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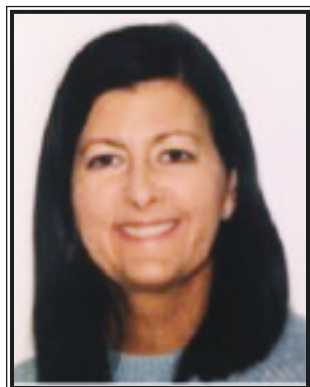
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Superintendent of Schools Resigns for Medical Reasons

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

After being on medical leave for approximately six months, Superintendent of Derry Schools Laura Nelson has decided to step down and retire.

Acting Superintendent of Schools MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian was named Interim Superintendent at the School Board's August 22 meeting. Connors-Krikorian's new term will run from September 30 to June 30 of next year. The board will be looking to hire an interim assistant superintendent to support her in her new role. The posting has



Laura Nelson

already been listed on the SAU's website. There is no word yet on when the school board hopes to fill the position.

During the meeting, School Board Chairman Dan McKenna thanked Nel-

son, who served for five years as superintendent.

"As most people know, Laura Nelson, our superintendent, has been out on medical leave since March," McKenna said, adding, "We were expecting she would return earlier this month, but she was unable to return this month and has decided she needs to retire and take care of some health issues."

McKenna praised Nelson for leading the district through a number of projects such as the Long Range Planning Committee. He also credited her with starting the Facilities Committee and leading the group to the

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Derry First Responders See the Long Road to Recovery

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

With the state of the opioid crisis not getting any better, Chuck Hemeon, Derry Fire Department's Director of Emergency Medical Services, invited Eric Spofford, owner of Granite Recovery Centers, Jeff Hatch, the National Marketer for Granite Recovery Centers and, John Iudice, a licensed independent clinical social worker and master licensed alcohol and drug counselor from Addiction Recovery Services, to meet with many of Derry's First Responders to talk about dealing with the recovery aspect of some of the many victims they revive on an all too regular basis as part of a series of training sessions.

Since the opioid epidem-

ic is only getting worse in Derry and its surrounding communities, Hemeon felt it was important to bring in some "real life" recovery stories to show that "people do get better."

Spofford, who runs one of the largest substance abuse centers in the state, spoke on how, when growing up in the area, he was brought back to life on many occasions. On one of those occasions, Derry emergency medical technician Rick Fisher revived him from an overdose on the front lawn of an apartment on Linlew Drive in Derry.

He thanked those attending and stressed that despite the lack of appreciation from those who are revived, he is proof that people can get better.

Also speaking, from the perspective of an addict was

Jeff Hatch, who was drafted by the New York Giants and played in the National Football League for about seven years until a back injury during his time with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers ended his career. He became addicted to painkillers and brought himself to the brink of death several times.

After his professional football career, at 26, when he wasn't under the influence of drugs, he was contemplating suicide.

These were two examples of how, regardless of how many times someone is revived, there is still hope for recovery. Both men have now devoted their lives to helping others with similar problems.

The last speaker of the morning was Iudice, who gave a slide presentation of

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Going, Going, Gone Members of the Derry Rotary gathered hundreds of goods to go to the highest bidder at the club's annual Charity Auction held on Saturday at Fireye on Tsienneto Road. The Citgo sign was one of three that were donated to the Rotary. See story on page 12. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Prepares for 28th Annual Derryfest Celebration

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As summer winds down and fall rounds the corner, Derry residents are invited to join in on the annual Derryfest festivities this year on Saturday, September 16 at MacGregor Park from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This year, several events will also occur on September 15.

On September 15, a spaghetti dinner, also known as Pasta Fest, will take place at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner is free and will feature bingo from 4 to 5 p.m., but attendees are asked to make a \$5 dollar donation. All proceeds will go to local charities.

The following morning, the St. Luke's United

Methodist Church will be holding its annual Derryfest breakfast at 63 East Broadway and will be accepting free-will donations.

At the official start of the festivities at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Derryfest staff will introduce the MC for the event, Mark Beland with the Greater Derry Arts Council, and recite a special proclama-

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School Board Debates School Lunch Debt Solutions

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry School board debated the true cost of school lunches at their Aug. 22 meeting last week.

After a shocking start to the meeting that announced the official retirement of Superintendent Laura Nelson, the district's Business Administrator, Jane Simard, became the bearer of more bad news. According to her Food Policy report, the school lunch program is in debt from last year. It had only managed to collect about \$150 over the summer, but the underlying problem remains – some

families are having a tough time paying for school lunches.

Students and families today have more options for paying for school food than in the past. Parents can use myschoolbucks.com to freely monitor how much money is available on their child's card, or they can pay a small fee to add more funds through the website. If setting up online-payments make you weary, parents can use more traditional methods like cash or check to insure their child has enough money to cover their hot lunches. Despite the choices, some kids will still show up to the first day of school

in the red.

A simple solution would be to have cash registers at the front of the line. This would keep those without the proper funds from having their food thrown away due to lack of payment. But, schools are not allowed to charge kids before they go through the line, according to federal law.

A local resident, Xavier Anthony, offered the idea of using colored tickets to help food service workers track who does, and does not have enough in their accounts. A blue ticket would be for hot lunch, and a red ticket would be for the alternative lunch. The problem would be those

who couldn't afford the hot lunch would literally have a red mark identifying them.

Simard says she has no intention of turning children away during the first week of school. However, "at some point, the district has to mitigate their financial losses and have a dollar amount in which we are not going to keep letting people have lunch." Simard acknowledges that this can be tough with elementary school kids who have less financial freedom than their older peers. One suggestion she had was to offer a "free and reduced application" to parents having a challenging time staying current.

Simard told the board she is looking at a draft policy that would increase the limit to \$30 before students would have to bring in lunches. "Once they hit the \$20 level, we would make a phone call home to parents," she said. Students would also receive weekly notices to bring home. But, the time-honored tradition of sending home those notices only works so well past elementary school. Simard hopes that will encourage more families will use the My School Bucks program. With the going price of elementary lunches being \$2.70 for the new school year, kids would have to

miss at least two weeks of payments before they would be cut off. Last year, the SAU used donated money to help pay for the debt of families who had extreme circumstances like a death in the family or a house fire.

Despite the changes, Simard understands there's no good answer yet, "because at some point you're going to shut someone off," and the one thing worse than denying a child lunch is having to take their tray away and toss out the food that was on it because they can't pay for it. Chairman Dan McKenna was also stumped. "I don't have any answer for what a good plan is," he said.

Net Zero Task Force Continues Efforts to Advertise Solar Energy

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

On top of preparations for upcoming projects concerning solar energy in Derry, a potential supplier of solar energy systems made his case to assist the town during the Net Zero Task Force's August 24 meeting.

Representing ReVision

Energy, one of the largest solar energy providers in New England, Jack Ruderman, who is the Director of Community Solar Initiatives for ReVision, came before members of the task force to discuss the possibility of partnering with Derry in an effort to make the town more eco-friendly. This comes after the town recent-

ly released a Request For Proposal (RFP) seeking out companies for such projects.

According to Ruderman, ReVision has installed over 6,000 systems since 2003 across Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. The company, which has over 170 employees, also specializes in working with electric vehicles and solar heat pumps. Ruderman noted that "[they] have really deep experience," in reference to its North American Board of Certified Energy

Practitioners certified installers and litany of projects strewn across New England, which range from corporate, to government, to residential.

Of course, none of these projects come free, but on top of going over just how much money could be saved by working with ReVision, Ruderman also explained the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Essentially, the PPA would have ReVision install and maintain the equipment at no upfront cost

to the town, while an independent finance partner would take any state and federal tax credits and ultimately sell the output of the equipment to the town. The town would have to sign on for a 20 year plan with an opportunity to buyout after seven years and a chance to renew for another decade after 10 years.

Whether or not the town decides to work with ReVision is yet to be seen, as the Town Council continues to mull over these possibilities in the coming months.

In other news, the task force discussed methods of reaching out to Derry resi-

dents on the topic of solar energy, including introducing a new pamphlet explaining state energy codes and working with solar energy providers to keep track of how many people are using solar energy and the performance statistics of these systems.

Members also went over a recent update to the task force's page on the official Derry website, which now includes a link to the New Hampshire Saves website, where visitors can learn more about eco-friendly energy systems and how they can save money when they use these systems.

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Mayor of Los Angeles Visits with Gatherers in Derry

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti stopped in to Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon's home in Derry on Monday to stump for Manchester mayoral candidate, Joyce Craig, before heading home from vacation. Craig's campaign had heard he was in New England and reached out to him. Garcetti showed up, looking very Hollywood in his suit, to help support the local democrat in her second bid to unseat current republican Mayor Ted Gatsas.

Some of Garcetti's team was suffering from the culture shock of how quiet and green Derry is compared to their bustling city. Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon and his wife welcomed them and the others who came to support Craig to their home. There were a few prominent local politicians there, including James Smith, the former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Executive Councilor Chris Pappas, and Ray Buckley, chair of the New Hampshire Democrats.

There was some speculation as to why a town councilor from Derry would host a mayoral candidate of Manchester. Come to find out, Bourdon and Craig have been friends for a few years. They met at the New Hampshire Young Democrats Ceremony four years ago when they were both presented with awards. Bourdon said

he admired what Craig stood for — family, education reform, green energy, and he supports her ideas to improve downtown Manchester. He felt he could learn from her and believes Derry and Manchester have a similar problem where there is a "lack of land," but a lot of "existing structures." Bourdon later said the Town Council is working on fixing the facades downtown.

Bourdon introduced Garcetti to the small, but dedicated backyard crowd as "a reminder that governments can impact our lives the most at the local levels." He cited Garcetti's involvement in bringing the Olympics back to LA and being the chair of the "Climate Mayors," who want to still uphold a commitment to the Paris Accord. Bourdon is an advocate for green energy and is part of Derry's Net Zero Task Force.

Garcetti continued the theme for the evening by talking about how local government is what makes American remarkable. "Strength doesn't come from Washington DC. Strength has always come, from our earliest days, from the communities where we live." He then compared his tenure as mayor of Los Angeles, dealing with crime, supporting small business, education reform, and correcting an opioid crisis to what Craig hopes to face if she wins in Manchester.

"I know that Manchester

will do all of these things with the right mayor, because being mayor is not about ideology ... you don't wake up saying, 'What can I do as a democrat?' You say, 'What can I do for my city?'" Garcetti told the crowd.

Craig told everyone there exactly what she wants to do for her city. She believes in expanding Medicaid to help pay for the supports and education needed to successfully combat the opioid crisis. She also wants to invest more into the school system to increase the use of technology in the classroom, lower class sizes, and improve literacy. She cited a statistic from the state Department of Education that in Manchester, "only 29 percent of third-graders right now are reading on grade level." There was no word on how many third-graders read above grade level, and with school starting soon, that percentage may change.

Typically, local politicians use events like this as stepping stones for their own ends. Once the speeches were over, Bourdon admitted he has no current plans to seek



Derry Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon greets Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti talk local government at a fund raiser for Joyce Craig at Bourdon's home.

higher office. He's happy as a town councilor. With two very young children and a full-time job, he said he does not have the time to run for a state level position. "You can't run on \$100 a year," he said. Being part of town government is more conducive to his lifestyle.

Mirroring what Mayor Garcetti said earlier about strength from local communities, Bourdon also believes that local government matters. It's that shared drive that promoted him to offer his home up for the evening.

"One of the biggest reasons why I'm so excited to

host this party is because I get to spend time with the mayor of Los Angeles!" He went on saying, "To be able to learn from him and build a relationship with him, I thought, was extremely important to Derry."

Bourdon said he admires Garcetti's energy and commitment to his city. "His willingness to be so involved with community members is something that we both share."

Getting more Derry residents involved is a personal goal for Bourdon. He wants to create a "Government 101" type of workshop to

engage and educate the public on what goes into local governance. Bourdon hopes the extra knowledge leads to greater participation.

"It's important to have a stance, be willing to take a stand. But before you take a stand, I think it's important to hear all sides and different viewpoints and surround yourself with people of different ideologies and listen before you make a decision." It's a motto that simple, moderate, and as his west coast guest indicated, is being preached from the beaches of California to the mountains of New Hampshire.

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Editorial

Teaching Takes Teamwork

With school back in session, we can't avoid the thought of autumn any longer. The trees are changing not just in the swamps, and the evenings are cool. It may be too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves and hats and boots will be here before we know it. But, even as one season fades, the start of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. The empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, and for the younger set, untouched crayons, convey an excitement about what's ahead. And even for those of us long past worrying about whom we'll sit next to in class or whether we'll be able to open our lockers, the memories remain.

The opening of school also brings a reminder to pay added attention on the roads children will be walking along streets without sidewalks and will be in crosswalks. That means watching out for reduced speed limit signs and blinking lights in school zones, and for school buses signaling their stops. While the opening of school means a change from the endless days of fun and games of summer to the need to buckle down to learning for students, it signals a shift in focus for parents as well. What

parents think of school is conveyed to their children. And parents who attend open houses, participate in Parent Teacher Association activities when their work schedules allow, meet their children's teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings are going a long way toward creating a positive school experience for their children. After all, kids learn by example. Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and be open to learning, it's a parent's role to be involved with that educational process. A teacher can only do so much; how parents value education and the learning process goes a long way toward making learning possible.

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

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

Enjoy!

Letters

To the residents of Derry, I am a 74-year-old Marine Corp veteran and bicycle rider. I have done other long distance charity bicycle rides for national organizations. This year, I thought I would raise money for local veterans' organizations. In September, I plan to bicycle 1,399 miles in 23 days down the West Coast in dedication to the American Legion Post 9 and the VFW Post 1617 in Derry.

One of the programs we sponsor is the American Legion Honor Guard, which provides details at parades, veterans' events, and at funerals for any veteran's family that asks. The Honor

Guard is the pride of the American Legion and VFW.

Some of the other programs we sponsor are Junior/Senior Legion Baseball, Girls/Boys State (a summer school to learn about civics), the Senior/Junior Oratorical Competition, Memorial Day/Veteran's Day programs, VA Nursing Home Bingo and Cook-Out, veteran/family financial assistance, scholarships and JROTC awards, Eagle Scout awards, community service recognition awards, and helping veterans with their daily needs.

You can follow my ride on the American Legion Post 9 and VFW 1617 Facebook pages. If you would

like e-mail updates during the ride, please provide your contact information with your donation.

Thank you for your generous support in the past for my various fundraisers. I hope you will consider donating to this great local cause. All money raised goes directly to the Legion and VFW. All expenses are paid by me!

Checks can be made out to: American Legion Post 9. Please mail to American Legion Post 9, c/o William Manning, 27 Island Pond Road, Derry, NH, 03038.

Semper Fi,
Billy Manning

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Eric Spofford, left, owner of Granite Recovery Centers, and Jeff Hatch, center, National Marketer for Granite Recovery Centers spoke to first responders in East Derry last week as Chuck Hemeon, Derry Fire Department's Director of Emergency Medical Services, looked on.

Photo by Chris Paul

Recovery

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the causes and effects of addiction.

When first responders were asked what they believed to be the causes of addiction, most answered that they were genes, heredity, and social influences.

Iudice explained that "It's a complex problem, and there is no one singular

cause," but understanding that the brain is largely to blame for most addictions is a good start. He also stated that "An addicted brain is doing exactly what it is designed to do. Addicts condition their brains to take drugs. Addictive behavior usually involves strong degrees of pleasure and repletion."

Many addicts start their behavior after experiencing depression, and the cure for

many is a combination of "Nature and Nurture."

He finished by saying that the good news is that "The brain is designed to learn and change and can be re-taught. Death is final, but resuscitation may lead to better life decisions and to the road to recovery for addicts.

After the presentation, the first responders shared some of their experiences with the guest speakers in a private meeting.

I-93 Bridge Debris Causes Major Traffic Delays

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Travelers were met with an unexpected traffic jam and detour on Aug. 28 and quickly took to social media, documenting the stalemate I-93 faced for around eight hours. Some posted that it took 10 minutes to travel less than a mile on the detour through town, and others described it as a “parking lot” for at least a few miles.

At around 1:40 p.m., all lanes on Interstate 93 South were closed due to concrete falling from the New Hampshire Route 102 bridge suspended over the highway. This bridge was built in 1962, but was red-listed in 2015, meaning it was deemed that it needed to be replaced and is currently being worked on, with a replacement scheduled to be

complete in 2018.

According to officials, a piece of concrete fell from the bridge, breaking into pieces on the highway that were run over by multiple vehicles and posed a hazard to drivers. The New Hampshire State Police said that only one vehicle sustained any damage – a piece of concrete hit the hood of their car, but no one was hurt.

While the debris was cleared up immediately, the highway was closed to allow an inspection of the bridge. It was found that the bridge was safe and that the piece of concrete that fell was simply cosmetic and not an essential or structural part of the bridge.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Boynton said to a reporter for WMUR, “The is not a structural component of the

bridge – more of a cosmetic piece underneath the bridge near a beam. There were many bridges of that era that had similar type construction, so we’re taking a closer look at those bridges across the state.”

Before the lanes reopened, nets were put in place beneath the bridge to catch any debris that might fall.

While the bridge was being inspected, traffic was detoured off Exit 5 and onto Route 28 and Route 128, though traffic was backed up well before Exit 5. Instead of a quick detour, drivers were met with even more traffic due to a motor vehicle accident on Gilcreast Road by St. Mary’s Bank.

At around 4:30 p.m., there was a car fire on the corner of Gilcreast Road and Route 102 with no injuries, but the fire department involvement caused traffic to

stall. In order to stop the fire, the combination tool, otherwise known as the “Jaws of Life,” had to be used to break open the vehicle’s engine compartment. Once the fire was stopped, the vehicle was removed and the firefighters and police officers cleared

the scene and returned the flow of traffic.

Now that traffic flow is back to normal and the 102 bridge is deemed safe, the Department of Transportation will begin inspecting other bridges, about 75 total, that were made in the same time

period as the 102 bridge.

The cosmetic feature that failed and caused the concrete to fall has not been used on New Hampshire bridges for the past 15 years, according to officials, so any bridges built after that point should not pose the same risk.

Conservation Commission Votes to Approve East Derry Store Site Plan

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

During a rather short meeting of the Derry Conservation Commission on August 28, early preparations were made for the commission’s participation at Derryfest and a site plan discussed at their last meeting went up to a vote.

The primary focus of the meeting concerned voting on whether or not to approve a site plan for Jay Goga Realty, LLC, concerning the East Derry General Store on

50 East Derry Road. After quickly mentioning the site plan and how members had visited the site previously, the commission unanimously decided to approve it.

In other news, the commission quickly went over its plans to participate in the upcoming Derryfest on Saturday, September 16, which they have been participating in for around 17 years. Members are expected to host a booth at the event and hand out maps for the various nature trails around Derry, as well as to fill in

attendees about what the commission sets out to do.

Members also announced an upcoming flower show sponsored by the Derry Garden Club which will be taking place at the East Derry Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, September 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The show will feature flower designs, horticulture exhibits, educational exhibits, and an exhibit by the Pawtuckaway Bee Club with live bees. There will also be a children’s garden to walk through.

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tion for the day before Let’s Play Music’s A Cappella sings the Star Spangled Banner.

Throughout the morning, attendees can expect performances from vocalist Carol Harrington, a routine from the Red Star Twirlers, as well as demonstrations by Let’s Play Music’s Kindermusik Program and members of Karate International of Windham.

At noon, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 will be holding a MIA/POW ceremony at the various monuments in front of MacGregor

Park.

During the early afternoon, the Kids Coop Theatre will hold a presentation of their own, as well as the Specialized Theater Enrichment Program, the New Hampshire Academie of Dance, and finalists and winners of the Derry’s Got Talent contest. Silly Solutions will also put on a balloon show.

During the final hours of the festival, Wildlife Encounters will be showing off several animals out of their collection to the public while vocalist Morgane Grace Vigroux and members of The Voice Studio perform

for the crowd. Attendees can also expect performances from Londonderry’s Dance Progressions and Let’s Play Music’s Stagecraft group.

To finish off the day, the winners of the raffle drawing will be announced, and the Blues Brothers Next Generation will cap off the day.

Amidst all these performances, attendees are encouraged to visit the wide assortment of booths and to take part in various activities, including a 24-foot climbing wall.

For more information about Derryfest and a complete schedule of events, visit derryfest.org

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Greater Derry's Got Talent Competition to Showcase Town's Best Performers

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Derry fans of NBC's hit show "America's Got Talent" will be happy to know that singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers of all varieties will be coming together for the town's own talent competition, Greater Derry's Got Talent.

Private auditions took place on August 22 and 23,

during which 24 slots were filled by judges to determine who would perform in the final round of competition.

According to the council's website, the competition will begin its preliminary round on Saturday, September 2 at 2 p.m. at the Derry Opera House. Each of the 24 contestants will be given 10 minutes to perform, with a panel of judges ultimately deciding which 10 acts will move on to the

final round.

However, two additional acts will make it to the final round thanks to audience participation. Members of the audience will be able to purchase tickets that can be used to vote for the act of their choice by placing it in the appropriate container located to the right of the stage. Audience members will be given one ticket at the start of the show worth 10 points, and additional tickets

can be purchased for \$1 per ticket, \$5 for eight tickets, and \$10 for 20 tickets. Each additional ticket will only be worth one point a piece.

As for ties, those among judges will be broken using the audience votes, while any ties in audience votes will be broken by the judges.

As for the finals, they will be held at the Opera House on September 15 at 7 p.m. The judges will pick first, second, and third places out of the 12

acts, who will receive \$150, \$100, and \$75 respectively as prizes. The audience will also pick a people's choice act, who will receive \$50.

The finalists and winners of the competition will also perform at 12:40 p.m. during Derryfest the following day at MacGregor Park.

Audience admission to the competition is \$10 per person. The Arts Council noted that all proceeds from admission and voting tickets

will be going directly towards the council to fund future projects.

It should be noted that any first place winners from previous years are not eligible to compete in the competition for five years after their victory, but are welcome to be guest performers during either of the two rounds.

For more information about the competition, please visit derryarts.org.

Local Church Encourages Residents to Visit for Spiritual Labyrinth

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Repairs are an inevitable norm when trying to maintain older buildings, especially ones that are as historically significant as Derry's First Parish Congregation, a member of the United Church of Christ.

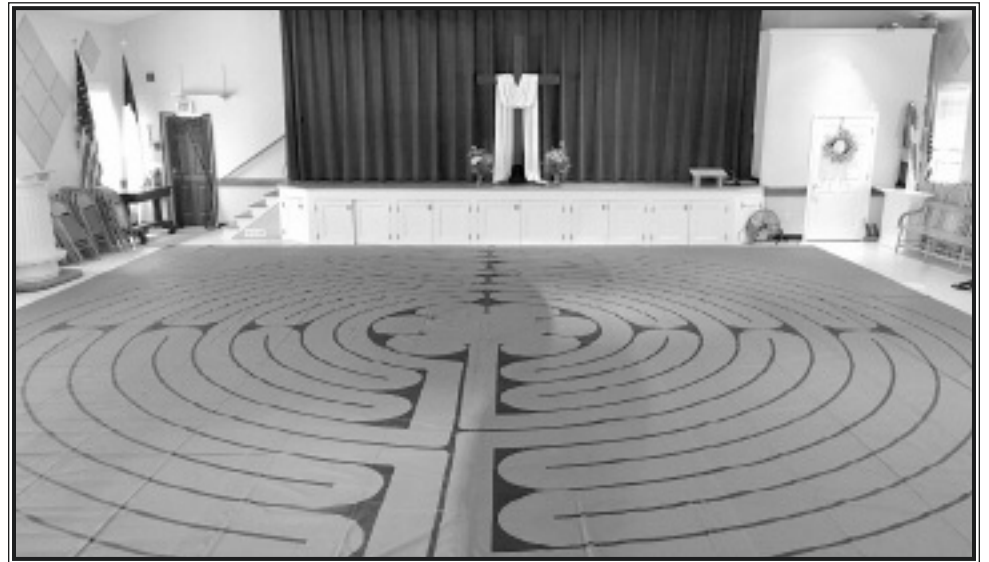
Noted for being the oldest church in the immediate

area, First Parish was founded in the spring of 1719 by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and built in 1722, making additions throughout the 70's and 80's.

As their repairs continue, which include an accessibility connector, changing of the building's foundation, and restoring the church's bell tower, members of the First Parish are looking to

encourage residents to pay a visit to the church, not only to embrace the history and message of the church, but also to participate in a special display in the church's function hall known as a "Classical Labyrinth."

The labyrinth itself is a maze-esque design that is painted on a large canvas that visitors can walk through. According to



Derry's First Parish Congregational Church labyrinth is displayed on the floor of its main hall. *Courtesy photo*

Superintendent

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point where it is now ready for the final report. The Facilities Committee was created after the school district experienced a continued decline in enrollment over the past 10 years. Nelson helped lead the process to form the committee as board members seek solutions for the district and the community. Former Superintendent of Schools John Moody is overseeing the committee. In addition, Nelson helped lead the move of

the Next Charter School to Gilbert H. Hood Middle School and a number of other projects such as the Blizzard Bags program, McKenna said.

Vice Chairman Brenda Willis echoed McKenna's comments.

"I'll just echo what you said, Dan, and obviously wish Laura well and hope she improves and gets back on track," Willis said.

While Nelson was out on medical leave, school officials didn't try to find a

replacement for her since they were expecting she would return before the start of school, McKenna said.

Before a motion was made to nominate Connors-Krikorian as the interim superintendent, McKenna said he wanted to point out that administrators turned out in force to fill the room as a show of support for her.

"All of them being here is a sign that they respect you and are looking forward to working with you as interim superintendent," he said.

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Nancy Murdock, a member of the church herself, the labyrinth serves as a spiritual journey. Dating back over 400 years, the maze can be used for the sake of walking meditation, choreographed dance, and even as the site of rituals and ceremony. There also exist a multitude of different designs and lengths of labyrinths that have been created from the times of the Romans to the medieval times.

One of the major purposes of the labyrinth serves to compensate for a journey to

the city of Jerusalem. Many attempted to make pilgrimages to the holy city, but for those who were unable to for one reason or another, they could simply take advantage of these labyrinths in order to still undertake a spiritual experience.

Although the church loves to give people the chance to experience everything it has to offer, this display also coincides with an ongoing memorial brick fundraiser as a means of getting the building fully refurbished and revitalized for its

upcoming 300th anniversary. For those willing to donate to the church and its ongoing restoration efforts, they can purchase one of the bricks being used for construction and have a specialized message engraved onto the brick, leaving their mark on a piece of Derry history.

For more information about the labyrinth, when they can take walks through the labyrinth and times of church services, the church offices can be reached from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at 603-434-0628.

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Lyme Disease Sufferer Helps Control Symptoms with a Healthy Diet

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Lyme disease is typically known by both the medical community and the public as one of the more complicated and misunderstood diseases out there, as Laura Piazza found out firsthand back in the late 90's.

With over 300,000 diagnoses annually and a wide assortment of symptoms ranging from fatigue to headaches, Piazza suffered through these complications for about a decade after being turned away by doc-

tors numerous times until finally being properly diagnosed.

Upon doing her own research and being informed by a Lyme disease support group about the specific details surrounding the illness, Piazza noted that she "felt dismayed about the medical community" and about how there were no widely-known guidelines to treatment. But, these frustrations eventually led her down the road towards producing her own set of guidelines, which she recently discussed with Derry residents on August 23

in the Derry Public Library.

Amongst an assortment of resources that others who suffer from Lyme disease could utilize, Piazza's primary focus revolved around promoting her book, "Recipes For Repair," a cookbook written by herself and her mother, Gail, a professional food stylist.

Although her book contains numerous delicious recipes, some of which were available at the presentation for attendees to sample, they are all specially designed around a specific diet that Piazza discovered while



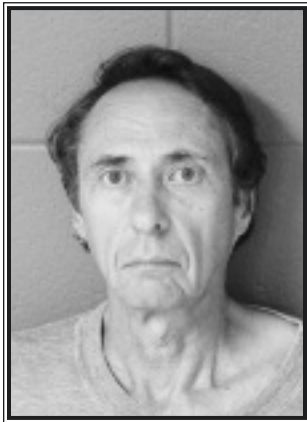
Laura Piazza spoke about her cookbook, "Recipes For Repair," with Derry residents on August 23 at the Derry Public Library. The book serves as a manual that guides people on a diet which helps to ease the symptoms of Lyme disease.

Man Accused of Attempted Assault Ends Life in Custody

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

In last week's edition of the Nutfield News, it was reported that Robert Brown, age 64, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, was arrested on Tuesday, Aug. 15 in Derry for attempting to meet with and sexually assault who he thought was a 13-year-old boy he had communicated with online. Brown was, in fact, communicating with Derry Police Detectives who were investigating the case with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

However, it was revealed



Robert Brown

that Brown took his own life while being held at the Rockingham County House of Corrections on Tuesday, Aug. 22, .

Brown was charged with one count each of certain uses of a computer service

prohibited and attempted felonious sexual assault.

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 at the time of his arrest.

Brown was arraigned in Derry District Court on Wednesday, Aug. 16, where his bail was set at \$50,000 cash.



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doing research on Lyme disease.

During her research, Piazza came across Dr. Kenneth Singleton, a Lyme disease sufferer, and his book titled "The Lyme Disease Solution." Aside from tips and tricks, the book suggests an elimination diet – participants go through a number of phases where they can only eat certain foods and gradually gain access to more foods as time goes on. This all serves as a means of keeping one away from foods that may aggravate the symptoms of Lyme disease.

According to Piazza, the

diet worked. However, being denied so many foods, especially during Phase One, turned out to be difficult. But, upon speaking with her mother about the diet and giving her the list of foods that she was allowed to consume, Piazza's mother soon came up with several tasty recipes that eventually encouraged the two to produce the book and many more recipes. The book now serves as a manual "that guides [people] on the diet."

The presentation also explained how one can "tick-proof" their yard and avoid ticks with tight, spe-

cially treated clothing, amongst other ideas.

Piazza freely admits that "implementing change can be difficult," since it relies upon the dieter to recognize and alter his or her eating habits. But, considering that her book has apparently sold tens of thousands of copies and has worked wonders for numerous people, some of whom are quoted in newer versions of the book, Piazza's efforts to make the process smooth and delicious seems to be paying off.

For more information on Piazza's work, visit recipesforrepair.com.

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Local Democrats Gather at Annual BBQ in Londonderry

ALYSSA GUINN
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Democratic BBQ was held on August 26 on the grounds of Mack's Apples, and members from the local Democratic Party came from multiple towns including Derry, Litchfield, and Windham to gather, eat good food, and speak about political issues.

After most had gotten their food from the potluck-style buffet spread, Maya Hill, a Derry town moderator, was introduced as the first speaker. Hill spoke about the suppression and buying of the vote, and how it needs to be stopped. She also mentioned the infiltration of electronics into the voting process: "Right now, we are dependent on the electronic machines that count the vote basically in secret."

As town moderator, she has been in the position where she wanted to recount the vote to make sure it was accurate, but she was not allowed to. There is going to be a bill introduced into the house that states moderators have the right to double check the count to make sure it is accurate, and she said "it is important that this legislation get a good hearing," meaning a lot of support from locals is needed to get the bill of the ground.

Corinne Dodge, an artist from Derry, took the podium next, donning a colonial-era bonnet on her head to remind those present that



Derry's Maya Hill was one of the speakers at the annual Democratic BBQ held in Londonderry on Saturday. Hill spoke about the suppression and buying of the vote, and how it needs to be stopped.

"our colonial ancestors worked and fought and died giving birth to democracy, and now you have it in your hands." Like Hill, she spoke about the buying of the vote and that she is "fearful for our children and grandchildren."

"Dysfunction and corruption is running rampant in the U.S. Government," she exclaimed.

Dodge spent the majority of her time at the podium talking about the platform of a group she has been working with called Voters Restoring Democracy, a grassroots movement that has been working to get the money out of politics. She urged those in attendance to sign a pledge that they will

only support the candidates who refuse to be bought, and those who denounce buying of the public vote.

She said the most important thing people can do in times like these is vote and pay attention to all levels of the political climate – be it town, state, or federal government.

"We have to come out in droves in the next election," she said, in order to get a good politician with democratic values in office.

Mark Connolly, 2016 candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New Hampshire, spoke as well, highlighting that greed is the worst trait an elected official can have. Connolly is the former Deputy Secre-



Derry's Corinne Dodge also spoke to attendees about the buying of the vote and that she is "fearful for our children and grandchildren." *Photos by Chris Paul*

tary of State and director of the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation.

Though Connolly was the last scheduled speaker, Steve Marchand, who is

beginning his campaign for Governor of New Hampshire, hopped up to the podium and spoke about the vacation his family had just returned from. They flew to New Orleans and drove to Washington DC, where they visited multiple monuments and museums that have altered the history of the United States, and were instilled with deep pride for our country.

"You saw the difference between the people who were silent and the people who did something in the most difficult circumstances we had in the 20th century," he said.

Also present was Senator Donna Soucy. Councilor Chris Pappas, who attends every year, ended the afternoon scooping Puritan Ice Cream for those in attendance.



Season's Last Hurrah

The Beaver Lake Boat Parade took place on Saturday evening, August 26, just as dusk set in. A number of local boaters participated before heading to Steven and Shannon Anthony's home for an after-parade cookout. The winners of the parade included: The Rosens' boat for best lights, The Dors' tropical boat for best theme, the Jenney Dickey Hill Road Crew's ice cream truck themed boat for judge's choice, and the Christians' Jamaican themed boat for best humor.

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DERRY SPORTS

Coach Expects His Astro Soccer Crew to be 'A Work in Progress'

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

In his 26 successful years as the Pinkerton Academy varsity boys' soccer coach, Kerry Boles has faced just about every kind of scenario a coach can face at the beginning of a season.

The fact that Boles' Pinkerton contingents have posted 289 wins, lost just 135, and tied 25 contests while snaring five state titles during that lengthy span shows that the Londonderry High graduate usually gets the very best out of his athletes.

As he and his Astros step into their 2017 campaign this fall, Boles looks at a roster which features quite a bit of battle-tested talent along with a bunch of newcomers who are aiming to adopt roles within that fold while getting their first tastes of varsity soccer competition.

Key returnees from the 2016 Pinkerton squad which tallied the seventh seed in Division I last fall but had its hunt for a state title end with a humbling 5-0 quarterfinal loss to Timberlane are seniors Cole Perry (a midfield-

er), Joe Palmer (defender/midfielder), Brian Castle (MF/forward), and Ashim Gurung (F/MF), and junior Jon Tremblay (defense).

Other returning letter-winners from that 2016 contingent are seniors Cory Jones (forward) and Stryker Coyle (defense) and juniors Alex Rust (MF/F), Conrad Demers (MF), Max Fairbank (goalie), and Mike Puchacz (defense).

The list of promising newcomers includes juniors Henry Andrews (MF), Rob Douglas (defense), Hunter Rathburn (D/MF), Terence Coyle (forward), and Alex Beaulieu (MF), and sophomore Trevor Demers (MF).

When asked what his team's keys to 2017 success are and what opposing squads he sees as the front-runners in Division I, Boles responded, "First and foremost, we need to stay healthy. We have multiple new faces on the varsity roster who do not have varsity experience. The faster those kids can get acclimated to the speed of play at this level, the better we will be. This will be a work in progress, and we can only



Veteran standout Cole Perry works on serving up corner kicks during a recent Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer practice.
Photos by Chris Pantazis

strive to get better each day if we expect to reach the Final Four, which has eluded us for a couple of years now. I expect that the usual suspects will be at the top of the division, including



He may be a Londonderry High graduate, but PA soccer coach Kerry Boles has become an institution at that Derry school over the last 25-plus years.

Hanover, Exeter, Bedford, Central, Concord, and Timberlane."

Boles and his bunch got

their new campaign officially under way this past Tuesday, August 29 - after Nutfield News press time -

out on the road at Merrimack High School against the host Tomahawk soccer team.

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Veteran-heavy Pinkerton Field Hockey Crew Aims at a 2017 Title



Sophomore Kate Bennett and the PA stickers started 2017 with a win.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A crew of some 10 battle-tested veterans and several impressive newcomers will be all kinds of intent upon getting the Pinkerton Academy field hockey team back to the Division I championship match this fall after the Lady Astros missed out on getting that far for the first time in four years last autumn.

First-year coach Katie Van Nostrand - herself a former PA field hockey star - saw her 2016 contingent get

as far as the Division I semi-finals last fall, with their title hunt ending with a loss to the Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors from Hampton. That seacoast team then went on to lose to the Timberlane Lady Owls from Plaistow in the championship match.

Now, coach Van Nostrand steps into her second varsity campaign this autumn with six key returnees and four other varsity letter-winners back from the 2016 contingent which went 9-5 and fell just one win short of another

return to the D-I title game.

The key returnees include seniors Whitney O'Brien (a defender), Carly Young (midfielder), and Meg Michaud (forward), junior Ava Dorci (middie), and sophomores Marley Mailloux (middie) and Khaliyah Ellis (goalie).

The other varsity returnees are seniors Emma Davis (forward), Lacey Cheney (forward), and Jess Shatford (defense), and sophomore Kate Bennett (forward).

The promising newcomers are sophomore defenders

Sarah Collins, Lily Auger, and sophomore forward Mari Shea.

When asked to outline what she feels her team's keys to success are, coach Van Nostrand stated, "Utilize our veterans' experiences and acclimate our younger players to the style and speed of play. Capitalizing and executing on scoring opportunities will be paramount."

In looking at the top competition in Division I, coach Van Nostrand felt that the defending champs from Timberlane, the runner-up

Winnacunnet squad, and the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua will be front and center in the hunt for the top spots. But the academy side will certainly be working diligently at bagging its program's first state crown since 2012.

The Lady Astros made their initial inroads toward a state title this past Monday night, August 28, by edging the host Manchester Central Little Green by a 2-1 tally in the season-opener for both sides. That match was played under the lights at historic Gill Stadium.

Academy Golfers Return All of an Excellent 2016 Crew This Fall

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's simply the nature of high school sports that varsity coaches need to deal with the fact that graduation will cost them key players following nearly every season.

But for Pinkerton Academy varsity golf coach Jeff Sojka, whose superb 2016 team tallied an excellent 18-2 record and finished a strong third at the state championship match, there has been no need to contemplate roster losses to graduation.

Sojka has everybody back from that successful crew this fall, and you can bet that the rest of the teams in the state are well aware of that fact.

"We have all of our varsity players back from last year. Lauren Thibodeau, Ty Letoile, Jarrod Foster, Lewis White, Noah Kierstead, Erin DelloRusso, Cody Sullivan, and Zach Kahn all played in the state tournament last year. All are seniors, except Zach who is a junior."

The other varsity returnees include juniors Jacob Tinker, Matt MacDougall, and C.J. LaBonville, all of whom played in varsity matches last year.

Add to that embarrassment of riches promising newcomers sophomores Cam Leppert, Kyle Raspuzzi, P.J. Daniele, Nick Tufts, and Chris Walder, all of whom played for a Pinkerton junior varsity squad which won the state JV tournament for coach Jim Fletcher.

"All of them have the firepower to challenge for a varsity spot," said coach

Sojka.

When asked to speak about his talented team's keys to a successful 2017 campaign, the coach stated, "Play the golf that this team is capable of. We have more players than spots in a match, so if we play how we can, we will be challenging each other every day in practice to earn those varsity spots."

In looking at the chief competition, the coach said, "Bedford and Keene finished ahead of us last year, and I expect them to both be strong again this year."

The academy crew will get its 2017 season officially

under way this Friday, September 1, when it plays of Hampton at the host to the Manchester Hoodcroft Country Club. Central Little Green and the



Pinkerton Academy golf star Lauren Thibodeau is part of a 2017 Astro contingent which returns all of a strong crew from the 2016 campaign. The locals will look to improve on a fine third place at the state tourney.

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New Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Coach Looks at a Rebuilding Scheme

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad will enter the 2017 season as the two-time defending Division I champion.

But realistically speaking, after losing a slew of talented seniors from the 2016 title-winning contingent to graduation - as well as veteran coach Steve Gundrum to retirement from coaching - the 2017 Lady Astros are being looked upon by the D-I competition as champs in name only.

But that certainly doesn't mean that new varsity coach Danielle Rappa, a longtime

junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at the Derry school, and her charges won't taste any success this autumn during a season which commenced with a home match against the visiting Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks this past Tuesday, August 29, after Nutfield News press time. Coach Rappa and her girls surely don't plan to be anybody's pushover.

"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 an opportunity to rebuild as a new unit, and let new, great

soccer players emerge."

During the early days of November last year, the Pinkerton girl booters bagged their second consecutive state crown and the second in program history with a 2-1 edging of the tough Bedford High Lady Bulldogs.

Returning starters from that trophy-hoisting crew are seniors Britney Johnson (a center-midfielder) and Nicole Alves (forward) and juniors Reagan Kolinski (goalie) and Katie Ziniti (center-midfielder). Quite a rarity at Pinkerton, standout Johnson will actually be playing two varsity sports this fall, running cross-coun-

try as well as playing soccer. The PA girls' cross-country contingent has also won two consecutive state titles.

Other returning letter-winners on the Lady Astros' soccer squad include juniors Laurel Breen (defense), Ande Manchester (defense), and Julia Preston (midfielder), and sophomore defender Aana Blaszk.

Promising newcomers for the Lady Astros include juniors Alli Croteau (defense) and Victoria Peguri (midfielder) and freshmen Adria Forand (defense) and Mae Chiesa (midfielder). They will look to help make their PA squad a group which surprises some.



Star senior midfielder Britney Johnson is back in the Pinkerton girls' soccer fold to start a new chapter of the program's history with new coach Danielle Rappa.

Lady Astros' Cross-Country Crew Aims at a Championship Three-Peat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Any coach in just about any sport will tell you that winning one championship is tough. They'll also state that winning consecutive championships is tougher still. Pulling off a championship three-peat is quite rare and difficult indeed.

But be that as it is, the Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country squad steps into the 2017 fall campaign looking for its third straight Division I championship. The fact that the Lady Astros won both the varsity and junior varsity titles last autumn can't help but bode well for veteran coach - and

former Pinkerton harrier - Amy Bernard and her talented charges.

Along with winning its second consecutive D-I crown during the fall of 2016, Bernard's Lady Astros finished second at the state Meet of Champions and an excellent third at the New England meet.

The Lady Astros suffered losses to graduation this past spring, but the team's list of key returnees is still pretty formidable thanks to the presence of senior Maison D'Amelio, juniors Jordan Vaillanourt and Ciara April, and sophomore Meghan Cross. Senior Annie Sullivan also brings experience and skill.

Promising newcomers include senior track and soccer star Britney Johnson, who is being allowed to both play soccer and run cross-country this fall, and freshman Molly McGaffigan.

When asked to discuss her team's keys to another successful season, coach Bernard said, "Keeping everyone healthy! This is a strong team, and everyone needs to make it to the starting line."

In looking at the compe-

dition she expects from other squads in Division I, the Pinkerton coach anticipates that the toughest will come from the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua and the Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks.

The Lady Astros open their 2017 campaign next Tuesday, September 5, at home on their home course against the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers.



Following a superb freshman cross-country season last fall, battle-tested Meghan Cross returns to help her PA team try to notch a title three-peat this autumn.

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Derry Rotary Club Auction Off Hundreds of Items for Charity



There was furniture of all shapes and sizes at the annual Derry Rotary Club's Auction held on Saturday at the Fireye parking lot. *Photos by Chris Paul*

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Rotary Club hosted steals and deals at its 41st annual auction in the Fireye parking lot on Saturday, August 25.

Longtime members Art McLean and Bill Wood led the day with jokes and stories as the auctioneers.

The yearly event raises money for several local charities, including the American Cancer Society, the Boys and Girls Club, Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire, Make-A-Wish Foundation, David's House, and scholarships for students. It also raises money for veter-

ans. Derry Rotary Club President, Bruce Gurley, said the group gives thousands of dollars to these groups every year.

"Usually, we raise from \$12,000 to \$21,000. That's including our raffle," remarked Gurley. "A lot of it depends on how well the raffle goes." He explained that 100 percent of the proceeds from the event goes to charity. This year's auction has raised \$10,760 so far, and the final amount will be tallied later in the week after all the raffle sales have been counted.

Members estimated that close to 200 people were in attendance at this year's auction – this was a little lower than expected, despite the

sunny weather. Those who did attend were treated to a plethora of donated goods, some local produce, a barbecue tent, and a yard sale.

One person the Rotary Club could count on to be there was Linda Jacobs of Derry. "We come every year. I wouldn't miss it!"

Jacobs and her family have been coming to the auction for the last 10 years, proudly waving her placard with number 184 on it. She said she always likes to scout for new additions for her home. "I furnished half my house from here," exclaimed Jacobs. She showed off her newly acquired goods, including a purple and yellow painted basket, a wooden table, and an old

fashion, small, wooden toy school desk for her grandson. She was the most excited about a red oriental rug she bought for a fraction of its original cost. "You get really good deals," Jacobs said.

It's not just the deals that drive Jacobs and other to come every year – it's knowing their money is giving back to the community. That idea reflects the core mission of Rotary International. "The motto of Rotary is: service above self," explained Gurley. The Derry Rotary Club is one of over 35,000 clubs around the world, each with a commitment to charity and global causes, like ending polio. Gurley said both the Derry Village and Londonderry clubs branched out from the Derry club. He originally

joined Rotary as "an opportunity to give back to the community, an opportunity to serve."

The auction is the Derry Rotary Club's largest fundraiser of the year. "It's the one all Rotarians show up for," said Gurley. The club has been working on it since June, soliciting donations from businesses, friends, and relatives. Club members brought in items they wanted to donate as well. There were the usual tools, tables, and vanities, as well as more unique items like a trampoline and a big blue bean bag chair shaped like a music note.

Preparing for the auction takes more than most people probably realize – Gurley and the rest of the club members put a lot of love and hard labor into it. "Just

as an example of how hard the Rotarians work, we get a call from someone from the public. We go over and pick up the stuff, load it into the truck, take it to the storage unit, unload it ... bring it to auction and unload it, and often we help the people load it back into their vehicles. And sometimes, we deliver it."

All that arduous work is shared between the members and directors. While packing up for the day, no one was standing around. All hands were busy cleaning, schlepping, and tallying. Gurley has been chosen as president of the Derry Rotary Club three times, and sees his club members as more than just comrades. "Our Rotary club is different than most. It's more like a big family."

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This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

30th Annual Apple County Craft Fair

On Saturday and Sunday September 9 & 10, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Londonderry, (At the corner of Rt. 128 and Peabody Row) 60+ Juried crafters from all over new England will display their handmade artwork such as pottery, glass work, hand painted wood, specialty foods, jewelry, textiles and much more. This years fair will host live music, a Junk for Jesus Sale and a Crafter Raffle.

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.

Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program again in 2017/2018. The program is held the second Friday night of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway. The September program will be "Basic Layout Design with XTrackCAD, Getting Past the Learning Curve." XTrackCAD is a free model railroad layout design tool. Glenn Mitchell will demonstrate the basic set up and features by designing a small layout. For additional information, go to the division's website at seacoastnm-

ra.org/calendar.

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 for more information.

Spartans Basketball

We have our fall youth basketball tryouts coming up and I was hoping that you could put them in the paper for us. We are trying to get more kids in the area active in the game of basketball. Tryouts are September 2, at the Sportszone in Derry. 3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls

from 2 - 3 p.m., 7th/8th Grade Boys and Girls from 3 - 4 p.m., and High School Boys and Girls from 4 - 5 p.m. For more information email Tyler Lord at spartansbballevents@outlook.com.

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 for more information.

Lifeway Church's New Location

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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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

Wild NH Photo Contest

Accepting photos now! Take a look at your snaps and submit your best photos to the 11th Wild NH photo contest! Submissions will be accepted from now - September 2, 2017. Photos will be judged by September 16, and winning photos will be exhibited in a Massabesic Center art show from October 7 to November 18, 2017. Details at www.nhaidubon.org.

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

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Parents Support Group

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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, September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 24. At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 16.

New Hampshire Prepares for Third Annual Poetry Festival

PENNY WILLIAMS
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, September 23, the Third Annual New Hampshire Poetry Festival will take place at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, sponsored by The Poetry Society of New Hampshire and The New Hampshire Institute of Art. The festival will feature Pulitzer Prize winner Gregory Pardlo.

"The New Hampshire Poetry Fest has quickly become an annual tradition in celebration of poetry in New Hampshire and beyond," said Jennifer Militello, the festival director. "We are gratified by the festival's rate of growth and continued enthusiasm of participants. The conference features readings, panels, and workshops by some of the country's best-known poets."

Highlights include

- Headliner reading by Pulitzer Prize winner, Gregory Pardlo
- Workshops by award-winning poets Oliver de la Paz, Rebecca Morgan Frank, Michael Dumanis, and Elizabeth Powell
- Readings from diverse poets from across New England and around the world
- Panel discussions on topics including Writing Through Collaboration and Technologies
- Poetry of Witness
- Alternative Facts and Poetic License
- An Introduction to the Epic
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Poetry has always been an essential part of New Hampshire's rich literary culture, as is evident through the activities that take place at the Frost Farm in Derry and with the Hyla Brook

Poets. Five U.S. Poets Laureate hail from the state, and each year, poets from across the state win awards, publish books, teach workshops, give readings, and share poetry with students of all ages.

The New Hampshire Poetry Fest brings together a broad community including poets winning prestigious awards, Poets Laureate, heads of literary organizations, professors, well-known editors, and students of poetry at multiple levels.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is one of the event's supporters, and Gibson's Bookstore from Concord will sell the speakers' books onsite.

For more information or to register, please visit www.poetrysocietyofnewhampshire.org/fest/ or on Facebook at facebook.com/nhpoetryfest or on Twitter at @NHPoetryFest.

Pinkerton Evacuates Building Due to Air Freshener Odor

On Tuesday, August 29, the Low Building at Pinkerton Academy was evacuated after a liquid air freshener appeared to be the cause of a noxious odor.

In a statement released by the school, it was stated that several of the school's staff members complained of nausea and were seen immediately on campus by the school's nursing staff and Em-

ergency Medical Services personnel. Four of those people were later transported to a local hospital for further observation.

Local emergency authorities responded immediately and examined the building for gases or any other source of noxious fumes, but nothing was found or detected by testing instruments. Out of caution, for further examination and safety, the building remained empty and evalu-

ated for the remainder of the day.

The rest of the campus was unaffected by this incident and no students were involved.

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