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Overview of Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presented

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry's proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget stands at about \$47 million, representing about a 5 percent increase over last year, according to officials.

During the Town Council's April 4 meeting, Town Administrator David Caron presented an overview of the proposed budget. The spending plan will still have to go through the budget process in the coming weeks and be approved by councilors before it can be finalized.

"That just gives you an idea of the moving dynamic of the budget, which you will experience during this entire process as numbers get refined, as our state aid numbers are solidified, as

we get more bid numbers for example," Caron said, adding, "You'll see some different numbers as we work through it."

Other highlights of the plan include a reduction of approximately three positions and increasing the veteran's tax credit to \$500, Caron said during the presentation.

Derry will experience about a \$442,000 increase in state retirement costs for FY 2018, Caron said. The state retirement system adjusts its rates every two years and Derry's rates will take effect July 1 in this round, he said.

But by reducing approximately three employees in the finance area, Derry can absorb the costs, Caron said. The reductions include a controller position that will not be re-staffed, he said.

"Derry's cost is about \$442,000 in increased retirement costs so we are able to absorb that," Caron said.

Derry has also outsourced a majority of its assessing responsibilities and no longer funds either an in-house assessor or a deputy assessor, he said.

In addition, another proposal calls for increasing the Veteran's tax credit to \$500. If approved, the item would have about a \$48,000 impact on the budget, he said. The tax credit is currently set at \$450.

Caron said a council committee looking at expanding the credit for vets who served during specific times of war as set forth by state statute.

Other highlights of the budget include that it fully

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Town Council Tables Discussion of Ratification Vote of March Election

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Waiting for guidance from the state, councilors have tabled discussion of a proposal to schedule a ratification vote of the March 21 election.

Originally scheduled for March 14, the election was postponed until March 21 because of a powerful nor'easter. Derry joined many other communities in the Granite State that also postponed elections because of the storm.

The council members voted 5-1-1 during their April 4 meeting to table a public hearing that was to be scheduled for April 28

on whether to schedule the ratification vote.

Councilor Richard Tripp voted against tabling the item and Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon abstained.

Before the item was tabled, Bourdon said the proposal to schedule a public hearing on the ratification vote was put on the agenda "because we are trying to get ahead of the curve with regards to state legislation in dealing with postponement of the March 14 election."

But Bourdon said that the state hasn't passed a law yet or given the council direction with regards to the postponement.

He added, "Due to the

fact that we are meeting every Tuesday on the budget I propose that we not take action on this until further action has been given by the state but I will leave that up to the body."

Following the postponement, former State Rep. Andrew Manuse, of Derry, filed a formal complaint to nullify the election. The former state representative said he didn't get a chance to vote because of the postponement and nothing was posted to alert voters.

Attorney Brenda Keith, of Boutin & Altieri PLLC, recently addressed the postponement at the council's

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50 Years and Counting Former South Range Elementary School Principal Angelo Panteli cuts a cake celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the school on Friday, April 7. Panteli served as principal from 1966 to 1992 and was urged by current principal Matt Olsen to begin the evening's festivities. See more photos on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Nutfield 300th Committee Prepares for Celebrations

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Committee members from towns representing the original "Nutfield" settlement continue to meet and to plan for one of the biggest birthday parties Southern New Hampshire has ever seen.

"Nutfield," encompassing parts of what is now Derry, Londonderry and Windham, was settled in 1719 by the Rev. James MacGregor and a group of Scotch-Presbyterians wanting to own land and worship freely. They settled in what is now East Derry, and worshiped in a congregation that

evolved into the First Parish Church.

Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith is the chair of the combined committee. In a phone interview Friday, he said he's pleased with what's been accomplished so far

"We are at the point

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where we have a general overview of what we want to do," he said. "Now it's a matter of having subcommittees work on each part."

The work is mostly planning and organizational at this point, Smith added. "There's not a lot of heavy lifting."

The celebration will begin in April 2019 in Derry and conclude during the August Old Home Days in Londonderry.

In the March 20 meeting, the group discussed having a commemorative coin minted Smith said he had reached out to NH Pewter, a Somersworth

company, and gotten quotes. The company can provide coins for \$7.50 per coin, minimum of 200, or \$5 per coin, over 200. The price includes set-up and processing, but not shipping.

Debra Paul, Nutfield publisher and representative of the Historical Society, brought in samples of brochures and booklets. The committee decided on a style and asked Paul to prepare quotes for 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 pieces. The booklets will include an introduction, a map, a history of Nutfield and a calendar of events. The booklet is estimated to be 20 pages, with each town having five

pages and responsible for its own calendar.

Paul has also taken responsibility for the cover art and reported that she has been in contact with the Londonderry Arts Council, and at least two members are interested in doing the cover.

The group discussed subcommittees and determined that each town should have four, in the areas of Sponsorship, Event Planning, Calendar and Program, and Media. The Media subcommittee will have one person from each town serving as an administrator for the internet.

In addition, the steering committee formed an Historic Landmark Tour sub-

committee, with Londonderry resident Ann Chiampa at the helm.

In a phone interview Thursday, Chiampa said she is putting together a tour of historic properties in Londonderry, and is open to helping the other towns with theirs. She isn't sure yet if the tour will be by bus or self-guided, she said.

Chiampa really likes the idea of a "then and now" format, showing what was on the property 100, 200 or 300 years ago, contrasted with what's there now.

Some of the properties are well-known, such as the Mack family homestead and the Pillsbury house. Others don't have as high a profile, but were the setting for everyday people living everyday lives, she said.

She's open to commercial as well as residential businesses, and those that overlap, such as the Greenwood family store that was on the site of the current Crossroads Mall. "The family had a store in part of their house," Chiampa said. Other small neighborhood stores included Ralston's, at the corner of Mammoth Road and 102, and one at the site of today's Mobil service station at the junction of Route 28 and Route 128. The Historical Society has a couple of wooden vegetable signs from that store, she said.

There was also a horseback riding camp, where Papa Gino's is on Route 102, and a swimming hole where an older cousin was a lifeguard, she said.

Driver Identified In Fatal English Range Road Crash

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Police have identified the driver who was killed in a single-vehicle crash Friday, April 7 on English Range Road.

Thomas Morgan, 37, of Derry, was killed when the vehicle he was driving left the road and struck a tree, resulting in heavy front-end

damage, Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas said in a press release Monday. Following the crash, Morgan was taken by a Derry Fire Department Ambulance to Parkland Medical Center, where was pronounced dead at the hospital, Thomas said.

Following the crash at 5:04 p.m. a Derry Police Department officer on patrol came across a motor vehicle

crash in the area of 54 English Range Road.

Following the crash, the road was closed for several hours as a Derry Police Department Accident Reconstruction Team responded to the scene. The road remained closed as the team investigated the crash site, according to police.

The Derry Police Crash Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to call the Derry police at 603-432-6111.

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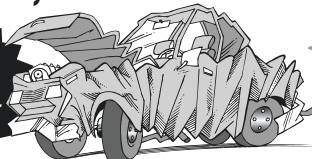
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Chiampa, who grew up in Manchester, remembers driving to Londonderry with her mother in the 1950s to buy eggs at Merrill's Farm. "We would go into the house, and the grandmother would be in the kitchen in her rocking chair and would sell us eggs," she said. Later, when Chiampa attended Memorial High School, she became friends with kids from North Londonderry, who attended the city school because LHS wasn't built yet.

The current Harvey Road was called Skim Milk Road in the early part of the 20th century, and the parents of a high school friend used to live there, Chiampa said. When Grenier Field came in they had to vacate their home, and they moved to a house on Mammoth Road, she said.

Chiampa wants to "tell a story" with her tour, she said. She's also thinking about a "Then and Now" calendar, and though the history of the town predates cameras, she's sure she can locate some pen-and-ink drawings of the earliest Londonderry.

"It is good to know the three towns are working together, that there is cohesion among the towns," Chiampa said.

One of Derry's most ambitious projects is the restoration of First Parish Meetinghouse, which has stood in East Derry since 1769. It was the second home of MacGregor's congregation and has served as a library, town offices, and venue for Town Meeting as well as hosting congregations.

Paul Lindemann, a spokesman for First Parish

Church and a member of the 300th Anniversary Committee, said that the church building is being restored in an ambitious project that includes two Land and Community Heritage Preservation (LCHIP) grants, a hefty investment by the congregation, and a newly-formed 501 (c) 3 group.

The church members raised the first \$1 million for the renovation internally, according to Lindemann. For the remainder of the estimated \$2.5 million they are asking for community support. The 501 (c) 3 group is independent of the church, he said, noting that some private investors and some corporations weren't comfortable donating to a church project, even though the project is of wider historical interest.

"None of the money goes to the operation of the church," Lindemann stressed.

The tower, or steeple, was removed a couple of years ago and is being repaired in Nottingham. LCHIP provided \$125,000 for the tower in 2015. An LCHIP grant provided \$59,000 for the roof restoration, he said.

Lindemann said the group hopes to finish interior work in 2018 and 2019, so the Meetinghouse will be ready for the Tricentennial celebration.

"We have huge hopes," Lindemann said.

To learn more or to donate, visit www.nutfield-history.org or call the church at 434-0628.

The 300th Committee's next meeting is Monday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Londonderry Town Offices.

Coordinator Maps Out Vision For Economic Growth

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

When it comes to achieving sustainable economic growth in Derry, new Economic Coordinator Anne Struthers said she plans to take a team approach in the effort.

Struthers, who began work on March 27 as Derry's new economic development coordinator, said in a recent interview that she was "absolutely delighted and honored to be selected for the position."

The Council members voted at their March 7 meeting to appoint Struthers to the position. She previously served as a business recourse specialist with the State Division of Economic Development, and also worked with the Executive Office of Hous-

ing and Economic Development in Massachusetts. She is receiving an annual salary of \$83,679, according to officials.

During her career in banking and financial services, Struthers has also been instrumental with designing, implementing and managing various financial products and services, according to officials.

"I have extensive experience working with cities and towns in formulating and implementing economic development strategies that lead to sustainable growth," Struthers said. "In addition, I worked in the private sector in businesses large and small. So I also understand from a business perspective what it takes to start and grow a business."

When asked about her goals as economic development coordinator, Struthers

said the overarching goal is to develop and launch a collaborative, actionable economic development plan "that aligns with the needs of the community and moves the vision of the town forward. It will, of course, incorporate the great projects and initiatives already underway and provide the framework for smart, sustainable growth."

Struthers added, "I work closely with the Town Administrator, the Planning Department, the Economic Development Advisory Committee and additional stakeholders in that mission. Economic development is very much a team effort."

Derry has experienced high property taxes and slow economic development for a number of years.

When asked what she thought needs to be done to

improve the situation, Struthers said, "What attracted me to this position was the opportunity for growth. Southern New Hampshire is projected to grow significantly over the next several years. Derry's location, existing business profile, development potential and additional logistical factors all play into that opportunity. Having the right stuff combined with a strategic plan and commitment of key stakeholders throughout the town will move the needle forward in a meaningful way."

The town recently hired Buxton Marketing to help recruit retail development services. Town Administrator David Caron recently said a company representative planned to meet with you to discuss economic development.

Since then, Struthers

said she has connected with Buxton and will be meeting with them shortly.

To help offset the Derry's tax rate, which is one of the highest in the state, councilors have been exploring ways to generate tax revenue and help develop the local economy.

In addition to hiring an economic development coordinator, councilors late last year voted to hire Buxton Marketing to help recruit retailers to Derry.

Also during the March 28 meeting, Caron said Buxton is ready to deliver a marketing package on 20 retailers in about the next three weeks.

And a hotel feasibility study has been executed that, "Buxton thought that would be very beneficial for the community," Caron said.

Councilors voted unanimously at their Dec. 20

meeting to hire Buxton Marketing for retail development services. The agreement calls for the town to pay \$50,000 for the first year, with the option to hire Buxton for the remaining two-years of the contract. All 2017 costs will be funded by from the FY 2017 economic development budget, according to officials.

In June, Buxton made a presentation to the Economic Development Advisory Committee on how the company could recruit retailers to Derry. Buxton successfully helped Rochester to attract retail and commercial businesses to the community and increase tax revenue, according to the presentation. Rochester is comparable in size to Derry, with a population of approximately 30,000 people.

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March 28 meeting.

Keith said Derry's Charter section 2.2 sets out the town moderator's duties and specifically indicates that the moderator shall have "all the powers and duties under state law."

And citing state statute, RSA 40:4, section II, she said that clearly states that the town moderator in a weather emergency can postpone the election.

Keith said there was a little bit of disagreement between the offices of the

secretary of state and the attorney general on whether RSA 669:1 called for towns to hold elections on the second Tuesday of March. The secretary of state's office holds that the statute requires towns to hold elections despite a weather emergency.

But Keith said RSA 40:4, section II, was adopted later than RSA 669, and does allow for voting day to be postponed in the event of a weather emergency.

Keith said she received multiple alerts from the town to the postponement and praised the way the town administrator, town

clerk and town moderator handled publicizing the postponement.

"So I think that the town not only had the authority, but they used the authority and when the moderator postponed, the town government took great steps in getting the word out that the election had been postponed," Keith said.

She added, "So I am perfectly comfortable with the actions of the town moderator and all of the town government in postponing the election. And as far as your town's legal counsel is concerned this is a closed issue."

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In

Open and transparent government - you could call it the battle cry of community newspapers.

That's what the public deserves from its officials, on the local, state and national level. Providing information about the activities of government at the local level is a job this newspaper continues to take very seriously.

Sunshine Week is to remind us that government business being conducted in the open is at the heart of Western Government philosophy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we don't have the information to hold them accountable. The more information we have, the better.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. Power in our Government is derived from the people, and ultimately belongs to them. It is only on loan to elected officials and to those they delegate. It is a power not of right, but of service to fellow mankind. That power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs in the open, available to everyone, especially to those who put politicians in office and depend on them for services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

The key, of course, is open access to meetings and records. We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level; it's at least as important at the town and school level, where decisions have more immediate impact on our pocket-books and our lives.

Open government means newspapers, if they're doing their job, media must act as watchdogs, asking the uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. If documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is there for anyone to use.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully spelled out specific situations, to conduct their business in the open.

Sure, it's a lot easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where negotiations and off-the-cuff comments and hypothetical situations can be aired in a controlled atmosphere, but that's not the way things are supposed to work.

Discussion is to be done in public. Being in public office isn't supposed to be easy, and it requires following the rules, whether you like them or not. Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing loose with open government and subverting the spirit of Western government and the law.

That's why we report the details of what's been discussed. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

So, in the midst of what seems to have turned into a rainy season, we're happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

Letters

Disappointed in Senator Birdsell

To the editor,

A bill co-sponsored by our Derry Senator Regina Birdsell, which would change SNAP eligibility requirements for 17,000 low-income families in NH, was passed in the NH Senate this week. If this bill passes also in the House, and is approved by Governor Sununu, access to nutrition will be reduced or eliminated altogether for more than 40,000 hungry children in NH. Where is the compassion in this? I am very disappointed in Senator Birdsell's vote in support of SB7.

Would this program have

added to the New Hampshire budget? Hardly. Currently NH pays for 50 percent of the cost of the administration of the program with 100 percent of the actual cost of food covered by the Federal Government. Testimony against passing this bill was strongly presented by the New Hampshire Food Bank and New Hampshire Legal Assistance. Sarah Mattson Dustin, of New Hampshire Legal Assistance indicated that the cost of feeding these families would fall to local communities: to food pantries and to town welfare departments. In spite of this testimony, all Republican senators with the exception

of Sen. John Reagon voted for this unwise and mean-spirited bill.

Why did the Republicans feel a need to introduce this bill? When the sponsor of the bill, Senator Kevin Avard was asked, he indicated that it was "co-written" with a lobbyist representing the Foundation for Government Accountability, a conservative group pushing similar measures in statehouses around the country. Let's hope that when SB7 goes to the House for approval in the next few weeks, good fiscal common sense and compassion will prevail!

Corinne Dodge
Derry, NH

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Pinkerton Students To Participate In SkillsUSA Competitions

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Competing in the recent Skills USA state competition, Pinkerton Academy students won a record 23 gold medals.

In addition, Pinkerton students took home 13 silver and 10 bronzed medals. And 134 Pinkerton students signed up this year, with 46 students winning a medal, also both records, according to Pinkerton administrators.

Michael Eno, a Pinkerton Career and Technical Education Teacher and SkillsUSA advisor, praised all the students who competed in last month's competition and their advisors.

"I am very proud of all the students and their advisors," Eno said. "A special thanks to any CTE student who did not win gold or a medal. They took a chance, some of them stepped out of their comfort zone and tried their best. All SkillsUSA

students are champions."

Eno also thanked administrators in the school's Career and Technical Education program.

"Pinkerton Academy's CTE SkillsUSA Chapter would not be successful if we did not get support from the CTE Director Jen Haskins and Assistant CTE Director Tracy Untiet," Eno said. "We are very fortunate to have such professional and caring administrators that understand the importance of our organization. We can never thank them enough. I would like to recognize our Headmaster Griffin Morse for his continued support of our chapter."

Students competed in competitions such as Culinary, Computer Systems Programming and Building Construction, the Culinary competition Nashua High School.

"There are about 400 students across the state that are participating in these

events, including about 80 Pinkerton students," said Jennifer Haskins, the high school's Career and Technical Education director and the vice president of the New Hampshire SkillsUSA board of directors.

SkillsUSA provides educational programs, events and competitions to support Career and Technical Education programs throughout the nation, according to its website.

SkillsUSA serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations and more than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA, according to the website.

The 53rd Annual National SkillsUSA's Leadership and Skills Conference is scheduled to run from June 19-23 in Louisville, KY.

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Friends of the Meetinghouse at First Parish Church Forms

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Interested in preserving the historic Meetinghouse at First Parish Church, a group has formed a non-profit organization to continue fundraising efforts.

"We've moved forward to create a new nonprofit, the Friends of the Meetinghouse at First Parish, to lead the preservation fundraising effort," said Paul Lindemann, a member of the church rehabilitation committee and Derry Heritage Commission.

Plans are underway to celebrate two historical milestones in August 2019, he said.

"August 2019 marks two historical milestones of interest to everyone in our area: The 300th Anniversary of the First Settlers founding Nutfield (today's Derry, Londonderry, and Windham), and the planned completion of the work to preserve the Meetinghouse at First Parish, home to those very First Settlers," Lindemann said in a news release.

He added, "The Meetinghouse has been the center of community life for centuries, and its rehabilitation is one of the largest historic preservation projects in New Hampshire. A new Friends group is helping continue the successful work already

underway."

The Nutfield 300th Celebration will start at the Meetinghouse in April 2019 and continue through that summer, according to the release. The Derry Heritage Commission is helping coordinate activities.

Lindemann said an invitation-only kickoff event for the new Friends group, co-hosted by Eddie Leon and Dr. Tim Butterfield is planned for Tuesday, April 11 at La Carreta in Londonderry.

There will be light presentations on the Nutfield Founding, 300th Anniversary, and Meetinghouse Rehab from Town Historian Richard Holmes and others,

he said. "Invited will be many business and community leaders, whom we hope to excite about these causes," Lindemann said. "We'll also be announcing some initial new donations to the Meetinghouse preservation effort."

Originally built in 1769, the church meetinghouse has undergone a number of changes in the past few centuries.

The stained glass windows have been reinstalled, and the renovation is taking shape, he said.

"The Meetinghouse is in a beautiful state, with features like the original 1769 floor boards still exposed," Lindemann said.

Last year, the Meetinghouse was lifted to build a new foundation under the historic structure.

Using special hydraulic jacks, crews lifted the massive white building above the old foundation over a four-hour period. The construction crews from Geddes Building Movers in Bow eventually lifted the building to a height of about four feet.

Two systems of hydraulic jacks, involving 12 pumps on each side fed by a master cylinder were used in the lift, Lindemann said.

Crews installed a 48-inch deep cement frost wall perimeter foundation, with suitable footings and a pro-

tective slab in the resulting crawlspace floor, Lindemann said.

The project is part of a multi-year rehabilitation effort.

"What we are doing with rehabilitation is making the building useable in a modern way but honoring the historic methods and materials," Lindemann said.

In 2015, the top of the church tower was removed for repairs.

When it was built, there wasn't a separation of church and state consideration and the building served as both a sanctuary as well as town offices and a library, Lindemann said.

Derry School Board Members Discuss Recess Options

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Exploring the idea of using more unstructured play time at school, School Board members received the results from a

recent survey on movement breaks at their April 4 meeting.

A group of principals presented the findings from the survey of the teaching staff on movement breaks in school.

Teachers were asked: do you incorporate physical movement breaks throughout the day?; how many times a day do you lead a movement break?; how long is each movement break?; and list types of

movements.

The findings showed that 194 out of 194 teachers responded.

For grades K-2, 75 percent of teachers do facilitate some sort of exercise of movement breaks in the classroom; 58 percent have two or more movement breaks during the day; and 25 percent of those movement breaks are at least four minutes long.

For grades, 3-5, 75 percent in movement have breaks and 30 percent have at least two movement breaks during the day and 19 percent are at least four min-

utes long.

And at the middle school level, 34 percent of those classrooms participate in some sort of movement breaks; 19 percent have two are more movement breaks; and 9 percent of those breaks are four minutes longer, according to the findings.

Some of the examples of movement given included: seat push ups, jumping jacks, running in place stretching and yoga.

After the findings were

presented, school board members praised the group for collecting the information but emphasized that more work need to be done to gain a better understanding of the effect of movement breaks.

School Board member Derick Anderson "I think this is a great beginning. A lot of great data, certainly ideas, but I think we can do better, and I think that is something we can work towards."

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funds the seven collective bargaining agreements that councilors approved last fall.

The plan also funds the economic development office, with a new a full-time coordinator and a continuing contract with Buxton Retail Recruitment Services and other expenses, Caron said.

The Council members voted at their March 7 meeting to appoint Anne Stru-

thers to the position of economic development coordinator.

In addition to hiring an economic development coordinator, councilors late last year voted to hire Buxton Marketing to help recruit retailers to Derry.

To help offset the Derry's tax rate, which is one of the highest in the state, councilors have been exploring ways to generate tax revenue and help develop the local economy.

In FY 2017 there was

about \$30,000 net property tax investment in economic development and this year it's about \$184,000, Caron said.

Also in the presentation, Caron said the town will have an estimated \$24 million in revenues and an estimated tax rate of \$8.44 per \$1,000 of assessed property.

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Upper Room Educates Community on Distracted Driving

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
NUTFIELD NEWS

As a parent educator and therapist at The Upper Room, and as the parent of two young adults, Susan Schick thought she'd heard it all. But even she was taken aback in a discussion with her teenage son, when he informed her that some of his peers watch videos on their cell phones while driving.

"He said, 'don't be surprised, Mom it's happening,'" Schick recalled.

This spring Schick is conducting workshops for both parents and their teens, in order to educate them on the importance of not texting, talking, viewing or even eating while behind the

wheel. It's a conversation that she hopes will happen sooner rather than later.

Schick described "distracted driving" as a laundry list of "texting, using a cell phone or Smartphone, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming one's self, adjusting the radio," or even using a navigation system, which should ideally be programmed before beginning the trip.

But text messaging is by far the most alarming distraction, because it involves visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, and because it is so very attractive to teens.

A fact sheet offered by Schick includes the following:

- Nationally, in 2014, 3,179 people were killed and 432,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers;
- Ten percent of drivers 15 to 19 involved in fatal crashes were distracted at the time of the crash;
- The percentage of drivers text-messaging or visibly manipulating hand-held devices increased from 1.7 percent in 2013 to 2.2 percent in 2014; and
- When texting, five seconds is the average amount of time a driver's eyes are off the road. If traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

New Hampshire passed its hands-free electronic

devices law in 2015, and it went into effect in July of that year. The law makes it illegal for any driver to use a hand-held electronic device that provides voice or data communication while driving, and includes when stopped at a red light, stop sign or by roadwork or a train crossing.

"I have Bluetooth, and even that comes under the law," Schick said.

Why do they do it? Though social media has many positive aspects, it can be hard for a teen to put it on hold, Schick said. "It's hard to resist a 'ping,' even when you're driving." And it's a different world today, with instant communication and gratification.

"When I was a teen, our phone was attached to the wall and my mother could monitor everything I did," she said.

While teens find it hard to put down a cell phone or Smartphone, today's parents are just as busy, and can be distracted behind the wheel by a fast-food meal, much-needed jolt of caffeine, or even a cell phone conversation of their own. But as with any other behavior, parents model what kids often do.

"Unfortunately, parents are always 'on' as models," Schick said. "It's not, 'It's okay for me and not for you.' We need to be mindful of that."

Schick urges parents to have the conversation with

their young drivers. "Make a date with your kid, at a time that is predetermined, so it won't be stressful," she said. "Tell them, 'I want to check in with you on something.'"

And Schick knows from personal experience that it does pay to have that conversation. "My son was a passenger in another kid's car on the way back from a conference in Washington, D.C.," she said. "The driver was using the phone while he drove, and my son spoke up and said, 'Dude, you can't do that.'"

Schick urges both teens and parents to sign a pledge available at her office, committing them to a hands-free lifestyle. For more information, contact her at 437-8477.

Sununu Backs Full-Day Kindergarten During Panel Discussion

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Gov. Chris Sununu expressed his support for full-day kindergarten during a recent panel discussion at the Greater Derry London-

derry Chamber of Commerce.

Several dozen Chamber members, state legislators and other officials attended the session that is part of a last-minute attempt by the governor to convince the

state House to restore funds to the state budget for full-day kindergarten, according to officials. The House Finance Committee recently removed the funding for full-day kindergarten, which is one of the governor's priorities, from the budget.

House members are expected to take up the discussion on the plan in the next several weeks.

And in other legislative action, the Senate passed a bill on Thursday to support full-day kindergarten.

While remaining non-partisan, Chamber President Will Stewart said the chamber favors full-day kindergarten for work force development.

"This is one of the chamber's legislative priorities this year too, as both the

Government Affairs Committee and the full board voted to support a bill to fund full-day kindergarten in an effort to enhance workforce development efforts," Chamber President Will Stewart said.

At approximately \$3,000 per year for full-day kindergarten in Derry combined with other costs, it's cheaper for some parents to stay home with their children instead of having them attend kindergarten, Stewart said.

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Crews To Begin Checking For Mosquito Larvae in Town

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

As temperatures increase with the start of spring, mosquito larvae could begin to be found in the area, according to officials.

Earlier this week, crews from Dragon Mosquito Control were scheduled to begin checking marshes, woodland pools, ditches, storm drains and other shallow stagnant water for mosquito larvae, according to a news release.

When mosquitoes are found, the following insecticides may be used: BVA2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil (highly refined petroleum distillate), CocoBear MLO (mineral oil), AquaBac 200G (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis).

If Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile virus is found in or near Derry, then emergency spraying may be conducted using one or more of the following products: Cross Check Plus (bifenthrin), Permanone (permethrin), Duet (sumithrin

& prallethrin), Zenivex (etofenprox), DeltaGard (deltamethrin), and Essentria IC (rosemary oil, geraniol, peppermint oil), according to the release.

EEE is an illness caused by a virus that can be spread to people through mosquito bites. Those people infected with the virus can experience a range of illness, from flu-like symptoms, including fever, headache and sore throat, to more serious symptoms, such as coma and death, according to officials.

Spraying could occur at the following locations: Barka School, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, Christian Bible Church, Derry Village School, East Derry School, Grinnell School, Hood School, South Range School, West Running Brook School, Alexander-Carr Park, Don Ball Park, MacGregor Park, Rider Fields, St. Thomas Aquinas School, Veterans Field/O'Hara Field, Pinkerton Academy, Pinkerton Practice Field, and Hood Park, the release said.

It is not possible to pre-

dict if emergency spraying will be necessary, according to officials. The spray schedule is based upon mosquito surveillance data, disease test results and weather conditions. Further communication will be given if emergency spraying is going to take place. Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use Dragon's No-Spray Registry online at www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry, or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Resi-

dents should include their name, physical address, phone number and a description of their property with boundaries.

Residents who would like to have their stagnant water checked for mosquitoes can call Dragon at 734-4144 or email Info@DragonMosquito.com. There is no charge for this service.

Residents can also contact Dragon for more information on spray dates, location, materials used, precautions or other concerns.

Town of Derry Wins CAFR Award for 19th Straight Year

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's a streak that dates back to the Clinton administration.

For the 19th straight year, the Town of Derry has been recognized for its financial reporting.

Derry was recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year that ended June 30, 2016 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The certificate of Achievement is the

highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, according to officials.

Town Administrator David Caron praised Chief Financial Officer Susan Hickey and the department members for their effort and teamwork.

"The Town is proud to have again received this prestigious award for the 19th year in a row, recognizing the Town for excellence in financial reporting to its citizens," Caron said. "This independent, impartial panel review of our report ensures that the Town continues to maintain the

highest standards of financial reporting."

Caron added, "The compilation of this report involves a significant effort by the Town's Finance Department headed by Chief Financial Officer Susan Hickey and Accounting Manager Mark Fleischer, along with staff members Bob McCarthy, Joanne Valdinocci, Lisa Gazzara and Kerry Harrison, and they are to be commended for this

achievement."

Receiving this Certificate represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management team. Additionally, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Town of Derry Finance Department, which had the primary responsibility for preparing the award-winning Annual Financial Report, according to officials.

Hickey said she is pleased the Town of Derry is being recognized for its excellence in financial management and reporting.

"The staff within the Finance Department work diligently to ensure our financial information is accurate and ready to audit without needing to provide assistance to the staff," she said. "I thank the staff for all of the efforts as it

would not have been possible to achieve the award without their hard work."

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to ensure that it meets the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the Town's financial story and motivate potential users to read the CAFR

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South Range School Celebrates Fiftieth Year Anniversary



A wide spectrum of attendees showed up at the South Range Elementary School's Gala event on Friday evening, April 7 as the school celebrated it's 50 year Anniversary. Principal Matt Olsen, opened the event and welcomed those attending. There were fifty years worth of memorabilia placed around the school cafeteria for people to look through. Light refreshments were served with a buffet, while people reconnected with those attending, toured the school, looked through photos that were on display, signed a painting that was created for the event and later listened to the evenings speakers. Speakers included Matt Olsen, Susan Walters, Christine Haswell, and Brenda Willis. Also on-hand was former Principal Angelo Penteli who ran the school for over 25 years.

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DERRY SPORTS

PA Boys' Tennis Crew Has Plenty Back From Strong 2016 Contingent

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Some of the top players from the talented and successful 2016 Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team are back in the fold for coach Brian Hashem's 2017 squad. And based on early results, the Astros may well be a significant player in the Division I picture again this spring.

Last year's PA crew went 10-5 but fell short of its title hopes by getting eliminated in the quarterfinal round.

There are four of the Astros' top six singles players back, and that quartet also plays a major role in doubles competition.

Seb Tonini, Henry Su, and John Marineau are the top three singles competitors this season, and Tate Pinyochon is at fifth singles. In match one of the new campaign at Manchester Memorial, Tonini and Marineau served as the top doubles tandem, and Su and Pinyochon were the second tandem.

Other varsity returnees

from that 2016 team are seniors Wyatt Hoppa and Derek Wilson, juniors Conor Jowett and Zach Hudgins, and sophomore Henry Andrews. Varsity newcomers include sophomore Jeff Marquis and freshman Colby Day.

When asked what his 2017 team's keys to success will be, coach Hashem stated, "Working hard everyday and getting better throughout the season, and gaining valuable experience during the season will be important."

Hashem feels that Bed-

ford, Derryfield, Hanover, Concord, and Exeter will be among the top teams in D-I.

Pinkerton began its season in exceptional fashion, making short work of Manchester Memorial with a 9-0 shutout success.

The Astros lost only one game in singles play, with Tonini, Su, Marineau, Marquis, and Pinyochon all notching 8-0 wins and Andrews succeeding in an 8-1 decision.

And the locals didn't even lose a game in doubles play thanks to the work of the tandems of Tonini and Marineau, Su and Pinyochon, and Andrews and Wilson.

Two afternoons later the Astros were slated to play their home-opener, against the Keene High Blackbirds. But Mother Nature had other plans, and that match had to be postponed.

That delay had the academy returning to courts in Rochester on Monday, April 10, facing the Spaulding High Red Raiders.

And the now 2-0 Astros



Pinkerton tennis veteran John Marineau thumps a return at his opponent during the Astros' season-opener at Manchester Memorial. Photo by Chris Pantazis

made the long ride home in a victorious mood after a throttling their winless hosts by an 8-1 margin.

Singles successes were enjoyed by Tonini (8-2), Su (8-2), Marineau (8-2), Marquis (8-3), and Pinyochon (8-3), and the locals swept doubles and only lost two games in the process. Tonini and Marineau bagged an 8-1 win, Su and Pinyochon notched an 8-0 shutout, and Andrews and Wilson won 8-1.

Lady Astro Tracksters Drive to Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The brand-new, 2017 Division I girls' spring track and field season began in pretty exceptional fashion for the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in Amherst last Friday, April 7.

Competing against the host Souhegan High School contingent as well as the opposing side from Kearsarge Regional High in Sutton, coach Ed Vaitones' academy crew tallied some 95.5 points to easily outdistance Souhegan (60.5) and Kearsarge (8).

Amelia Graves and Hannah Rogers were among the biggest weapons for the

Lady Astros, with Graves grabbing individual first places in the 100-meter dash (in 13.28 seconds) and the 200 dash (27.21) and also working with three teammates for a success in the 4x400 relay (4 minutes, 25.04 seconds).

Rogers proved unbeatable in the long jump (14 feet, 8 1/4 inches) and the triple jump (34'1/2"). And other first places were bagged by Britney Johnson in the 400 dash (1:02.68), Hannah Peterson in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (58.55), Marryn Dennis in the pole vault (6'9"), and Adrianna Buccieri in the shot put (28').

Snaring second places

for the locals were Johnson in the 200 dash (29.55), Ciara April in the 800-meter run (2:32.94), Katherine Peterson in the 100-meter hurdles (19.86), Emily Lesburt in the high jump (4'8"), Elizabeth Hayes in the 300 hurdles (1:01.04), and Reanna Romano in the discus (83'5").

Extremely impressively, the victorious Lady Astros took the first four places in the 200-meter dash, the top three spots in the 300-meter hurdles, the second through sixth positions in the 100 hurdles, and the second through fifth spots in the discus in an extremely productive season-opener away from home.

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Pinkerton Laxmen Maul Merrimack in 2017 Opener

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Merrimack High Tomahawks weren't really any kind of challenge for the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad in its season and home-opener in Derry this past Monday, April 10,

as the Astros absolutely pummeled that opponent by a 16-1 margin.

Nine different Astros netted goals and 11 of the academy's players collected points on a wildly successful day which longtime coach Brian O'Reilly and his charges ended grasping a 1-

0 record.

Pinkerton potted seven unanswered goals in the first half, held a 10-1 advantage at halftime, and put the final touches on the lopsided win by outscoring the Tomahawks by a 6-0 margin during the second half.

Ryan Auger paced the powerful Astro offense's success with an eight-point performance which consisted of four goals and four assists. Chris Valentine contributed three goals and two assists, Chad Teresky bagged two goals and three helpers, Owen McCormack tallied two goals and dished out one assist, and Tom Sweeney scored once and

notched two assists.

Single goals were netted by Nick Coombs, Jacob McAdams, Kenny Ziniti, and Connor McCormack, and Adam Morin and Josh McCormack each collected one assist. Pinkerton goalie Alex Sturgess made three saves in what was quite nearly a shutout.

Coach O'Reilly's roster then looked ahead to this Thursday the 13th - after Nutfield News press time - to its second game of the season at home against the visiting Exeter High Blue Hawks. Exeter opened its 2017 season on Monday with an 8-4 loss to the Bedford High Bulldogs.



Chad Teresky scored two goals and set up three others during the Pinkerton boys' lacrosse squad's season-opening victory. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 3



Samantha Donahue,
Girls' Tennis, Senior

This battle-tested and skilled senior began her 2017 campaign with an exclamation point, bagging an 8-1 singles victory against a Manchester Memorial Lady Crusader on the Lady Astros' home courts.



Henry Andrews, Boys' Tennis, Sophomore

This talented 10th grader began the 2017 season with a pair of wins at Manchester Memorial, with the first coming in singles play and the second coming with his doubles partner Derek Wilson a little bit later.

Academy Spikers Aiming for Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

There's plenty of excitement within the Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball program as it begins its 2017 season. And that excitement might make coach Colin Walker's Astro spikers appointment-viewing this spring.

The 2016 Pinkerton contingent had a superb campaign last spring, posting a 15-4 record and making it as far as the tournament quarterfinals before being bump-

ed off by the Goffstown Grizzlies.

There are nine veterans back from that squad this spring, including tri-captains Cobi Moore (a senior setter), Kujan Patel (a senior libero and defensive specialist), and Tyler Behsman (junior outside-hitter).

Rejoining that talented trio in the Pinkerton varsity fold are juniors Mitch Heidler (junior right-side hitter), Brian Castle (junior setter), Cason Giordano (junior outside and middle-

hitter), Matt Fabrizio (versatile junior), Hunter Hazard (sophomore outside-hitter), and Sean Galusha (sophomore middle-hitter).

The crew's newcomers include Patrick Mulhall (senior defensive specialist), Austin Penland (junior middle and right-side hitter), Thomas Meagher (junior setter), and Teddy Wesche (versatile junior).

Walker, who enters his sixth season at the helm of the Pinkerton boys' volleyball program and is ably assisted by Amanda Lemanger and Andy Collins, feels as though his 2017 crew could be a serious player in its league again

this season.

"Our expectation, as always, is to enjoy the season, consistently improve throughout the year, and play at our best when it matters most," he said. "This team has the potential to make a deep run in the playoffs this year, as do several other teams in our division."

The Astros began their new season on Monday April 10 with a sizable test against the defending state champions from Hollis-Brookline.

"We have a competitive schedule that will present challenges and opportunities for growth to us each week

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Lady Astro Racketeers Have Good Mix of Veterans, Newcomers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

When he glances up and down his 2017 roster, veteran Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis coach Gerry Rosado sees some extremely important remnants from his strong 2016 team mixed together with some determined newcomers who are all hoping to get the Lady Astros as far as possible in Division I this spring.

The 2016 PA contingent went a very solid 10-6 on its campaign, and the Lady Astros got as far as the Division I semifinals before being knocked out of title contention.

"Our two senior captains are Michaela Forand and Samantha Donahue, who are the projected number two and number three singles players respectively,"

said coach Rosado. "Other key players are junior Zoe Freedman, the projected number one singles player, and sophomore Riley Reinert, the projected number four singles player. Last year, the doubles team of Freedman and Reinert made the semifinals of the state doubles tournament and they are our projected top doubles team for the new season."

The academy squad's crew of newcomers includes freshman Chloe Freedman, sophomore Julia Farnum, and junior Nicole Baron.

"They should battle each other for the fifth and sixth singles positions," said Rosado of that trio.

In regard to his hopes for the 2017 contingent, coach Rosado said, "Our expectation each year is to have a competitive team, stay

healthy, and qualify for the state tournament. Tough teams in Division I include Bedford, Derryfield, Exeter, Concord, and (Manchester) Central."

The Lady Astros began their 2017 season in truly superb fashion last Wednesday, April 5, throttling the visiting Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders by a 7-2 tally in Derry.

Singles wins were delivered by Zoe Freedman (8-3 score), Reinert (8-0), Donahue (8-1), Chloe Freedman (8-3), and Farnum (8-0).

The hosts capped off the successful day with doubles wins from the duos of Zoe Freedman and Reinert (8-0) and Baron and Sara Scoville (8-6).

Coach Rosado's roster was then slated to make the long road trip to Keene on

Friday the 7th to take on the host Lady Blackbirds, but Mother Nature interfered and that match was postponed.

The Lady Astros then played host to the Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders from Rochester in Derry this past Monday the 10th.

And the Lady Astros bounced their season record up to 2-0 - making Spaulding 0-3 - by dealing that opponent and resounding 8-1 defeat.

The locals snagged five singles wins thanks to the performances of Zoe Freedman (8-0), Reinert (8-3), Donahue (8-2), Chloe Freedman (8-1), and Farnum (8-0).

And the Lady Astros made a clean sweep of doubles competition due to the excellent work of the tandems of Zoe Freedman



Michaela Forand worked with Samantha Donahue for a fine doubles victory during the PA girls' tennis team's recent thrashing of Spaulding. *Photo by Chris Pantazis*

and Reinert (8-3), Forand Chloe Freedman and Donahue (8-5), and Farnum (8-2).

Pinkerton Boy Tracksters Aim to Return to Top of Division I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Year after year, the Pinkerton Academy boys' spring track and field squad is right at the center of the mix for a Division I championship. And that will be no

different this spring.

Coach Carol Quarles' present academy crew is jam-packed with battle-tested veterans from winter and spring track contingents, and you can be certain that the Astros will be pushing hard to collect their first out-

door state title in three years.

Pinkerton finished second behind Nashua North last spring, but the locals appear to have the depth and the talent to retake the Division I crown this year.

Key returnees from the 2016 varsity contingent include Nico Buccierri, Matt Anzivino, Calvin Graves, Jadyn Ruimwijk, Evan Rodgers, Colin Bigelow, Caleb Gibbons, Pat Bastek, Joe Gagnon, Noah Woodman, and Ben Clough.

Other returnees to the impressive Pinkerton fold are Eduardo Fernandez, Kyle Hajj, Trevor Hajj, John Brooks, Adam Spencer, Pat Hanlon, Josh Noe, Cam Phelps, Steve Groulx, and Kaleal Cerafici.

The newcomers to the PA fold are Kayden Baillargeon, Conor Seleny, Nick Bortone, and Troy Voisine.

In looking at the makeup of Division I and her contingent's roster, coach Quarles stated that the keys to another successful spring campaign include "Hard work, dedication, teamwork, respect, and pushing each other to be better."

The coach expects Nashua North and Concord to be in the battle with Pinkerton for the D-I championship this spring, and Quarles watched her Astro males fly out to an exceptional start to the 2017 sea-

son by plowing through the competition at Souhegan High School in Amherst last Friday, April 7.

The locals tallied some 113 points to easily outdistance host Souhegan and Kearsarge, which both finished with just 25 points.

The Astros won no less than 11 events and took the majority of the scoring spots in multiple events.

Ruimwijk was wildly impressive for the academy side, winning the 100-meter dash (in 11.28 seconds) and the 200 dash (23.03) on his own and also contributing to relay victories in the 4x100 (44.75) and the 4x400 (3:42.88).

Adam Spencer was victorious in the 110 hurdles (15.75) and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (42.94) and snagged second in the high jump (5 feet, 6 inches).

Other first places were delivered by Woodman in the 400 dash (51.97), Clough in the pole vault (10'6"), Kyle Hajj in the long jump (20'2"), Cerafici in the shot put (43'2"), and Joron Harrell in the triple jump (39').

Pinkerton claimed sweeps of the top six places in the 100 and the 400, the top four spots in the 300 hurdles, and the top three positions in the long jump on an incredibly productive day.

Volleyball

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of the season," said coach Walker prior to that match.

And the Astros passed test number one by defeating the defending state champions by a 3-1 tally to start out at 1-0.

The Cavaliers took game one by a 25-19 tally, but Pinkerton rebounded by

winning hard-fought games two through four by scores of 25-23, 25-21, and 26-24.

The victorious locals received 22 assists and 10 kills from Cobi Moore, 20 digs and 14 kills from Behsman, 27 digs and eight service points from Patel, 12 assists and seven points with two aces from Castle, nine kills from Hazard, and eight kills and six blocks from Fabrizio.

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Share Your Poems

The Derry Public Library will hold an afternoon Open Mic for poetry Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Grind Rail Trail Cafe, 5 West Broadway, Derry. The public is welcome. Poems must be no longer than two pages. Derry's Poet Laureate Bob Crawford will be the MC. For more information or to reserve a slot, call 432-6140.

Derry's WW1 Sailors

"At Sea During the Great War: Derry's Sailors in World War One" will be the topic of a program by local historian T.J. Cullinane to be presented Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. More than 300 Derry men and women served in that war. The 100th anniversary of America's entry to the war is observed in 2017. Cullinane has drawn almost exclusively from primary sources in the Derry History Museum and Derry Public Library New Hampshire Room. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

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Kids Fish Derby

Derry Lions annual Kids Fish Derby will be taking place at Hood Pond in Derry on May 6, from 8 a.m. until noon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is no charge for entrants although donations are accepted to defray the cost of stocking the pond. Kids from 2-3 years old to age 15 can fish without a license and be eligible for trophies in several fish categories including largest fish and smallest fish. The first 100 participants will receive a ribbon to commemorate their day of fishing. There will be raffles and other assorted giveaways for the kids. Some light refreshments, soda and water will be available at the refreshment stand.

Head Start Preschool Accepting Applications

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Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in April: April 15, Dinner at St. Luke's Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, 5 to 6:30 p.m., call 434-4767 for more information; April 16, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, 5 to 6:15 p.m., call 432-0004 for more information; April 20, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 5 to 6 p.m., call 432-1350 for more information; April 23, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, 9 to 10 a.m., call 432-2130 for more information; April 26, Spaghetti Dinner at First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, call 434-0628 for

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School Budgeting Workshop

School budgeting workshop April 22 hosted by School District Governance Association of NH. Guest Speaker, Peter Bragdon past President of the New Hampshire State



Book Donated

The Derry Garden Club donated a book to the Derry Public Library on Thursday April 6 in memory of the husband of one of the club members. The book "The Port of Piscataqua" by William G. Saltonstall honored William Fleming, the husband of club member Lolly Fleming. Pictured at the donation ceremony at the Derry Public Library were, from left, DGC member, Corrine Safron, Allyssa Foster, William's grand daughter, Susan Foster, William's daughter, Lolly Fleming, Liz Ryan of the Derry Public Library and club member Susan Davis.

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Senate, past Executive Director of NH HealthTrust. This event is designed to benefit elected school district officials, but the public is also welcome by advance registration. A continental breakfast will be provided. Sat., April 22. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 749 East Industrial Park Dr. Manchester, NH. Advance Registration is Required. Registration fee: \$10 SDGA members, \$15 Guests. Registration contact: azgreen@comcast.net, 603-218-9910.

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Run for Freedom 5K

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Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pinkerton Academy is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children in the area. The fun-filled hunt comes with prizes, games, face painting, and many other activities, including a "Pictures with the Easter Bunny" photo booth. The Senior Class of 2017 and many other Pinkerton clubs will be helping out, playing games, and painting with kids. The event is completely Free and takes place at the Shepard Auditorium at Pinkerton Academy. The auditorium is located just to the left of the Clocktower on campus. Students encourage all children and adults to join in for a blast of a day.

Minecraft Mondays!

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