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## Economic Growth and Development Discussed by Derry Town Council

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NUTFIELD NEWS

New Hampshire has been seeing quite a boost to both its economy and its population in the last couple of years, earning a 2.9 percent growth in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) last year while maintaining an annual population growth of 0.2 percent for the last few years.

In response to these factors and in order to keep Derry economically strong, the Town Council recently had Anne Struthers, the town's Economic Develop-

ment Coordinator, put together a presentation that would explain Resolution #2017-057, the town's economic development strategic plan, at the latest Town Council meeting on August 15.

According to Struthers, the primary goals of the plan were to create short and long term objectives for sustainable growth that aligned with the vision of the community, hoping to retain and grow existing businesses, attract new businesses, and implement a marketing and communications plan.

Struthers seemed quite content with the current eco-

nomics status of Derry, labeling it "business friendly" and noting that 25 startups, 14 expansions, and 10 business relocations have occurred in 2017 alone. She also seemed quite satisfied with having businesses such as Liquid Blue and the Tupelo music hall in town, noting that it is "wonderful to have these types of ambassadors."

Struthers also mentioned that Derry has shown a lot of promise in the health care and advanced manufacturing industries. Derry's downtown area, along with

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## Committee Reviews Plans for Solar and Reduced Energy Consumption

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Preparations for current and upcoming projects took up almost the entire meeting of the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee's on Monday, August 21.

After accepting the previous meeting's consent agenda, Chair Maureen Reno discussed the Town Solar Power Project, which the committee has been pushing forward since 2008 in an effort to help Derry become more reliant upon solar energy. Unfortunately, their efforts have not been as successful as they would like, as none of the suggestions for converting to solar energy have made it past the planning stage as of yet, including one project with a local landfill in 2014.

However, the Town Council recently approved a Request For Proposal for

solar panels at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. In all, these efforts simply revolve around, as Reno would describe it, "putting our toes in the pool" in order to give Derry a sample of what solar power is capable of.

Once the committee had finished up its annual officer elections, where Reno retained her position as chair, Marc Flattes remained the committee's vice chair, and Thomas Cardon officially became its secretary, the committee moved on to discussing their work with the Net Zero Task Force. According to their page on the Derry town website, Net Zero's mission is "To explore and achieve cost effective solutions for reduced energy and water use and sustainable energy development on town controlled property, municipal buildings and vehicles, schools, and the

community."

Reno was quick to thank Anthony Marciano, a member of both Net Zero and the committee, for his hard work between both sides, while Cardon noted that he believes that in order to gain a closer connection with the task force, it would be best if members from both sides sat down and spoke face to face, as opposed to simply showing up randomly during Net Zero's next meeting.

To cap off the meeting, the committee discussed its preparations for upcoming events throughout the fall, including their participation at Derryfest on September 16 and the Derry Fall Clean-Up Week.

Arguably their most significant event will be the upcoming Button-Up Workshop, an annual event where the committee, as well as a representative

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**Eclipsing Moment** Dominic and Mel Frasca enjoyed some quality time as they viewed the partial Solar Elipse of the sun on Monday afternoon, Aug. 21. The Derry Public Library hosted a viewing party on MacGregor Park complete with games, music, and viewing glasses. See more on page 12.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Zoning Board Approves Variance for Detox Facility

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As New Hampshire's opioid addiction crisis continues to take more lives, one group is hoping to create a facility that will lessen the epidemic.

Coming before the Zoning Board during its August 17 meeting, Yvon Cormier

North Development, LLC, represented by attorney Brian Germaine, requested a variance that would allow them to build a detox facility on 29 Ashleigh Drive, which happens to be located in a Industrial IV zone; this caused a conflict over whether or not such a facility can be built there.

According to Germaine,

the two-acre facility would strictly handle the process of detoxing visitors, transferring them to a rehab facility when they are deemed ready.

Germaine presented several defenses of the facility, noting that the building was ascetically attractive, would provide 26 new jobs to the community, would have no

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## Planning Board Discusses Delay on Revisions to Plans for Storage Facility

ALEX GUITTARR  
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The Granite Clover Self Storage company will be seeing a delay in the construction on its facility on 125 Windham Road, according to the proceedings at the latest meeting of the town's Planning Board on August 16.

The applicant, Edward Smith, alongside owners NSA Property Holdings, had proposed a plan to the board in order to revise a

plan that had been approved back in March 2017. The revised plan would focus on removing bollards, sound barrier panels, and a proposed sign from the property's blueprints.

However, due to what were described as "unforeseen circumstances" by Rico Borrazzo, a representative with Crom, LLC who is working with Smith and NSA, they were unable to meet with the board that night and requested that they speak with them at the

board's next scheduled meeting during the following month. They did, however, request that the board still escrow \$128,822 and a replacement letter of credit for \$16,977 for the aforementioned project, which the board approved.

Upon discussing the matter, Planning Director George Sioras explained that this was the first time that the owners of the project had made such a request. According to Sioras, they had been meeting with the

town's building and fire inspectors in order to prepare any and all information that they would need for this discussion, but needed more time to finalize safety protocols and "want[ed] to be able to explain why" they altered their plans.

Board Chair David Granese did question why the plan owners would schedule such a meeting before they were ready to present, while board member Jim MacEachern did not understand why the owners

were suddenly unsatisfied with their current plans. Several members were also curious about whether or not the Town gave the owners the proper tools to undergo these changes in time, although it was established that little was needed from town staff in these matters.

In terms of why the delay occurred, Eric Mitchell, the engineer who helped design these plans, explained to the board why the removed elements were no longer needed, including

the sound barrier panels which were placed around the building's air condition units. The owners soon found out that the units were far quieter than they originally believed, and a subsequent sound study determined that they could get rid of the panels.

The board unanimously agreed to delay the meeting, but Granese noted that if the owners are not ready by the next board meeting, the board will move on and ignore their revision request.

## Stormwater Management Discussed by Beaver Lake Improvement Association

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Annual Beaver Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) meeting was held and well attended on Saturday, August 19 at Rob Tompkins' home on Beaver Lake.

BLIA members heard from Jay Aube, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Land Resources Management Shoreland Program Outreach Coordinator, who spoke about the importance of stormwater management.

The Shoreland Water

Quality Protection Act isn't just about trees, but goes beyond that, dealing with how to properly protect water quality through appropriate shoreline buffers, reduction of impervious surfaces, and managing stormwater. He noted that over the years, septic systems around lakes and ponds have been upgraded or eliminated; today, the greatest threat to lake water quality is from stormwater because of the salt, phosphorous, silt, and nitrates it contains that fuel algae growth in lakes and ponds.

"Know the flow," he said

to the BLIA members. There are things waterfront homeowners can do to control and manage stormwater such as providing an appropriate shoreline buffer that will help to absorb the runoff. Homeowners can plant greenery along the shoreline, put in a rain garden, a drainage swale, or an infiltration trench to catch and absorb stormwater run-off before it reaches the body of water. There are grants available through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and individuals or groups such as Scouts seeking community service opportunities can help address these issues around lakes or ponds.

Aube noted that shoreline plants also provide

shade, which is a deterrent of milfoil. The lake currently has a few spots of milfoil, but NHDES and the BLIA work cooperatively to control and eradicate it when it is located; it is a constant battle fought by the Lake Host program at the boat launch and the fleet of weed watchers that routinely patrol the lake.

He then reviewed the basics of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act and a thumbnail overview of when permits are needed.

Next, the BLIA voted on officers, with Steven Anthony replacing longtime president Rob Tompkins, and Shannon Anthony taking over Steven's position as treasurer. Jane Troy will continue as secretary, and

Richard Christian will continue as vice president.

The new treasurer went on to say that the BLIA has about \$13,000 in a savings account – a financial safety net that has been beneficial and came about when the association became a charitable trust overseen by an accountant. Anthony also said membership reached 115 last year, which is the highest it has been in the last five years. Currently, 100 members have paid their dues for this year.

Tompkins then asked for volunteers to help with the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program water testing that the association tries to do every month. There will be training classes for weed watcher volunteers, and boat launch volunteers are needed for next year to cover the weekends when the paid Lake Hosts aren't on duty. He said these two efforts are

critical for the best management practices of the lake's overall health. Lake Hosts examine boats for milfoil before they are put into the lake and again when they come out, and weed watchers look for and identify milfoil. At this time, there are six spots where milfoil has been identified, and the NHDES is scheduled to come to the lake on Friday, August 25 to address those areas identified.

Finally, Anthony announced that there will be a night boat parade at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, with a picnic and gathering at her home afterwards. There was always a boat parade during the day years ago, but it fell by the wayside. However, the Anthony family has worked to revise and revive it. Prizes will be given for several categories, but everyone is urged to participate.

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# Fordway Farmer Tends to Backyard Garden and Farmstand

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Three days a week in front of a neat and tidy New Englander style home near the four way stop at Kendall Pond Road and Fordway Extension, a place the old maps call Peppermint Corner, you will find a collection of homegrown vegetables for sale on a table under a bright umbrella.

A sign nearby reads "No Poisons, No Insecticide," and loyal customers leave their payment on the table. Throughout the season, the selection includes tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, Swiss chard, pole beans, squash, beets, carrots, zucchini, pumpkins, peppers, eggplant, and occa-

sionally catnip and mint.

The man behind it all is named Brian, and he requested that we not use his last name because he doesn't want much more attention. He says he is currently selling most of what he puts out on the tables, so he is concerned about getting more demand for this popular enterprise than he can keep up with. About 150 regular customers come back year after year.

Fifteen years ago, Brian retired after spending 33 years as a fifth and sixth-grade teacher in the Pelham School District. Since retiring, he's been using his time tending to the constant needs of the garden in his backyard.

It all started innocently

enough when he and his wife bought their house 43 years ago. The former owners had a small garden, and Brian simply kept it going. Then, he expanded it to include raised beds. Now, it takes up nearly a quarter of his backyard.

Another quarter of his backyard is a sort of lush pumpkin patch. It grows so wild and free that the squash vines are climbing up onto the back porch. The back porch contains even more vegetable plants.

The plants on the porch are in various imaginative containers, as some had former lives as insulated coolers. Brian has found that peppers do well in pots and even seem to produce more fruit if they are a little pot

bound.

When he was teaching, he brought the pepper plants to his classroom, overwintered them there, and had fresh peppers to eat throughout the school year.

All the vegetables Brian grows and sells are started from seeds in March in numerous small greenhouses on his back porch. He makes his own mint based spray that he uses as an animal deterrent and another herbal spray to deter insects using catnip.

If there are any unsold vegetables at the end of the week, Brian brings them to the food bank at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry.

The vegetable stand is set up around 9 a.m. each



Shown is the wide variety of fruits and vegetables that Brian, the Fordway Farmer, sells at his homegrown farmstand. Photo by Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien

Tuesday, Wednesday and next few weeks, that schedule will expand to Fridays as well. Toes come into season in the

# Zoning Conflict Over Shed Leads to Zoning Board Discussion

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry resident and teacher Elizabeth Keegan went before the Zoning Board of Adjustment on Thursday, August 17 after certain zoning laws stopped her and her husband from building a new 12 x 20-foot shed on their property.

Not only had their old shed fallen into disrepair, but they hoped to move it closer to Mr. Keegan's workshop. Article VI, Section 165-48.B.4 prevents Keegan from constructing the shed less

than 15 feet from the side line of her property on 6 Germantown Road, so she hoped to gain a variance on the zoning law that would allow her to construct her shed.

During Keegan's opening arguments, she noted that she firmly believes that the shed will be "built in harmony with the existing home" and that it would not negatively affect her neighbors' views of the surrounding area.

Furthermore, Keegan noted that the zoning laws in her neighborhood were not taking into account the older lot structure, that

being how they were drawn in the past. She mentioned that the rules conflicting with her construction would not apply to properties with three or more acres, but there are no three-acre lots in the neighborhood to begin with.

Keegan finished by noting that other sheds in the neighborhood managed to get around this rule in the past, that she had reached a verbal agreement with her closest neighbor about the construction of the shed, and that Article VI should

only be affecting larger structures and circumstances, not a private neighborhood and situation such as her own.

Keegan also received support from one of her neighbors, John Cunningham, who came before the board to support her and note that he sees nothing wrong with her request.

Overall, deliberations between the board and Keegan were relatively short, but several members were curious over why the shed could not be built elsewhere

on her property, to which Keegan explained that a septic mound, plum tree, and strong foresting on her property made other arrangements quite difficult, not to mention the desires of her husband.

In the end, the board had no issue with granting Keegan and her husband the permit, provided that they meet all state and town permits and inspections while constructing their new shed.

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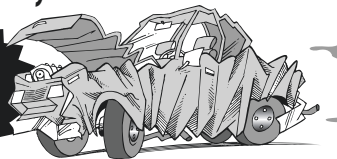
from the New Hampshire Technical Institute, hold a presentation to educate the

public on ways to reduce energy use throughout their house and prepare for the cold of the winter months, including preventing air leaks and placing insulation in their attics.

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**The lucky winner was Londonderry High School's Principal Jason Parent**





## Editorial

### A New Year Begins

How can it be? Wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer? But even with the intense heat, there's more than a glimpse of fall in the air already, and the first day of the new school year arrives shortly.

Even as the old season starts to fade, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of novelty, of a new beginning. Empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons - all accompanied with an excitement for what lies ahead. And for those of us long past worrying about where we'll sit in the classroom and whether we'll remember the locker combination, we have our memories.

For parents, the start of school is sure to bring a sudden wave of nostalgia and the reality that the years are passing quickly. But, school also brings an obligation for parents, just as it does for students.

What parents think of school is conveyed to their children. Parents who attend open houses, participate in Parent Teacher Association activities (if their work schedules allow), meet the teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings, and prioritize homework are

going a long way toward creating a positive learning experience for their children.

Kids learn by example, after all.

Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and pay attention, it's a parent's role to be involved with their child's education. A teacher can only do so much; how much value parents place on the learning process goes a long way toward making that learning possible.

We hear a lot about team building in schools, but the most important team to build this time of year is the one involving parents, their children, and their teachers. Starting out right, with communication and mutual respect in the forefront, will go a long way toward making this school year a good one for each child.

And a reminder: Be extra cautious around schools and whenever children are walking to and from school. Pay attention to crosswalks, speed limit signs, blinking lights in school zones, and watch out for school busses.

There's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. Enjoy!

## Council Announces Candlelight Vigil for Overdose Victims

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It should come as no surprise to Derry residents that New Hampshire has been experiencing an opioid-related overdose epidemic as of late - report after report of citizens dying after using the opioid fentanyl, which is around 50 to one 100 times stronger than heroin, support this. However, during the August 15 Town Council meeting, it was clear that people across the state are doing everything they can to combat this issue.

With International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) approaching on August 31, Council Chair Joshua Bourdon invited Lisa Walsh, Cyndi Wood, Lila Mazzola, and Susan Markievitz to speak at the beginning of the meeting about the epidemic. The four

women, who have all lost people close to them to overdoses, announced that they will be holding a candlelight vigil at MacGregor Park during the IOAD from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

Markievitz, who lost her son after an overdose in 2014, explained that she "really wants [those attending] to have a feeling hope" when attending the vigil, as she knows what they are going through. "I haven't stopped fighting because of it," she said.

Mazzola then went into more detail about the vigil. "It will provide an opportunity for families to get together and support one another," she said. Staff will also be handing out information and resources regarding coping with the loss of family and friends to overdoses as well as providing assistance to those currently suffering from addiction. There

will be a prayer service, a video featuring victims of the opioid epidemic, and attendees can write down the names of victims to be announced during the vigil.

In honor of the women's efforts, Bourdon read off a proclamation created by the council which expanded upon the IOAD, described the victims as not just statistics but as "family, friends and neighbors," and warned that no one is immune to the possibility of overdosing.

The council then proceeded to thank the women for their efforts, with Council at Large Phyllis Katsakiores expressing her sympathy for their losses and the importance of their work in ending the epidemic. Katsakiores emphasized that "education is key," while Bourdon noted that the women had inspired him to work towards writing the proclamation.

## Derry Police Dept. Eligible to Receive Justice Assistance Grant

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry police were a step closer to possibly receiving an \$11,107 Justice Assistance Grant following a vote by town councilors during their August 15 meeting.

The council members agreed to allow Town Administrator David Caron to execute an agreement between the town and Rockingham County that allows the county to apply for the funds on behalf of Derry.

Derry Police Chief Edward Garone appeared at the meeting to discuss the proposal and said that after a five percent fee that goes to the county, Derry would

receive \$11,107.

Caron said that councilors had previously approved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, September 5 regarding the grant. He said that councilors were encouraged to authorize him to execute the interlocal agreement with Rockingham County to approve the grant. Councilors then voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

In other items, councilors agreed to establish a seven-person Cable Advisory Committee by a vote of 7-2.

Councilor Brian Chiricheillo said he voted against it because he felt

councilors were rushing into the decision, as did Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon.

As a priority goal, the council has established the review of the Cable Division and looking at ways to expand outreach to residents in the area of public, educational and government programming, Caron wrote in a recent staff report.

"A part of this strategy involves obtaining stakeholder input during this process, which is best served by creating a Cable Advisory Committee," Caron wrote.

The committee will consist of one town councilor, one School Board member, and five Derry residents.

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# Derry Community Cable TV Welcomes New Coordinator

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Owen Provencher is no stranger to TV; in fact, he is the new coordinator for Derry Community Television. He recently took over for the now retired Chris Martin. Martin had been with the department for the better part of 10 years, but Provencher is looking forward to continue guiding the local station into the future.

"We've got some things I'm excited about ... to contribute to the rich history of Derry."

Provencher's main responsibilities are to oversee the general operations of the station with his three other staff. Tiffany Dunyon is the on-air personality, while Sean Zajac is the producer. Jonny Bottino joined the group as their part-time production assistant from a partnership with Next Charter School. All three assist in creating content for the pub-

lic access channel. Their goal is to "make Derry as thriving and culturally robust as it can be," according to Provencher.

As the new coordinator, he wants to start doing more with social media and have more community based programming. To do that, though, he needs to get more people involved. When there are more residents participating in the program, it opens opportunities for people to create, film and participate on and off camera either with original content, or just covering local events. Provencher would love to have enough people to start covering more events. He believes these are "the things that are important to the people of Derry," and more volunteers would allow Derry TV to "improve the quality of the programming."

Provencher also serves as the President of the New Hampshire Coalition of Community Media (NHCCM). Last

year, her served as vice president and was elected to president in 2017. The coalition is made up of 40 members from towns, communities, and independent producers from across the state. They get together to discuss what idea work and which ones don't in promoting public access television. Provencher takes the best of those ideas and brings them to Derry.

"The ultimate goal is to be the hub of the creative use of technology... and creative expression," he said.

Derry Community Television runs two channels. The first is the government access channel that now live-streams town meetings. Residents can find those under the "Video On-Demand" link on the cable TV page on the Derry town website. You'll have to set up an account to be able to watch them from home if you can't make it to a meeting or want to catch up on it the day after. (Like trying to catch up on "Game of Thrones," but



Owen Provencher was recently hired as the new coordinator for Derry Community Television. *Courtesy photo*

with no dragon.) Provencher hopes to develop a more mobile friendly website just for the TV station and it's programming so people can stream local content wherever and whenever.

The other channel is the public access channel. Provencher says point of that one is to "have fun by facilitating creative proj-

ects." To get more people interested in volunteering, the team at Derry TV offers classes in camera basics, editing, and general studio production. They explained that they usually do it in the spring and fall, but would be willing to offer them more often if they see an increase in demand. Currently, Provencher uses relevant

material from the NHCCM to help fill their airwaves.

Provencher and his team are dedicated to the mission of the station, which is to "generate and facilitate quality programming to inspire, educate, entertain and enlighten our community in order to contribute to a thriving culture here in Derry."

## Growth

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its industry representation and entertainment industry, are strong as well.

But, in order to help Derry continue to grow, the use of outreach programs, online resource portals for small businesses, and various marketing programs for current businesses must increase, while also supporting local entrepreneurs, starting broker events, and

giving various developers tours of the town in order to attract new businesses. She also believes that planning needs to be done in order to figure out the best uses for real estate in downtown, local housing, and the area surrounding Exit 4A on Interstate 93. Zoning ordinances throughout downtown must also be "fine-tuned."

Overall, the goal of the plan is to prioritize time and management in order to trick-

le down progress throughout the town. One of the big elements noted by both Struthers and the council was the use of economic revitalization zones throughout town, where business owners can earn tax credits if they make some sort of investment in their property and help to add jobs to the area.

The council seemed pleased with Struthers' plan and efforts to put it together, deciding to approve the plan unanimously.

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# Planning Board Discusses Potential Rezoning Around Hood Commons

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The majority of the Planning Board's Wednesday, August 16 meeting was dedicated to discussing the findings of the town's zoning subcommittee, which has been working to identify areas of Derry needing zoning status updates for the betterment of the town.

Board member Jim MacEachern, who also worked with the subcommittee, noted that he and several

other individuals have toured areas around the Hood Commons over the course of two days to gain a better visual of these particular areas in order to determine what needs to change.

The subcommittee realizes that any changes that they suggest will require a lot of effort, which is why MacEachern noted that they believe they should "take this in small bites," suggesting one change at a time to the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Town Council in

order to avoid alienating them.

One of the primary focuses of the presentation concerned the area in between Madden Road and West Broadway, which is mostly classified under zoning rules and MHD1, and turns most of it into MHD2, which would prevent more apartment complexes being built in the area. It should be noted that MacEachern established that anyone currently living within these districts will not be affected

by these zoning changes if they are to occur.

Next, MacEachern mentioned the possibility of extending the industrial park around Ash Street into the area between Madden Road and the Ash Street Extension, or possibly even as far as Ash Street itself.

Amongst the other concerns was that of redistricting the area between Exeter Street and Folsom Road, a residential area between Hook Park and Route 102, and possibly the commercial

area north of the Hood Commons that contains Tupelo Music Hall. In all, the theme of these changes would be to streamline the district and make them more consistent.

According to MacEachern, the work his subcommittee did was assigned by the town's Economic Development Committee, which is currently working out ways to help Derry grow its business sector. They believe clearing up these redistricting concerns would make the town more appeal-

ing to other business owners. Comparisons were also made to the current economic projects in Londonderry and how the town could learn from their efforts.

In order to put any of these ideas forward, the Planning Board must create an official workshop, which is scheduled for September 6, where they can elaborate in redistricting more thoroughly before eventually voting on the matters alongside the Zoning Board and Town Council.

## Interfaith Campus Hosts Joint Service in Response to Charlottesville Rally



Members of both the Church of the Transfiguration and Episcopal Church and the Etz Hayim Synagogue joined together on Sunday, August 20 for a joint service in response to the recent "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Photo by, Alyssa Guinn

ALYSSA GUINN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A joint service was held at the Interfaith Campus in Derry, home to the Church of the Transfiguration and Episcopal Church, and the Etz Hayim Synagogue, on Sunday, August 20, in response to the protests in Charlottesville and the more recent vandalism of the Holocaust Monument in Boston. Reverend Ray Bonin had contacted Rabbi Peter Levy last week about conducting a joint service after the past few weeks of civil unrest.

The Church of the Transfiguration and the Etz

Hayim Synagogue have a history that goes back nearly 20 years. In its beginning, the synagogue bounced from building to building in Derry, according to Rabbi Levy, and eventually made its home in the very same building as the Church of the Transfiguration. When the synagogue had enough funds to build their own place of worship about 12 years ago, the church offered them space on the remaining empty acre of their property. Since then, they continue to coexist harmoniously and conduct a number of programs and events together, such as Eli-

jah's table, a dinner hosted by one of the places of worship and open to the public.

Rabbi Levy has been concerned with the "maelstrom of malevolence" that has "bubbled up" in recent weeks and wanted to show that people of different faiths and backgrounds can coexist peacefully. When Rev. Bonin contacted him, he thought it would be the perfect way to show solidarity in such times.

Rev. Bonin began the service by remembering Heather Heyer and the two state troopers who lost their lives during the protests. Heyer was killed on Saturday, August 12 when a car plowed into a crowd of counter protesters during the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. He then began elaborating on the nature of racism in the United States, referencing Barack Obama's presidency, Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, and the Civil War.

"If all of those neo-Nazis were to disappear," he said, "racism would remain."

Racism, according to Rev. Bonin, starts small like love does – with the individ-

ual, and it is the individual's responsibility to stand up and raise their voices in times of hate.

During his sermon, he said, "Over the last 205 years, people on the outside have stood up, raised their voice, and claimed for themselves the rights and privileges of being an American."

When he saw the neo-Nazis marching in the dark with their torches, he was appalled.

"We cannot treat anyone as less, we cannot treat anyone as an outsider, we cannot treat anyone as not deserving of the same rights and privileges that we have," he said.

After the service was over, those in attendance filed out into the parking lot of the two buildings and held hands, forming a chain between the steps of the two buildings – a sign of solidarity and respect. As they stood, they sang in one voice a song Rabbi Levy had taught them during the service.

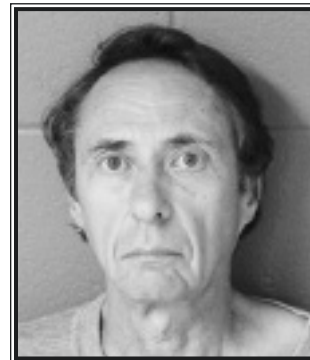
## Bay State Man Arrested for Assault Attempt of 13-Year-Old Derry Boy

Robert Brown, age 64, of Wakefield, Massachusetts was arrested on Tuesday, August 15 in Derry. Police say he arrived to meet with who he thought was a 13-year-old boy he had communicated with online.

Derry Police Detectives investigated this case with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and ICE- Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Brown was charged with one count each of Certain Uses of a Computer Service Prohibited and Attempted Felonious Sexual Assault. Both are Class B Felonies.

Additional charges may



Robert Brown

be forthcoming as the investigation is ongoing. A phone number listed for his name and address in Massachusetts is no longer in service. In Massachusetts, the names of all people who are required to register in their

local communities as convicted sex offenders are not available to the general public. However, The Nutfield News confirmed that Brown was not a registered sex offender in Wakefield, Massachusetts in any of the three sex offender categories (levels) at the time of his arrest in Derry last week.

Brown was arraigned in Derry District on Wednesday, August 16 where his bail was set at \$50,000 cash. A Probable Cause hearing is set for Thursday, August 24 at 12:45 p.m. He is currently being held at the Rockingham County House of Corrections.



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# Derry School District Prepares to Head Back to School

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry School District is looking forward to showing off its new renovations to students when they return to school next week.

Acting Superintendent Maryann Cannorf-Krikorian said, "There has been a tremendous amount of work done to the schools over the summer." Almost every school in the district had some type of renovation done – everything from newly painted walls to new floors and paved parking lots. Some schools are also welcoming fresh faces to their faculty as they gear up to educate the young minds

of Derry.

Most of the renovations done to the schools were done by the maintenance staff, according to District Business Administrator Jane Simard, at no additional cost to the district. She said in an email she cannot express "how hard the custodial staff worked all summer to get the buildings cleaned, painted, repaired, and ready for school. Amazing amount of work in a short amount of time!" The only time a contractor was used was if the project required more specific skills or equipment, like paving the rear parking lot of the South Range Elementary School.

The district used funds

from the Honeywell Projects to pay for new lights and new heating systems in some of the schools. Last year, the School Board voted to use \$9.3 million dollars to install new energy efficient equipment across the district, including LED lights at East Derry Elementary and new natural gas lines to the Ernest P. Barka and South Range Elementary schools. The famous 'Wall of Windows' at East Derry was also replaced using money from the Honeywell Project.

Simard explained that residents who live near the schools getting new gas lines would also be able to reap the benefits. All you

need to do is call Liberty Utilities (who is installing the lines) and ask if your home or building can be connected.

Aside from the updates to the buildings, some schools have updated their staffing for next year. Principal Chris McCallum of Derry Village Elementary School is welcoming two new staff: new Assistant Principal Melanie Curran, and new art teacher Jonathan Burns.

McCallum said he and his staff will be meeting the new rest of the new hires from across the district at the official district opening ceremony at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theater

on August 25. All the teachers, staff, and SAU 10 administration will be there, and Cannorf-Krikorian will give a speech to get everyone pumped up for the new school year. She said she is already very happy to see the enthusiasm the teachers have getting ready.

The SAU reported that they still have openings available in related services and for assistants. Anyone interested can look on their website or call Human Resources for more information.

Between the staff's personal development days and the extended school year programs through the Student Services Department, for some it seems like the

school year never ends. "Seemingly, our school year never stops," joked Cannorf-Krikorian. Title 1 designated schools like Grinnell, Barka, and Derry Village also ran programs through to summer for students.

But, every student knows that all good things must come to an end. Camps are over and "back-to-school" commercials are everywhere. While the youth of Derry may not be looking forward to starting school so soon, Cannorf-Krikorian remarked that she and the rest of the district are "looking forward to having the students and their families back to have a unified learning community."

# The Spirit of Doris "Granny D" Haddock Returns to Derry

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The life and legacy of the late, great Doris "Granny D" Haddock will be coming to Derry in a one woman show at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in October.

The Derry Democrats and Open Democracy are sponsoring "Granny D: The Power of One" written by and starring, Dixie Tymitz. It's based off of one of Haddock's books, "You're Never Too Old to Raise a Little Hell." Tymitz's show will recap the political activism Haddock was known for, including her famous one-year trek across the country in 1999, where she strove to raise awareness about the need for campaign finance reform.

Haddock started her journey in southern California and had celebrated two birthdays by the time she reached Washington D.C at age 90. She capped off her 3,200-mile walk with members of Congress joining her for the last few miles from the Arlington National Cemetery to the Capitol Building.

Mary Eisner, the chairwoman for the Derry Democrats, believes the message of campaign finance reform is more important than ever. "Given all the influence of Citizen's United, it's become more of an issue in politics." Eisner was involved herself until after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, but continues to be inspired by Haddock's energy and exuberance for leveling the playing field so anyone,

regardless of income, could feel they have a voice in their democracy. Although they never personally met, Eisner recalls her closest moment to the famed, "Granny D."

"I was in one of the vehicles for the Kerry campaign, and she was behind us in the Londonderry parade."

Another member of the Derry Democrats, Margaret Ives, recalls a similar parade around 2004 where she had the privilege of marching beside "Granny D" in Derry when, at 94 years old, she was running against Senator Judd Gregg.

"I met her at the the Robert Frost Farm when she was campaigning," said Ives. From the farm, the women walked all the way to downtown Derry. Ives recalls everyone was impressed with

Haddock's "determination, her focus, her willingness to do this, her passion for what she believed in," regardless of their political parties.

Haddock only received 34 percent of the vote that year, but it showed that someone could still run a strong campaign without taking money from large donors or special interest groups. She only accepted up to moderate sized donations from private citizens. Senator Gregg

won re-election with 66 percent of the vote.

Haddock passed away in 2010, almost two months after her 100th birthday. She lived a long life and spent most of it dedicated to activism and bringing political awareness to the community. Eisner and Ives hope Tymitz's show will kindle a spark in the next generation that way Haddock did in them.

"It's important in these times to speak up," Ives remarked. She and Eisner, along with the rest of the Derry Democrats, will be there to support Tymitz and help with any questions audience members may have about getting involved in local politics.

So, if you're interested in a different type of political theater, you can catch the show on October 14 at the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

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# Derry to Receive Programmable Message Signs From Manchester

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's been almost a decade, but Derry will soon be receiving a gift of programmable signs from the City of Manchester.

Councilors agreed at their Tuesday, August 15 meeting to accept the signs that will be used to communicate public safety and community information.

In 2008, Manchester received a Homeland Security grant for single line message boards and associated equipment. Now, Derry is one of the communities set to receive the programmable signs.

Fire Chief Michael Gagnon appeared at the meeting as acting emergency management director, along with Battalion Chief William

Gillis, the deputy emergency management director. The signs are approximately six feet long and five inches tall. Derry is set to receive four at a value of \$2,692.

When asked by Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores why it took so long for Manchester to distribute the signs, Gagnon said, "They have had these signs in their possession for quite a while, and I think they are just getting around to getting them out to the different communities now."

Councilor Brian Chirichiello said it was kind of like a first child outgrowing clothes that are then given to the second child.

But, in this case, the signs will be new, according to officials.

After applying for the

grant in 2008, Manchester received approximately 40 signs. As a condition of the grant, Manchester is required to distribute some signs to surrounding communities.

"By involving surrounding communities, cities can often strengthen their grant application," Gillis said. So, Manchester included in their grant submission that a percentage of signs would be distributed.

"Since Derry has a relationship with Manchester Emergency Management, officials from the Queen City reached out to them," Gillis explained.

Some of the areas that are being considered for placement of the signs include Fire Station Number 2, and possibly the Municipal Center and local schools.

## Zoning

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negative impact on property lines or surrounding properties, and would only help to increase property values.

A major focus was also placed on the good that such a facility would do for the town, with Germaine promoting a series of recommendations from the Derry police and numerous detox facilities in New England, while stating that "the need for facilities of this nature is obvious and essential," as many individuals seeking treatment are usually direct-

ed to facilities out of state because of a lack of them in New Hampshire.

Once Germaine had made his argument, the board seemed quite supportive of the facility. Board member Randall Kelley, who admitted to once being a heroin addict himself, noted that he fully understood the need for the building, while Vice Chair Heather Evans inquired about the success rate of such a facility, to which Germaine noted that the majority of those who use the facility benefit from it.

Other questions brought up by the board included how many staff members

would be on hand at any point, that being eight, and what types of medication and detoxing methods would be undertaken. It was explained that these medications would only delivered every few days in order to prevent potential raids on their stock.

By the end of their deliberations, the board failed to find any reason to deny the variance and agreed to approve it unanimously, with Board Chair Robert Mackey noting that he believed that seeking out a variance was smart of the representative due to the use of medical equipment in the building.

# Katsakiores Donates Backpacks to Boys and Girls Club



Over the past five years, Derry Town Councilor and State Representative Phyllis Katsakiores has been donating backpacks to the children at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry. On Friday morning, Aug. 18, she brought another 300 packs through the National Foundation of Women Legislators, bringing her total to about 1,500 over the years. Children gathered around and picked out their favorites from the different designs offered. Pictured with Katsakiores above, Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Art McLean.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Football Squad Aims to Return To D-I Playoffs This Fall

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Missing out on making the playoffs last autumn - a true rarity in Pinkerton Academy football over the years - certainly didn't sit well with longtime Astros' coach Brian O'Reilly or his coaching staff.

So, that crew has its efforts placed firmly upon getting the academy grid-ders where they feel they belong, deep within the Division I playoff hunt, again this fall.

Among the 2017 Astros' key returning starters and lettermen are tri-captains Kayden Baillargeon (a senior split end and defensive back), Matt Newman (senior running back and defensive back) and Aiden Goujon (junior quarterback and line-backer).

When asked to speak about what he sees as his squad's strengths and weaknesses, coach O'Reilly - who can boast of some 40 years coaching football at PA with a stellar 284-114 overall record and a slew of titles - stated, "Our strengths are experience in the offensive

backfield and weaknesses are depth on the offensive and defensive lines."

Along with captains Baillargeon and Newman, the Astros' key returning seniors include Ty Hicks (running back/defensive back), Terrell Hicks (RB/LB), Josh McCormack (center/LB), Jared Collins (guard/LB), and Tyler Farmer (lineman).

Key junior returnees include Ryan Auger (SE/DB), Aidan Conroy (SE/DB), Robby Fahey (lineman), Gannon Fast (running back/defensive end), Cam Macro (lineman), Aidan Conroy (SE/DB), Nick Lombard (RB/DB), Tyler Mackiernan (RB/DB), Max Moseley (G/LB), and Max Stevens (SE/DB).

The team's promising newcomers include seniors Matt Fabrizio (tight end/defensive lineman), Rudy Garcia (RB/DB), Josh Ladipo (SE/DB), Devin LeBlanc (RB/LB), Jake Northrup (lineman), Austin Penland (TE/DL), Alex Smith (SE/DB), Chris Valentine (kicker), Jared Valentine (RB/LB), and Brandon Watts (lineman).

The promising junior newcomers include Michael Sarette (TE/DL), Allen Gault (lineman), Dylan Poulin (RB/DB), Jason Barton (lineman), Andrew Beliveau (SE/DL), Jonathan Cooper (QB/DB), Will Fortier (SE/DB), Christian Kuechler (TE/LB), Raul Martinez (offensive lineman/LB), Dilyn McColligan (SE/DB), Nick Patrikas (TE/DL), Nathan Robinson (fullback/LB), John Sweeney (lineman), and JanCarlos Terrenzio (RB/LB).

The big crew of promising sophomores includes Andrew Bolduc (TE/DL), William Brown (RB/LB), Connor Colburn (SE/DB), Ben Colson (lineman), Aiden Fox (lineman), Elias Grinnell (TE/DL), Nick Lampro (lineman), Robert Leake (RB/DB), Jack Macik (lineman), Connor McCormack (TE/LB), Sterling McLaughlin (lineman), Nate Melvin (SE/DB), Tom Moreau (RB/LB), James Mulrennan (lineman), Jeff Potvin (QB/DB), Brandon Ross-Thompson (TE/DL), Brandon Roy (kicker), Cam Sylvester (lineman), Marcus Terrio (RB/DB), Dominic



Some 40 years into his coaching career at Pinkerton, Brian O'Reilly is ready to tee it up for the 2017 campaign.

Tritto (SE/LB), Avery Battle (RB/DB), Brady Day (RB/DB), Chad Teresky (QB/DB), and Dominic Zirn (SE/DB).

The freshmen who have caught the attention of the



The 2017 Pinkerton Astros football squad is looking for a return to form this fall. *Photos by Chris Pantazis*

coaching staff include Trent Leduc (RB/LB) and Evan Wilson (RB/LB).

The academy gridders get their 2017 campaign officially kicked off on the

evening of Sept. 1 when they make the short bus trip over to Hudson to take on the host Alvirne High Broncos on that opponent's home field

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# Ex-PA Soccer Star Mitchell Aims to Repeat College Freshman Success



Following an excellent freshman season in the net for the Colby-Sawyer women's soccer team last fall, ex-PA stalwart Sam Mitchell is aiming for a strong sophomore campaign.

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After completing her fine Pinkerton Academy soccer career in truly exceptional fashion two autumns ago, former Lady Astros' star goalie Sam Mitchell stepped into the college game at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire last year and didn't miss a beat.

Chester resident Mitchell, who put the final

*Photo courtesy Matt Plouffe*

touches on her Lady Astros' career in November of 2015 by helping her Pinkerton squad to the first state title in its program's history, made her move into the college game extremely smoothly in helping the Colby-Sawyer Lady Chargers to their fifth consecutive trip to the North Atlantic Conference championship game and a title win while also bagging loads of individual rookie honors for herself.

Now, entering her sophomore campaign for the Lady Chargers, Mitchell looks to put forth the same kinds of performances for the Colby-Sawyer ladies as the NAC campaign gets underway for that crew in Vermont at Norwich on Friday, September 1.

The standout keeper was a Pinkerton team captain and later a First-Team All-State selection as a PA senior, and she stood up tall in a shootout at the tail-end of the 2015 Division I championship match against the arch-rivals from Londonderry High.

With that huge success a year behind her last autumn, Mitchell did great in moving from her superb high school soccer career into the collegiate game in starring at Colby-Sawyer.

The young Chester woman started 17 of the 10-9-1 Lady Chargers' 20 matches and won seven times, shutting out a pair of opponents and earning North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week honors twice and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) rookie honors once.

The talented goalie helped her Colby-Sawyer crew to that fifth consecutive NAC championship match, and she was between the posts for the Lady

Chargers' 1-0 victory in that title battle success over New England College. Mitchell was named the rookie of the week for the second time following that win after also making eight stops in the semifinal-round victory over Husson and then doing the job again in the title win over top-ranked NEC.

"The goalkeeper played arguably her best game of the season in the highest pressure situation to pick up the win with seven saves in a 1-0 victory over top-seeded New England College in the NAC championship," said

Colby-Sawyer assistant sports information director Ryan Emerson.

Mitchell was also named to the NAC all-tournament team for her efforts in her squad's big tourney successes.

The former Pinkerton star, who is studying nursing at Colby-Sawyer, was named the NAC Rookie of the Week for the second time in late October after helping her Lady Chargers to two shutout victories by making a total of eight stops. It was during that span that she was also

named the ECAC Division III Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week.

Mitchell ended up with a 1.90 goals against average for the now four-time defending NAC champs, posting a 7-9-1 overall record with 1,518 minutes of playing time in the Lady Chargers' cage.

The ex-academy star's single biggest save performance of the 2016 campaign came in a match against Lasell in mid-September when she stifled some 13 scoring attempts.

## Locals Help Set Battle of the Badges Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A total of eight local policemen and firemen who got the chance to take part in the recent 2017 Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) Battle of the Badges baseball game can continue to puff out their chests with pride in the aftermath of that event as it has been announced by game directors that that contest set a new record for funds raised for its worthy cause.

The Friday, August 11 contest smashed previous fundraising efforts by raising a whopping \$102,000 and counting for the programs and services at the

Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

The 45 police officers and firefighters from across the state who took part in the contest were by far the largest fundraisers, but nearly 2,000 fans did contribute as well in turning out to watch Team Police beat Team Fire by a lopsided 15-2 tally to snare a 4-3 lead in the annual series.

The players and coaches raised nearly \$92,000, with the firemen leading the way by collecting about \$50,000 of that total. By virtue of their fundraising success, the firemen earned home field advantage in series game number eight next August despite the fact that they were vanquished so soundly on the field.

Badges veteran Anthony DeRosa of Derry led all the firemen where fundraising was concerned by collecting

some \$4,740 on his own. DeRosa was the on-field hero of the 2016 Badges game, rapping the winning hit for his side. His fellow Derry Fire Department member Dennis Livoli served as an assistant coach for the fire squad.

Four Londonderry firemen and two town policemen played for their respective teams. The firemen were Riley Northrop, Mike Roberson, Brian Schofield, and Chris Schofield, and the cops were Jim Freda and Justin Hallock.

The record fundraising total of this year's Battle of the Badges pushed the game's all-time fundraising tally to greater than \$420,000 in seven years. Players committed to raising at least \$1,250, but the average raised per player this summer was more than \$2,000.

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# Ex-Astro Rossi Finishes Up Solidly in Summer Hardball League

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Following a fine collegiate baseball season for the Keene State Owls this past spring, former Pinkerton Academy all-state catcher Nate Rossi quite admirably decided to continue sharpening his skills in the game about which he's passionate by playing in the Future's Collegiate Baseball League this summer.

The Hampstead resident was selected by the league's North Shore Navigators of Lynn, Massachusetts, and he wound up sharing catching duties with two skilled backstops from very different areas of the United States. The Pinkerton grad ended up pulling his part of

the load pretty nicely for a Navigators' squad which had its troubles against some fine competition.

The Bay State bunch wound up with a sub-par 21-32 overall record in 53 games, going a poor 2-8 in its final 10 contests of a FCBL season which ended earlier this month.

But Rossi and his two fellow catchers - Alec Cargin of Wofford College in South Carolina and Keith Linnane from U-Mass Amherst - certainly did their parts in handling the Navs' pitching staff and smacking away when at the plate with bat in hand.

The former Pinkerton Astro standout played in 31 of his team's contests and batted .243 overall with four

doubles, seven runs batted in, and 19 walks in showing a good eye at the dish.

After experiencing something of a sluggish start where slugging was concerned through his first 18 games in the summer league, the Hampstead man got to swinging the stick better for his hardball crew.

Rossi batted at a modest .219 clip (7-for-32) with four runs batted in through those first 18 contests in the FCBL. He did, however, enjoy a particularly strong performance against the Seacoast Mavericks (2-4, one RBI and a walk) in late June in showing what he's capable of doing at the plate.

But then, the former Astro went on a nice batting run from July 13 through 27,

hitting safely in five of the six games in which he played during that span and helping the Navigators to some pleasing consecutive victories between July 22 and 26.

With 27 games completed, the talented and gritty catcher had driven his batting average up considerably to .254, tallying multiple hits in a 5-4 win over the Martha's Vineyard Sharks on July 24 and a 3-1 besting of the Seacoast Mavericks two days later.

During the final four contests in which he played for the Navigators Rossi was quite productive, driving in two of his squad's runs in a 8-5 loss to those Sharks on the final day of July.



Former Pinkerton Academy baseball standout Nate Rossi made significant contributions to the 2017 summer season of his North Shore Navigators of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League. *Courtesy photo*

## Former Astro Gridders Seek Bigger Roles With College Squads

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Former Pinkerton Academy football standouts Darius St. Germain, Justin Poitras, MarKaveus Barnes, and Noah Robison all have one major thing in common as their respective college grid squads' seasons start.

All four of the ex-Astros are looking to play increased roles with their present teams after battling hard for playing time last autumn and being relegated to less than they probably would have liked.

Poitras appeared in two games at linebacker for a 2016 Trinity College (Hartford, Connecticut) grid contingent which went a perfect 8-0 and won the New England Small College

Athletic Conference title.

The junior backer, who sizes up at six feet, 230 pounds, and his teammates get their 2017 campaign rolling on September 16 when they play host to the Colby College squad from Maine.

Back in his PA days, the talented and tough gridder was a two-time all-conference honoree and also a New Hampshire Defensive Player of the Year candidate for an Astros' team which won a state title in his senior year of 2014.

St. Germain, who will line up as a sophomore defensive lineman for the Castleton State College (Vermont) football squad this fall, played in four contests for the 4-6 Spartans' crew last year.

The former Astro and his teammates were 4-3 in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference for coach Tony Volpone.

St. Germain and his teammates get their 2017 campaign rolling here in New Hampshire at Plymouth State on September 2.

Meanwhile, at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, sophomore defensive lineman Barnes looks to play a larger role for a Corsairs' crew for whom he played three games last fall. The U-Mass contingent went 5-5 overall and 4-4 in

the Little East Conference for coach Mark Robichaud.

The crime and justice studies major and his teammates get their 2017 season officially started on Friday, September 1, when they play host to Mount Ida College's gridders from Newton, Massachusetts.

Here in the Granite State, former Pinkerton star lineman Noah Robison is looking to break through on the offensive line with the University of New Hampshire football team.

The six-foot, six-inch, 279-pound stalwart started his collegiate grid career at

Coastal Carolina several years ago before deciding to come home to play in Durham. But, he didn't manage to get into a game with the Wildcats last autumn.

While at Pinkerton, Robison was named All-New Hampshire by USA Today, selected to play in the CHaD New Hampshire East-West All-Star game, named a Division I South

All-Conference selection, and he helped lead his Astros to a perfect 12-0 record and a Division I state title in 2014.

Coach Sean McDonnell's UNH Wildcats' crew - which went a strong 8-5 last year - gets its new season moving by playing host to the Maine Black Bears on August 31.

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# Eclipse Viewers of All Ages Enjoy Library Hosted Event



Friends and family members filled the lawn at MacGregor Park to view the partial eclipse of the sun on Monday afternoon, Aug. 21. The Derry Public Library Hosted a viewing party where, if you were pre-registered, you received viewing glasses. Music and games were also being played on the lawn. There was a wide variety of ways people were viewing the eclipse, most with glasses, some with home made pin hole viewing boxes, cameras, binoculars, and through filters. Pictured from above and clockwise: Elizabeth and Pat Purcell use binoculars to reflect the sun; Oliver Isbell and Tina Smith use special glasses for viewing; the Frasca Family take turns using the glasses.

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### Vigil at Macgregor Park

Please join us for a vigil to remember those lost to the addiction epidemic on Thursday, August 31 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at MacGregor Park. We will have a few speakers, live music, and a time to remember each life lost to this disease. If you would like to submit a photo of your loved one, please send a picture, their date of birth, and the date they got their wings along with four quotes or messages you would like to go with the pictures. Please send those to LilaM.N-HTeamSharing@gmail.com.

### Solidarity Service

There will be a Solidarity Service Sunday August 27 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration on 1 Hood Road, Derry. It is 50 feet from the Etz Haylm Synagogue; after the service, they will be symbolically uniting by physically creating a link between both the Synagogue and the church via people. It is a powerful moment. With questions or further detail, contact the Rabbi at 603-553-9786.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Wild NH Photo Contest

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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 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.

# LifeWay Church to Host "Night of Hope" at MacGregor Park

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NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, August 26, Derry's LifeWay Church hopes to not only put a face to the drug crisis in New Hampshire, but also to bring some relief to its victims through its "Night of Hope" event at MacGregor park in Derry.

Sponsored by LifeWay Church, Teen Challenge, and New Life Home, the event will feature speakers who will share personal stories about addiction and recovery before showing a movie on the subject.

Teen Challenge provides services to men, while New Life Home caters to women

and their children. It provides a safe space for young children to live while their mothers get the help they need. There will be a table with information for anyone looking for help or simply looking to help others. Pastor Juan Saa of LifeWay Church hopes the night will bring "tangible change, tangible things" to members of the Derry community who may struggle or know someone who struggles with addiction.

The Lifeway Church will be presenting the film, "Victor," that night in the park. All are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and bug spray. There will be some light refreshments pro-

vided by the church starting at 5:30 p.m. Testimonials from people in treatment and songs will begin after, and the film is slated to start around dusk, or 7:45 p.m.

"Victor" is the true story of a young man who fell into drug addiction in New York City and how the power of faith helped to save him from his inner demons. Victor Torres was a teenage migrant from Puerto Rico who succumbed to gangs and heroine on the streets of Brooklyn in 1962. He tried all sorts of ways to kick his addiction, including cold-turkey and rehab. None of it worked.

Pastor Juan explained how hard it was for Torres.

His father could not figure out a way to help him, but his mother turned to prayer. "When there's a sense of hope," Pastor Juan said, "it makes a huge difference." Torres finally followed his mother's example and ended up finding his own strength through faith. "The reality is, only Christ could build him back up," the pastor replied.

Torres now lives in Virginia, where he has several Christian-based rehabilitation centers that offer services to those in need of help with their own addictions. Pastor Juan calls it, "a wonderful turn around of a gentleman who got heavily addicted to drugs."

New Hampshire has gotten a lot of national attention lately for its opioid crisis. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services reported that 2016 saw an average of 36 drug overdose related deaths for every 100,000 persons. The grand total comes out to almost 500 drug related deaths. The report goes on to state that the most deaths occur among users between 30-39 years old.

With those numbers in mind, LifeWay Church has put about \$8,000 into putting together a "Night of Hope." They sent out over 2,000 invitations and expect around half to show up. The church

is renting a giant screen to project the film. They invited Torres to come and speak, but he will be unavailable due to scheduling.

Pastor Juan acknowledges that not everyone will be saved. "We cannot be the sun for everyone, but at least if we shine, we can be the sun for someone." He hopes that by showing the movie, someone will be inspired to seek treatment. "If even one person gets help, it will be worth the investment."

Anyone with questions on how to help or how to get help for themselves or others is welcome to contact LifeWay Church, Teen Challenge, and New Life Home.



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