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## Work Almost Complete On Route 28 MTBE Project

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Work is almost complete on the main portion of a \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the presence of the gasoline additive Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE).

All of the water mains for the project have been installed and crews are performing testing over the next few days in order to activate the new mains, Public Works Director Michael Fowler said Monday.

"The project for the main installation is 98 percent complete," Fowler said.

In addition, cleanup on areas for pavement restoration and loam and seed areas is also nearing completion in the next two weeks, Fowler said.

"Crews will then be

starting work to install services to the individual properties where MTBE has been detected," Fowler said. "It is expected that service installation work will last into October. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is covering the cost for affected properties only."

Other property owners who do not have MTBE detected in their wells may connect to municipal water at this time, at their expense, Fowler said.

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

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## Plans Move Forward To Open Properties To RFP Process

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Town officials are moving forward with a plan to open up vacant lots at 19 Elm street at Abbott Court to the Request For Proposals process.

Wanting to see what a developer might envision for the property, councilors agreed in June to open up 19 Elm Street to the RFP process. Council members also agreed to include a vacant property at Abbot Court as part of the RFP.

Reached on Monday,

Town Administrator Caron said plans are underway to advertise the two properties.

"The Town has been working on two RFPs, Abbott Court and 19 Elm," Caron said. "It is anticipated that Abbott Court will be advertised this week, and 19 Elm soon after."

Caron added, "I expect that at least the Abbott Court project will come back before the Council in about 60 days."

Once a former shoe factory, a sprawling building that once stood on the now vacant land at 19 Elm St.

was demolished last year after hundreds of containers of flammable chemicals were discovered and then removed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

After the chemicals were removed, a crew completed asbestos abatement in the building. A demolition crew was then brought in last summer and used a backhoe to bring down the building over a period of several weeks.

Although the property is currently zoned residential, it lies near commercial prop-

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## Soft and Cute

Liam the Lamb was one of the many farm animals brought to Humphrey Park by Charmingfare Farm last week during Down on the Farm week at the Derry Recreation Summer program. Sophia Nelson, 6, was amazed at how soft he was. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

## Birch Heights Speeding Issue Discussed at Safety Meeting

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Speeding concerns by residents at the Birch Heights retirement community on Kendall Pond Road was addressed by the Derry Highway Safety Committee on July 20.

Danielle Merrill raised the original concern on behalf of her residents at the committee's June 15 meeting. They had wondered if a "Caution Elderly" sign could be installed on the road to make drivers more aware of those in the area.

The committee tabled

this discussion until this month's meeting so they would have time to conduct a proper study of the rate of traffic in the area.

Alan Cote of the Department of Public Works (DPW) reported that the study conducted from June

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# New Bill Pins Hope on Keno to Fund Full Day Kindergarten

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On July 12, Senate Bill 191, which provides more funding for full-day kindergarten, was signed into law by Governor Chris Sununu, who campaigned heavily on the issue.

This new law provides \$1,100 per pupil in additional state funding for full-day kindergarten for the next two years. After that time, it is anticipated that the additional funding will be provided by profits from Keno gaming, which this bill also legalized. Individual towns and cities within New Hampshire can choose whether to allow Keno gaming at established businesses within their borders.

In a town such as Derry, the new law reads that "the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot." New Hampshire state laws are officially called Revised Statutes Annotated. RSA 39:3 states that "Upon the written application of 25 or more registered voters or 2 percent of the registered voters in town, whichever is less, although in no event shall fewer than 10 registered voters be sufficient, presented to the selectmen or one of them not later than

the fifth Tuesday before the day prescribed for an annual meeting, the selectmen shall insert in their warrant for such meeting the petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required."

SB 191 dictates that the proceeds of Keno gaming will be distributed to school districts throughout the state for funding full-day kindergarten programs. It does not go so far as to mandate that each district provide full-day kindergarten or that children in districts that do provide it must attend full-day kindergarten; half-day kindergarten will remain an option for parents who choose it for their child.

Not all school districts in New Hampshire currently offer parents a full-day kindergarten option. The state pays \$1,800, about half the standard full-day cost per pupil, for those that do. The additional funding will fund full-day kindergarten programs at 80 percent of the cost.

Right now, parents of full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. kindergarten students in Derry pay a tuition of \$3,600 per year. Half-day kindergarten is provided at zero cost to the parents at time of enrollment.

Because the new law provides an additional \$1,100 per student from the

state to be used for full-day kindergarten, the topic of reducing the tuition for full-day kindergarten by that same amount was raised at the July 18 Derry Cooperative School Board Meeting by Chairman Dan McKenna. "I want to take the opportunity to reduce the cost of full-day kindergarten," he said. "There is a lot of evidence out there in favor of making full-day kindergarten available to more kids."

Board Member Lynn Perkins cautioned that the future revenue from Keno gaming is not guaranteed. Perkins, who serves as the chairman of the Zoning

Board of Adjustment, also stated that it is not yet known what businesses in our community will be able to offer it and what they will need to do to be able to do so.

McKenna then added that after the two-year period, the \$1,100 amount per full-day kindergarten pupil is guaranteed by the state and will come from the general fund if Keno gaming funds prove to be insufficient.

School Board member and state representative Brenda Willis expressed concern that this funding source "...may go away with a different legislature. Hope-

fully, Keno does great and kindergarten is booming in New Hampshire because of it."

The only Derry state representatives voting in opposition to SB 191 were John Fesh and Richard Tripp. Representatives John O'Connor and Brenda Willis were excused on the day of the vote.

Representatives Fesh and Tripp shared their concern that if state funding for full-day kindergarten should dry up after tuition costs are reduced, the revenue to the town to cover the costs for it will also go away.

Representative Tripp further explained his opposi-

tion to full-day kindergarten, saying that it is stressful for kids and that it is a program that is too often expected to fix social problems. "It's just not the way to do it."

Some state lawmakers debating the issue in Concord complained that if individual communities decide for themselves about allowing Keno in their towns and cities, it will cause a situation where "Salem will be paying for everyone's kindergarten."

The full text of SB 191 can be found online at [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/billText.aspx?sy=2017&id=150&txtFormat=html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2017&id=150&txtFormat=html).

## Speeding

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26 to July 3 by a traffic counter placed by the Birch Heights driveway analyzed the speed of over 59,000 vehicles on Kendall Pond Road. It concluded that the average speed of traffic was 33 miles per hour, so committee members did not believe the study supported the theory that speeding is an issue in that area.

Ed Garone of the Derry Police Department agreed that the department "would not be able to cite a motorist for speeding on a clear day," according to the meeting minutes. The average rate of traffic is too close to the posted speed limit.

Birchwood Heights then provided some photos to the

committee's reference. Alan Cote said "they were taken from the stop bar and not from 10 feet away from the edge of pavement," according to the meeting minutes. "Normal protocol would be to stop at the stop bar and then proceed with caution." The place where cars are supposed to stop is too far away to get an accurate reading of street traffic. Garone remarked that the driveway situation for Birch Heights was similar to others on the street.

Cote told the committee that the driveway to Birchwood Heights was considered a "private driveway," and the stop sign there was not one placed by the Town of Derry. Garone then began to question why there was a crosswalk there, and won-

dered out loud if the town required it.

Cote then proposed some public outreach to the residents of Birchwood Heights in order to help educate them on the findings and how to proceed with more caution. Garone stated that he would see what the DPW could do to set up a schedule for the public outreach.

Once that was settled, new business was then attended to.

A resident approached Chairman Savard from Coles Grove Road, who wanted to have a dead end sign installed on his road, just after Zames Street.

Cote replied that the Highway Department could get a sign up in at that location.

Another resident approached the chairman, asking about missing "no parking" signs along Pond Road, by the bridge. Cote said he would look into those signs as well.

Also during the July 20 meeting, with all regular members present except Randall Chase. The chairman extended a warm welcome to new committee member Ronald Goldthwaite.

The meeting only ran about 30 minutes, with Cote making a motion to adjourn for the day around 9:30 a.m. Co-chairman Walter Deyo seconded. Unsurprisingly, the motion was unanimously passed.

The next Highway Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17.

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# Derry Firefighter Receives Nationally Recognized Award

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Firefighter Todd Donovan was announced as the Hooley New Frontier Award winner along with Chip Cooper from New Hampshire Department of Safety at ImageTrend Connect on July 20, 2017.

The New Frontier Award recognizes those that go above and beyond the call of duty, often breaking new ground or serving in a humanitarian way. Donovan was recognized for his contribution to battling the opioid crisis in New Hampshire through his use of ImageTrend's Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) tool, the Report Writer.

This tool allows Donovan to track the statistics of

how Derry's Emergency Medical Service providers have helped save lives. The Revised Overdose Score, something Donovan developed to also help, looks at vital signs of patients before and after treatment and indicates how effective EMS providers can be in during an opioid induced episode.

Donovan works full time for the Derry Fire Department, but also works part time for the Fire Academy and EMS. He was inspired to study this because the director of the Fire Academy asked him how many people lived from EMS intervention. While it is always known how many people die from drugs and overdoses, it is not necessarily advertised how many people are saved.

By using the Report

Writer and the Revised Overdose Score, Donovan found that in New Hampshire in 2016 almost 1100 lives were saved with the use of Naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan, by EMS. It also showed that almost 500 people died as a result of drugs.

In Derry, they saved 29 lives last year with the use of Narcan by EMS.

"I knew that the EMS providers in the state and in Derry were doing a great job, but now we have the data to prove it," he said.

There is a lot of national debate going on about the use of Narcan by response services, and many people claim that doing drugs is a choice and that EMS should not necessarily provide this type of treatment because it

will encourage more drug use.

Donovan thinks it's more complicated than that: "When you're called to someone's house and someone's dying, it's pretty hard to say no."

It isn't just young people affected by the opioid epidemic, it's older folks as well, and EMS has a responsibility to save lives, no matter the cause of the crisis.

Donovan will continue to work with these programs, and improve them to make the statistics even more accurate. He has a new version of the Revised Overdose Score that he will be working on to aid in this endeavor.



Derry Firefighter Todd Donovan winner of the Hooley New Frontier Award. *Courtesy Photo*

While getting back accurate data is really important for improving EMS response to the opioid crisis, he also believes "it's really important for the State and Derry to see that they're doing a good job."

## Route 28

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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.

Residents or businesses seeking additional information can contact Deputy Director Tom Carrier at 432-6100.

## Elm Street

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erty. And if a developer were to come in with an RFP that could provide a good use for the property, it might be beneficial to consider a change to a commercial zone, Councilor James Morgan said. The plan also calls for fast-tracking the RFP and to have Caron craft the

RFP and have it ready to go by August, he said. Potential developers can present ideas on the property but the town wouldn't be obligated, Morgan said.

"The idea behind it was to give us a bird's eye view about what a developer would like to put there," Morgan said.

Later in the meeting,

Councilor Neil Wetherbee brought up the Abbot Court property, which is also owned by the town and has sat vacant for a number of years. Wetherbee said it should also be included in the proposal. Councilors then agreed to include it in the proposal.

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- Band Director Andy Soucy
- LHS Principal Jason Parent
- Representative from BHG, Mark Oswald
- Town Manager Kevin Smith



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Editorial

Our Granite State Infestation

Last week when the Washington Post published a private conversation between President Trump and Mexico’s president, Pena Nieto, the people of New Hampshire learned that Trump feels New Hampshire is a drug infested den. If you hated Trump before, you probably still do and have likely added these comments to your list of reasons why. If you love Trump, that has not changed, and you are likely glad he is addressing the problem.

Senators Shaheen and Hassan took to Twitter, with Shaheen calling the remarks a “gross misrepresentation” and demanding an apology from Trump. Senator Hassan called the comments “disgusting” and emphasized that the drug problem is everywhere and that insulting people in the throes of it is not helpful.

Republican reactions came swiftly too. Governor Sununu said, “The president is wrong. It’s disappointing; his mischaracterization of this epidemic ignores the great things this state has to offer.” Londonderry state representative Al Baldasaro told CNN: “Enough with the political correctness; Donald Trump did the right thing. He called it out for what it is.”

Trump said he won New Hampshire because it is a drug infested den. The term “drug den” is open for interpretation, but what people told Trump during the New Hampshire presidential primary is not. Trump won that primary after New Hampshirites told him about their struggles with the opioid crisis and informed him that we have the second highest per capita death rate in the nation from opioids. What thoughts do we expect a presidential candidate – one who wished to build a wall between the United States and Mexico to keep drugs out – to leave New Hampshire with when we tell him that? We should not expect him to forget this because we don’t want to look bad.

The comments made in protest and agreement of Trump’s original comments are like his original comments – they are mostly right, but not completely. Drug deaths in New Hampshire kill more people than car accidents, but the same can be said of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

We know insults aren’t helpful when it comes to moving forward in finding ways to fix this problem, but we also recognize the epidemic. New Hampshire does well in avoiding teen pregnancy, diabetes, obesity, and stroke, and is still the best place in the nation to raise children. We should be proud of what we do well while also addressing what we don’t.

Let’s analyze how we are as parents, members of the medical community, and patients. Let’s think about ways we can reduce the demand for opioids in the first place. Convince your kids to never touch opioids and to be careful with those prescribed to them. One thing is certain: something is very wrong here. What is it?

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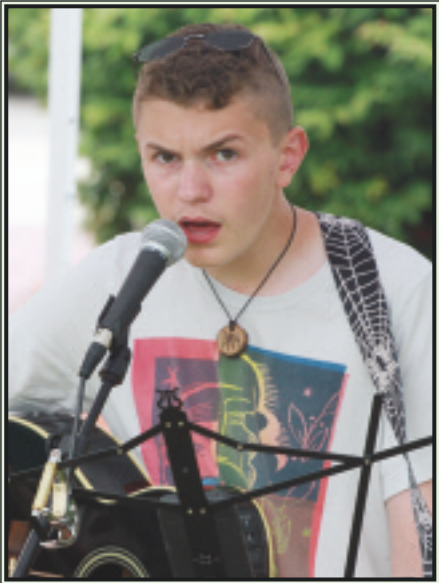


Farmer’s Market Going Strong



As the summer months zoom by, the Derry Home-grown Farm and Artisan Market enjoyed its ninth week with every spot taken by a variety of vendors. Pictured at left, Emma Davis, 8, makes a heart-shaped bird feeder at the Montessori Academy booth, below left featured artist Kristen Yonge works on a painting that will be raffled off to a lucky visitor, below right, Dylan Weatherbee played guitar and sings as the featured musician, at bottom Julie Kelly, of Tewksbury Honey displays the different colored raw honey, she sells.

Photos by Chris Paul



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## Kids at the Park See Life on the Farm

Rabbits, goats, a lamb, a pig, some chickens, and a duck were on display for children to see and pet at Humphrey Park last week during the Derry Recreation sponsored "Down on the Farm" week. Representatives from Charimingfare Farm brought the animals for children to experience.

*Photos by Chris Paul*



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# August Brings New Speakers to Frost Farm's Hyla Brook Reading Series

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

August brings with it an exciting program as part of the Frost Farm's Hyla Brook Reading Series. It will feature poet and doctor Jenna Le, along with Hyla Brook Poet Melissa Juchniewicz on Thursday, August 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Hyla Brook Reading Series publicist Kyle Potvin said, "This series, held at the Frost Farm, located at 122 Rockingham Road on Route

28 in Derry, is free and open to the public. An open mic follows the readings, and all audience members are invited to share their work."

Le is the author of two full-length poetry collections, "Six Rivers" (2011) and "A History of the Cetacean American Diaspora" (2016). Born to Vietnamese immigrant parents in Minnesota, she now lives and works as a physician in Lebanon. Her poems have appeared in AGNI Online, Bellevue Literary Review, The Best of the

Raintown Review, The Los Angeles Review, Massachusetts Review, and The Village Voice. More information can be found on her website, [jennalewriting.com](http://jennalewriting.com).

Also appearing on August 10 is Melissa Juchniewicz, a member of the Frost Farm's Hyla Brook Poets since 2011. She belongs to the Poetry Society of New Hampshire and New Hampshire Writers' Project. She teaches writing, literature, and education courses at the University of

Massachusetts Lowell and Northern Essex Community College. Her publications include "Visible Voices: Literacy and the Invisible Homeless," "Thoreau's Legacy: American Stories of Global Warming," and her poetry has appeared in The Poets Touchstone, The Offering, and Slippery Sins. She and her husband are residents of Chester.

Potvin explained that the Hyla Brook Reading Series ends its 2017 season on Thursday, September 14

with featured reader Meredith Bergmann. Through September, the Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at its summer home, the Frost Farm, before moving to the Derry Public Library.

Under the leadership of Robert W. Crawford, Derry Poet Laureate, Frost Farm Poetry's mission is to support the writing and reading of poetry, especially metrical poetry. The Hyla Brook Poets started in 2008 as a

monthly poetry workshop. In March 2009, the monthly Hyla Brook Reading Series launched with readings by emerging poets as well as luminaries such as Maxine Kumin, Sharon Olds and Richard Blanco. From there, the Frost Farm Poetry Prize for metrical poetry was introduced in 2010, with the Frost Farm Conference beginning in 2015. For further information, email [hylabrookpoets@gmail.com](mailto:hylabrookpoets@gmail.com), visit [www.frostfarmpoetry.org](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org), [facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets](https://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets).

# Fundraiser to Support Medical Expenses for Motorcycle Crash Victims

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On June 3, 2017 Kim and Tom Raymond's world changed forever. They were on their way to a friend's house on a beautiful sunny day when the back of their motorcycle started "wiggling." Though they weren't going very fast Tom lost control of the bike, sending Kim through the air and into a tree, causing severe injuries.

Earlier that day, the Raymonds had gone to the Derry-Salem Elks Lodge, where Tom is a member, to participate in the annual Blessing of the Bikes, during which a priest blesses all the bikes and the riders. Despite being held

every year, this was their first time going. After being blessed, they stopped at their home and continued on their way, crashing – merely three miles from their home – on North Policy Street.

Her doctor told her she was lucky to be alive. "Maybe the

Kim doesn't remember much of the accident, just that she hit a mailbox before hitting the tree, and that when she woke up in the hospital she had just had surgery to stabilize her leg. While her husband walked away with a bruised coxis, she broke her femur in twelve places, and seriously damaged her knee. Two days after the accident, she had surgery that inserted a rod from

her hip to her knee and put in place screws to further stabilize her leg.

The road to recovery will be long and arduous, and at this point Kim is "taking it day by day." Her physical therapist told her she would lose 40 percent of her knee function, and her doctor is saying she will have to go on disability. Kim, who is 47 and has worked with elderly and in-patient care as a career for most of her life, said she's "always had a heart" for those she's worked with, but it wasn't until now that she truly knew how it felt to be entirely dependent on others.

"The worst part," she said, "is that you just wake up one day and the world is so different. You can't go to the story

by yourself, you can't sit on the toilet like you normally do."

Since Kim is unable to work due to her injuries, the couple is currently depending on a single income to pay for medical bills; because of this, Tiffany Richardson, one of Kim's best friends, is organizing a community fundraiser to help support them, not only financially, but spiritually as well.

On the fundraiser's Facebook page, Tiffany wrote: "The whole purpose for this fundraiser is not only to help them with medical bills and PT that are coming in, but also to boost them up after this accident. Life will never be the same for them."

Tiffany has spent, and continues to spend, a lot of her time calling up business and asking for donation and is always surprised with the generosity.

"I'm not really doing anything," Tiffany said. "It's the people who donate. Without them, we wouldn't have a fundraiser."

Tiffany understands first-

hand what it's like to be told you need to go on disability because she has Multiple Sclerosis (MS). When her doctor told her she couldn't work anymore, her life "just fell apart."

"I don't want Kim to go down the same road I did with five years of denial," she said.

The two met around a year ago when Kim was organizing a fundraiser for a friend who had also gotten in a bike accident, and have been close ever since.

"If I didn't have her, I don't know what I'd do," Kim said. "No matter what's going on in her life, she puts my doctor's appointments down in her book. If I'm depressed, she calls and comes over. If I need her, she'll be there in a drop of a hat."

In addition to being an emotional support to Kim, Tiffany is not afraid to advocate for her friend, and has taken to social media to get the word out there about the fundraiser.

"Kim gives to everybody and takes care of everyone else, and I just feel like it's what I'm supposed to do," she

said.

The fundraiser will be held on August 19 at Old School Bar and Grill in Windham, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be filled with raffle prizes, some of which include baskets and services from local businesses such as Spyglass Tattoo. Some of larger prizes include a weekend getaway, cruise tickets, and Red Sox tickets – that is "unless something bigger pulls through."

Drawings for the prizes will start at 3 p.m. and raffle tickets can be purchased that day. For items valued \$100 and below, the price is \$5 for six tickets; for items valued from \$100 to \$250, the price is \$5.00 per ticket; and for the items priced \$250.00 and higher, the tickets cost \$10.00 a piece.

Old School Bar and Grill is also donating 10 percent of food and beverage sales to the fundraiser for all items sold during the event. To learn more about the fundraiser, or to donate money or raffle items, go to the fundraiser's Facebook page: Fundraiser on 8/19 for Kim & Tommy due to accident.



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# Artful Things of NH Featured Artist: Tonya Black



Vendor Tonya Black proudly displays her wood-burned creations.

Photo by Alyssa Guinn

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Artful Things of NH, a small storefront located on East Broadway, has started a bi-weekly tradition to get some more traffic through their door. Now, every two weeks the store will feature one of its vendors; this week, the featured artist was Tonya Black.

Black mans the store every Saturday, and her product can be found among the other artfully crafted products. She does wood-burning and watercolor pictures on wooden plaques that can be attached to boxes for jewelry or other items, and also burns designs into wooden cooking spoons.

The shop has only been open for about three months, and Black has been selling her craft there since a few weeks after it opened. She's only been doing these designs for about six months; one day she saw what wood-burning could produce and she decided she wanted to try. The very first plaque she made is up for sale alongside her

newest work, a portrait of her son.

In addition to what she refers to as "stock photos," generic designs one could find by doing a simple image search on Google, she also transforms photographs into wood-burned art.

"I take photos everywhere I go, and then turn them into these pieces," she said.

It started out as just fun, but when she saw an ad for the new shop she decided to take the leap into trying to sell her work.

"It took guts," she said, but her husband was in complete support of her and was confident her work was as good as anyone else's.

In order to get a space in the shop, which has two other locations in Pittsfield and Tilton, Black had to contact owner Amy L. Robillard to pitch the work she wanted to sell. "It was scary," she said. The first month she had her work there, she only sold one plaque and it was to a friend of hers. She worried that she was the only one who liked her pieces, and won-

dered if it was worth putting her own money into if she wasn't going to get a return from it.

Business has since picked up, but one of her favorite parts about being a part of the shop is seeing the work of all the other vendors.

"I'm only in here on Saturdays and the first thing I do is walk the store," she said.

Robillard doesn't like to duplicate artists; for example, if there is one sign maker, another one would not be accepted to have a space in the shop. Diversity is important to them, and there are always new vendors and products coming in the store.

One vendor makes baskets out of pine needles, another makes bags out of old t-shirts by crocheting them. There are also homemade products such as candles, granola, and lotions.

"There's a little bit of everything for everybody," Black said, and encourages people to come in and see all that Artful Things of NH has to offer.

## Life Saving Recognition



The Derry Fire Department recognized the Zoo Health Club on August 8 for an "Outstanding Cardiac Arrest Save" as a part of their Derry Heart Safe Community Initiative. On June 30, a 66 year old Derry resident, Gil Provencher, suffered a heart attack while exercising at the gym and became unresponsive, breathless, and without pulse. An off-duty firefighter, Derek Tunberg, helped revive him with the on-site AED with the help of Zoo trainer Zach Mullin and gym member Brad Carson. From left to right: Derek Tunberg, Zach Mullin, Gil Provencher, and Brad Carson.

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# Derry's Mariah Laroque, Crowned 2017-2018 Miss Londonderry

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On August 5, a new Miss Londonderry and Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen was crowned at Londonderry Middle School. Nine girls competed for Outstanding Teen and ten young women competed for Miss Londonderry. In the end, 16 year old Grace Henry of Durham, and 21 year old Mariah Laroque originally of Derry, took the titles, respectively.

Miss Londonderry is not Laroque's first title; she was crowned Miss Greater Derry last year and next year will be her fourth time competing in the Miss New Hampshire pageant. Last year, she was a part of the top 10, though the crown was eventually granted to Miss Auburn Lauren Percy.

To compete in a pageant, each contestant must have a platform. Drug Free America is Laroque's, something she has been a part of for a number of years and continues to advocate for. Though she currently lives in New Jersey for school—she is a part of the Institute for American Musical Theatre—she still calls New Hampshire home.

“I will always represent NH. It's my hometown; it's where my heart is,” she said.

There are multiple stages to the Miss competition, and the ones that hold the greatest weight percentage-wise are the talent portion, the pre-pageant interview, and the final question, with a ranking of 30%, 25%, and 20% respectively. While the audience is not privy to the pre-pageant interview, the talent portion and final question are a part of the on-stage proceedings.

For her talent, Laroque sang Whitney Houston's “I Will Always Love You,” to thundering applause. The final question is randomly chosen from a hat by the contestant; Laroque's regarded President Trump's plans to scale back illegal immigration, how some believe that immigration makes the work-place more competitive, and whether or not scaling immigration is the right thing for this country.

In response, she said: “I can understand how it might make the work place more



competitive, but this is the United States. I believe it is a place filled with dreams and opportunities for those who come in. As long as you're coming in legally, you're coming here to work, you're coming here for your family, you're coming here to support your dreams and your family, I think that it's something you should be able to do. I don't think that he should be able to cut back as much as he's planning on doing.”

Moving forward, Lar-

oque plans to begin preparing for the Miss New Hampshire Pageant and hopes to represent Londonderry to the best of her ability, as well as her platform Drug Free America.

The Outstanding Teen (OT) competition is slightly different than the Miss competition; instead of a bathing suit portion of the pageant, the OT has a Lifestyle and Fitness portion in which the contestants perform a short routine to show how physically fit they are. In addition to this, the contestants' scholastic achievement is taken into consideration. Like the Miss pageant, the OT's score breakdown is similar, with the highest percentage being talent, private interview, and a combined score of evening wear and answer to the final onstage question.

Also like the Miss com-



Mariah Laroque was crowned this year's Miss Londonderry on Saturday. At left, She performed “I will Always Love You.”  
Photos by Chris Paul

petition, the teens are required to have a platform; Henry's platform is Selective Mutism, Educate to Excel, and her onstage question was to explain what the biggest misconception about selective mutism.

“The biggest misconception about selective mutism is a lot of people confuse it with being shy,” she explained. When a child has selective mutism as a result of a change in setting, “those changes in setting really affect them and make them feel like they can't speak up; when a child's just shy, those changes don't affect them as much.”

Moving forward, Henry will compete in the 2018

Miss New Hampshire Outstanding Teen pageant. In the meantime, she plans to share her platform with local schools to “educate parents and teachers on how they can help their students and children thrive,” and help children who are affected by it to “not let selective mutism define them.”

Also crowned at the August 5 pageant, were both the Miss and Outstanding Teen titles for Manchester, and the Outstanding Teen for Auburn. Marissa Moorhouse won Miss Manchester and Lauren Breen won Miss Manchester Outstanding Teen, while Emily Spencer won Miss Auburn Outstanding Teen.



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Trio of Ex-Astro Grid Standouts Preparing for College Campaigns

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

T.J. Urbanik, Kyle Cantalupo, and Nico Buccieri all accomplished plenty during careers on the football field for Pinkerton Academy. Now they're intent on getting some stuff done on college gridirons in different parts of New England.

After losing his senior year of high school football to a knee injury two years ago, star running back and defensive back Urbanik showed that he has rebounded magnificently with excellent football and track and field seasons at Phillips-Andover Academy in Massachusetts. And he has decided upon Merrimack College in North Andover as the school at which he'll play his collegiate football, starting practice sessions there recently.

Former Pinkerton kicker extraordinaire Cantalupo begins his second season on the grid squad at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., and lion-hearted running back and defensive back Buccieri is getting in on the ground floor as a freshman on the first-year football

program at the University of New England in Maine.

During his outstanding final football season of 2014 at Pinkerton before having to bow to a torn meniscus in his knee the following autumn, speedy back Urbanik rushed for nearly 1,300 yards (10.4 yards per carry) and some 16 touchdowns in helping his Astros to the Division I title.

After then having to stand aside on the football sidelines and watch - knowing he could certainly help but being unable to - during his frustrating senior season of 2015, Urbanik moved on to a year of prep school and truly starred for a struggling Phillips-Andover contingent.

Showing clearly that his knee was fine and his speed and skills stood undeterred during an award-winning campaign at Phillips-Andover, Urbanik decided that Merrimack College was the place for him to advance to.

The former Pinkerton star joins a Merrimack team which struggled through a 3-8 season during the fall of 2016, tallying two wins over Pace University and one against American Inter-



T.J. Urbanik



Kyle Cantalupo



Nico Buccieri

national for coach Dan Curran. That team then lost 13 players to graduation.

Urbanik and his teammates - who include former Londonderry High grid standout Mike Ryan - get their 2017 season officially started with a game at Bryant University in Rhode Island on Sept. 2.

Kicker Cantalupo, who was a great weapon for Pinkerton football coach Brian O'Reilly throughout his superb grid career at the Derry school, will be battling fellow sophomore booter Matt Haite at

Stonehill after Haite nailed 24 extra-points and scored 56 total points for a 5-6 Sky Hawks' team.

Cantalupo and his teammates will get their 2017 season started at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania on Sept. 2, and the former Astro and his ex-PA teammate Urbanik will face off in North Andover on Sept. 30 when the Stonehill and Merrimack College contingents meet up.

And Buccieri will make his move into collegiate football with the first-year University of New England program, which will begin under the leadership of former Becker College (Worcester, Mass.) head guy and 2016 Eastern College Football Conference (ECFC) Coach of the Year Mike Lichten.

Buccieri and his Nor'easter teammates begin their program's story by playing a

sub-varsity schedule starting next month in advance of its first varsity season in 2018.

A member of the Commonwealth Coast Conference, the UNE gridders will play their first official contest on Sept. 2 at Curry College in Milton, Mass. A year later, the Nor'easters will kick-off their inaugural varsity season with an Aug. 30, 2018 contest at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

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# Pinkerton Academy's 2017 Fall Sports Squads Get Tryouts Going

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A great many kids will tell you that summer vacation simply never lasts long enough. But for high school student/athletes who love to play fall sports, the arrival of the first tryouts and practices of the new season help to ease them into their return to school in August.

At Pinkerton Academy, the football and spirit programs got most of their campaigns rolling on Wednesday, Aug. 9. But the majority of Astro fall sports programs won't get going until next week.

The academy has nine fall sports for which freshmen have the opportunity to try out. And all of those sports begin their tryout and

practice sessions before the start of the academic year. Teams will have three days of tryouts, and once those tryouts have begun the teams will practice or play five or six times per week throughout the season.

Also, there will be an informational meeting for freshmen and their parents on Monday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. in the school's Stockbridge Theater to discuss the athletic program, teams, athletic paperwork, and more. All freshman student/athletes and their parents are urged to attend.

With most of the football and spirit athletes already having started, the next programs to start their tryouts will include crew, field hockey, golf, boys' and girls' soccer, and girls' volleyball

next Monday, Aug. 14.

The crew club will commence its preparations for the 2017 season that day by meeting at 8 a.m. at the Fairhaven Public Boat Launch at 515 Old Manchester Road in Auburn.

The Astro field hockey players will start that day with the varsity and junior varsity athletes meeting in Team Room 3 in the field house at the start of a 7:30-10 a.m. session. They will have a second session that afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.. And the freshman field hockey players will meet in that same room at 10:30 a.m. for a session which is scheduled to run to 12:30 p.m.

Varsity and junior varsity golfers will gather in the Pinkerton gym at 9 a.m. for a session which will run

until 1 p.m., and the varsity and JV boys' soccer players will convene in Team Room 7 in the field house at 8 a.m. until 11 a.m..

The defending state champion girls' soccer program gets started on Aug. 14 with the varsity and JV players meeting on the girls' soccer field for an 8 to 11 a.m. session, with the freshman girls coming out to that field for a session which will last from 10 a.m. to noon.

And all of the girl volleyball players will gather in the gymnasium for a session which will run from 8:30-11:30 that morning.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15 - the freshman football players will meet at the oval from 10 in the morning until 1 p.m., and the freshman boy soccer players will meet

on the boys' soccer field from 9 to 11 a.m.

The final three PA teams to get their tryout sessions going will all do so on Monday, Aug. 21, with the bass fishing team meeting up at the Astro Café at 3 p.m. The defending champion girls' cross-country crew will meet up in Field House Team Room 5 for a session which is slated to run from 8 to 11 a.m., and the defending state champion boys' cross-country squad will gather in Team Room 8 for a session set for 8:15 a.m. until noon.

The only form which will be accepted on the first day of tryouts is the Pinkerton Athletic Physical Form, and all student/athletes must have a physical prior to participating in any

tryout, practice, scrimmage, or game. Each student is responsible for getting a physical, and physicals must be completed on a Pinkerton Academy Physical Form. Those forms are available in the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office, the Pinkerton Academy Main Office, or on the Pinkerton Academy Web Site at [www.PinkertonAcademy.net](http://www.PinkertonAcademy.net). Physicals are good for two years from the date of the exam.

Incoming freshman student/athletes must have physical forms which are dated after June 1 of this year, and more information on anything pertaining to tryouts and teams can be obtained by calling the PA athletic office at 437-5200, extension 2115.

## GDTC Runners Close the Gap on Rivals in Grand Prix

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

An big turnout and some strong performances at the Canaan Police Benevolent Association Run From the Law 5K last weekend helped the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) determined Grand Prix team to slice its deficit against the series-leading Gate City Striders

down to a mere 22 points.

The GDTC squad, stepped into race number six in the eight-race 2017 series a slim 25 points behind the series-leading Striders from the Nashua. But the locals were three points better than Gate City thanks to the efforts of the 47 GDTC runners at the Canaan race.

The Grand Prix is an annual road-running racing

series for the running clubs of New Hampshire. Clubs compete against each other in a group of road races spread throughout the racing season. In addition, runners who complete every race in the series in a given year are granted the coveted "Granite Runner" status.

The Upper Valley Running Club excelled on its home turf in the Sunday, Aug. 6 Canaan race, with some 64 of its runners com-

peting in tallying the top Grand Prix score of 181 that day. The Greater Derry crew's 47 racers notched a score of 159 in taking second among the Grand Prix squads, and Gate City was a close third with a tally of 156 snagged by its 34 competitors.

So, with six of the eight 2017 Grand Prix races completed, the Gate City group leads the series with 943 points, Greater Derry is a

strong second with 921, and the Upper Valley team is a distant third with a tally of 733.

The series continues on Sept. 4 with the Saint Charles Children's Home 5K in Portsmouth, with the series finale being the Granite State 10-Miler in Concord on Oct. 22.

When the first 10 runners crossed the finish line in the Canaan race, the Gate City contingent looked to be in all kinds of good shape as it had three of the top four finishers and five of the top nine. But numbers and depth wound up being keys for both the Upper Valley and

Greater Derry groups.

Gate City's Steven Hammar from Pelham won the race in 15 minutes and 54.1 seconds. But the GDTC packed in a bunch of finishers between the 15th through 19th spots, with its top line-crosser - 13-year-old Luke Brennan from Derry - coming across in 18:43.3 in 15th place.

The local teen was followed by fellow Derry resident Nick Gregory in 16th place (18:54.9), their fellow team member J.D. Toscano of Salem in 17th (19:03.8), and GDTC member Mike DuFour of Londonderry in 19th place (19:21.4).

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# Local Track Club Concludes Yet Another Strong Fun Run Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

When the final points were tallied, it likely surprised nobody who had been watching the competitive races held during the recently-completed 42nd season of Greater Derry Track Club summer fun runs that talented and determined Derry youngsters had finished atop or near the tops of a whole bunch of their age groups.

The season commenced in late June and before ending it welcomed hundreds of youngsters aged two and up to the Pinkerton Academy

track on Thursday evenings over the next half-dozen weeks. The younger kids ran for the exercise and the fun, and kids aged nine and up took part in competitive races with points and prizes up for grabs.

When the final races had been run, Derry youngsters including Jonah Robert (nine-year-old boys), Elijah Robert (boy nines), Bryson Hooke (10-year-old boys), Nathan Donovan (11-year-old boys), Cody Santomassino (boy 11's), Sara Valliant (11-year-old girls), and Luke Brennan (13-year-old boys) were

among the top point-getters in their respective classes.

The annual series - which is directed by the GDTC along with support from the Derry Recreation Department - draws youngsters from throughout Southern New Hampshire. And the only registration fee expected of athletes is an article of non-perishable food, with hundreds of pounds of that much-needed food subsequently being donated by the GDTC to local food pantries.

Kids aged two and three run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200

meters, seven and eights run 300 meters, nines and tens race 600 meters, and those 11 to 13 run the cross-country mile. Runners 14 and older run the open mile.

Greater Derry Track Club members volunteered their time and efforts to help direct the weekly races after leading kids through pre-race exercises and offering running advice. And it's hoped that season 43 will continue the fun and excitement next summer, helping local kids toward exercise which the members of the local club hope they'll continue all their lives.



Hundreds of area youngsters took part in the 42nd season of Greater Derry Track Club fun runs this summer, with Derry kids excelling. Photo by Chris Paul

# Local Auto Racers Seuss and Burke Compete Hard at Star Speedway

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Local drivers hailing from Derry and Hampstead competed pretty well in different events despite some real unexpected challenges for one of them at Star Speedway in Epping as part of the SBM Tri-Track Open Modified Series on Saturday, July 29.

The annual running of the SBM Modified Open has become one of the highlights of the year at the Star Speedway, and this season's editions of the races were no exception, attracting a field that included more than 30 of the top Modified teams from all over the Northeastern U.S.

Among a crowded field in the feature, SBM 125 event was Hampstead native and Pinkerton Academy graduate Andy Seuss, who had previously made another auspicious return to

Granite State racing by competing in three events at The New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon just weeks earlier.

In one of the support races prior to the SBM feature, Derry resident John Burke competed and represented himself well in Star's weekly Autism Awareness 350 Supermodified race.

In the feature event - which consisted of four competitive heat races - Andy Seuss finished in the middle of a pack of 27 racers on what he still considers his home track despite a myriad of mechanical problems, ending up a decent 14th overall. North Hampton, Pa. resident Matt Hirschman claimed the victory.

Steve Masse of Bellingham, Mass., had led the first 73 laps of the race through two extended green flag runs, but when caution flew at that point, virtually the entire field headed to the

pits for fresh tires. When they returned to the track, Hirschman was inside the top five for the first time, and he quickly made his way to the front from there.

Pinkerton grad Seuss, who now resides in North Carolina with his wife and son but has taken advantage of opportunities to return home to visit family and friends in Hampstead with both the Epping and Loudon events recently, competes on the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) Whelen South-

ern Modified Tour.

The local man wasn't overjoyed with his mechanically-challenged, middle-of-the-pack finish at Star, stating in somewhat tongue-in-cheek fashion, "Star Speedway, I love you. Why are you so mean to me."

Troubles with the radiator, a lazy cylinder, and other engine and tire woes got in the way of success for Seuss, who still managed to finish an excellent second in the first heat race.

But then more trouble arose in the form of a leaky

tire and some other tire concerns, but Seuss and his hard-working support team soldiered forth and ended up pretty respectably in the middle of a tough pack.

"All bad luck aside, I do sit back in amazement at all of the teamwork that goes into this 70 modified team," he said. "Engines, radiators, tires, they are up to the task. This team doesn't give up."

Seuss then rolled into this week slated to compete

next in the much-anticipated annual Bud King of Beers 150 at the Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park this Wednesday, Aug. 9, after Nutfield News press time.

The Autism Awareness 350 Supermodified event was also nothing short of thrilling, with veteran driver and Derry resident Burke winding up in seventh place in a race which was won by Brad Babb from Windham, Me.

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# World's First Paralympic Woman Bobsledder Hails from Derry, Seeks Aid

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After every workout session at the Zoo Health Club in Derry, resident Dawn Macomber walks through

the parking lot and picks up loose change. To many it may seem strange, but to her it is just another small step in fulfilling her dream of competing as a para bobsledder, something she has

been doing for about a year.

Earlier this year, Macomber competed in multiple competitions, including a World Cup event in Europe, and has the ultimate goal of competing in the Paralympics at Beijing in 2022. She was the first woman in the world to make it on a paralympic bobsledding team, and now competes as part of the U.S.A.'s National Para-bobsledding Team.

"It's always been in my blood to go fast," she said about her love of the sport.

This upcoming year will take her to many places, with Latvia, Germany, and Austria being only a few; the cost to participate in these journeys will exceed \$15,000 – something she has to pay for herself.

Part of the expenses is simple training time. Since the U.S.A. team doesn't have access to sleds or tracks, they have to pay to use others', often using the facility in Latvia, which costs 300 euros to go down the track six times. This equates to two runs per day during their week there, each run lasting under 60 seconds. Macomb has under an hour of on-track training

time.

Other expenses include airfare, lodging, and food.

"What most people don't know is that most Paralympics athletes, when they're first starting out, don't have sponsors. We have to pay our own way," she said.

Last year, she received some grants from the Veteran's Association and other outlets to help pay for the numerous expenses, in addition to fundraising using a Go-Fund Me page, but it was still not enough. She found herself running out of money while abroad, and her husband even had to take out a loan to pay for a plane ticket back home.

This year, she doesn't know how she's going to do it, but that isn't going to stop her from trying.

"I know it seems like a lot of money, but the way that I take my illness and my recovery is small steps and small goals."

The 46-year-old became paralyzed from the waist down in June of 2010 after two herniations in her spine ruptured. She was on a romantic getaway with her husband when her husband

found her lying on the bathroom floor, unable to get back up. The next day, when she went to the doctors, they discovered that she has Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES), a condition in which the Cauda Equina nerves, located in the lower part of the spinal cord, are compressed. If not treated right away, the condition leads to varying degrees of paralysis.

She described her injury as "incomplete," meaning not all the nerves in her spinal cord have been severed, causing her to feel some sensations, but not others.

"I can feel wet dog drool, but I can also walk in snow up to my hips because I can't feel the cold. I can move my hip flexors, but I can't move my ankles."

When she first woke up in the hospital bed and couldn't move her legs, she was "in a very dark place." She suffered from two herniated discs sustained in her early 20's when she was in the Army, and for the past 20 years, she had suffered from extreme back pain and gone through multiple abdominal, back, and shoulder surgeries. After her paralysis diagnosis, she was ready to give up.

"I asked [my husband] to help me take my life, and he said absolutely not," she remembered.

Now, after years of physical training and pushing herself, first from wheelchair to standing, then from standing to walking, from walking to powerlifting, and now to becoming a Paralympics athlete, she says she's "stronger than ever."

"I would always pray that God would take my pain away, and on June 27,

2010, a kind of weird way of doing it, he did," she said. In a way, she considers the injury a blessing, because it alleviated a lot of the pain she had been struggling with for so long.

Macomb got involved in bobsledding when she went to a Wounded Warrior Clinic in Lake Placid and contacted the captain for Team U.S.A. He offered her a chance to train in Latvia before trying out for the team and she accepted, eventually competing in three World Cup competitions, and the World Championship.

Along the way, she discovered a love for the sport that has been an essential part of her recovery process. "I have been given this opportunity," she said, "and every single time I've been given an opportunity and taken the chance on it, it becomes the driving force of my recovery."

Now that it is a possibility that she won't be able to afford the upcoming season, she's "willing to do anything," including reaching out to the community for ideas on how to make her dream more of a reality.

Macomb has posted on Facebook to get ideas, but it hasn't been very effective. She's hoping that in the next couple of months she will receive more grants to aid her, but until then is staying optimistically realistic about the status of her dream. She has enough money for a few of the fares, but not nearly enough to compete and travel like she desires.

"Every little bit helps," she said, and she appreciates whatever the community of Derry can offer her, be it advice, donations, or emotional support.



Derry resident Dawn Macomber has embarked upon a competitive career as a paralympic bobsledder. The local woman has overcome a great many obstacles over the years, so betting against her accomplishing yet another challenge is far from advisable. The local woman has taken part in international competitions in numerous parts of the world already and has a real passion for the expensive sport. *Courtesy photo*

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## Night of Hope

Free event on August 26 at MacGregor Park in Derry from 5:30 - 9:45 p.m. This night will bring new hope to all who have been directly or indirectly affected by drug addiction. We will provide free food and drinks, powerful testimonies of recovery, inspiring songs, and giant screen projection of the movie "Victor" (PG-13), a true story of a son's addiction, a praying mom, and the faith to overcome. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and bug spray. For more information contact LifeWay Church at 603-845-6601 or visit our website at [www.lifewaychurch.net](http://www.lifewaychurch.net).

## Arts Council Summer Finale Booths

The Londonderry Arts Council is offering free booth or table space to approved non-profit groups at the Summer Finale, scheduled for Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups should contact Susan Hanna at 603-582-4777 for details or email [Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

## Youth Basketball Tryouts

Derry Spartans Fall Basketball Tryouts will be held on August 17 at the Sportszone, Derry. Tryout times are 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., for 3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., for 7th/8th Grade Boys and Girls; 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., High School Boys and Girls.

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## Renew Opening At Calvary Bible Church

Renew opens August 12 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com), or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

## Let's Talk Turtles

On August 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way Auburn, Chris Bogard will share her knowledge on threatened and endangered turtle species in NH. She will discuss reasons for their decline and what is being done to preserve these ancient species. Come and gain knowledge on how to help baby turtles and more! Cost: \$5/Free for Massabesic Volunteers. Registration required, please call 668-2045.

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## Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

## Don Ball Park Story Hour

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## Adult Tennis League

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## Storytimes

Derry Library storytimes will resume 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 Snowcones 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.derryp.org](http://www.derryp.org).

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## Free Dinners

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## Adult Coloring this Summer

Adult coloring will be offered on the following dates this summer: August 21. All meetings run from 6:30 - 8 p.m., and will be held in the teen area. To register, visit [www.derryp.org](http://www.derryp.org) or call 432-6140.

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