

# My Fiat Fiasco

By Kathi Marshall, Lancaster

When you're young and eager to impress your peers, being seen in the proper automobile is an absolute necessity. I learned to drive in an old Galaxy 500 that was the size of the Bismark and not nearly as attractive. While it taught me how to maneuver gargantuan objects through miniscule spaces, it lacked a certain excitement and sex appeal. The fact that the seats were stained with spilled Coca Cola, melted chocolate and baby formula merely enhanced the overall "family" feel of the vehicle. I needed to bust out and find something new, something exciting. I wanted a car I could drive with pride, without embarrassment, without a bag over my head.

I saw it in a showroom on a Sunday afternoon. The dealer was closed so I was free to press my nose up against the window and drool freely over the object of my affection – a fire-engine-red, 2-seater, Fiat X1/9. Wow. I imagined what people would think if I sailed into the parking lot in that baby. Why I could impress everyone at church, at my brother's little league field, and even the people who shopped at the A&P!

I went in a few days later and bought it. No questions. No test drive. No checking it out in Consumer Report. I bought it based on its appeal, its styling, its innate ability to make me the Paris Hilton of my day. The fact that I could not drive a stick shift was inconsequential. A few lessons from a friend and I would be fine.

While the salesman made his pitch to me, I heard only snippets of what he had to say. Sure, the car's styling was unique—a large trunk in front and a good-sized trunk in back. I hesitated momentarily wondering if I was supposed to move the car with my feet, like Fred Flintstone.

But that didn't matter. It was a Fiat. I'd just wear matching heels.

Finally the salesman uncovered the 'mid-ship' engine that was located right behind the driver's seat. Air-cooled. Wow. What an innovation when you're looking at the parked car in a showroom. Not so when you're stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic on the Tappan Zee Bridge and it's 98 degrees outside with 90 percent humidity. The secret, I was told, to cooling off the engine was to turn on the heater. In theory it drew outside air across your hot engine. In reality it placed you in a two-seated African rain forest during monsoon season. Every sweat gland in your body springs to life in a valiant effort to cool you off. With hot, humid air streaming in, they continue to work overtime until your skin is so clammy your arms are sprouting tropical plant life. It must have worked since the car eventually got me to work. The fact that I looked like I had swum across the Hudson River to get there, was unimportant. I had class. I had a Fiat.

I spent the next couple of years enduring the minimal setbacks of driving my Italian import. I had trouble finding a mechanic because the Fiat needed metric tools and at that time, American car dealers were not interested in, nor were they equipped, to work on foreign cars. Some mechanics claimed to know how, and I would try them, only to drive away and find myself stuck in the breakdown lane because the car simply died on me. While it was embarrassing to be immobile on the side of the road, at least I was doing it in style. After all, I was in a Fiat.

My little red sports car was built so low to the ground, I spent most trips staring at

motorcyclists' knees and fighting to keep from being sucked under the bellies of 18-wheelers that barreled past me. In the winter there were times when I was stopped from crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge due to high winds and the concern my tiny car would be swept over the edge. More than once I sat on the side of the road waiting out windy conditions while other cars sailed by. Out of loyalty to my little sports car, I began to fight back insipient visions of having the old Galaxy back, knowing the big green tank would get me anywhere.

My father began to express his opinion about my car, since he was the one I normally called when I was immobile. It was he who pointed out the fact that

the Fiat was the only car he had ever seen whose jack would not work if a tire was flat. The car was so low to the ground that when a tire was deflated the

jack would not fit underneath it. Dad shook his head in dismay.

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North Conway, Whitehead Construction, Kevin Hammond, Alpha Delta Kappa Lambda Chapter and everyone that walked, sponsored or donated. If you or your company would like to help in finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis please send your donations to Jessica and Joshua Smith, 11 Page Hill, Lancaster, NH 03584 or go directly to the CF website [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

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# Fun things to do

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Demi Moore Movies by Chuck Perkins

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(Themed clues are in Italics)

**ACROSS**

- 1. Mimics
- 5. 70's disco band
- 9. Possessive interrogative
- 14. Dryer residue
- 15. Twosome, as wheels
- 16. *Deconstructing \_\_\_\_\_* (1997)
- 17. *1993 Demi Moore movie, with 66 Across*
- 19. Movie action hero's nickname
- 20. P. B. S. \_\_\_\_\_, LA State Senator (1868)
- 23. A slip or error
- 25. A pronoun
- 26. In quick action
- 30. Eggs
- 31. Can. Prov.
- 33. Stitch
- 35. Slice
- 36. Error
- 38. Power measurement
- 41. Video game company
- 42. Fictional deity in Dungeons & Dragons
- 43. To shake
- 46. On bent legs (Var.)
- 49. Corp. head

- 50. Ency. Of Cleveland History (Abbrev.)
- 52. Internet country code for Taiwan
- 53. Eastern Comm. Assoc.
- 54. Japanese auto maker
- 57. Norma \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Actress Mary \_\_\_\_\_
- 61. \_\_\_\_\_ *Night* (1986) (2 wds.)
- 63. Hertz competitor
- 66. *See 17 Across*
- 70. *The \_\_\_\_\_* (1996)
- 71. Suffix forming nouns from verbs
- 72. Not any
- 73. Spy
- 74. Pathway
- 75. Oklahoma city

**DOWN**

- 1. Actress McGraw
- 2. ATM need
- 3. Finish
- 4. Stairway
- 5. Yemen seaport
- 6. Cluster
- 7. Lavs
- 8. SE state
- 9. What one?
- 10. Handkerchief (Arch.)
- 11. Fort \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 13. Look at
- 18. Village in Colombia
- 21. To make beer
- 22. Actor Herbert \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Bird prefix (L.)
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ of *Mind* (2000)
- 27. *The \_\_\_\_\_ Letter* (1995)
- 28. Pull
- 29. Summer in Paris
- 32. Glide on ice
- 34. Hadn't been
- 37. Asian New Year
- 39. Evil Comic book character
- 40. \_\_\_\_\_ Kwon Do
- 43. German expression
- 44. Chevrolet model
- 45. Light brown
- 47. Green Party prefix
- 48. Patriotic Soc.
- 51. A woman's jewelry piece
- 55. \_\_\_\_\_ and Pythias
- 56. Stop prematurely
- 58. George Jetson's son
- 60. Rock
- 62. Excellent condition
- 63. 80's rock group
- 64. Carry
- 65. Plural of "is"
- 67. Male child
- 68. Cuckoo
- 69. Conducted
- 70. Author \_\_\_\_\_ Eliot

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### Scooter, the little alley cat

By Bob Morgan

=Scooter lives in a nice alley in a small city near you and me. He was a very nice cat. He had a lot of other cat friends that were not so nice, though! Do you want to hear the story of Scooter, or do you want to hear the story of the mean cats? Ok, I thought so! Then let's begin the story about Scooter.

Little Scooter loved birds and mice. I don't mean that he loved to eat the birds and mice! I mean that he liked to have them as friends. Most cats like to have birds and mice for dinner as their dinner! But not Scooter! He made friends with all of the other animals. He just liked all of them. That is pretty unusual for a cat, isn't it? Well, Scooter is just that! An unusual cat!

You may be wondering by now what Scooter does like to eat for dinner. He likes broccoli, and potatoes. He likes spinach and onions. Onions! Nah, I was just kidding about that. But he does like milk! And his most favorite food of all is catfood!

One day just as Scooter had gotten out of bed to start doing whatever it is that cats do, a group of his friends stopped by to ask him to play with them. He wanted to play with them very much, so off they went. They were walking and walking and then suddenly, the big cat up in front of Scooter stopped and stood very still. He said for everyone to be very quiet and pointed to the ground just in front of them. It was a big flock of birds! And the mean cats were going to catch some to eat! Scooter didn't want any of the mean cats to eat his friends so

what could he do? He didn't want all of his cat friends to be mad at him, but he just had to do something!

The mean cats crept closer and closer to the little birds and were about ready to pounce when, "AAAAAAAchooooooo." Scooter had sneezed on purpose to scare the birds away. And away they did go!

The mean cats were not mad at Scooter because they had all sneezed before and knew that he couldn't help it. But, we know that he could help it this time, don't we?

Then a little farther down the road, the mean cats saw a field mouse running about and playing in the grass. The cats became very quiet again. This time, they were going to get this mouse for their lunch! Or were they?

Slowly they crept, keeping their eyes on the poor little mouse. Closer and closer they came, then, just as they were ready to pounce, Scooter stomped on the tail of the cat that was right in front of him. "OOOOOwwwwiiiiieeee," the mean cat screamed! "Ow! Ow! Ow! That hurt," he cried.

"I am so sorry that I stepped on your tail," Scooter said as he winked at the little field mouse. The little field mouse saw what Scooter did and he winked back at him as he scurried to safety.

It was getting dark now and the cats had to be going back home for the night. None of the mean cats knew what Scooter had done that day, so they were

Scooter-----  
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## Sudoku

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	5		9				7	2
8	1				7		3	
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		1	4				2	9
4	7		3			8	5	

Puzzle by: websudoku.com


Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 thru 9.

Difficulty:  
**HARD**

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## HOROSCOPES

July 2007 - Week 2




**CAPRICORN**  
December 22- January 19

There is a method to your madness, and you need not justify it, Capricorn, as long as you get the job done. Vacation plans are well on their way.




**ARIES**  
March 21- April 19

A young relative gets into some trouble. Give them your full support, Aries, but don't bail them out. They need to accept responsibility for their actions.




**CANCER**  
June 22- July 22

Additional research is needed to cut costs on a potential activity, Cancer. Find out exactly what the activity calls for. You may not need everything you think you do.




**LIBRA**  
September 23- October 22

Family banter is music to your ears. It's been so long since harmony reigned at home. Play up the time, Libra, with a special trip or outing.




**AQUARIUS**  
January 20- February 18

Wish all of your debts were paid off, Aquarius? Well, wish no more. Various incentives are headed your way that will get you back on track.




**TAURUS**  
April 20- May 20

Old photos remind you not to take others for granted, Taurus. Pull out all of the stops to let everyone know how much they mean to you, especially that special someone.




**LEO**  
July 23- August 22

Restoration is rarely easy, Leo, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't attempt it. Give the project your all, and the results will astound you.




**SCORPIO**  
October 23- November 21

Think the tradeoffs of a new program won't benefit you, Scorpio? Think again. A tantrum at home indicates the need for intervention. Move swiftly.




**PISCES**  
February 19- March 20

Careful planning is required to make a special occasion grand. Be sure to call in the troops, Pisces, and arrange for every detail. An announcement tickles you.




**GEMINI**  
May 21- June 21

Perfection is very hard to come by, Gemini, but that doesn't mean that you can't strive for it. Devote yourself to a project 100% and watch it blossom.



**VIRGO**  
August 23- September 22

An old friend faces a health crisis. Do what you can to see them through it, Virgo. Financial endeavors turn out well—spend your earnings wisely.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22- December 21

There is more to a situation than you realize, Sagittarius, so make sure you get the input of others. A chain of events at work bears surprising results.

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# RUMORS, RAMBLINGS & RACING

with Steve Poulin



• Five-one-hundredths-of-a-second, less than 6 inches, close, but all Jamie McMurray needed to lay claim to the checkered flag on Saturday night in the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway. Charging back from an early race black flag penalty (for going below the yellow line to pass leader Jeff Gordon) the deserving McMurray traded paint and the lead seven times on the last lap. He raced door panel to door panel in a stunning photo-finish with second place finisher Kyle Busch to post his second career win in Cup—his first since 2002. The win topped the dramatic Daytona 500 finish five months ago when Kevin Harvick edged Mark Martin by 0.02 seconds, or about three feet. Caution flags throughout the event kept the evenly-matched field bunched tightly together throughout the night. It was perhaps one of the most-hotly-contested Cup races of the season, not to mention the unbelievably close finish. Following Busch across the line was big brother Kurt, Carl Edwards, McMurray's teammate in fourth and current Nextel Cup point leader Jeff Gordon. McMurray was just happy to beat anybody, the win ending a 166-race winless streak and greatly improving his Chase chances while solidifying his position as driver of the No. 26 at Roush Fenway Racing. "I just can't believe it," said McMurray. "I'm in victory lane at Daytona of all places. It's so special. I started crying when it ended. Well, maybe not crying, but I got emotional."

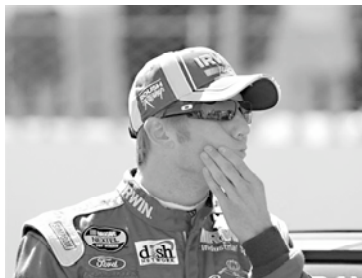
• Teammates in name only, Tony Stewart and Denny Hamlin took each other out, blamed each other and will deal with the fallout this week with the coach, Joe Gibbs after an early race incident Saturday night at Daytona. On lap 11, Hamlin, last week's biggest winner became this week's biggest loser at the hands of his supposed teammate, Tony Stewart when Stewart slammed Hamlin (the race leader) in the rear and turned him sideways. Hamlin slid back up the track, collecting Stewart, ending both drivers' hopes for victory on a hot, humid Florida night. Both drivers blamed each other but Hamlin later took the high road and accepted responsibility for the crash—an unusual move considering in all my years in racing I have found it very rare for the race leader to start an accident. If he wants to blame it on me," said Hamlin. "I'll be the

bigger man and take responsibility for it. He's been around this sport longer than I have and he probably knows more than I do." Team owner Joe Gibbs tried to diffuse the situation between his drivers, saying they were battling for the lead and then got caught up in the emotion of getting knocked out early. Stewart had the chance to make history on Saturday night, the opportunity to match David Pearson's record of winning three consecutive Pepsi 400's ('72-'74) at Daytona. Stewart's frustration is taking over for his common sense. He has not won a race this season and finds himself, as the team's premier driver, behind Hamlin in points and wins. But to take out your teammate and yourself on Lap 11 of a 400-mile race? Is Stewart thinking behind the wheel or is jealousy and envy driving blind...in charge of the No. 20.

• Kyle Busch held off Kevin Harvick and Dave Blaney in a green-white-checkered-flag overtime finish to win Saturday's rain-delayed Winn-Dixie 250 Busch Series race at Daytona International Speedway. Busch dominated the event leading 65 of the 102 laps to post his eighth career win in the series and the first of 2007, though he had led the most laps in four previous Busch races (Daytona, Las Vegas, Atlanta, and Texas). The race restarted on lap 101, after a Montoya spin on Lap 98, and though Harvick and Blaney jockeyed for position behind the race winner, they never mounted a concerted effort. Tony Stewart and Clint Bowyer completed the top five.

• Kurt Busch is the odd man out at Hendrick Motorsports, getting bounced from the No. 5 in favor of Dale Earnhardt Jr. for 2008. Busch firmly believed that he would have won Saturday night's Pepsi 400 with a little drafting help from his teammates. The Hendrick 'Group (Jeff Gordon, Jimmy Johnson and Casey Mears) were all running near the front, but deliberately avoided lining up with Busch, maybe considering him already gone. "Hopefully, we'll make it to the Chase and beat all of them," Busch commented on his teammates.

• Mother Nature captured the night at Oxford Plains Speedway on Saturday, washing out the American-Canadian Tour Time Warner 100 stock car event. Nearly 50 Late Model Teams from ACT and Oxford Plains swelled the pits before the rains came. The race was to



Jamie McMurray broke out of his winless slump Saturday at Daytona.

(Photo by Steve Poulin)

be the sixth round of the 2007 ACT Late Model Tour championship season, but has been moved to August 11.

• NASCAR's premier series will be known as the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series beginning on January 1, 2008. The new logo was unveiled at Daytona International Speedway this past weekend. Sprint Nextel replaced R. J. Reynolds Winston brand as title sponsor of NASCAR's flagship property in 2004 under the Nextel banner but will refocus the NASCAR sponsorship to coincide with its new national program "Sprint Ahead" launched on July 1. But doesn't racing already have a Sprint Car Series?

• As leaked in RR&R, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Adidas have announced a multi-year partnership, beginning with his quest to win the Sprint Cup with Hendrick Racing in 2008. The collaboration will include a full line of Dale Earnhardt Jr. footwear, apparel, and accessories including his future racing suit and technical footwear, as well as off track footwear and

fan apparel. Dale's one drawback to securing a championship in the past has been his inability to focus on driving and separating himself in the car from the diversity of sponsor product commercials and promotions. The question has to be asked, can Dale Jr. leave behind his own personal clothing line to get the job done behind the wheel?

• **Bubble Watch** •

• As Nextel Cup teams prepare for the third event in the "Race for the Chase" a major focus becomes the competition for the 12th and final Chase-eligible spot. Dale Earnhardt Jr. is the current 12th place driver. He trails 11th-place Clint Bowyer by 102 points. Jamie McMurray is 13th, 49 points behind Earnhardt. Ryan Newman is 14th, 61 markers behind Earnhardt and Kurt Busch holds the 15th spot, 121 points out of the converted 12th spot.

• **Rumors** •

• The rumor vultures are cir-

cling the Michael Waltrip camp like on a herd of dead cattle. David Reutimann is looking outside of MWR for a ride in 2008. Also strong indications that UPS wants to ship out and rumors point to the 'Big Brown Truck' pulling back in to the Yates Racing receiving dock.

• Casey Kahne's future with Evernham Racing is on the chopping blocks and Scott Riggs is not a sure thing to return in 2008. Evernham teams are adrift without a rudder, and could finish the year with one of the teams outside of the top 35. A messy divorce and personal issues have put the organization in dire straights.

• Greg Biffle is very unhappy, perhaps the unhappiest driver in the garage. Roush hooks up with Fenway, the future looks bright and the Biffle deal implodes. Who knows?

• Toyota and their teams are

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, July 14

SERVE sign-up day. Christ United Methodist Church, Lancaster, from 8 to 10 a.m. Info: Gloria Fuller 788-3583 or Mary Jane Falkenham 788-2219 or [www.servenewen-gland.org](http://www.servenewen-gland.org)

Twin Mountain Chamber of Commerce will offer a concert by "Bow Junction" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the site of the town information booth and bandstand overlooking the intersection of Routes 3 and 302. Concert is free family entertainment. Refreshments will be available. If it rains concert will be at the Town Hall on School Street. Bring your chair or blankets. Info: call Jim at 1-800-682-7222.

### Sunday, July 15

The Parker Hill Road is a bluegrass band from New Hampshire's White Mountain Region. The band plays traditional, contemporary bluegrass, pop tunes, blues, and old country, all to the popular sound of traditional blue grass music. They will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. rain or shine at the Bethlehem Gazebo Park on the corner of Main and Prospect streets. Music, fun, and great food served by the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library.

Lancaster Historical Society 41st season flea market. Intersection Rt. 2 and 3 (north). Antiques, collectibles, fine crafts. Pleasant grounds and refreshments.

### Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15

Gospel Music Festival at Whitefield Community Baptist Church. On Saturday evening, concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship at 9:30 and outdoor concert at 1 p.m. (will be inside if it rains.) Event is at Whitefield Community Baptist Church, 27 Jefferson Road, Whitefield. Info: 603-837-2469 or email [cbc1816@verizon.net](mailto:cbc1816@verizon.net) Performers scheduled include The Campbells, Scott Brunt, Scott and Tim Ramsdell, the Donahue children, Denise Vander-Heyden and more.

### Tuesday, July 17

"IMAI Northward Bound Chamber Music Series" presents its second concert of its seventh summer season at the St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts in Berlin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. For further information, please call 603-752-1028, visit [www.stkieranarts.org](http://www.stkieranarts.org) or email [imai@earthlink.com](mailto:imai@earthlink.com)

### Wednesday, July 18

"A Day in the Life of a Backcountry Ranger," at 8 p.m. Ever wish you could get paid to hike? Come see what it's really all about. See the backcountry of the White Mountains, morning until night, from a Ranger's point of view. Presented by Nate Peters, Backcountry Ranger. Wednesday Night with a Ranger programs are presented in July and August by the U.S. Forest Service at AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center in the

White Mountain National Forest, Route 16, Gorham. The programs are free and open to all. FMI: 603-466-2713 or 603-466-2721. Complimentary popcorn.

### Thursday, July 19

Fiddle Music Concert. Patrick Ross and his Vermont accompaniment will perform a mixture of fiddle tunes handed down through 5 generations of his French Canadian and Scottish family. Patrick is a native of Canaan, Vt., who took up the fiddle at a very young age. He learned by ear from his father over 100 French Canadian tunes and went on to make his own compositions. Patrick is a world traveler, recording artist, and television performer. This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7 p.m. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower for one of the best views north of the notches. Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster. This program is sponsored by the Weeks State Park Association, White Mountain Interpretive Association, Arts Alliance of Northern NH, NH Division of Parks, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

### Friday, July 20

Open Mic Night. Come sing, or play an instrument, dance, or come and listen. Open to all musicians. You don't have to be a professional. Beginners welcome. Dig that guitar or trumpet or clarinet or whatever, out of the closet, and dust it off. Methodist Church Hall on Main Street in Lancaster, from 7 to 10 p.m. We'll provide coffee, soda, water and dessert. Just come and have a good time. Donations accepted to help cover cost of hall. For more info call (603) 788-2660 or email [lade-mers35@hotmail.com](mailto:lade-mers35@hotmail.com)

### Saturday, July 21

Twin Mountain Chamber of Commerce will offer a concert by "Soft Touch" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the site of the town information booth and bandstand overlooking the intersection of Routes 3 and 302. Concert is free family entertainment. Refreshments will be available. If it rains concert will be at the Town Hall on School Street. Bring your chair or blankets. Info: call Jim at 1-800-682-7222.

### Sunday, July 22

The members of the Back Shed String Band of Monroe, have been performing together since 1996. They perform bluegrass and old time music in their own fun style that audiences love. Catch their show from 6 to 8 p.m. rain or shine at the Bethlehem Gazebo Park on the corner of Main and Prospect streets. Kick back, relax, and enjoy. Remember to bring your appetite and try the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library famous hot dogs.

### Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27

Avalanche Ranch Vacation



Ed Knox of Jefferson brought in these photos of some of Jefferson's Fourth of July celebraton.

Bible School will be held at Whitefield Community Baptist Church at 27 Jefferson Road, Whitefield from 6 to 8:30 p.m. An exciting adventure for children each evening. Come join the western fun, including games, crafts, music, Bible stories, snacks and more! All ages welcome. More info or to register, call the church at 837-2469.

### Wednesday, July 25

"White Mountain Lure," 8 p.m. It's movie night - grab some popcorn and spend some time living the history of the White Mountains. Come along for the journey through the logging era to the rise of the grand hotels and tourism, followed by the creation of the White Mountain National Forest. Wednesday Night with a Ranger programs are presented in July and August by the US Forest Service at AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center in the White Mountain National Forest, Route 16, Gorham. The programs are free and open to all. FMI: 603-466-2713 or 603-466-2721. Complimentary popcorn.

### Thursday, July 26

The Weeks Act: Turning Point in American Environmentalism. Discover history in the White Mountains! This presentation will show how the growing interest in nature and outdoor activities in the White Mountains built grassroots support for protecting the mountain forests in the early 20th Century. We will learn how Lancaster's own John W. Weeks responded to crisis in the White Mountains and authored the Weeks Act of 1911. Our speaker is Chris Johnson, author, editor, consultant and hiker from Illinois. His book, "This Grand and Magnificent Place: The Wilderness Heritage of the White Mountains" was published last year. This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7

p.m. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower for one of the best views north of the notches. Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster.

The Shaw Brothers, widely popular and known as New Hampshire's musical ambassadors to the world, will be bringing their own brand of folk music to St. Kieran Arts Center in Berlin in a special North Country performance at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and will be sold at the door. For further information or for directions to the Arts Center at 155 Emery Street, call 603-752-1028 or visit [www.stkieranarts.org](http://www.stkieranarts.org).

### Friday, July 27

White Mountains History Tour. Please join us for a unique look at some of the fascinating history of the White Mountains. Chris Johnson and Dave Govatski will guide our group to several historical sites and acquaint us with the historical significance of these sites that serve to illustrate the important story of our White Mountains. This tour will be conducted rain or shine. Meet at the parking lot at the entrance to Weeks State Park in time for a prompt departure at 9 a.m. Be prepared for weather, brief and easy walking, and bring lunch, water and snacks. Binoculars and camera, etc are optional. It is our intention to carpool as much as possible. Participants will share the cost of gasoline. Anyone needing further information or persons with special needs should call 603-788-4961 in advance of the event. We will be glad to assist.

### Saturday, July 28

Lancaster's Street Fair and Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Business Expo. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Jackie 788-2325 or Linda at 788-4681.

Twin Mountain Chamber of Commerce will offer a concert by

"Brothers of Other Mothers" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the site of the town information booth and bandstand overlooking the intersection of Routes 3 and 302. Concert is free family entertainment. Refreshments will be available. If it rains concert will be at the Town Hall on School Street. Bring your chair or blankets. Info: call Jim at 1-800-682-7222.

SERVE food pickup day. Christ United Methodist Church, Lancaster, from 8-10 a.m. Info: Gloria Fuller 788-3583 or Mary Jane Falkenham 788-2219 or [www.servenewengland.org](http://www.servenewengland.org)

### Sunday, July 29

Lancaster Historical Society 41st season flea market. Intersection Rtes. 2 and 3 (north). Antiques, collectibles, fine crafts. Pleasant grounds and refreshments.

It's time once again to "rock n'roll" with one of New England's favorite rock and roll acts. Annie and the Orphans will be appearing from 6 to 8 p.m. rain or shine at the Bethlehem Gazebo Park on the corner of Main and Prospect streets. Specialists in 50's, 60's, and 70's music, Annie and the Orphans' unique blend of musical talent and showmanship make them one of the most eagerly anticipated acts of the season. Don't miss this concert event. Come enjoy the music, fun, great food served by the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library.

### Wednesday, August 1

"Fire in the Forest," 8 p.m. Is it a friend or a threat? Find out what's up with smoke and fire in the White Mountains, hear tales of a well-travelled forest firefighter, and check out the gear he packs along. Presented by Chris O'Brien, Fire Management Technician. Wednesday Night with a Ranger programs are presented in July and August by the US Forest Service at AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center in the White Mountain National Forest, Route 16, Gorham. The programs are free and open to all. FMI: 603-466-2713 or 603-466-2721. Complimentary popcorn.

### Thursday, August 2

Ferns of Weeks State Park Field Trip. This free field walk will introduce us to the world of ferns and the many fern species that grow at Weeks State Park. Our guide, Elizabeth Farnsworth, is a biologist and scientific illustrator, currently illustrating the new "Flora of New England". She is co-author of the Peterson Field Guide to Ferns. This outdoor program will meet at the summit of the Park and will begin at 2:30 p.m. Bring raingear just in case, and suitable footwear for an easy walk in the woods. Questions about this event may be directed to Dave Tellman at 837-9764. Persons with special needs should call 788-4961 in advance. We will be glad to try to make suitable arrangements. Weeks State Park is located on the east

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