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## Derry Tries to Combat the State's Opioid Abuse Crisis

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Granite State has been under scrutiny lately due to its high counts of opioid abusers and overdoses. Just last month, the President of the United States called New Hampshire a "drug infested den," and studies released by the Attorney General's Office on July 12 indicate that Rockingham and Strafford County have the second highest suspected drug use resulting in overdose deaths per capita in New Hampshire, at 1.36 deaths per 10,000 people.

Drug abuse is nothing new, but there has been an increase in overdoses that have left many families wondering if their loved one is next. Eighteen months ago, the Derry Fire Department recognized the crisis and gathered with community partners in order to devise a

plan to help stop it. Along with organizations such as the Center for Life Management, Community Health Services, Community Alliance for Teen Safety, and faith-based leaders, Derry's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Chuck Hemeon and Derry Fire Department Battalion Chief Scott Haggert determined training would be essential to battling the crisis.

This training includes providing Naloxone, also known as Narcan, to the community so that families can be prepared in an overdose situation. Hemeon believes having a Naloxone kit gives some families peace of mind and has heard from EMS providers that in some cases, the kits have already been used successfully when the EMS providers arrive on scene. So far, the fire department has distributed over 350 Naloxone kits to the community.

A study conducted by firefighter Todd Donovan in 2016 showed that 29 lives had been saved from the use of Naloxone, and statewide, more than 1000 lives were saved.

There has been nationwide controversy surrounding the use of Naloxone - some people believe that using it to prevent overdoses is simply enabling drug addicts to go on using. Hemeon, however, disagrees: "If you're dead, you have no opportunity for a better life choice."

"Addiction is a really dreaded disease; I believe it's a choice that leads to a disease," he continued, explaining that EMS providers have to approach overdose situations like they would address any other situation called to.

"It's like diabetes and hypertension - you don't stereotype those people, so it's important not to stereo-

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## Derry Boards and Committees See Shortages of Members

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There seems to be a trend in Derry that is troubling for a large amount of town committees.

Too many boards and committees have unfilled openings for members and alternates. Out of the 13 non-elected town government committees, almost half of them are looking to fill those openings.

One of the problems the boards and committees are having is people leaving town, according to Daniel

Healey of the Town Clerk's Office. In order to be a member of most of the local boards and committees, one needs to be a resident.

"People move, and then they are no longer qualified," said Healey.

If someone were to go to the town's website and search for the board and committee openings, they would find a long, and unfortunately, inaccurate list of where people are needed. Healey says the website has not been updated since April, so Derry residents looking to join one of these

groups would have to double-check the committee's or board's page to see what spots still need to be filled.

As of August 14, the Building & Property Maintenance Committee is looking for one member for a year term. The Highway Safety Committee is trying to find one member for a one-year. The Planning Board is seeking one alternate, while the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee wants one member. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is in need of the

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**Future Workforce** Frank Edelblut and Taylor Caswell of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs stopped into Derry's Intelitek company on Monday afternoon to see what the needs of local businesses are and was shown how the company is helping with the education and future workforce of the state. Edelblut, left, is shown with Intelitek President, Ido Yerushalmi, as they discuss one of the many robotic devices that the company produces. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Kevin Coyle Resigns from His Position as Londonderry Prosecutor

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NUTFIELD NEWS

On July 17, former Londonderry Prosecutor Kevin Coyle sent in his resignation letter to Town Manager Kevin Smith, which became effective on August 4. Coyle had served as prosecutor for 22 years, since December 4,

1994, and had plans to serve for four or five more years, that is, until this summer when he received a negative annual review from Police Chief William Hart.

The evaluations are not open to the public, but up until now, Coyle claims he received high ratings on every annual review. The

evaluation scale ranges from one to seven, one being the lowest and most critical of the employee, seven being the highest. During his time as prosecutor, Coyle said he has had a good working relationship with every police chief he has worked with and has

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# Recent Highway Funds to be Used to Repair Local Roads and Bridges

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Governor Chris Sununu came to Derry last month to sign Senate Bill 38, which appropriates "surplus funds in the 2016-2017 biennial budget for providing grants to fund local infrastructure projects in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this act and to further clarify the criteria for red list bridges" and sends "\$36,800,000 of state funds to the department of transportation for local highway aid and aid for municipal bridges, relative to distribution of highway aid, and relative to red list bridges."

Some people have asked if these new funds are related to the 2014 bill, SB 367, that raised tolls and the gas tax by 4.6 cents per gallon. According to Bill Boynton,

public information official with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, "The \$30 Million of State funds distributed to the Cities Towns were surplus General Funds from State Fiscal Year 2017. They are not related to SB367. The additional \$6.8 million is also from the surplus of general funds for the State municipal bridge aid program. These funds are not distributed, but are through reimbursement to municipalities that have bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction projects approved through the State Aid Bridge program."

SB 357 aimed to procure funds to widen Interstate 93 by paying off bonds. The Department of Transportation website reports that the tax increases from SB 357 raise approximately \$34 mil-

lion each year with 12 percent of revenue raised going directly to towns for local transportation costs. In our local area, repaving is being done with these funds in Londonderry on Route 128, in Derry on East Derry and Hampstead Roads, on Route 121 in Chester, and on Route 121A in Hampstead.

Funds from both bills can also be used to repair some red listed bridges. Red listed bridges are bridges that receive combined ratings of below four or five in assessments of their deck, superstructure, and substructure. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation maintains a town-by-town listing of all

New Hampshire bridges with detailed information of their current structural integrity. Municipal bridges currently red listed in our area are on Hall Road and Stoke Road over Little Cohas Brook in Londonderry, Shepard Home Road and Hanson Road over the Exeter River in Chester, and Fremont Road over the Exeter River in Sandown. There are currently no red listed bridges in Derry.

Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works in Derry, was asked about funds from SB 38 and reports that "the town has just received a check in the amount of \$578,085.30 for funds related to SB 38. The Town of Derry cannot spend

these funds until Town Council approves a supplemental appropriation, which is scheduled for September 5."

Fowler continued, "Based on guidance received from New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, these funds are deemed to be unanticipated revenues and a public hearing must be set to accept and spend these funds pursuant to RSA 31:95 b II. Further, these funds must be spent on highway construction, reconstruction, or maintenance. [Derry] Town Council had approved \$1,449,625 in the FY 18 budget for pavement management. The supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$578,085.30 will bring the new total paving

budget to \$2,027,710.30. The DPW Engineering division has compiled an auxiliary list of streets estimated at around \$578k (from SB 38 funding), which will be moved up from future years. Work stemming from the enhanced state revenues will be completed between September 2017 and June 2018. In the meantime, funds from the original FY 18 appropriation will be used for paving projects this summer and fall."

In his comments in Derry when SB 38 was signed, Governor Sununu expressed his belief that sending these surplus funds directly back to individual communities would provide much needed property tax relief.

## Shortages

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most people- three alternates for a three-year term.

The positive side to this is that all boards and committees currently have enough members to make quorum. As long as there are enough standing members and alternates, town government runs smoothly and, ideally, effectively. But, that may not last. If someone moves or steps down from the position, it could cause issues.

The way the town boards and committees work is by having enough members to discuss and vote on rules, regulations, changes to said rules, budgets, etc. When a member can not attend a meeting, an alternate takes

his or her place so voting can commence. If these groups suddenly find themselves without enough members to make quorum, town business gets shut down quickly.

The best way to prevent this from happening, and to keep our town government from grinding to a halt, is to sign up and volunteer. The application can be found on the Derry town website. The terms are different for each committee and can range from one to up to five years, according to the Town Clerk's Office. Residents can look up how long the specific commitments are on each group's web page or contact the chairperson for more information.

Once the application is

in, the Town Clerk's Office forwards it to the Town Council. The Council members can then choose to question the applicants on why they want to serve on their chosen committee/board and why they qualify. The Town Council then votes at their meetings to appoint the chosen applicants to the various committees and boards to serve their designated terms. The vote must be done at a public meeting, but, "the Council can discuss the vacancies in private," according to Healey.

The Derry Town Council has been trying to get the word out to folks about the need for some fresh faces. Healey says it gets mentioned at meetings, on Derry

Community TV, and on derryh.org. He was not certain if the Council has started to use social media to get the word out to millennials in town who may want to sign up but are unaware of the openings.

Signing up for town government is a way to give back to Derry. Having new people sign up for these openings can get more different and diverse ideas into the system and promote progress. New blood invigorates communities and reminds all of us that when we work together, we can build something greater than ourselves. We can create a lasting legacy that will encourage future generations to stay and continue improving Derry for years to come.

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# Coyle

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always received sixes and sevens.

"I became a five and a four in six months," he said, regarding his most recent evaluation in July.

Coyle believes the reason for his negative review is retaliation for events that occurred in December of 2016, when he reported that Chief Hart and Deputy Chief Gerard Dussault denied former Sergeant Shannon Coyle, Coyle's ex-wife, due process at the time of her demotion.

According to the complaint filed on December 16, 2016 by Shannon Coyle to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Sgt. Coyle faced "intense pressure from Deputy Chief Dussault to resign her position as sergeant." A police officer cannot voluntarily give up rank, and Sgt. Coyle was told on "numerous occasions" to give up her position and claim her resignation was for "family reasons."

This came as a result of an incident in September, after Lt. Patrick Cheetham filed a complaint against her "alleging that she ordered an unlawful arrest and was discourteous to him." Deputy Chief Dussault then assigned Lt. Cheetham to conduct an Internal Affairs Investigation, during and after which the complaint document offers evidence that Sgt. Coyle was denied

due process from Deputy Chief Dussault, and Chief Hart. The complaint document also names Lt. Cheetham and Town Manager Kevin Smith for violating multiple procedures and policies.

Coyle had followed the investigation, and after Sgt. Coyle's demotion on December 2, Coyle had a duty as an administrator to report the alleged violations of policy and procedures made by both Deputy Chief Dussault and Chief Hart to Smith.

"I did what I thought I had to do, and I thought the town would do something," Coyle said.

Some of the violations for Chief Hart, according to the complaint, are failing to provide notice of his intent to demote Sgt. Coyle – P-106 (IV) (7) (d), demoting Sgt. Coyle without the authority to do so – P-106 (IV) (7) (b), and failing to provide due process – P-106 (II) (A).

"How do you take someone's livelihood away from them without giving them due process? That's not what law enforcement is supposed to stand for," said Coyle. "Law enforcement is supposed to stand for and be the pinnacle of due process."

Hart did not respond regarding the situation.

The Londonderry Police Department's policies and procedures can be found on the town website.

After filing a report to

Smith, Coyle said he followed up with an email detailing his concern for "retaliation from Deputy Chief Dussault and Chief Hart." Coyle believes no investigation had been thoroughly completed by the town regarding the violations because no one has approached him with any inquiries.

However, Smith explained that "when the Town receives a report that a town employee or town official has violated a town policy or procedure, it is investigated to our satisfaction. No reports or complaints are ignored. When we are satisfied that sufficient information has been obtained, action is taken."

He continued with, "In the time I have been town manager, I am unaware of instance in which a report was made and no action was taken."

Sgt. Coyle's complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says that Smith failed to conduct a hearing within five calendar days after being notified that Chief Hart demoted Sgt. Coyle, which was in violation of P-106 (IV) (7) (f): "the Town Manager shall meet with the employee(s) and the Chief of Police within five calendar days of receipt of the recommendation and will render a decision within ten calendar days of that meeting." Smith was copied

on an email Chief Hart sent out two hours after the demotion of Sgt. Coyle, but failed to hold a hearing and had yet to meet with Sgt. Coyle before the complaint was filed.

While Smith was unable to comment on private investigations, Smith did explain that sometimes the course of action regarding a report takes different routes: "The action may be addressing the matter with the employee or official, or it may be closing the investigation as unfounded. It may be that we find as a result of the investigation that the manner in which we are doing something could be improved."

Coyle believes that Sgt. Coyle was demoted because she is a woman, and says that "the way they treat women [at the police department] is just pathetic, it really is."

Sgt. Coyle was the first female Sergeant in the department's history, and now, out of the 19 positions of rank, there is "no longer a single woman of rank."

"For them to take the only woman of rank, just because she happens to be my ex-wife, and they really thought I would just lay down and not do anything to help her," Coyle said.

Coyle claims the six months leading up to his review were tense between himself, Smith, and Chief Hart, and that he knew some

sort of retaliation was coming.

However, Smith said, "I do not believe that I have enjoyed more or less interaction with Kevin Coyle during the last six months than I had previous to that time."

When Coyle received his evaluation, he thought, "Well, here it is. This is how it's going to be." Coyle then emailed Smith and waited for a week before speaking with a Union representative about resigning.

"If you don't want me here, I'm okay with leaving, but I'm not going to let you force me out."

The only way Coyle was going to resign was if he was paid a year's salary. According to the separation agreement between Coyle and the Town of Londonderry, which is available to the public, upon his last day (August 4), Coyle would be paid \$85,889, and his health care benefits would continue throughout the month of August. The document also stated that Coyle agreed to "a full and final release and settlement of all claims" regarding his employment of the town, and gives up the right to come back and sue

for any reason.

There was no conversation about his resignation, according to Coyle, and the agreement was settled fairly quickly. Coyle does question why no members of the Town Council brought his resignation up at any meetings.

"No one asked, 'Why are we paying this guy \$86,000 to leave?'"

Although Coyle no longer works as a prosecutor for Londonderry, he is still employed by the town of Sandown and will continue to prosecute there.

"I truly am glad I left," he said, though he would have liked to stay for a few more years.

Coyle's position as prosecutor has been filled by Adria Farr, Senior Entertainment Supervisor and Marketing/Entertainment Assistant Manager at Canobie Lake Park. According to Farr's LinkedIn profile, Farr received a B.A. in History in 2010 from University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and both a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property Law and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from University of New Hampshire School of Law.

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- LHS Principal Jason Parent
- Representative from BHG, Mark Oswald
- Town Manager Kevin Smith

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## Editorial

### Part of a Tradition

our garden's summer squash, wondering what to do with the voluminous supply of tomatoes, and reeling from a bumper crop of peaches, it's hard to think of cold nights and crisp mornings. But the bounteous harvest is a sure sign that summer is winding down.

That makes it a great time to visit the local farm stands and the Wednesday afternoon Derry Farmers Market to take advantage of the close-to-home purveyors of fresh fruits and vegetables, farm fresh eggs, and locally raised meat.

There's much to be said for the new focus on local food grown close to home, but we're especially fortunate in our towns, where farms may be hundreds of years old and part of a tradition that is too easily taken for granted.

Farming is a struggle, and its unpredictable nature makes it a gamble at best. So, patronize the farms that contribute to the rural beauty of our towns they're local businesses, after all, and discover for yourself how fresh, local food easily wins out over store bought. While the calendar may still say August, before you know it, you'll be figuring out where to tie the cornstalks and how big a pumpkin to put on display.

Meanwhile, the late summer signs yellowing of leaves and yellowing of

the light tell us to get ready. You may still be driving to the beach, but if you haven't done so already, it's time to consider how much fuel for the furnace to pre-buy. It's time to start hauling the firewood closer to the house and getting the furnace or the chimney checked.

The message, of course, is get prepared. Batteries? Lamp oil? Extra water? It's never too early to prepare for power outages, a New Hampshire fact of life.

Summer takes so long to arrive and lasts such a short time. Even as we complain about the heat and humidity, we know the days of ice and snow will inevitably follow. But look at the positive side: we're fortunate to have a chance to experience all four seasons, each unique and special and intense. And none of them are boring.

It's still summer, so there's still time to wear white and fire up the barbecue and lounge in the water. There is still time to sit on the screen porch with the Red Sox on the radio. Plenty of time for the pumpkins to turn orange and the apples to ripen, and still time to preserve our local crops to enjoy in the cold months ahead.

So enjoy the last weeks of summer. Fall will be here soon enough, and then comes winter.

## Planning Board to Hold Public Hearing on Storage Facility

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Planning Board members are scheduled to review a revised site plan for a Windham Road Storage facility this week.

The board was set to review a site plan revision for removal of bollards and sound barrier panels, according to officials. At press time, the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 16.

Applicant Edward Smith of NSA Property Holdings made the request because he believes the bollards and fencing are expensive and unnecessary.

"Staff is neutral pertaining to the revisions and recommend the applicant explain the reasons for the changes from the approved plan from March 2017," Planning Director George Sioras wrote in a staff report.

Despite the objection of abutters, Planning Board members conditionally approved a revised plan for the facility concerning propane tanks and air conditioning units on the property in March.

Board members voted 5-3-1 during their March 15

meeting to approve the revised plan with conditions such as including all weather sound panels surrounding all of the air conditioning units on the property.

During the meeting, abutters opposed the plan out of concern for the position of propane tanks and the noise generated from air conditioning units.

"This is so upsetting to me," abutter Maureen Rose said. "It's not enough that they have a 44,000 square-foot building beside my building that looks like a spaceship was landed there, but they have to take every inch of that land."

Rose and other Abutters said they are concerned about the position of the propane tanks that are not that far from her property line and a residential street. There have been some crashes, and a telephone pole on the street has been struck in the past. Rose and the other abutters said they are concerned that the tanks could possibly be affected in a crash.

Derry firefighter Randy Chase, who is also a Planning Board member, said the propane tanks are safe because they are buried underground. Chase said under-

ground propane tanks are common throughout town and where he and fellow Planning Board member Michael Fairbanks live.

"Mr. Fairbanks and I, we both live in the same neighborhood and we are surrounded by 20,000 gallons of it," Chase said. "The chance of an explosion in an underground tank" is absolutely nil.

The abutters also expressed concern about the noise that would be generated by air conditioning units on the property. Abutters said the units would be too noisy to keep their windows open in the summer and that the project will change the dynamics of their neighborhood.

In response, Smith said the units are not loud, and sound-deadening material will be used to dramatically bring down noise.

However, Smith is proposing that the fencing is unnecessary since the units aren't loud.

In 2014, Smith received site plan approval from the Planning Board to build an additional storage building in the industrial zoned area. Construction started on the project last year.

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## Opioid

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type the people that have addictions."

Though the use of Naloxone is effective, the trouble for Derry firefighters lies in finding places to take addicts after Naloxone has been used. Unlike larger cities such as Manchester, which has Serenity Place located in the back of the fire house, Derry does not currently have the resources for a safe space. One of the goals for the future is a respite center, a place EMS providers can bring those who have overdosed for a few days while either outpatient or inpatient care is found

for them.

Hemeon explained that heroin is not the only dangerous drug in circulation - there has been a resurgence in meth and more toxic drugs such as carfentanil. According to Hemeon, carfentanil is so potent that even an amount as small as Lincoln's nose on a penny is enough to overdose.

"When people have an addiction," he said, "they want to get high by any means, and they know the drugs they may be taking could be extremely dangerous, but that doesn't deter them. Unfortunately, [with an addiction] the brain is just rewired and doesn't work as

effectively."

With the help of their community partners, the Derry Fire Department plans on continuing to educate the public about addiction and how Naloxone can help in a crisis situation. On the third Wednesday of every month, they will hold free training and education seminars at the fire station located on Hampstead Road, during which participants will be able to receive Naloxone kits.

Though this is "not something that's going to go away within the next couple of years," the hope is that through community education and discussion, some lives can be saved.

Nutfield News welcomes letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, written by local residents, and prints as many letters as possible. Please e-mail your letters to the Nutfield News at nutfieldnews@nutpub.net. All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. Nutfield News reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content and length, and anonymous letters will not be printed. Deadline for letters is 5 p.m. Monday.

# Broadview Farm Hosts Invasive Plants Workshop

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Go Green Derry hosted a Save the Tree! Invasive Plants Workshop and Service Day at Broadview Farm Conservation Area in Derry on Saturday, August 5. The event was scheduled to take place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., but when rain began to fall late in the morning, the service portion was cancelled.

Despite the rain, event organizers Liz Carver, president of Go Green Derry, and Will Lowenthal, alternate member of the Derry Conservation Commission, will announce another service day soon for volunteers to gather and help remove the invasive plants that are growing at the

base of the majestic white oak tree that graces the property at the back end of the field.

Dr. Leonard A. Lord of Rockingham County Conservation District began the event with a talk about common invasive plants in our area. He explained how to identify them and how to use herbicides, gardening tools, and the Integrated Pest Management techniques to keep the unwanted plants from coming back.

This maintenance is essential to preserve the life of the tree, estimated to be 200 or more years old. There are some large, visible, bare branch sections of the tree that have died off, but these are not considered to be

threatening the life of the tree. According to Dr. Lord, controlling the invasive plants around the tree will promote the vigor and health of the tree. Oriental bittersweet, famous for its orange and yellow fruits that appear in the autumn, is currently a top concern. The plant wraps itself around a host tree and will smother and choke it while the tree grows into the parasitic vine.

While in town, Dr. Lord observed that Japanese knotweed is an invasive species of concern to our community. It was spotted growing along roadsides all over town. It is recommended to that you not mow this plant, but instead, cut the stems at the base and then

cover the area with heavy duty landscaping cloth to retard further growth. This one-time ornamental plant is so persistent and invasive that entire companies in Great Britain are dedicated to eradicating it from home gardens.

The society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has made available on their website an identification and invasive plant species control guide, the New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species, that was created by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, Plant Industry Division. This guide can be found at <https://forest-society.org/resource/nh-guide-upland-invasive-species>.

An extremely effective way to keep invasive plants at bay and to support current wildlife habitats is to encourage the growth of native plants when possible. You can get native plants from the



Dr. Leonard A. Lord, ecologist and soil scientist of the Rockingham County Conservation District, explains the problems with the invasive plant species, purple loosestrife, to Go Green Derry volunteers.

New Hampshire State Forest Nursery (NHSFN). The NHSFN is administered by the Forest Management Bureau in the Division of Forests and Lands, a division of the Department of Resources and Economic Development and has been growing native New Hampshire plants since 1910. Their sole purpose is to raise and sell seedlings to "persons who desire to plant them." For more information on Go Green Derry and upcoming events, visit; [www.go-green-derry.org](http://www.go-green-derry.org).

## West Nile Virus Found in Manchester

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Department of Health and Human Services in Concord recently announced the first positive test result for West Nile this year in mosquitoes.

When asked about the town's plans to spray, Darryl Quinn from the Chester Department of Health and Welfare said that Chester has no current plans to spray, due in part to the fact that there is nothing in the town warrant or budget to cover spraying.

The Derry Department of Public Health did not comment. However, Dragon Mosquito Control checked the

local wetlands back in April for mosquito larvae. The notice stated that "if Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus is found in or near Derry, then emergency spraying may be conducted..."

The Londonderry Department of Health also said they have no plans to spray. Health Officer Richard Canuel reported that although they have the funds for it, Londonderry will not be spraying as long as DHHS keeps their rating for possible exposure as "low." They will start to treat mosquitoes if areas in or around Londonderry have enough positive results for West Nile Virus or EEE.

Residents can protect themselves and their families

by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants at dawn and dusk and using bug spray containing 30 percent DEET. Be aware of standing water such as ponds, bird feeders, or pools. Lemon eucalyptus oil and para-menthane-diol based products can also be used as repellent.

Symptoms of West Nile Virus or EEE don't always appear. If they do, they will include mild to severe fevers, headaches, muscle aches, and fatigue. In rare cases, people develop meningitis or encephalitis.

With questions, call the New Hampshire Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496 or visit the DHHS website at [dhhs.nh.gov](http://dhhs.nh.gov).

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# Council to Consider Funding Water Service to MTBE Affected Land

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors were scheduled this week to consider a proposal to approve a supplemental appropriation to fund private water service connections for 17 properties affected by the gasoline additive Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE).

At press time, council members were scheduled to consider the request for funding at their Tuesday, August 15 meeting. The

request calls for a supplemental appropriation of \$357,258, the state's share of the project cost, and \$23,841, the full Water Division share of the project, Town Administrator David Caron wrote in a staff report. The state is expected to reimburse the town 100 percent of the general fund appropriation, resulting in no cost to the town, Caron said. In addition, the funds taken from the water fund will be offset by additional water service connection

fees.

Through extensive water testing of private wells, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) identified 17 properties in Derry along Route 28 and in the Ryan's Hill area with MTBE contamination in excess of the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard. To mitigate the issue, Derry and NHDES worked together to extend Derry public water service to the properties affected by the contamination, Caron wrote.

Work is almost complete on the main portion of the \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the pres-

ence of the MTBE.

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

"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. Crews will then be starting work to install services to the individual properties where MTBE has been detected. It is expected that service installation work will last into October. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is cover-

ing 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 added.

Crews from American Excavating began work on the project earlier this spring, and the anticipated substantial completion date is October 2017.

MTBE is a gasoline additive that has 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 Ser-

vices 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. MTBE was detected in approximately another 10 properties, but at levels lower than the drinking water standards.

Residents or businesses seeking additional information can contact Deputy Director Tom Carrier at 603-432-6100.

## ENGAGEMENT

Samantha Mecklenburg and  
Brendan Clemente



Dave and Ruth Mecklenburg of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, along with Frank and Margot Clemente of Fleming Island, Florida (formerly of Hampstead, New Hampshire), announce the engagement of their children, Samantha Mecklen-

burg and Brendan Clemente.

Samantha is a 2004 graduate of Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School, a 2008 graduate of the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and a 2016 graduate of The International Professional School of Bodywork, San Diego, California. She is a Holistic Health Practitioner and has a private practice called Journey to Joy Healing.

Brendan is a 2004 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire, and a 2008 graduate of Keene State College in New Hampshire. He is a professional writer, musician, and a customer resolutions manager for Greenbacker, a renewable energy company.

The couple has planned a September 23 wedding in New Ulm, Minnesota.

## Local Teacher Recovers From Motorcycle Accident

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Thursday June 29, 57-year-old Pinkerton Academy teacher Beth Hudson was involved in head-on motorcycle accident. While driving her brand new 2017 Harley Davidson on Sullivan Road in Hudson, Hudson crossed the center line and crashed into a 2015 Toyota Rav4 driven by Joyce Gomely, 65, of Windham. Though Gomely received minor injuries and was

transported to Southern New Hampshire Medical Center for treatment, Hudson was severely injured and was flown by helicopter to Mass General Hospital.

Hudson has been a part of Pinkerton Academy for more than 30 years and teaches in the Foreign Languages Department, but will be unable to return for the foreseeable future, according to the GoFundMe page created by her husband. On the page, she is described as a "loving and enthusiastic wife, mother, daughter, and friend."

The GoFundMe page has been extremely successful in raising money to help support the family, having raised a total \$11,991 of the \$10,000 goal.

While at Massachusetts General Hospital, Hudson required 24/7 care in the Surgical Intensive Care

Unit. Her daughter, Kimberly Hudson, recently updated Hudson's Facebook page with an update: "Mom has been slowly improving. She is still having ups and downs, but right now, the general trend is up."

Hudson can breathe on her own now through a tracheostomy tube and is no longer under sedation. Although she cannot speak yet, she has been able to mouth some words.

"The doctors are cautiously optimistic," Hudson's daughter wrote. "However, they have warned us that it is possible for her to take a turn for the worse still."

Although Hudson seems to be getting better, the doctors will have to remove part of her left leg from the knee down as a result of too much dead tissue in her calf, ren-

dering the lower part of the leg useless. With the aid of a prosthetic, she will have more functionality than if she kept her leg.

The road to recovery will be a long one, and Hudson will eventually have to have reconstructive surgery on her pelvis. It is unclear when, or if, she will return to Pinkerton.

As a parting note on the update, Hudson's daughter wrote, "My family would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, and positive energy. Also, we want to thank everyone who has sent cards, donated blood, and contributed to mom's GoFundMe page. We will let everyone know when it is okay to visit her; however, that will most likely be when she is no longer in the ICU. We will keep you posted."



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# Student Ambassador Exchange Program Seeks Host Families for Upcoming School Year

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The new school year is approaching quickly, and for many, that means packing up the swimsuits and bringing out the book bags. While local families are going supplies shopping and preparing to get back into the swing of things, there are some students who remain uncertain about the start of the school year—particularly those that wish to take part in the Student Ambassador Exchange Program.

Rachel Peloquin, a local coordinator for the program, is still looking for host families for 20 students who wish to study in the United States. The program is for high school students from other countries who come to the United States for one or two semesters to “increase dialogue between cultures, share new experiences, and make long lasting ties of friendship.”

Peloquin’s job is to locate host families in her area, which encompasses Derry and Londonderry.

Once the students arrive, she serves as a contact for them and the family to help with any issues that may arise. She also conducts monthly check-ins with the student and host family once everyone is settled in.

“This is a really great opportunity to learn about other cultures and also to be able to give these students a wonderful experience, as they are very excited to learn about American culture,” she said.

The students come from all over the world, but many

are from Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

Responsibilities for host families include providing transportation, such as bringing the student to and from school, providing three daily meals, a bed of their own, and treating the student as a member of the family with the same rules, responsibilities, and love provided to other members of the family.

There is some “minimal cost” associated with hosting a student, according to the Student Ambassador Exchange website. While

the students will have their own spending money and are responsible for paying for their own personal activities and extracurricular activities including school clubs and events, host families will need to pay for the costs associated with housing another person, such as utility bills and an increase in groceries.

For those who are unsure of housing a student for an entire semester or year, the program also looks for “welcome families,” families willing to host students for

one to two months while the program looks for a more permanent host family.

“The welcome families are a great opportunity for people who want to host, but can’t commit to the full school year,” Peloquin said.

Families interested in becoming a host family or a welcome family can fill out an application at [studentambassadorsexchange.org](http://studentambassadorsexchange.org), respond to one of the Facebook posts Peloquin has made regarding the program, or call the program to learn more at 512-323-9595.

# Go Green Derry Prepares for Derryfest Participation

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Go Green Derry committee is dedicated to keeping its town as clean and green as possible. They meet once a month at the Municipal Center to discuss how to educate and include the Derry community in workshops, town cleanups, and other way to minimize waste. This past meeting focused on their recent invasive species workshop and preparing for their upcoming “Clean-Up Week.”

Go Green Derry is also gearing up for Derryfest on September 16. Chairperson Liz Carver discussed what the priorities of the committee should be during Derryfest. The committee agreed that they should promote their annual fall “Clean-Up Week” by having a road map of Derry so folks can see what areas need

cleaning up. As residents sign up for routes, Go Green Derry will highlight the roads to indicate it’s been claimed. It provides a nice visual reference for those looking for a clean-up spot near home.

During Derryfest, the group also plans on having some kids’ games for the little ones. Carver explained that there’s going to be a recycling-themed game where children can learn while playing. While the kids play, the committee wants to educate the adults about upcoming events, like conversation walks and the annual documentary of what the group has done through the year.

The man in charge of making the documentary is Crispin Stanbach, the media coordinator. His job is to spread the mission of Go Green Derry through social media and their website, go-

green-derry.org. At the meeting, he previewed a demo video from the invasive species workshop the group sponsored at the Broadview Farm Conservation Area on August 5. Stanbach plans on showing off the video at their Derryfest booth. The committee hopes to incorporate more technology into future meetings and events to help cut down on paper use. Stanbach is working on the group’s website and email to help provide more outreach and be able to better respond to requests and questions from the community. Vice-Chair Will Lowenthal then explained that the Conservation Committee is also working on updating the map of all the conservation areas in town, so Go Green Derry will be able to use it for reference later. However, Go Green Derry would most likely not have it available to them by

Derryfest. At the last officer’s meeting, there was a debate over whether it’s more eco-friendly to buy a banner for their booth from a sustainable company in Texas and have it shipped or to have it printed at the local Minuteman Press in Londonderry. It prompted a discussion on which method was more green in the long run. It’s like comparing using an online service to deliver goods vs going to the store yourself. Both are valid options, but you have

to consider the gas consumption and carbon output of both methods.

The committee plans on setting up a display of various invasive plants for Derry residents who were not able to make it to the workshop at Broadview Farm. The weather did not hold out for the whole workshop and attendees did not get to have the full experience the committee wished they did. They hope to have the workshop presenter, Dr. Lenny Lord, join them for another

event next spring.

The meeting progressed to talks about where and when the group wants to hold their fall “Clean-up Week.” The members are looking into finalizing details with previous donors and contributors. Once they have everything ironed out, you can bet Stanbach will set up a Facebook event for Derry residents to join, share, and like. It gets the whole community involved without leaving a carbon footprint, which is the real goal of Go Green Derry.

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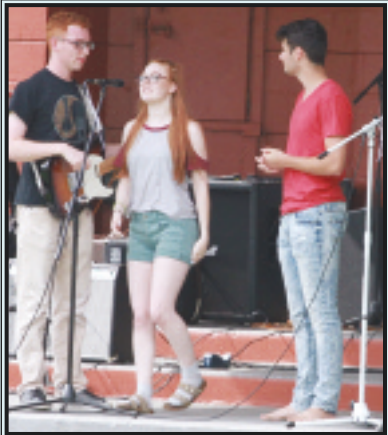
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# Flood Concert Benefits Sonshine Soup Kitchen



On Saturday afternoon, August 12, MacGregor Park was filled with the sound of music and the smell of pizza as local musicians and friends alike came together to pay tribute to the late Jason Flood, a recent Pinkerton Academy graduate. The event, Pizzastock, was organized by Jason's friends and family. In high school, he and his friends had always kicked around the idea for a summer concert but could never find a venue. Hampstead resident Jake Hudgins, a close friend of Jason's, who helped organize the concert that took place. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen benefited from the money raised at the event. The Grind Rail Trail Cafe generously covered most of the costs of the day.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Longtime Lady Astros' Soccer Assistant Taking Over Defending Champs

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After having been involved with soccer for most of her life, Danielle Rappa feels ready for the challenge of being a high school varsity coach.

After seven years as a sub-varsity and assistant soccer coach at Pinkerton

Academy, Rappa is being given that opportunity this fall as the successor to former Lady Astros' girls' soccer mentor Steve Gundrum, who led his charges to Division I state championships each of the last two autumns before stepping aside at the end last year's campaign.

The 2016 title-winning

crew graduated lots of talented seniors, so realistically speaking the Lady Astros will be in rebuilding mode under new head coach Rappa. But, the former Danielle St. Pierre is more than happy to take on her first varsity coaching job at the academy under the present circumstances.

"I have always wanted

to coach a varsity team and am very excited to be given this opportunity," said Rappa. "As for the pressure Steve has left after winning two state championships, it's there. However, losing such a big class of seniors also gives me and the team and opportunity to rebuild as a new unit, and let new, great soccer players emerge."

The Trinity High School graduate has been playing the sport since the age of six. She was a varsity player at Trinity during all four years she attended, helping the Lady Pioneers to win a state title as a freshman before moving on to Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

"I played collegiate soccer all four years, and was captain of the team my senior year," she said.

The 2009 Gettysburg grad worked with her college soccer squad's goalies as the keeper coach the fall after graduating, and then came back to New Hampshire and joined the



Former PA junior varsity and assistant girls' soccer coach Danielle Rappa has taken over the head job for Steve Gundrum this fall. Photo by Chris Pantazis



### Under Way

The Pinkerton Academy Astro varsity football squad began its 2017 practices under the watchful eyes of longtime head coach Brian O'Reilly and his staff in steamy summer weather at the Pinkerton Oval last week. The Astros weren't the sort of power they've been in past years, but the program still boasts loads of championships under the leadership of O'Reilly - who is now also the school's athletic director - and he and his staff are renowned for getting the maximum out of their athletes each fall.

Pinkerton girls' soccer program as a coach.

When asked what her primary attribute is which she thinks makes her a good soccer coach as she starts up at the varsity level, Rappa,

who teaches eighth grade English at the Elm Street Middle School in Nashua, responds, "Experience. I've been playing soccer since I was six, and I haven't stopped yet."



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# Area Runners Stand Out in the State's Biggest Road Race

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Cigna/Elliott Corporate 5K Road Race is the largest of its kind in the Granite State, drawing many thousands of runners from around New Hampshire and beyond to Manchester in support of an exceptional cause.

Funds raised by the event benefit the Elliot Regional Cancer Center, and runners and teams from local towns like Londonderry, Derry, Hampstead, Chester, and Sandown all stood up tall with their efforts in the 25th Annual Cigna/Elliott event on the Queen City's Elm Street last Thursday, August 10.

Organized and directed by former Londonderry High School multi-sport standout John Mortimer's Millenium Running, the 2017 event had nearly 5,000 runners cross the finish line after being cheered on by thousands of spirited spectators.

Runners competed as individuals, and in some cases, as members of corporate and organizational teams. Among the teams were a Stonyfield Yogurt team from Londonderry, a

team simply named "Londonderry," a Derry Police Running Team, a Derry Medical Center squad, and a Chester Academy contingent as well.

Well over 250 teams competed in the race, and more than 100,000 runners have taken on the Elm Street race during the 25 years it has existed. The total number of finishers of this year's race came to 4,907.

Cambridge, Mass. resident Brian Harvey repeated as the winner of the race, crossing the line in 14 minutes and 45 seconds. But Sandown's Louis Saviano III was not far behind, finishing eighth overall in 16:23.

There were a slew of other area runners who finished among the top 100 in a race which had nearly 5,000 finishers. Among the top 100 line-crossers were Noah Davis of Derry in 22nd place (17:14), Peter Saviano of Sandown in 25th (17:23), Josh Noe from Derry in 39th place (18:01), Londonderry resident and Pinkerton Academy track and field coach Ian French in 49th place (18:19), Christian Smith of Londonderry in the 69th spot (18:59), and Kevin Coyle from Derry in 93rd place (19:35).

Also finishing among the top 250 competitors were Joe Ripley of Londonderry (158th), Steven Brodeur from Chester (215th), and Zach Peters (226th), Kyle Wheeler (226th), and Tim Porter (230th) of Londonderry.

Other area runners who crossed the line among the first 500 finishers were Londonderry's Myke Wyman, Steve Bioren, Ryan Quinlan, Brenda Horan, Steve Street, William Dodge, Matt Smith, Bob Henderson, Erik Dodge,

Cory Keeling, and Chris Von Pichl, Derry residents Eric Martens, Maria Checket, Clint Havens, and Amy Hollingworth, Hampstead's Chris Talbot and Sadie Farnsworth, and Chester resident Christine Grady.

Where teams were concerned, the Derry Police Running Team and Derry Medical Center squads did particularly well.

The latter contingent finished a truly excellent 11th out of some 126 women's teams, and that determined bunch included Mary Beth Torosian, Lauren Sullivan,

Kim Boschi, Meagan D'Urso, Ava Underwood, Julie Sisson, and Amanda Underwood.

The Derry Police crew finished 17th out of more than 100 men's teams, with Mark L'Heureux, Jon Breen, Chris Talbot, Clint Havens, and Jared Knox all placing among the top 500 overall finishers to lead that impressive charge. Their teammates included Mike Muncey and Jeff Dawe.

The aforementioned Stonyfield contingent from Londonderry finished a fine 42nd out of the many

women's teams, and that group included Bridget Pichette, Elizabeth LaCamera, Aura Huot, Mairead Dunphy, Allison Bartak, Lisa Kinzel, and Lisa Hammer.

Contributing their efforts to the "Londonderry" team were runners Sherry Farrell, Beth Hamilton, Kirby Wade, Diane Demers, and Christie Campbell, and the Chester Academy squad included Riana Cleveland, Lori Hanson, Deb Freiburger, Ann Gaffney, Meredith Dugan, and Leann Nelson.

## Local Firemen Compete in Battle of the Badges

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After finishing the 2016 Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) Battle of the Badges Baseball Classic in celebratory fashion, Derry firemen Dennis Livoli and Anthony DeRosa and their teammates were in a bit of a different humor at the close of the 2017 contest played at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester last Friday night, Aug. 11.

DeRosa bashed the winning hit in the New Hampshire fire department squad's victory in the 2016

game, and he and fellow Derry fireman Livoli and the rest of the fire crew flew into celebration. But in the 2017 game, the Battle of the Badges police team was simply too much to handle in snagging a lopsided 15-2 victory in the first Battle of the Badges game played under the lights.

Livoli served as a coach for the firemen once again, but his team was just no match for the baseball-bashing cops in the most recent edition of the annual series.

Each player was tasked with raising at least \$1,250 for the worthy CHaD cause, for which some \$320,000

were raised through the first six contests via sponsorships, ticket sales, and the players themselves.

The 2017 game was played in front of a reported crowd of just under 2,000 fans at the Delta Dental Stadium, best known as the home of the Toronto Blue Jays' Double-A minor league squad the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. With the firemen having won the 2016 contest, the recent split in successes the 2018 game might be even more fun next summer. You can bet the firemen are none too pleased with being bested by double digits.

The police roster included two Londonderry cops, and Livoli and DeRosa were joined by four Londonderry firemen including Riley Northrup, Mike Roberson,

Brian Schofield, and Chris Schofield.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary as a New Hampshire children's hospital, the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock provides care for children and their families. CHaD offers inpatient (hospital care) and outpatient (same day care) services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Outpatient and same day surgery services are available at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester, as well as outpatient pediatric specialties at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover and in Exeter. Primary care is available at Dartmouth-Hitchcock facilities in Bedford, Concord, Keene, Lebanon, Manchester, and Nashua, as well as Bennington, Vermont.

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# Derry Teacher, Family Savor Annual End-of-Summer Cricket Event

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Growing up in Bermuda, Derek Dane and his family had a tradition of following up their Caribbean nation's beloved Cricket Cup Match with a cricket event of their own each August.

The Gilbert H. Hood Middle School math teacher and his family conducted their 10th Annual Cricket Classic at the Dane family home in Derry last weekend.

Members of the Dane family ranging in age from elementary schoolers to Dane himself and his wife Karen broke out the cricket equipment and used a makeshift field which included their driveway to maintain the beloved family tradition which began in Bermuda decades ago.

"This is a great family gathering," said Dane. "We all go off and do our own things throughout the summer, but we all know that we'll be coming back together here for this in August."

Of course, the event also includes some great Caribbean and classic American food timed around the cricket action, all of which is savored fully by the attendees. Along with family members, those folks include invited guests, some of whom have attended a number of the cricket events.

The beloved, two-day annual National Cricket Cup Match back in Bermuda is played during the first weekend of August, with the West End squad from the St. George area of the island facing off against the East End contingent from the

Somerset section of the island nation.

"Everything in the country comes to a stop. Restaurants, stores, hotels are all closed for those two days," said Dane. "Around late July you start to see people flying colors (hanging flags and wearing their side's colors) for their team, and it's an exciting thing."

The Cup Matches are good-natured but still very competitive events, with bragging rights up for grabs for the two geographic areas for one year.

In the wake of that excitement, the Dane family began having their own cricket events during the second weekend in August decades ago. Ten years ago, the local teacher - who is also a longtime Derry-area soccer coach who has been

the head girls' soccer coach at Londonderry High for a decade - resumed the tradition of having late summer cricket events with his clan.

Several years ago, Dane's mom and sister and family friends were up from Bermuda for the annual event, which only heightened the fun of a much-anticipated gathering.

Cricket is a centuries-old game played with a bat and ball on a large field - known as a ground - between two teams of 11 players each.

Much like baseball, the object of the game is to score runs when at bat and to put out, or dismiss, the opposing batsmen when in the field. But just like baseball, the rules of cricket are pretty involved and can be challenging to learn.

The origin of the sport is



Karen Dane has a laser focus on the ball as her husband Derek looks on during their cricket classic.

unknown, but it's believed that its name was derived from the Old English "cryce," which means "stick." In its most basic form, the game resembled the 13th century game known as "club-ball."

Cricket evolved in England in the 18th century, mainly because of the interest of great landowners who tried out their skills on a field of play with their tenants and the local peasants.

According to cricket-rules.com, cricket first appeared in North America way back in 1859 when an All-England team toured Canada and the United States. More than a century later, it lives on in various areas in the United States, and cricket remains part of a much-beloved summer tradition - carried all the way up from the Caribbean - by the Dane family of Derry.

## Run for the Apples at Mack's, Aug. 27

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A great many folks wound up with a great many reasons to fully enjoy the 2016 Greater Derry Track Club/Mack's Run for the Apples 5K Cross-Country Race last August.

That annual event - which drew a fine crowd of more than 125 runners - was run through the aromatic Mack's Apple orchards in magnificent weather, with some talented teenagers excelling.

So it's certainly understandable if the folks directing this year's GDTC/Mack's race have high hopes for the 2017 event, which will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, August 27 at 5 p.m. in the Mack orchards

just off of Mammoth Road in Londonderry.

Runners come from all local areas to tune up for the fall cross-country season with this race. Longtime GDTC member Eldon Burkinshaw has been the director of this popular annual event for many years, and awards go to the top overall finishers as well as the top finishers in numerous age groups.

Teenagers stood up tall in the 2016 race, with Litchfield 15-year-old Jeff Allen finishing first overall in a time of 16 minutes and six seconds and Concord 16-year-old Jennika Mannesto pacing the females (20:06). The total number of finishers of that race was 129, which was the highest tally in several years.

Registration for this year's race can be taken care of online via the track club's website at [www.gdte.org](http://www.gdte.org). The pre-registration fee is \$15, the race-day fee will also be \$15, and families can pay one fee of \$30. The family fee would cover two adults and an unlimited number of children who all live at the same address.

Custom race shirts will go to the first 75 entrants, and packet pickup and race-day registration will start at 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples.

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# Pinkerton Academy Freshman Field Day Builds Teamwork



Although the threat of rain brought the Freshman Field Day team-building activities indoors, groups of Pinkerton Academy incoming freshman were invited to the school's Hackler Gymnasium during four sperate sessions last week to get better acclimated to the school and to experience activities designed by AdventureLore to make them think "out of the box" and participate in some healthy teamwork. Students also got tours of the school, met with teachers, set up computer accounts, and had their photos taken for identification.

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### Eclipse Party In The Park

On Monday, August 21, join us at the Derry Public Library for an Eclipse Party in the Park beginning at 1:30 p.m. Come to MacGregor Park to watch the Great American Eclipse of 2017! Games, music, moon pies, and a limited number of eclipse viewing glasses will be available. Register online at [www.derry-pl.org](http://www.derry-pl.org)

### 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).

### Blues Festival for Vets

Local musician Dennis Martin, a veteran, is once again bringing a Blues Festival to the Londonderry Town Common. His third annual event is Aug. 26 from noon to 4 p.m. His band, Dr. Harps Blues Revue, as well as the Deep Fried Blues Band and the Watts Up Band will perform. No admission will be charged, but attendees

are asked to contribute to Veterans Count. Vendors, ice cream and a barbecue are planned. Bring chairs or a blanket for seating.

### Londonderry Dems Summer Social

On Saturday, August 26, from 1 p.m. until at least 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples. The event is a Fundraiser with food and drinks provided. Please let's know if you will attend, and if you would like to bring a side dish. We would like to get an approximate headcount. There will be a minimum cover charge of \$10 to participate. Some key Democrats, in Congress, and activists have been invited.

### Aviation Museum Car Show

On Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire will host their Third Annual Car Show. There will be a 50/50 raffle, trophies awarded, food and ice cream for purchase. Registration is \$10 per carload, which includes museum admission, if you are participating in the show. Regular museum admission for otherwise. The museum is located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry.

### Flower Show

The Derry Garden Club will be presenting a New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show on Saturday, September 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The theme of the show is "BEE HAPPY." There is no charge for admission. There will be horticulture, floral design, a beekeeper, and educational exhibits. Visit [derrygardenclub.org](http://derrygardenclub.org) for more information.

### Derry Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, September 1 at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road, in Derry. A workshop on horticulture classification will be held. Members will explain

how to properly classify horticulture. This will also be our 82nd birthday and we will honor past presidents. The committee will provide quiche, salad, and desserts. Visit [derrygardenclub.org](http://derrygardenclub.org) for more information.

### Renew Clothing

Renew clothing will be opening on Thursdays starting August 17, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fall clothing is now available. We give away free gently-used apparel that has been donated by the community. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No houseware items, books, toys, or bedding, please. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by searching for "Renew Derry" by emailing [renewclothing@yahoo.com](mailto:renewclothing@yahoo.com) or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

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### 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



## Garden Club Prepares Flower Show

Members of the Derry Garden Club have been busy planning for its upcoming flower show that will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road, in Derry from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. *Courtesy photo*

Volunteers. Registration required, please call 668-2045.

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### Adult Tennis League

The adult tennis league is great for beginner to intermediate players. Meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts located on Birch Street. The program continues to take registrations for participation and will continue through

September 27. Registration is available online or within the Recreation Office. For additional information on these and other program events, please contact the department at (603) 432-6136. [www.derry-nh.org/node/77023](http://www.derry-nh.org/node/77023)

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### Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a

relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, 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, 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, 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, August 19, and September 16.

### 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.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

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For more information contact: Neila Brownstein, [mbrown6500@comcast.net](mailto:mbrown6500@comcast.net) or 603-432-6428.

Please bring a side item to share--either a salad or dessert. The committee will supply everything else.

**PLEASE RSVP to Neila Brownstein so that we may have an approximation of how many will be attending and what food item you will be sharing and let us know if you have an auction item to donate.**