlin- Hood and Falardeau; Windham- Chase and Cleasby, WP-Hood, LP-Chase.

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# Ming and Switzer top cards at Riverside Speedway

**GROVETON** — It was a huge night of racing at the P.A.S.S. sanctioned Riverside Speedway in Groveton as nine features were run off, plus a bundle of qualifying events making one full night of racing for the fans on Passumpic Savings Bank night. Winners on the night included Derek Ming, Dilyn Switzer, Brandon Lambert, Andrew Fecteau, Eric Hall, Billy Ryder, Jerrad Ainsworth, Nick Gilricis, Johanna Christman and Mandi Woodward.

Derek Ming collected another win in the Berlin Optical Expressions Outlaw Sportsman as he broke away from the field at the midway point and cruised to another victory. Doug Laleme raced home second followed by Ron Watson, David Ofsuryk Jr. and Jamie Swallow Jr. Swallow grabbed the heat win.

Rookie, Dilyn Switzer held off the point leader, Luke Shannon over the final three laps to capture his second win of the season in the Budweiser Super Stocks. Shannon hung on for second edging out Brian Middleton at the line. Jason Kenison and Matt Carbone completed the top five. Heat checkers flew for Jerrad Ledger and Carbone.

Double features were run for the River Bend RV Street Stocks. In the Central Asphalt Paving makeup feature, Brandon Lambert scored an impressive win over Jesse Switzer, Kyle Pembroke, Chris Meunier and Brendon Hunt. Andrew Fecteau held off a late race challenge from Brendon Hunt to pick up the win in the night-cap. Jesse Switzer, Kyle Pembroke and Dean Switzer Jr. rounded out the top five. Heat wins went to Michael McGee, Dean Switzer Jr., and Jesse Switzer.

Eric Hall ran away and hid in the Twisted Tea Dwarf Car feature, but the battle for second was a classic as Trevor Roy raced by Ernie Laplant to come home second. Roy made the pass with less than two laps to go. Toby

Merchant and Jim Barker placed fourth and fifth. Hall and Roy won their respective qualifiers.

The Kids Only Daycare Daredevils put on an exciting show for the crowd, as Jerrad Ainsworth scored the victory in the Rookie class finishing ahead of Kyleigh Gilricis and Dan Benoit Jr. Nick Gilricis won the Veteran's portion finishing ahead of Brent Ming and Randy Whittum.

The Brothers Used Furniture Angels ran a pair of features as well. In the Central Asphalt Paving makeup feature, the "Birthday Girl" Johanna Christman, raced to a hard fought win over Mandi Woodward, Holly Brown, Allison Barney and Lindsay Ball. In the second main, Mandi Woodward turned the tables and won her first ever feature holding off Johanna Christman, Holly Brown, Lindsay Ball and Allison Barney. Allison Brown and Lyndsay Christman carried heat checkers.

The Northeast Classic Lites came to town and thrilled the crowd with their hard charging ways. When it was all said and done, Billy Ryder came home on top. He was followed by Jimmy Ryder Jr., Ralph Cook, Josh Provost and Danny Shields. Cook and Billy Ryder won their respective qualifiers.

It's a huge doubleheader weekend at Riverside Speedway as The Marshall Insurance Agency, Dalton Mountain Motors and Gatorade present Summerfest 2009. First on Friday night, July 24th, the Jake McDowell Street Stock 100 will be held with the winner taking home a check for \$1,000. Also on the card will be Late Models, Daredevils and Monster Trucks. Post time is 7pm. Then on Saturday, July 25th, the P.A.S.S. Super Late Models roll into Riverside for a 150 green flag lap main event. Also on the card will be the P.A.S.S. Mods, Super Stocks, Angels and Cyclones, plus Monster Trucks. Post time is 5 p.m.

For more information on Riverside Speedway, visit their website at [www.riversidespeedway.org](http://www.riversidespeedway.org).



Mandi Woodward of Stark, had a super night in the Angels division at Riverside Speedway. In the makeup feature, Woodward took home the runner-up spot, however in the second feature, Woodward took the lead early and sped away from the field to win her first feature of the season. (JEAN LEBLANC PHOTO)

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Passumpic Savings Bank Night  
Optical Expressions Berlin  
Outlaw Sportsman:

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2. 74 Doug Laleme
3. 18 Ron Watson
4. 73 David Ofsuryk Jr.
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6. 51 Dan Sidney
7. 7 Cody LeBlanc
- Budweiser Super Stocks;
1. 62 Dilyn Switzer
2. 13 Luke Shannon
3. 31 Brian Middleton
4. 03 Jason Kenison
5. 21 Matt Carbone
6. 76 Shawn Hood
7. 9 Ben Bedor
8. 44 Jerrad Ledger
9. 56 Skip Day
10. 07 Bill Stebbins Jr.
11. 22 Michael Smith
12. 01 Brian Gosselin
- Dns 8 Denny Degreenia
- River Bend RV Street Stocks:
1. 75 Andrew Fecteau
2. 29 Brendon Hunt
3. 25 Jesse Switzer
4. 44 Kyle Pembroke
5. 16 Dean Switzer Jr.
6. 40 Rick Utley Jr.
7. 1 Michael Megee
8. 41 Jeff Ainsworth
9. 77 Brendon Lambert
10. 94 Brett Rowell

11. 13 Shauna Randall
12. 23 Kyle Hess
13. 32 Chris Caron
14. 26 Jennifer Getty
15. 02 Tom Sokolis
16. 42 Tyler Therrien
17. 5 Ralph Jesseman
18. 74 Kevin Whittum Jr.
- Dns 7 Chris Meunier
- River Bend RV Street Stocks/Central Asphalt Make-Up
1. 77 Brandon Lambert
2. 25 Jesse Switzer
3. 44 Kyle Pembroke
4. 7 Chris Meunier
5. 29 Brendon Hunt
6. 75 Andrew Fecteau
7. 40 Rick Utley Jr.
8. 42 Tyler Therrien
9. 74 Kevin Whittum Jr.
10. 13 Shauna Randall
11. 41 Jeff Ainsworth
12. 1 Michael Megee
13. 16 Dean Switzer Jr.
14. 94 Brett Rowell
15. 32 Chris Caron
- Twisted Tea Dwarf Cars:
1. 2 Eric Hall
2. 96 Trevor Roy
3. 28 Ernie Laplant
4. 99 Toby Merchant
5. 36 Jim Barker
6. 00 Ciara McCoy
7. 93 Dave Gyger
8. 44 Anthony Leary
9. 18 Christopher Russell
10. 17 Anthony Young
- Brothers Used Furniture Angels:
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The River Bend RV Street Stock class continues to be the toughest class this season at the high banks of Riverside Speedway. Nineteen cars took the green flag in the feature event. Here #16 Dean Switzer leads the way during qualifying action. (JEAN LEBLANC PHOTO)

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# Notre Dame Arena to host floor hockey tournament

**BERLIN** — The Notre Dame Arena will be hosting a four on four floor hockey tournament on Saturday, August 1. It will be run as a one day round robin event. Two games will take place at time to run as four 12 minute running time periods. A minimum of five players and a maximum

of seven players per team. A minimum of 12 teams is needed to hold the tournament at a cost of \$150 per team. Deadline to sign up is Thursday July 23.

For more information call Gerry at 723-9768 or e-mail at filljngerry@yahoo.com.

## Berlin Youth Soccer league results

**BERLIN** — Week 1 Results:  
Mites- Fire- 4 / Crew- 1

Juniors- DC United- 5 / Galaxy- 0  
Seniors- Real Madrid- 0 / Chelsea- 0



The top three finishers in the Budweiser Super stock division from this past Saturday night from L-R, third place Brian Middleton, winner Dilyn Switzer, and runner-up Luke Shannon. Heather Hodge representing Passumpsic Savings Bank night. (JEAN LEBLANC PHOTO)

- RIVERSIDE** from page 17
- 10 Mandi Woodard
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  - 63 Holly Brown
  - 83 Lindsay Ball
  - 36 Allison Barney
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  - 5 Traci Nelson
  - 41 Vanessa Brown
  - 40 Jen Terrill
  - 10, 13 Mary Eastman
  - 48 Cynthia Litvin
- Brothers Used Furniture Angels/  
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  - 48 Cynthia Litvin

- Northeast Classic Lites:
- 14 Billy Ryder
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  - 8 Danny Shields
  - 15 Paul Colson
  - 755 Dan Shields
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  - 16 Dennis O'Brien
  - 18 Robert Provost
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  - 12, 31 Jeff Miller
  - 13, 66 Sean Kehoe
  - 0 Eddie Gilman
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Rookie
- 194 Jerrad Ainsworth
  - 2 Kyleigh Gilcris
  - 6 Dan Benoit Jr.
- Veterans:
- 2 Nick Gilcris
  - 31 Brent Ming
  - 47 Randy Whittum



Left to right: Louise Coulombe, RN; Joan L'Heureux, RN; Sr. Monique Theriault; Dr. John McDowell; Yvonne Corbeil; Suzanne Brown, RN; Deb Bernsten, Home Health & Hospice Director; Dr. Ira Byock; Kim Hamilton-Bodwell, OTR/L; Carol Roy, RN; Edwina Keene, AVH Volunteer Coordinator.

## Nationally recognized author, professor, doctor visits AVH

**BERLIN** — Dr. John McDowell, AVH Hospice medical director and the staff of Androscoggin Valley Home Health and Hospice welcomed Dr. Ira Byock, director of palliative medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), and his colleague, Yvonne Corbeil, director of network development for a daylong visit. The visit was held in conjunction with North Country Palliative Care Collaboration activities.

The director of Palliative Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, and a professor of Anesthesiology & Community Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School, Dr. Byock has over thirty years of experience in hospice and palliative care. Palliative care, by nature, focuses on pain relief, as well as the relief of stress and debilitating symptoms of serious illness.

Since the late 1970s when Dr. Byock assisted in the foundation of a hospice home care program to serve an indigent population in California, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of dying patients and their families. For doing so, he has earned the National Hospice Organization's Person of the Year Award, the National Coalition of Cancer Survivorship's Natalie Davis Springarn Writers Award, the American College of CHEST Physicians' Roger Bone Memorial Lecture Award and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains' Outstanding Colleague Award.

Dr. Byock has shared his knowledge and understanding of palliative care featured on nationally recognized radio and television programs including NPR's "All Things Considered," ABC's Nightline, CBS' 60 Minutes and PBS' "The News Hour."

The North Country Palliative Care

Collaboration (NCPPC) is a three-year project to advance hospice and palliative care services in the North Country, and improve services for residents in the North Country that are suffering from advanced illnesses. Through the NCPPC, DHMC's division of Palliative Medicine is working with regional providers to strengthen and expand hospice and palliative care in the region. Participants include Androscoggin Valley Hospital and Home Health and Hospice in Berlin, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and Home Health in Colebrook, Weeks Medical Center and Home Health and Hospice in Lancaster, Littleton Regional Hospital and the North Country Home Health and Hospice in Littleton, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice in St. Johnsbury, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. NCPPC is accomplishing its objectives by supporting leadership and helping to develop a sustainable infrastructure to address the public health needs of rural residents and their families through the end of life.

Plans for Berlin include participation in NCPPC quality improvement projects, educational programs and conferences. The NCPPC's educational, problem-solving and program development work is based on a shared belief that the majority of palliative care can be effectively delivered in rural settings. However, doing so requires the building of skills and the expansion of existing clinical program expertise in Critical Access Hospitals, nursing homes, home health and hospice. For instance, in the past 30 years, as medical treatments have become more complex, palliative care

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# Climate change in the New England: Past, present, and future

**BERLIN** — Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Visitor Center will host "Climate change in the New England: Past, present, and future" on July 23, 8 p.m.

This event will take place at the Pinkham Notch Visitors Center in Gorham and will feature Cameron Wake of the University of New Hampshire department of Earth Sciences.

Cameron Wake is a research associate professor with the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space and the department of earth sciences at the University of New Hampshire. Cameron directs an active research program investigating regional climate and environmental change through the analysis of ice cores and instrumental records. Currently he is leading research programs to assess the impact of climate change in New England and to reconstruct climate change from ice cores recovered from glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau and in the Arctic. He is also an author on over 50 papers published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, as well as a series of reports detailing the impact of climate change in the Northeast U.S. Cameron serves on the New Hampshire Climate Change Task Force and directs Carbon Solutions New England(tm) (CSNE) a regional collaboration for a low carbon society. Cameron teaches several classes at UNH including global environmental change, Earth system science, and climate and health.

This presentation is based on Professor Wake's active research program investigating regional climate and environmental change through the analysis of ice cores and instrumental records. Currently

he is leading research programs to assess the impact of climate change in New England and to reconstruct climate change from ice cores recovered from glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau and in the Arctic.

This program was made possible by the University of New Hampshire Speakers Bureau which connects faculty and staff speakers with non-profit organizations to share the research and knowledge of the university with the people and communities of New Hampshire. For more information on obtaining a speaker for your organization, contact the UNH Speakers Bureau at (603) 862-4401 or on the web at [www.unh.edu/speakersbureau](http://www.unh.edu/speakersbureau).

Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. before the program. Call AMC for dinner reservations and more information.

This program is part of our free evening program series. For the complete July program listing look online at: [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org) Programs are free & open to the public.

AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, Route 16, Pinkham Notch. For more information contact the AMC at (603) 466-2727. This schedule is subject to change. AMC Outdoor Explorations are sponsored in part by L.L. Bean & the William T. Morris Foundation. The AMC is an equal opportunity service provider. The AMC operates Pinkham Notch Visitor Center and its system of backcountry huts in the White Mountain National Forest under a special-use permit from the US Forest Service.

For more information on this event, contact the Appalachian Mountain Club at 603-466-2721 ext 8119.

## Michael Therrien earns Champlain College honors

**BURLINGTON, VT** — Michael Therrien, a resident of Gorham, has been named to the Spring 2009 Champlain College's dean's list for academic achievements. Therrien is majoring in computer networking and information security. Students named to the

dean's list are full-time students with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or more. President's list honors are for a grade-point average of 4.0.

Trustees Scholar students are students on the president's list for two consecutive semesters.

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has had to become more sophisticated to alleviate the heavier and

longer burdens of illness that people may endure. Today, a person facing the end of life may live for many months with two or more diseases - such as metastatic breast cancer and congestive heart failure - each of which would have caused earlier death as recently as in the 1970s. To ensure comfort and enable a person with advanced illness to have a good quality of life, clinical teams in hospitals and hospice programs must be familiar with ever-more sophisticated medication regimens and symptomatic treatments that alleviate pain and other sources of physical discomfort.

The work being done through the NCPCC will help address these problems, with the goal of providing care as close to home as possible.

The NCPCC is supported by a generous grant

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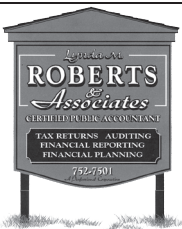
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St. Kieran Arts Center hosted an opening reception for the Robert Hughes Retrospective Exhibition on Saturday, July 12, to the delight appreciative and enthusiastic guests. Over 100 pieces of art and sculpture are on display as examples of his life's work on the fifth anniversary of his death. Here, Marie Hughes showcases a one-of-a-kind, hand carved chess set created during Hughes' tour of duty in World War II. A follow-up evening to reminisce and share personal stories is scheduled for July 30, at 7 p.m. FMI on Gallery Hours contact the Arts Center at 752-1028 [www.stkieranarts.org](http://www.stkieranarts.org)

## 11th Annual Operation School Supplies underway

**BERLIN** — It's hard to imagine that in only a matter of weeks school bells will be ringing to welcome children back for another year of learning. This is also the time of year when many families struggle to purchase the supplies their child/children need to begin the new school year. New Hampshire Catholic Charities and The Family Partnership Program are once again sponsoring Operation School Supplies in an effort to help ease this financial burden.

Hundreds of children have been assisted with items such as backpacks, crayons, markers, folders, paper, pens, pencils, etc. In recent years other specialty items have also been necessary for students to purchase such as blue, black and red erasable pens, dry erase markers, highlighters, post-it notes,

water-based white-out, index cards and a pocket thesaurus. The schools provide lists of necessary supplies for each grade. Registered children are then given supplies accordingly, as supplies are available. Donations are needed and may be left at The Family Resource Center, 123 Main Street, Gorham, or New Hampshire Catholic Charities, 633 Third Ave. Berlin.

For more information or to register your child, call either Donna Piet of the Family Partnership Program at 466-9027, 466-5190 or Nicole Plourde of New Hampshire Catholic Charities at 752-1325. Deadline for registration is August 14. School supplies will be distributed at St. Joseph Church, 633 Third Ave., on Thursday, August 20, from 10 am. to 12 p.m.

### Rozzie Mae Animal Alliance now has stationary home

**CONWAY** — The Rozzie May Animal Alliance finally has a stationary home at 175 Kancamagus Highway in Conway. Volunteers have been working on the building, painting the reception room a sunny yellow and preparing for the first clinic in the organization's new home on July 30, with Dr. Kramer.

"Having a stationary clinic gives us a separate surgery room and saves hours of travel and time setting up the equipment, making for longer surgery days that can include more animals," said Roz Manwaring, the RMAA's director. "Our goal is to do 1500 animals a year with a focus on cats. We will continue to travel where we are needed, doing two to three clinics in Berlin every summer. We will be organizing transport for animals to the clinic. The RMAA is also able to assist groups with feral cat colonies and barn cats or any special situation with a number of cats. We are getting calls from all over for help."

The group's wish list for people wishing to support the clinic includes: paper towels, trash bags, Q tips and cotton balls, bleach and old towels.

"I'd like to thank all of our volunteers who have worked so hard to make this possible," said Roz. "They've helped on the road, unloading and loading the van in the early hours in all weathers, they've been here getting the building ready to open and the RMAA could not exist without them."

The goal of the Rozzie May Animal Alliance is to lower the numbers of homeless pets crowding shelters. The Keeping Families Together Food Drive accepts food donations which are then distributed to local food pantries from Bartlett to Tamworth. The group also works to educate children and adults on animal care.

The website is [www.RozzieMay.org](http://www.RozzieMay.org) and the phone is 447-3477 for appointments and more information.

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