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Natural Gas Project Will Provide Access to Two Schools, Homes

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

A project to run two natural gas lines to Earnest P. Barka and South Range elementary schools would also allow accessibility for about 80 homes, according to school officials.

During the Derry School Board's May 23 meeting, District Business Manager Jane Simard gave a presentation on where the two lines would run in the project that is scheduled to be completed by Liberty Utilities later this summer. Simard said the line to Barka would run from the U.S. Post Office along Bypass 28 to Eastgate for 6,300 feet and provide

accessibility to 40 homes. The line to South Range would run 4,375 feet and provide accessibility to 41 residences.

Outlining the route, Simard said the Barka segment will begin at the U.S. Post Office and run down Bypass 28 to Eastgate Road, where it will turn right and continue to the back of the school.

"It's 6,300 feet of gas line that is going through that route over to Barka," she said.

The South Range route will begin at Shute's Corner and proceed down Windham Road for 4,375 feet to the school.

The timeline for the

project is for work to begin in late June to early July and be completed by mid-August, before school starts, she said.

During the meeting, Simard said oil is currently being used to heat the schools when asked by Derry Town Councilor Richard Tripp. Although the school will switch to natural gas, oil will still be kept on site as a backup fuel source, Simard said.

Oil will be used periodically throughout the year to maintain the system, she said.

"It will still be dual systems so they'll have oil at both locations," she said.

The plan to use natural

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School Lunches to Increase; Hike Necessary to Meet Federal Guidelines

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

To stay in compliance with federal guidelines, School Board members have agreed to increase the cost of student lunches by .10 cents.

The board members voted at their May 23 meeting for the price hike to meet the guidelines and continue to receive federal funding for the program.

The increase will raise the price of school lunches from \$.268 to \$.278 for elementary students, and from \$.280 to \$.290 for middle school students.

In addition, breakfast prices will also go up by .10 cents.

"That's what we are looking for with the food service program in order to get up to

that price," Business Manager Jane Simard said.

The added cost equates to an increase of approximately \$18 per year for a family, according to school officials.

The price increase is necessary so the school district can continue to participate in the federal free and reduced lunch program that provides a per meal reimbursement, Simard said.

Without the federal reimbursement, the school district would have to make up the difference.

"Again, we are required to do the increases unless the district wants to make up the costs," Simard said.

Raising the price of lunches is difficult since any increase is hard for struggling families to meet, board members said.

"We don't like raising the

price; we know in this district we have a lot of families who struggle to pay that bill every week, every month," School Board Chairman Dan McKenna said.

Despite approving the price hike, some school board members have questioned in the past whether Derry should continue with the federal program, which has stringent meal guidelines, according to officials.

The guidelines require each meal to include such components as proteins, fruits and vegetables, according to officials.

But leaving the program would mean that the school district would have to come up with the additional income. Districts that have left the program typically rely on funds from the local

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VFW Post 1617 Commander Leonard Perkins and American Legion Post 9 Commander Tony Travia place a wreath at the World War I Memorial during Monday's Memorial Day service at MacGregor Park. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Derry Observes Memorial Day with Parade and Service

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

Under the combined direction of the American Legion Post 9, the VFW Post 1617, Derry Parks and Recreation, and Derry Cable Television, Memorial Day Observances were held in MacGregor Park on May 29 after the Memorial Day Parade.

Nancy Geary's only child, Lance Corporal Michael E. Geary, was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in December of 2010.

Recently, she saw a woman and her

young daughter pointing and laughing at the Gold Star Mother emblem on her car. Being a Gold Star Mother means that she has lost a child in service to our country, it's not an indication that her child was student of the month. Geary wonders if the woman and her daughter thought she was bragging about a school award, and were laughing for that reason. It's hard to imagine how anyone who knows what it means to be Gold Star Mother would be so cruel.

Geary says she wishes more people were aware of what the term means so

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Work Ongoing on \$2.9 Million Route 28 Waterline Project

HUNTER MCGEE
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With a number of projects completed, work continues this month on a \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the presence of the gasoline additive MTBE.

By the end of last month, the mainline water main and services were fully installed and pressure tested on Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Stark Road, Gervaise Drive and Blunt Drive, according to Public Works officials.

In addition, base course paving had been complete on Frost Rd., Blunt Dr. and Lawrence Rd.

Heading into June, a full road reclamation will be done on Stark Road and is scheduled for middle to late June to allow proper compaction and settlement of the trenches, according to Public Works Officials.

Additional work along westerly end of Gervaise

Drive, including the boring of a water main under the drainage culverts and the installation of a pressure reducing valve, will also be done in June as well.

While various projects get underway, water line construction is continuing along Route 28.

Crews from American Excavating began work on the project earlier this spring.

The anticipated substantial completion date is October 2017, according to officials.

Working in conjunction with the state, the plan calls for waterlines to be extended along Route 28 and to the Ryan's Hill area where MTBE has been detected in a small number of wells, Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier said.

In addition, new water mains will be installed at such roads as Lawrence and Stark, Public Works Director Michael Fowler said earlier this year.

MTBE was a gasoline additive that has since been

banned in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire has established an MTBE mitigation Bureau with funds from legal settlements with responsible gasoline providers. With these funds, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has agreed to extend the Derry public water system to provide domestic water services to the properties affected by the contamination. Testing performed by

the state found the presence of MTBE in a few wells in the Ryan's Hill area.

The testing was then expanded to 148 houses, with six properties found to have MTBE levels over federal drinking water standards, Carrier said. And MTBE was detected in approximately another 10 properties, but at levels lower than the drinking water standards, according to officials.

After the testing, the state

approached Derry officials to see if the town would be able to extend waterlines up Route 28 from the Berry Road area. Waterlines will also be extended along portions of Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Blunt Drive and Stark Road. Extending the waterlines could help with mitigating the MTBE levels, according to officials.

The estimated reimbursement from the state's MTBE fund is \$2.5 million,

which would leave a balance of \$421,000 to be paid by the town's water enterprise fund.

The project will not impact water rates, according to officials.

The state will take on approximately 80 percent of the project's cost.

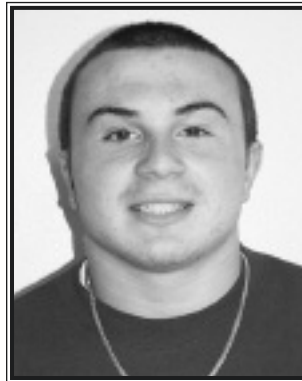
In an update late last year, Town Administrator David Caron said about 62 percent of the project had been completed.

New Hampshire Boys & Girls Clubs Honor 2017 Youth of the Year Winners

NOELLE TARDIFF
NUTFIELD NEWS

Since their opening in 1907, Boys & Girls Clubs have provided a safe, structured, and positive environment for nearly 30,000 children at 18 Club sites across the state. Boys & Girls Clubs instill a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and responsibility in Club members, enhancing and shaping the lives of our young people and encouraging them to 'Be Great,' while becoming educated, productive, and contributing citizens of our state, our nation, and the world.

Every year, local Clubs nominate one Youth of the Year to go on and compete for the title of State Youth of the Year. This year, on Thursday, May 25, the annual State Youth of the Year award was presented to Shelby Houghton of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley based on the results of an extensive essay competition and interview



Pinkerton Academy senior and long-time Boys and Girls Club member Nico Buccieri was a finalist in this year's Youth of the Year.

process. Nico Buccieri of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, who is the Greater Derry Club's Youth of the Year, was also nominated for this award and attended this year's award ceremony in Concord.

Houghton, the New Hampshire Youth of the Year winner, received \$5,000 in scholarship money from Disney, Toyota, University of Phoenix, and Taco Bell Foundation for Teens,

\$1,000 from 99 Restaurants, and \$10,000 from an anonymous in-state New Hampshire donor. Houghton will now go on to participate in the regional competition in New York. If successful, she will then compete with the rest of the regional finalists to become National Youth of the Year. The winner of this award will receive up to an additional \$100,000 in scholarships and will be installed by the President of the United States.

This year's event took place at the New Hampshire State House in Concord. Local finalists met with Senate President Chuck Morse and other senate members, Deputy Speaker of the House Gene Chandler, and representatives from Club Districts. Dinner was then served at Saint Anselm College, where the Youth of the Year was announced. 2017 Club Youth of the Year winners in attendance were Nico Buccieri of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, .

Also attending the event

were Boys & Girls Club Executive Directors, board members, and club guests including Katherine Underwood, event emcee and NECN and NBC Boston news reporter, Tom Leoni, Operations Director of 99 Restaurants, Tom O'Kane, Regional Human Resources Director of Comcast, Tom Boucher, CEO-Owner of Great New Hampshire Restaurants, Guy Montminy, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Manager of BAE Systems, and Jennifer Rheame, Operations Engineering Section Leader of Velcro Companies.

Other local nominees for the award included Justin Smith of the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester, Jhanise Cardona of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, and Abigail Elliot-Orr of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem. Youth of the Year is the highest honor a local Club can bestow upon its members, so each should be proud of their commitments and achievements.

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Pinkerton Academy Faculty Host Their Annual Play

TAYLOR MARCHMAN

NUTFIELD NEWS SUBMISSION

The annual Faculty Play at Pinkerton Academy has always been known as a comedic and, well, interesting performance for both teenagers and adults. This year, on May 18 and 19, teachers and staff showed off their acting skills to raise money for the senior scholarships, which are given out each year.

Full of inappropriate jokes and gestures, each year's play pokes fun at administrators and student life at Pinkerton. Some of Pinkerton, most well-known teachers such as Julia Mitchell, Jen Gentile, Ben Winchell and Jennifer Resmini were the stars this year. It was clear by their performances that their talents and passion go beyond the classroom to help reward hard-working students.

Director and English

Teacher, Mr. Fowler did an excellent job of showcasing a satirical take on the classic story, "Romeo and Juliet". Taking place in a country town, the play depicted two feuding families, The Tollivers and Calhouns, who had been feuding over 200 years. The plot thickens as both families experience a conflicted love interest, and becomes even more complicated when two book editors and a movie producer begin running to the lonesome town.

The plot and comedic performances made for a night full of laughter that you wouldn't want to miss! If by chance you missed this performance, be sure to catch it next year.

Before the play was performed for audiences, director Mr. Fowler gave a behind-the-scenes description of what practices were like on the days leading up to the show. When asked

about the importance of this play to Pinkerton, he responded, "This play is known to be a fundraiser for seniors at Pinkerton. The full profit we make here all goes to that fundraiser. We make between \$2,500 and \$3,000 a year, and we are fortunate enough to give that to student scholarships."

This play is run entirely by volunteers, but getting those volunteers is never difficult. The amount of teachers and faculty they have to cast is overwhelming. Pinkerton is grateful to have such a large amount of faculty to take part of something that benefits their students.

When casting the play, Mr. Fowler gives major roles to veteran faculty. This ensures that they will remember their lines. Newer teachers get the smaller roles so that they can show how well they work. However, this is not to say that



Pictured are members of the Pinkerton Academy staff who participated in this year's annual Faculty Play, "Heading of the Hills," which told the classic tale of "Romeo and Juliet" in an untraditional way.

Courtesy photo

the faculty play is all work and no fun. Mr. Fowler described this year's cast as, "less focused and more of a problem, but (they) buckle down hard when it's time to work."

This play is such a hit because students rarely get to see their teachers being

quirky and fun, since they're, typically more focused and strict in the classroom. It is refreshing for students to see teachers and faculty helping community members of Derry and Pinkerton Academy.

This was my first time seeing the faculty play, but

for years I heard about how good it was. After seeing it this year, I will definitely pass the word on next spring. The faculty play only proves that having a fun and rewarding way to fundraise can and will lead to a great outcome.

Upper Room Graduates 30 Students

The Upper Room is pleased to announce the HiSET graduating class of 2017. On June 2, 30 students will be receiving their high school equivalency credential.

These 30 students will process in cap and gown to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" while their families and friends look on with pride. Kristy Butler, the school's PACE program counselor and incoming Director of School Counsel-

ing at Pinkerton Academy, will speak at the ceremony.

HiSET stands for High School Equivalency Test. It is a standardized exam that consists of five separate subjects: math, science, reading, social studies, and writing. Our students prepare for the tests four days per week with the help of instructors Michelle Brauch, Elaina Wheaton, and Cheryl Fruin.

Pinkerton Academy, Lynne Lonergan is the director of the PACE program

and acts as a liaison between Pinkerton and The Upper Room.

"These students have worked so hard. The HiSET is a challenging series of five different tests," explains Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director, "graduation is an exciting milestone in their journey to becoming successful, healthy adults."

HiSET graduation is June 2, at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 603-437-8477.

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Editorial

Saving History

We've just celebrated Memorial Day, a time when we recall those who have sacrificed their lives to keep future generations free. From the beaches of Normandy to the Civil War battlefields, museums and monuments and annual ceremonies commemorate the deeds and people who have gone before so that those who come after can learn from them.

The work of those preserving local history is far less dramatic, but remembering and preserving our town's stories carries importance as well. That's why it's sad to see the dearth of young and middle-aged people in most local historical societies. The diligence of those devoted to preserving an individual town's history is commendable, but in most cases, it falls to the older residents to take on that role, while younger people go on with their lives, often unaware of the striking historical facts that came together to make up their home town.

History offers a great lesson to us. To study the past is to know the future we all know the phrase "history repeats itself" and being involved in preserving a town's heritage offers us guidance about why things are the way they are today.

If you live in an antique house, you

probably already have researched previous owners. But in New England, we all live in historical communities and what better way to find out their stories than by volunteering at your local historical society or museum.

Volunteering for your community is one of the most important and potentially most satisfying things a person can do. And spending those volunteer hours with a local historical society enables residents to network with others who share similar interests, and brings a better understanding of a town's uniqueness that many people never get to know.

It's also a chance for different age groups to work together for a common and non-threatening goal: making sure that future generations of residents understand what has gone on before to create the town that we know today.

Did a now-long-gone train bring big-city residents to summer at the lake? Did industry play a role in settling specific areas of town? The answers can be found in town history.

What we do today will be history tomorrow. Helping out to preserve the past links us both to those who have gone before, and those who will come afterward. That's a reassuring thought in today's rapidly changing world.



The Memorial Day Parade marched down Crystal Avenue to Broadway on its way to MacGregor Park on Monday, May 29.
Photo by Chris Paul

Memorial Day

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that things like that wouldn't happen. While holding a bouquet of yellow roses a new friend had given her while she was honored in the Memorial Day Parade, she described the outpouring of caring and support she has received from the Derry community as "humbling and moving," and added that, "it makes me feel good to know people are concerned about me, this is a great community."

Joe Toohey of Derry released four white American racing pigeons during the observances. Toohey joined the military on his seventeenth birthday in 1987 and served for thirty years. He was in both the Marines and the Army and did three tours of duty in the First

Gulf War and one tour in Afghanistan. He retired from the military last September.

Each one of the birds Toohey released was named for someone he served with who didn't come home. They were called Chuck, J.J., Shane, and Corey.

The great-great grandson of a Civil and Mexican War Veteran, Phil Lane of Derry, also served in the military. He was in the Marines in Okinawa, Japan and in Chu Lai, Vietnam working as a mechanic and truck driver. It was May 6, 1967, on his twenty third birthday, that he left Vietnam. He said that Memorial Day, "gives me a chance to honor veterans who came before me."

The Master of Ceremonies was Bruce Alger, Past Commander of the

American Legion of Derry. He served in the Marines from 1964 to 1969. "If I wasn't here to speak today, I'd be home remembering people I knew, cleaning and visiting the graves of those I served with and knew." He thanked the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who helped place two thousand flags this week at Forest Hill Cemetery in Derry.

As a misty rain began to fall, wreaths were laid at the veteran's memorials in MacGregor Park by members of the Pinkerton Academy Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Boy Scouts of America Troop 402, Gold Star Mother Mrs. Nancy Geary, and members of the American Legion Post 9 and Veterans of Foreign War Post 1617 Commanders.

See photos next page.

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Natural Gas

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gas in the two local schools as part of an ongoing energy efficiency program should result in a savings of approximately \$43,000 according to administrators.

The cost for the project is \$67,450 Simard said. But this money had already been factored into the Honeywell project, when researching propane project, so it will not be an out-of-pocket cost for the district, she said.

The school district was initially planning to use propane for South Range and Earnest P. Barka ele-

mentary schools, Simard said during the School Board's May 9 meeting.

The project is part of the second phase of an ongoing \$9.3 million energy efficiency program with the Honeywell Corporation. Liberty Utilities is scheduled to install the lines, Simard said.

But during the planning phase of the project, Simard said the district learned that the cost to run the lines using propane jumped from about \$30,000 to \$200,000. So the decision was made to switch to natural gas, she said.

"I think it's going to be a

huge savings for the district," Simard said.

Simard commented on the project while answering questions toward the end of the meeting from Town Councilor Richard Tripp, who was still in attendance when the long session drew to a close.

Tripp said the town has been interested in ways to spark economic development in town and wanted to know how the deal with Liberty Utilities came about. He said one way to help provide an economic boost would be to use natural gas in more areas of town.

Derry Honors Its Veterans In Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade



Derry's annual Memorial Day Service and parade was held on Monday morning, May 29, with a parade featuring many of the Derry school bands, Boy and Girl Scouts, Veterans, and the Red Star Twirlers. *Photos by Chris Paul*



"Dana-Farber gave me my life back – and my smile."

– Joe Yannetty, cancer survivor



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Reflection of a Local American Icon and WWII Veteran

RANDALL KELLY
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Many years ago, I had the pleasure of calling on a man - a veteran, a dying American icon. Not to my knowledge at the time, but a WWII vet. An actual combat veteran.

Although as a Supply Sergeant, his job was seen as easy, it was far from such!

This is the last of a generation we will never again see the likes of, a generation with which I do my best to reflect the integrity of, and the never-quit-spirit they bestow on everyone they come across.

Here is my reflection on this man, who in his 80's still drives a 10-wheel dump truck and delivers landscape material/products with the

precision of someone a third of his age.

Greeting you with a solid handshake and powerful blue eyes, even though you tower over him, Mr. Fred Ladd commands respect. When I first moved to my Derry, home some fourteen years ago, my neighbor handed me a simple, nondescript business card for the local mulch and gravel delivery guy. Little did I know, that first delivery would leave me awestruck, a humble witness to a lost piece of America.

Once again answering the phone call, he delivered five yards of crushed stone yesterday, backed in his medium-tilt dump truck like a surgeon would maneuver a scalpel, he robustly swung

out of the cab, scaled the side of the truck, and hydraulically dumped the payload. All while wearing his Army Pride hat. Again, Mr. Ladd is a World War Two Army Veteran - that's right, do the math.

Every spring brings a need for an assortment of product, ranging from gravel and crushed stone for my driveway, to loam and mulch for my struggling lawn. Mr. Ladd is always the cost-effective vendor, but I have long since grown to look forward to his visits. To understand, you would have to meet him, as what I have learned about Mr. Ladd over the last decade is most likely only the tip of the iceberg.

My kids grew up with

Mr. Ladd pulling into our driveway, always with candy on hand, with a smile and a wave. When my boys were in Boy Scouts, he shared stories about attending Scout meetings in an Everett, Massachusetts firehouse. My oldest son spent his teenage summers landscaping neighborhood yards. Mr. Ladd was the backbone of his enterprise, delivering truckloads of stone, loam, and mulch, faithfully tutoring him on how to do business. When both my sons considered entering the Army he counseled them, reflecting on his time in World War Two as an education to them. It was the Army that taught him to drive a truck, and drive that truck he did, onto



Malden Construction owner, and WWII veteran Fred Ladd still hauls landscaping materials at over 80 years of age.

beach heads in Europe and Japan as part of an amphibious

landing battalion. He can boast that he has driven a truck around the world.

When I asked Mr. Ladd one day why he was doing what he was doing, he whimsically informed me it kept him off the street corner, and he had been doing it since he retired. He explained he had worked six days a week his whole life, and hauling in his truck was his retirement. Making his deliveries, sharing his witty humor, sound advice, and cheerful smile. Longevity granted possibly by having never picked up drinking, but he likes a cold Coca Cola and sometimes a cigar, after an honest day's work and an honest day's wage, his entire life.

When the tab was settled and he headed out, he departed with that trademark solid handshake. Some fourteen years later, dropping that same nondescript business card for mulch and gravel on a neighbor's house door.

Farmers Market Gets New Look This Summer

K. PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

Downtown Derry's summer farmers' market is getting a makeover. At this time last year, Derry was without a farmers' market. However, a group of dedicated volunteers has been working behind the scenes to establish the new, community run Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market.

Neil Wetherbee, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the newly formed, not for profit organization, said last week that "The former event was created in the interest of economic development, but this new effort has an even larger

vision. It's a great way to promote the benefits of buying local foods, buying from local businesses, and to promote a healthier way of eating."

Wetherbee also noted how pleased he is to be part of a group effort that allows people in the community to come together, work hard, and get this project off the ground. He believes that with many people sharing the workload, this new endeavor will be more sustainable and long-lasting.

According to the mission statement of the Derry Homegrown group, they want to provide local farmers and growers, artisanal bakers, gourmets, and craftspeople with a long-term, sus-

tainable marketplace for Derry and its surrounding communities. We intend to create a vibrant marketplace where the community can purchase locally grown produce, locally raised meats, eggs and poultry, organic and grass fed dairy options, and the highest quality prepared foods and baked goods, along with quality handcrafted items from local artisans. We will also strive to educate the community on the many benefits of eating and buying locally.

Opening day is set for Wednesday, June 7, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the lawn at 1 West Broadway. It is located next to the Manning Street Pocket Park.

Visitors are encouraged to use street parking on both East and West Broadway if available, or to park at one of

the the free municipal lots, located behind the Derry Municipal Center on Manning Street or the lot across the street at the end of Abbot Court. Walking or biking from the rail trail, which runs right through the Manning Street park, would also be a fun way to get there.

Derry Homegrown, vendor list is growing. A partial list of the local vendors that have signed up is as follows: Baucis & Philemon Farm's Organic Produce and Poultry of Derry, Nomad Bakery's Artisan Breads of Derry, Victory Aquaponics Greenhouse of Londonderry, Slippery Soap of Salem, The Healthy Porcupine's Soaps and Balms of Concord, Debbie D's Homemade Jams of Epping, and Fresh Start Farms of Manchester, which is a multi-

farmer collective of participants (and recent graduates) of the Organization for Refugee & Immigrant Success in Manchester.

There will be activities for children as well, including the acoustic musical duo, Song of the Lark. Other local musicians will be performing each week. Artist spotlights will also take place each week and will start with Susan E. Hanna of Londonderry.

An up-to-date calendar of performers and events will be posted on www.derryhomegrown.org.

You can also find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/derryhomegrown](https://www.facebook.com/derryhomegrown).

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Local Relay for Life Brings Communities Together Against Cancer

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

Walking, running, however the strides are taken, every step means one step closer to the eradication of cancer.

Just in time for its 20th Anniversary, the Relay for Life of Greater Derry/Londonderry will be uniting communities against cancer on June 16 at 6 p.m. - June 17 at 8 a.m. at Pinkerton Academy.

The Relay event will consist of members of every team taking turns walking or running around the track or path at the school. Teams have been raising funds for months leading up to the event, with all proceeds going towards freeing the world from the pain of cancer. After the Relay walk, all participants will be able to

enjoy overnight activities including music, a photo booth, dunk tank, games, and prize drawings.

Derry resident and Greater Derry/Londonderry Relay for Life Chairperson, Jackie Leavitt, and Londonderry resident and co-chair, Bonnie Roberts, are two among hundreds of local Relayers who will be covering ground to make an impact.

The disease has closely affected Leavitt, an American Cancer Society volunteer of five years, having lost a close friend, stepmother, and aunt to cancer. Both of her parents and her stepfather are cancer survivors.

"I feel like a ticking time bomb," said Leavitt, explaining that her involvement with the American Cancer Society and the

Relay for Life was a way for her to use her organization skills to help her feel like she can make a difference.

Leavitt said that she enjoys working with cancer survivors at the Relays. She puts together the survivor and caregiver dinner and the survivor ceremonies (this year there will be a Lumina Ceremonies at 9 p.m. to celebrate life and remember those lost), and loves to hear their stories. Sadly, she stated that this year some of the survivors had passed away.

"They were part of our Relay family," she said, and although the news of those passing hit her particularly hard, she stated that they are the reason she keeps going.

There will be a special dinner reception thanks to Amphora Fine Greek Dining for survivors and their

caregivers right after the opening ceremony on June 16 where honored guests will receive a signature purple survivor t-shirt, along with entertainment and drawings just for them. All survivors are encouraged to attend, even if they are not part of a team, and let Relay for Life celebrate their victory.

Leavitt's one-woman team, "All Night for the Fight" has the goal of raising \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society. According to Leavitt, during the Relay's 20-year run, the collaborative efforts of millions have raised over \$2,000,000 for the society. But their efforts don't stop there.

"We really hope this year we can get as many past participants to join us again," Leavitt said. She explained

that some go on to join other charities, or their loved one passes away and they don't return after that. Whatever the reason, Leavitt hopes to reach out to those who have come and gone over the past two decades to rejoin the fight.

Roberts, who has been involved with the American Cancer Society for 12 years, says that her involvement began because, "Sometimes it takes those small steps to make big differences."

Roberts explained that she's had a number of friends, and clients of her local business, Home Helpers of Londonderry, that have been affected by cancer, and the amount seems to keep multiplying. She further mentioned that a lot of her clients are cancer survivors.

"Every time I think I can step away, someone gets diagnosed, or dies..." Roberts said. "And it's like, 'I can't quit'..."

Roberts is known as the "Queen of Fun" as she is a big part in assisting with the entertainment side of the Relay for Life. She said that while the event is about families and memorials, it is also about celebrating life. She mentioned that there is an effort to reach out to Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy, as well

as West Running Brook and other schools to make the day, "an event that transcends generations." She reiterated that while the purpose of the event was to fundraise, the coordinators were also there to make it fun, so that people would want to return year after year.

Roberts said that thanks to the generosity of her husband and his company, her team, "Hope Helpers" which consists of her and staff of Home Helpers of Londonderry, have already been able to reach their monetary goal, but they won't stop there.

"A goal is a goal until it's broken, and then it becomes a new goal," Roberts stated. "My goal is to do what I can do eradicate cancer, and you can't put a dollar amount on that. I do what I can, and every dollar is a dollar more than we have today...but it's never enough until cancer is gone."

For more information regarding this year's Relay For Life, visit Relayforlife.org/derryandlondonderry, or call the American Cancer Society at (603) 471-4112 or (800) 227-2345. Visit the Greater Derry/Londonderry Relay for Life's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GDL-PinkertonAcademy, as well

Volunteer Michele Fontaine Honored

Girl Scout volunteers were honored during an awards ceremony in Vermont earlier this month.

On May 6, dozens of Girl Scout volunteers and supporters from around the region gathered at Camp Farnsworth in Thetford, Vermont, for there Annual Celebration.

Following a ribbon cutting for the camp, new bunkhouse and recently renovated dining hall, nine volunteers were presented with national awards for their

respective contributions to the movement, including Michele Fontaine of Derry.

Fontaine was awarded the Honor Pin, which recognizes volunteers who have exceeded expectations in their positions, while also supporting the council's goals in two or more geographic areas. She has long served her community as a troop leader, volunteer support coordinator, community opportunity manager, and community learning coordinator. As well as assist



Pictured is Derry volunteer Michele Fontaine in her kayak at Camp Farnsworth in Thetford, Vermont.

training facilitator, serving as a mentor to new Girl Scout volunteers.

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Barka First Graders Celebrate Flag Day with Music



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high school, something that Derry isn't able to do, according to officials.

"Places that do that rely on the high school to supplement that income; we don't have that income coming in," McKenna said.

He added, "We've looked in the past at leaving the federal lunch program, it's not really an option," McKenna said.

As the board agreed to

increase costs, administrators said they are seeing a large upswing in the number of students that are being added to the free and reduced lunch program.

As of about early May, there were almost 150 more students that had been added to program since September, Simard said.

"So we are seeing a huge need," Simard said.

She added, "We are also making really large efforts to try to reach out to those families who are having dif-

ficulty paying their bills and who may need assistance getting on the free and reduced program."

While reaching out to families, Simard said the school district regularly receives contributions from donors who want to remain anonymous.

"We have a lot of donations and a lot of them come in anonymously; they don't want me to publicly say who they are but there are several businesses in town who regularly donate," she said.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Boys First, Girls Take Second at D-I Track Championships



Britney Johnson and three PA teammates won the 4x100 relay at states.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' outdoor track and field squads were quite successful at the Division I championships at Merrimack High School last Friday, May 26.

The Astro males won the D-I title handily with 147 points, finishing way ahead of the runner-up Nashua North Titans (104) and the 14 other competing teams.

The Lady Astros finished behind only the now five-time defending Bedford High Lady Bulldogs in the battle for the D-I girls'

crown. Bedford ended up with a winning score of 107, while Pinkerton managed a score of 91 in bagging the runner-up trophy and honors. There were 18 girls' squads competing.

BOYS

"It certainly was a pretty amazing day for Pinkerton boys," said PA coach Carol Quarles. "We knew our biggest competition would come from Nashua North. Our strength was in the number of guys qualified to each event and distributed from freshman to seniors. We run deep."

The Pinkerton males,

who finished second last spring and last won the D-I title in 2014, claimed seven first places in events, with Jadyn Ruimwikj proving unbeatable in both the 100-meter dash (time of 11.02 seconds) and the 200 dash (22.05).

Other victories came from Noah Woodman in the 400-meter dash (48.74), Adam Spencer in the 110-meter hurdles (15.08), Colin Bigelow in the javelin (166 feet), and the 4x100 (43.01) and 4x400 (3:23.92) relay quartets.

Second places were delivered by Calvin Graves in the 800-meter run and



Adam Spencer had a first and a second in hurdles for his title-winning team.



The Pinkerton boys' outdoor track and field team powered its way to the 2017 Division I crown at Merrimack High late last week. *Courtesy photo*

Spencer in the 300 hurdles, and thirds came from Eduardo Fernandez in the 100, Evan Rodgers in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles, Graves in the 1,600-meter run, Spencer in the high jump, and Ben Clough in the pole vault.

Other top-six, point-scoring performances were put forth by Nico Buccieri in the 100, Fernandez in the 200, Rodgers in the triple jump, Conor Seleny in the 300 hurdles, Nathan Miller in the pole vault, Troy Voisine in the long jump,

John King in the javelin, and Bigelow in the shot put.

and Britney Johnson to win the relay (4:01.10).

GIRLS

Bedford snagged its fifth consecutive state crown, but the Astros also had an excellent day with Maria Virga leading the charge by collecting a pair of individual titles and also running the anchor leg for the squad's victorious 4x100 quartet.

Virga proved unbeatable in the 110 hurdles (15.11) and the 300 hurdles (45.83), and she teamed up with Ciara April, Amelia Graves,

Second places were bagged by Graves in the 400, Johnson in the 1,600, Emily Lesburt in the high jump, Hannah Rogers in the triple jump, and Graves in the javelin.

Other top-six, point-producing performances came from Graves in the 200, Virga in that same event, Meghan Cross in the 3,200, Rogers in the long jump, Hannah Maracin in the shot, Laurel Breen in the javelin, and the 4x800 relay team.

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NUTFIELD NEWS

After reaching the Division I finals five out of the last six years and four years in a row, the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse team looks all kinds of intent on getting back there again and climbing back atop their extremely tough league.

Veteran coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros placed their 2017 record in New Hampshire at a perfect 13-0 and their overall record at 17-1 with trouncings of the Exeter High Blue Hawks and the Nashua High South Purple Panthers last week. Those two huge successes brought an end to the PA team's 2017 regular season.

The Academy crew traveled to the seacoast last Wednesday, May 24, and dealt the host Exeter Blue Hawks a humbling 13-2 defeat.

Sophomore standout Ryan Auger hit a milestone which most players don't even approach until their third or fourth season of varsity lacrosse by potting his 100th career goal in that match. The talented 10th grader scored no less than six times and assisted on two other tallies in helping to guide his team to its lopsided success with an eight-point output.

The victors - who led by a commanding 8-0 count at halftime - also got six points from Chad Teresky (four goals, two assists), five points from Tom Sweeney (one goal, four assists), and a goal and a helper from Chris Valentine. Nick Coombs also scored once for PA, and Nate Laliberte, Mason Drouin, and Kyle Fortier each chipped in with an assist.

And then on Friday, May 26 the academy side played Nashua South in Derry and sent that opponent home to the Gate City lamenting an 18-5 blowout.

The hosts led 7-2 after one period, 12-2 at the half, and 14-5 rolling into the fourth quarter.

Teresky was good for a jaw-dropping 10 points on two goals and eight helpers. Auger collected four goals and two assists, and Valentine tallied on five shots.

Additionally, Connor Delea netted two goals, Laliberte, Sweeney, Cole Krafton, and Connor McCormack each scored once, and Owen McCormack contributed one assist.

The PA crew then began this week waiting to hear what its playoff scenario would be from the NHIAA, but those seedings had not yet been posted at Nutfield News press time.



Tom Sweeney (4) tallied five points in his PA lax team's thumping of Exeter last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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PA Girls' Tennis Team Gets to Quarterfinals

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The Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team had its strong 2017 season come to an end with a quarterfinal-round tournament loss to the top-seeded and white-hot Hanover High Lady Marauders in Hanover last Wednesday, May 24.

The Lady Astros, who ended up being the number eight seed in Division I with a fine 9-5 regular season record, dropped a 7-2 tourney decision to a Lady Marauders' contingent which ended its regular season with a 15-1 record and a truly stellar 14 consecutive victories.

The Hanover crew won the first five singles battles to decide the match before doubles play even began. Pinkerton's number six singles player Julia Farnum won her match by an 8-4 score.

The Lady Astros also claimed a victory at number one doubles where Zoe Freedman and Riley Reinert bagged an 8-3 victory. But Hanover got to the final 7-2 match score by winning at second and third doubles.

Veteran coach Gerry Rosado's academy squad started its 2017 season with a 3-1 record. The team was then 6-4 after 10 matches, and it went 3-2 in its final end of its road with the tour-five matches of the regular nament defeat to the season before reaching the Hanover bunch.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 22

Noah Woodman, Junior, Boys' Track and Field

This standout helped his Astros to the 2017 crown at the Division I championships by winning the 400 with a division meet record time of 48.74. That record had stood for 19 years. He also ran the anchor leg for the 4x400m relay.

Maria Virga, Senior, Girls' Track and Field

This battle-tested stalwart took two first places, winning the 100 hurdles (15.11) and 300 hurdles (45.83). Her 300 hurdle time broke her school record from last year. She also placed fifth in the 200 meters for the state runner-ups.

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Varsity Softball Squad Ends Regular Season in Fine Style

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The Pinkerton Academy softball team closed out its strong 2017 regular season last week with decisive road defeats of Bedford and Exeter. And as a result, the talented locals ended up with a fine 13-5 record.

The Lady Astros beat the Bedford High Lady Bull-

dogs by an 8-3 score on that opponent's home diamond on Wednesday, May 24, bashing out some 11 hits and driving out to a 4-0 lead right away.

Coach Kristen Abbott's charges tallied that fast 4-0 advantage in the top half of the first inning, with Bedford getting one of those markers back in the latter half of the first.

The Academy side went up 5-1 in the top of the second, but saw their lead trimmed to two runs at 5-3 in the latter half of the third.

However, Pinkerton padded its advantage with three runs in the top of the fourth, and 8-3 was where the final score wound up.

Abby Amato was a true powerhouse at the plate for the winning side, raking

three hits and driving in six of the Pinkerton runs. Nicole Gonya, Jess Nardoza, Caitlin Hogan, and Alyssa DiMauro all stroked two hits for the locals.

And coach Abbott's aces won by another five-run margin at Exeter on Saturday, May 27, besting the host Lady Blue Hawks by a 6-1 margin in closing out their regular season

beautifully.

Amato hammered a home run run and drove in half of the Pinkerton runs, and both she and Nardoza slapped out two hits on a day on which the Lady Astros only managed five of them.

The Lady Astros got their runs early once again, scoring three times in the first and twice in the third in sprinting out to a 5-0 advan-

tage.

Pitcher Carrie St. Peter held Exeter to just five hits in tallying another hurling victory.

With their regular season over, the locals learned early this week that they'd earned the fifth seed in the tourney and would play number 12 Merrimack in round one in Derry this Wednesday, after Nutfield News press time.

Astro Spikers Keep Winning Streak Rolling, End Timberlane's

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball team's road match in Plaistow against the undefeated host Timberlane Owls last Wednesday, May 24, drew plenty of attention in Division I volleyball circles. And with good reason.

The talented and deter-

mined Astros bounded into that big battle having won nine consecutive matches, and the Owls were a perfect 16-0 with the state tournament coming right up. And coach Colin Walker's team's 3-2 besting of its tough and previously-unbeaten host that day created real ripples throughout the division.

Walker's warriors won games one and two by

scores of 25-15, and then saw the host Owls win games three and four by tallies of 29-27 and 25-20. But the Astros battled their way to a 15-12 victory in deciding game five in ending the match.

In bagging their 10th consecutive victory, the victorious locals received 33 assists, 10 digs, and 10 service points with three aces

from senior standout Cobi Moore. Ty Behsman notched 15 kills, Hunter Hazard collected a dozen of them, Sean Galusha gathered 10 kills and four blocks, and Matt Fabrizio also came up with four blocked shots.

Now 16-1 and with that impressive winning streak to its credit, the Pinkerton crew looked ahead to this

Tuesday, May 30 - after Nutfield News press time - to finish up its regular season with a match against a weak Souhegan High team from Amherst which entered that contest with a 1-14 record.

Looking forward a step further, coach Walker's hard-working and determined warriors were looking at a state tournament

slate which included preliminary-round matches this Friday, June 2, at the homes of the higher seeds, followed by quarterfinal play next Tuesday, June 6, at the homes of the higher seeds. Semifinal-round action will take place at Nashua High North on Thursday, June 8, with the finals set for North on Saturday, June 10.

Pinkerton Hardball Crew Drops Last Two to Powers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy baseball team closed out its 2017 regular season last week by taking on the two most successful squads in Division I this spring. And in both cases coach Steve Campo's academy crew wound up dropping fairly lopsided decisions on its home diamond.

Last Wednesday, May 24, the Astros were dealt an 8-2 defeat by a Bedford High bunch which later closed out its 2017 regular campaign with a stellar 17-1

record. And then two days later the academy guys fell to undefeated Exeter by a 5-0 score to end up at 13-6 on the season.

Pinkerton, which had won its three previous decisions going into the two tough contests last week, had three pitchers allow Bedford a total of 13 hits in the Wednesday defeat. The PA offense, on the other hand, was held to just five.

The Bulldogs claimed all eight of their runs before Pinkerton ended its guest's shutout hopes in the latter half of the seventh.

Connor Jenkins smacked

out two of the Astro hits, and Jacob McGill drove in both runs.

And in the blanking at the hands of the Exeter Blue Hawks' juggernaut, the locals were held to just four hits, two of which were knocked by Norm Kerman.

The Hawks scored once in the third, twice more in the fourth, and then once more in the sixth.

The PA crew learned early this week that it had earned the five seed in the tourney and it would be hosting number 12 Alvirne this Thursday, after Nutfield News press time.

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Lady Astro Lax Crew Rebounds to End Regular Season Well



CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After rolling through a rough patch from May 12 to 20 with four consecutive losses, the defending Division I champion Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse squad closed out its 2017 regular season with three straight victories to finish on an important high note.

The Astros ended that losing skid by defeating Concord, then Exeter, then Merrimack in succession last week in ending the D-I regular campaign with a fine 13-5 record.

After knocking off the Concord Crimson Tide by a lopsided 20-9 tally in the state capital on Monday, May 22, to end the losing skein, veteran coach Rob Daziel's academy contingent snagged slim victories over

Exeter on the road and Merrimack in Derry in capping off their regular season in strong fashion.

"Things got a little bit tight in those last few games, but the girls persevered and got the job done," said Daziel.

The Lady Astros edged the host Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks by a 12-10 tally on the seacoast on Tuesday, May 23, with Avery Drouin potting four goals and Kiley Davis tallying three. Madison Peredna was good for a goal and two assists, and Lauren Lisauskas notched one of each. Dani Tompkins, Meghan Michaud, and Megan Jarvis each scored once, and Madison

Daziel was good for one assist. Goalie Dani Martineau contributed eight saves to the victory.

The next afternoon back at home on their own field, the locals dealt the visiting Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks a 12-11 defeat, but it took overtime to do so.

The Lady Astros grasped a 7-5 advantage at halftime, but then had to play catch-up late in order to push the match to extra time.

"We were down by three (goals) with two minutes remaining and scored with two minutes, 1:47, and 54 seconds left to tie. We scored the winning goal with 4:17 remaining in the first overtime. Davis scored

the tying goal and Drouin got the winning goal," said Daziel.

Drouin was good for five goals including the winner, Davis finished with three, Michaud scored twice and assisted once, and Lisauskas was good for a goal and two helpers. Madison Daziel scored once, and Martineau made five stops in her team's cage.

In the wake of that contest, Rob Daziel expected that his fifth-seeded Lady Astros would play the fourth-ranked LHS Lady Lancers in quarterfinal-round tournament action in Londonderry Wednesday, May 31, after Nutfield News press time.

Senior star Avery Drouin potted a superb nine goals in two games in helping her PA lacrosse team close out its regular season well last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Astro Racketeers Get as Far as Tournament Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coach Brian Hashem and his Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team have every single reason to puff out their chests with pride when discussing their recently-completed 2017 season.

Former Pinkerton racketeer Hashem and his fourth-seeded charges made it all the way to the Division I tournament semifinals before bowing out to the top-ranked, undefeated Bedford High Bulldogs last weekend.

The Astros disposed of the fifth-seeded Winnacunnet High Warriors from

Hampton in quarterfinal-round play in Derry on Tuesday, May 23, thumping that opponent by an 8-1 score. But the academy guys fell by that same score to Bedford in Bedford on Saturday, May 27 in semifinal play.

In the win against Winnacunnet, the host Astros swept singles play thanks to the fine efforts of Seb Tonini (8-6 victory), Henry Su (8-1), John Marineau (8-5), Henry Andrews (8-1), Jeff Marquis (8-6), and Tate Pinyochon (8-6).

And the doubles team of Su and Pinyochon (8-1) and Andrews and Marquis (8-2) got their crew to the lop-

sided final score.

But then four days later the Astros had the tables turned on them by unbeaten Bedford in the semis.

Tonini got his squad its lone victory, winning by an 8-6 tally at first singles over previously-unbeaten Zach Gould.

"We had a great season," said Hashem. "We set our goal as a team in the beginning of the year to host a playoff match and get through to the semifinals. We accomplished that and it was a great step for the program. Of course, playing Bedford in the tournament has its challenges. They are so tough top to bottom."

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Storytimes

Derry Library storytimes will resume on June 19 until August 11. The schedule will be as follows: Mondays Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays Mother Goose on the Loose for ages 1-3, at 10 a.m. and Bedtime Storytime for ages 2-7, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Infant Storytime for ages 0-1, at 10 a.m. Thursdays 1, 2, 3 Explore for ages 1 - 3 only, at 10 a.m. Fridays, Stories and Snow-cones for all ages, at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions about this schedule, please contact the Derry Public Library by calling (603) 432-6140 or visiting www.derrypl.org.

Opioid Crisis Documentary

The Derry Pubic Library will be hosting local film maker Aaron Foss on Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m. Foss will be showing clips from his documentary "State of Addiction: The NH Opioid Crisis" and speaking about the opioid epidemic that has plagued New Hampshire and the entire country. Foss is screening the film across the state to help raise awareness and provide information to those in need of help in their battle against addiction. The screening and talk will feature a Q&A session after as well. Foss, a native of Salem and current resident of Derry, is a writer and editor by trade and graduated with degrees in both Communications and Creative Writing. His work can be viewed on the Facebook page New Hampshire Speaks.

Derry Garden Club Pot Recycle

Derry Garden Club will be accepting pots for its annual plant sale on Sat., June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pots must be four inches or larger, and can be dropped off at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 W. Broadway, in Derry. For more information, call Alison Kennery at 434-9624.

Just Be You Walk/Run

In memory of Jennifer Janiak of Chester who passed away suddenly at the age of 21, there will be a "Just Be You 5k Walk/Run" held on June 11 at 9a.m. at Pinkerton Academy. For more information on Jen and the Just Be You nonprofit organization in her memory, visit www.jen-sjustbeyou.org

Opioid Documentary

On Sat., June 3, at 1 p.m. join local filmmaker Aaron Foss as he shows clips from and discusses the new documentary, 'State of Addiction: The New Hampshire Opioid Crisis.' Register at www.derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Chess Club

The newly formed Nutfield Chess Club is meeting on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. at Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd., in the cafeteria on June 7. All are welcome: residents of Londonderry and surrounding towns of all ages and genders, experienced players, rusty players, and those wanting to learn. If you have a set and a board, please bring them. Questions, phone evenings 537-0799.

Hatching Chicks

During the first few weeks of June, an egg incubator will be located at the children's desk of the Derry Public Library. In a series of classes, we will discuss the chicken life cycle and what happens inside of the eggs. Once the chicks hatch, they will remain at the library for a couple of days. The following class dates and times are available: ages 3-5: Wed., June 14, from 10 - 10:45 a.m., ages 6-8: Tues, June 6 & 13 from 4 - 4:45 p.m., and ages 9-11: Thur. June 8 & 15 from 4 - 4:45 p.m. Classes for home-schoolers will take place on Wed., June 7 & 14 at 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children. Registration is required. Call the library at 432-6140

for more details or register online at www.dplkids.org

Taiko Drumming!

On Sat., June 17, at 2 p.m., learn about the ancient musical art of Taiko Drumming and experience a live performance. To register, visit www.derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Serving Under the Maple Leaf

On Wed., June 21, at 6:30 p.m., TJ Cullinane concludes his World War 1 series with 'Serving Under the Maple Leaf,' which discusses the Derry men who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. To register, visit www.derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Adult Coloring this Summer

Adult coloring will be offered on the following dates this summer: June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, August 7, 21. All meetings run from 6:30 - 8

p.m., and will be held in the teen area. To register, visit www.derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, July 9, and August 13. At Etz Hayim Synagogue,

1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, July 16, and August 20. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 (this meal will be located at the Lion's Hall on the corner of Mammoth & Pillsbury Rds. in Londonderry), Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 24. At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16.

Flea Market Fundraiser for Pets

The Greater Derry Humane Society is accepting donations for an upcoming fundraiser on Sat., June 17 at the Londonderry Flea Market. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the GDHS and will help pay for food, supplies, and veterinary care. Those who would like to donate are

asked to bring items already priced to the GDHS table before 8 a.m. on June 17. Donors are asked to call GDHS Boarde member Sue Bares at (508) 498-7482 to find the location of the table. There is limited opportunity to donate items before June 17, so those who wish to do so are asked to contact GDHS Treasurer Sharon Comeau at (603) 231-3265. General inquiries are also to be directed to either Bares or Comeau at their respective phone numbers.

Plant Donations Needed

The Derry Garden Club is in need of donations for its annual plant sale held on Saturday, June 3, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway. If you would like to donate plants and/or need help digging plants for donation, call Alison Kennery at 434-9624.

Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. Hundreds of locally grown plants will be sold with proceeds benefiting the club and the community.

GHHMS Plays the Stock Market Game

SHALEY NOLAN
NUTFIELD NEWS SUBMISSION

On May 18, 2017, four students from Gilbert H. Hood Middle School traveled to Fidelity Investments in Merrimack, New Hampshire, where a ceremony was held to recognize the winners of the Spring, Fall, and full-year Stock Market Games. Gilbert H. Hood Middle School participated in the Fall and Spring Stock Market Games sponsored by Fidelity.

Mr. Rich Salcito, an eighth-grade Social Studies teacher from GHHMS, ran the games, which could be played online, in his classroom and encouraged students to participate. Alyssa Beaulieu and Shaley Nolan took first place in the Fall Stock Market Game, and Dylan Gagnon and James

Smith earned second place. At the ceremony in Merrimack, these students received a banner, metals,

and prizes for their achievements.

The Stock Market Games were not just a web-

site, but an opportunity for students to have fun and grow through learning.



Pictured left to right are Dylan Gagnon, Alyssa Beaulieu, Shaley Nolan, James Smith and eighth-grade Social Studies teacher Rich Salcito, who were winners of Fidelity Investments, Stock Market Games.

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