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Pinkerton Headmaster Griffin Morse Announces Resignation

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After a relatively short stay, Pinkerton Academy Headmaster Griffin Morse has announced that he attends to step down at the end of June. Morse was hired in January of 2014.

Morse released letter of resignation which announced to Pinkerton staff his intent to retire.

In the letter, Morse began by reflecting on his time at Pinkerton.

"I have deeply enjoyed and found personal satisfaction in my academic work with students and staff in classes of all disciplines," he stated.

The letter also touched on how he enjoyed observ-



Griffin Morse

ing the dynamics of classes at Pinkerton and doing his part to understand the depth of an education earned from the school, such as working with the Advanced Placement Spanish Language classes and the Headmaster Summer Reading Program.

He stated that he was also proud of his work outside the

school with the sending school administrations that "has created a K-12 mentality that has enhanced Pinkerton's leadership role and partnership with the sending towns that ensures a smooth transition for our students and a strong sense of shared goals with their curricula."

Morse commended Pinkerton's growth and innovation over the last couple of years, the recruitment of new staff and willingness of other staff to help guide Pinkerton forward as "a forward-thinking institution that combines best practices in instruction with an intentional spirit of innovation and collaborative learning."

Morse also mentioned
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Overdose Awareness Day Brings Families Together

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Families, friends and neighbors gathered at MacGregor Park last Thursday for a small, solemn vigil. Survivors and supporters from around the area came to celebrate August 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

The event started before sundown, with Derry Councilor at Large Joshua Bourdon welcoming everyone to the park to share in their grief and their hope. Families brought posters memorializing their loved ones. Representatives from local supports groups, like The Derry Friendship Center, had tables open with pamphlets, cards and bracelets. Each one encouraged those in attendance to help spread

the word that no one should go through addiction alone.

Every cause has a color, and drug addiction is no different. Purple ribbons and balloons decorated the park. Purple glow sticks hung from children's necks as they ran around during speeches. Purple flags stood in the middle of a heart formed with white paper bags. Each flag represented one person that fell to an overdose. They were put there by the NH Jr. Avalanche Hockey Team, led by Head Coach Chris Cerrella. He brought his team to the vigil because he felt it was important for them to see what addiction can do.

"They're at that age now where drugs are influencing a lot of young men now, and I thought it was very good for them to hear this kind of

stuff. And also, that these men could be mentors to the younger generation," Cerrella said. He believes sports and athletics can be key to helping young men and women avoid drug use. But it's not always that simple.

Lisa Walsh said she lost her son, Shane, to fentanyl last May. She wore a shirt baring his smiling image with the phrase "#endthestigma." For Shane, it didn't start with staying out of trouble. It started from getting hooked on pain killers. Walsh said he was prescribed Percocet at age 13 to help with post-surgical pain. He didn't start abusing until much later, but once he did, he was hooked for over two years. Before he died, he had been in recovery for 16 months. He was 24 years old

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Steadying Beauty Derry Garden Club Members Sylvia Roberts adds some strength with bamboo and trims flowers in the Pocket Park on Broadway last week with storms expected over the weekend. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town's Panhandler Problem is a Major Concern For Some

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

Panhandlers in Derry, holding handmade cardboard signs declaring their immediate need for money, have become part of the constant scenery in town. They can be found on most business days at the intersection of Manchester Road and Ashleigh Drive. Are we as a

community doing our best to help them in their professed time of great need?

"There is a red headed guy, a woman and a man who walks with a limp, but only when he is being observed," according to a person who has been employed at a business near the intersection of Ashleigh Drive and Manchester Road for three years and spoke to

The Nutfield News on the condition on anonymity.

They said they've spoken to the panhandlers to ask why they spend their days begging for money on the streets. "The red headed man told me he lost everything, his job, his house and that he can't work but has no disability benefits because they haven't started yet."

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Construction Begins On Brady Avenue Sewer Project

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Construction has begun on a project to bring sewer to Brady Avenue residents.

With blasting for ledge scheduled to begin last week, with the anticipated project schedule to occur in two phases over two con-

struction seasons, according to officials.

The first phase will be done this year and will include water and sewer construction from Rockingham Road up to and including house # 18 Brady Ave, Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier said.

The work includes sewer

service connections to the property lines, with base coat paving will be completed prior to this winter, Carrier said.

The project will cost approximately \$562,000 and bring sewer to 50 properties on Brady Avenue. Of the \$562,000, \$487,000 will be raised by a supplemental appropriation. In lieu of a

bond or loan from the state, the project will be funded through a loan to the sewer fund from the town's undesignated fund balance.

The council members voted unanimously at their Dec. 6 meeting to approve raising municipal sewer rates from \$2.98 to \$3.23 per 100 cubic feet. The rate increase would be effective on all sewer usage billed on or after March 1, 2017, according to officials. It marks the first sewer rate increase since 2008.

In the meeting, Public Works Director Michael

Fowler said adding sewer services will be coordinated with a project by Pen-nichuck Water Works to replace water mains in the summer of 2017.

Residents who will be impacted have been contacted by the blasting company to conduct a pre-blast survey of their property. Permits for this work have been issued by the Derry Fire Department.

"Every effort will be made to maintain the road in decent passable condition but there will be inconveniences to the residents," Carrier said. "The Town will

have inspectors on site and residents are encouraged to reach out to them (white hats) or to contact our office with any problems, concerns or questions."

He added, Please know that the Town will make every effort to minimize the disruption to the residents and address issues and answer questions in an expedient manner."

Beginning next spring, crews will continue the sewer and water construction from house #18 to house #51 for the sewer and to Berry Road for the water, Carrier said.



Pet Savers

Best friends Casey Burinskas and Caroline Danner, 12, along with 14-year-old Nickolas Burinskas held a bake sale on Fenway Street in Derry on Sunday. By 1 p.m., they had raised \$40. The proceeds of their sale will be sent to The Red Cross and to Austin Pets Alive!, a Texas-based organization that is helping to rescue animals impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The Burinskas family, who live in Derry and Hampstead are joined by their rescue dog and family pet, Cheeto. Danner is from Hampstead. All three children attend Hampstead Middle School. Nicholas and Casey's father Keith Burinskas and his fiancée Heidi Nicholson, said they were proud of their kid's efforts and did not help them. "It's all them, they did all the baking, everything," said Mr. Burinskas.

Pinkerton Elects New Trustee, Treasurer

ALEX GUITTARR
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The Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees will soon be adding two new members to its ranks as Dr. Scott Copeland has been elected as a new trustee to represent the town of Derry, while Adam Mead was elected to serve as Treasurer of the Board.

According to a recent press release from the school, Dr. Copeland "brings to the Board more than 30 years of experience in Derry as a private orthodontist." Copeland was born in Corning, NY and graduated from Bates College and

SUNY Buffalo, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from the former and both a Doctor of Dental Surgery and Masters of Science in Orthodontics from the latter.

Copeland has also served with the Derry Rotary Club for three decades, is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Orthodontists and is on the Board of Directors for the Derry Boys and Girls Club. All four of his children four are currently attending Pinkerton Academy.

As for Mead, he is noted for being the assistant vice president and commercial loan officer at Pentucket Bank in Salem, New Hampshire, as well as the founder of Mead Capital Management, LLC, an investment management business. Mead graduated from

Pinkerton Academy back in 2004 before earning both a Bachelor's of Science in Finance and a Master's of Business Administration in Finance from Southern New Hampshire University.

Known for being an active member of the Derry community, Mead serves on several boards for groups such as the Derry Rotary Club, the Derry Boys and Girls Club, the Center for Life Management and the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Executive Board.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of eighteen unpaid members, with each sending town connected to Pinkerton Academy required to have at least one trustee to represent it. The trustees serve to govern the school, as well as direct the Headmaster while he or she handles the school's operations.

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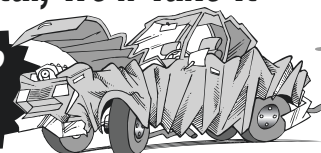
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Chamber of Commerce President Will Stewart Steps Down

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The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce now has a temporary gap in its leadership structure, as President Will Stewart stepped down from the position on September 1.

Stewart noted that he will be moving on to become the executive director for Stay Work Play New Hampshire, which serves as a non-profit organization that encourages people in their twenties and thirties to stay in or move to New

Hampshire to work and spend their leisure time.

Stewart began his time with the chamber in 2014, launching numerous initiatives and leading the Government Affairs Committee, lending his skills to help mediate fiscal communications between these towns and the federal government. He was also a frequent guest on the Girard At Large radio show to speak on various matters concerning the chamber and, as an extension, both Londonderry and Derry.

Nancy Michels, who currently serves as chair-elect on



Will Stewart

the chamber board of directors and lawyer for the Law Office of Parnell, Michels and McKay, spoke very highly of Stewart and his work as

president. She noted that he was a great asset to the chamber and helped to bolster the chamber's reputation amongst the public. She mentioned that amongst his higher qualities were his fabulous writing skills, great personality and that he was generally extremely talented. Michels stated that Stewart will be "sorely missed."

Interviews for the now open position have already begun. Michels explained that the chamber is hoping to find a proper fit for the job within the next month. Touched on some of the

traits the chamber is looking for in their search for a new president. She said she feels that if someone is hoping to become the chamber's next president, they should be a "jack of all trades." They should also be a good salesperson, considering the role of the chamber, as well as be familiar with the operations of such an organization and a willingness to produce ideas concerning government affairs. Michels added that while applicants should not be concerned over what their field of expertise is. However, experience with a

non-profit organization that works closely with communities is considered a plus.

According to the chamber's official website, the group identifies as "an independent, nonprofit, and nonpartisan business advocacy organization made up of voluntary members from the business community, [where] members invest their time and money to further their collective interests, while advancing our community, region, and state."

For more information about the chamber and how to apply for the position, visit gdlchamber.org.

Planning Board To Hold Public Hearing on New Sign At Opera House

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

A proposal to install a new electronic sign at the Adams Memorial Opera House was scheduled to go before Planning Board members at press time.

A public hearing on the proposal scheduled to be

held at the Sept 6 board meeting.

Council members voted in their March 7 meeting to approve using \$17,000 from the Land and Building Capital Reserve fund to install an electronic message sign at the Opera House, 29 West Broadway.

The vote to appropriate

funds began the process to seek proposals for the sign and develop an agreement with tenants at the Memorial building, according to officials.

"The Folks at the Opera House, which is a town-owned facility, have been looking for better ways to publicize events, as has the

town," Administrator David Caron said. "And the location of the Adams building is a gateway to the community along Broadway."

The new sign will not alter the character of the Adams building, Councilor James Morgan said.

"This is a really important first step in trying to

improve the Opera House and the visibility of the Opera House for people to go to shows and for different things," Morgan said.

Also in at the meeting Planning Board meeting, members scheduled to review a revised site plan for Windham Road Storage.

The board members were set to review a site plan revision for removal of bollards and sound barrier panels, according to officials.

Applicant Edward Smith, of NSA Property Holdings, made the request.

Smith made the request because he believes the bollards and fencing are expensive and unnecessary, according to officials.

"Staff is neutral pertain-

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

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

Board members voted 5-3-1 in their March 15 meeting to approve the revised plan with conditions such as including all weather sound panels surrounding all of the air conditioning units on the property.

International Food Festival

Carolyn Birr of Derry and Patti McDonald of Londonderry serve food from the Mexico booth at the annual International Food Festival hosted by Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church in Salem will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. Patrons will sample food from ten different countries. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6 - 12, and children under 6 are free. For tickets, contact Ticket Chair Joy Kimball at 605-359-3363 (yes, 605), or come early for a ticket at the door.

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Editorial

Never Forget

Do you remember what you were doing 16 years ago Tuesday, when the images and words of the September 11 attacks came across the television screens? We're sure many of you will never forget that day. But September 11 is more than the date of a horrific event. It also marks the day when most everything we took for granted about life in America disappeared. And it's the date when we ever so briefly put aside our political and philosophical differences and came together as a nation.

That's particularly relevant this year, when our freedom and ability to choose is being changed and challenged every day. This is what makes America great: the freedom to choose and to know that our choices both large and small have a ripple effect that define us as individuals.

This freedom is central to our government and the American way of life, central to the concept of democracy.

The attackers on Sept. 11 were an attempt to destroy the freedom to live our lives as we want. On that day in 2001, we understood the importance of coming together as one nation for a greater good, not for power, money or control. We must remember that today.

Memory is important for the progression of a society; today that memory is being thwarted by an attempt to erase the negative history that built our society as we know it. In the face of strife, instead of coming together and joining hands to combat whatever negative and violent occurrences are happening in our country such as protests we are pitting ourselves against each other, destroying monuments that represent how far we have come and an era that we never want to return to.

These monuments reminds us of the horrible things in our past and guide us to be better in the future.

Most of us will hold forever the images of the World Trade Center towers collapsing in on themselves, trapping within them more than 1,000 people and condemning them to death; most of us will remember the bravery of the firefighters and police and ordinary citizens who were unexpected participants in a disaster of epic proportions.

Unity was the operative word after Sept. 11, 2001, but after watching Congress this past session, unity is a word that seems to have been banished from the dictionary, as well as fairness.

Sixteen years later, we have become dis-united and divided, having lost content and clarity to emotion and party line.

But unity is not a sign of weakness. No firefighter asked whether the workers on the top floors of the towers were Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative. None of that mattered. Human beings rushed into the unknown to help out fellow human beings. They were emblematic of the humanity we all share and the opposite of the inhumanity exhibited by the terrorists.

In spite of our busy lives, we hope each one of us pauses on September 11 to recall what we lost that day, and to reflect on what is important to remember. There is a bigger picture out there than a political divide, so embrace the past good, bad, and indifferent for that is what makes us remember so history is not repeated.

We show our love for our country in a myriad ways. We understood that after the attacks and we must remember that today.

Be thankful of what kinds of people we have become.

Letters

Houston Relief

To the editor,

I was stationed at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX in the early 1960s. When I was in the corporate world back in the 1970s and 1980s I was a General Manager for a division of a nationwide environmental consulting com-

pany and I had a regional office in Houston, which I visited numerous times.

Houston covers a huge area with about seven million residents. I can remember it took me an hour to drive from the airport to the office on the other side of Houston.

Betty and I are contributing funds to the Houston

Food Bank. Its web site is www.houstonfoodbank.org. Donations can be made online with a credit card or mailed to:

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Don and Betty Moskowitz, Londonderry

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Panhandlers

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The local employee continued; "I asked him why he doesn't look for a job and he said that he makes too much money panhandling to get a job. He told me he makes 800 dollars a day". "I could just scream" declared the local employee, pointing out that the man always has cigarettes, has a nice cell phone and when offered food by a generous woman, the panhandler was observed throwing the food to the ground and stomping on it.

Last week, I approached the red headed man about his situation. He would not tell me his name but told me he panhandles for 16 hours a day and makes 18 dollars. The true amount is impossible to track down because income from panhandling is not reported to the IRS.

I asked if he is ever offered work. He replied that he lives with people and work for them sometimes. When asked if drug addiction was an issue for him he told me; "No, but I'm getting help for that, thanks".

Staff at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen report that they have reached out to local panhandlers but offers of help has been refused.

Taylor Cameron, a 17-year-old senior at Pinkerton Academy says she "feels bad for them but doesn't know what the situation is". She has never given them money. She suspects they

have drug addiction problems and would like more done about the issue. "New Hampshire is a beautiful state and we shouldn't be known for the addiction crisis."

Derry Town Council Chairman, Josh Bourdon commented; "I don't think it's fair to label all panhandlers in one bucket as addiction, substance abuse and mental illness all play a part." Bourdon has seen panhandlers in Derry for the 7 years he has lived here. He points out reduced state funding of mental health services as one cause. Bourdon wants the town council to consider new ways to address the problem.

In Manchester, signs were recently erected at known areas of panhandling that encourage people to give directly to local social service agencies.

Manchester Police Chief Nick Willard considers it a matter of life and death. The Manchester signs read; "Your generosity could lead to a fatality". 24 known panhandlers in Manchester have overdosed in the last two years and he believes they are supporting their drug habit through panhandling.

Derry Police Chief Ed Garone has advice about what people should do when they encounter panhandlers; "Do not contribute to those people who say they will work when they are 50 feet away from a help wanted sign. New Hampshire has

the lowest unemployment rate in the nation, I would encourage those people to go apply for a job at any of the places with a help wanted sign." He continued, "services are available for people in dire straits. The best thing to do is to tell them how to get to the soup kitchen or the town welfare department."

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen is located at 4 Crystal Avenue.

The town welfare department is known as the Derry Human Services Department, located in the Derry Municipal Center at 14 Manning St. Their stated mission is to "... provide temporary emergency assistance to town residents who lack adequate resources. We assist our less fortunate citizens to relief agencies and strive to promote self-reliance and independence." Their phone number is 603-432-6753. Their website is <https://www.derry.nh.org/human-services> This website has numerous links to other local agencies that can help with specific needs such as homelessness or transportation needs.

The Derry Friendship Center, located at 6 Railroad Ave., is a volunteer run organization where people can find help and support to overcome drug and alcohol addiction. Their website is <http://www.thederryfriendshipcenter.org> For immediate needs they can be reached at 603-432-9794

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Headmaster Announces Hopes and Focuses for School Year At Pinkerton

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With Pinkerton Academy beginning its two hundred and fourth year of operation on August 30, Headmaster Griffin Morse, who recently announced that this would be his last year in the position, put forth a press release that expanded upon on how students handled their first day back to school, amongst other topics.

Morse noted that the 872 incoming freshmen had already gotten their first taste of Pinkerton Academy during the Freshman Field

Day on August 8, which “gave them a boost of confidence for their first day of classes two days ago when freshmen have the campus to themselves for a dry run of their schedule.”

Morse also mentioned how students were functioning during this first day, including slight alterations to the overall schedule, with seven class periods and six lunch periods and how “families and students are gradually getting online to find general information by year and into the school classroom software to see schedules and class details.”

Morse touched on a number the success of some of the programs at Pinkerton, including the Headmaster’s Summer Reading program and the fall sports season. He commented on how several office changes and construction projects recently came to an end, including some pavement resurfacing in front of the school’s clock tower.

Amongst the other general points mentioned in the press release concerned Morse’s focus on making Pinkerton Academy more tech-friendly, including the implementation of 1:1 devices, giving each teacher a Chromebook to help assist with these implementations and continued IT development on infrastructure to help bring billing, human resources and online payments onto online systems.



The Pinkerton Academy walkways were chalk full of students as the new year began last week. *Courtesy photo*



The Pinkerton Academy front entrance was paved and remarked over the summer.

Correction: In the Derryfest article in the Aug 31, issue regarding Pasta Fest. The information obtained through the Derryfest website was incorrect. Pasta Fest will take place at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is free, but small donations are appreciated. There will be no bingo this year. Proceeds will go to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

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Derry Garden Club Prepares For Flower Show on Sept. 9

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Summer may be coming to a close, but that does not mean much for the Derry Garden Club (DGC), who recently had their latest meeting on September 1 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry.

The primary focus of this meeting was to prepare members for their upcoming Flower Show on September 9, held at the same location.

As a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, the DGC is required to put on such a show every three or four years. At the show itself, participants will be able to compete in one of two categories: either horticulture, centering on producing high-end vegetables and

fruits, or floral designs, where one will use flowers and other objects to produce customized displays.

Producing a beautiful floral display or delicious looking produce is only part of the job. In order to fully understand what their displays are, for the sake of both judges and casual viewers, participants are required to scientifically classify the plants that they are displaying. This includes the division, variety and species of the plants. Thus, senior members of the DGC spent the latter portion of the meeting training participants on how these classifications work and how to properly identify which classes their plants fit into.

This is all because the judges will be having just as much difficulty selecting a

winner as participants will have growing their entries. According to Michelle Messinger, a member who has served as a judge at such events in the past, noted that judges "look at the specimen and choose the best", which is easier said than done since "some plants have to have foliage and some don't." Ultimately, the judges will use a point scale to choose winners based on creativity for floral designs and size and health for horticulture.

Also during the meeting, the DGC's current president, Suzanne Dustin presented a rose to each of the former DGC presidents who attended the meeting to thank them for their efforts. Those given a rose were Mary Lee Daily, Pat Mulone, Judy Motta, Michelle Messinger, Kay Nugent, Blanche Gar-



Past Derry Garden Club presidents were acknowledged and presented a rose during the club's September meeting last week. From left, Susan Davis, Blanche Garone, Kay Nugent, Wanda Desaulniers, Michelle Messinger, Judy Motta, Pat Mulone and Mary Lee Daily.

Photo by Chris Paul

one, Wanda Desaulniers and Susan Davis. Other past presidents, who could not attend were Gaye Apgar, Cathleen Cormier and Corinne Safron.

Dustin also announced

the DGC's participation in a couple of upcoming events across Derry and Londonderry, including a Go Green Cleanup on Oct. 7, a bake sale at Mack's Apples on Oct. 1 and its participation

in the upcoming Derryfest on Sept. 16.

For more information on the DGC, and future meetings and events that it will have planned, visit derrygardclub.com.

Family Holds Fundraiser In Honor of Son To Help Combat Addiction

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A Derry family is hoping to make a positive impact on their community so that others do not have to suffer like they have.

In response to their son, Adam Desjardins, passing away about two years ago from a drug overdose, his parents, Cale and Candance Houston, decided to hold a cornhole tournament and fundraiser for Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge is a faith-based addiction center with numerous locations across the country, including Manchester.

The event took place on September 2 at the Houston's home on the outskirts of Derry, dozens of friends, neighbors and supports arrived to show their support and enjoy the great weather, all while raising money for Teen Challenge and their ongoing efforts to end drug abuse. Cale mentioned that she and her family simply wanted to "do something good out of something bad."

Catering was provided by Tuckaway Tavern in Raymond, where Adam used to work before he passed away. Many of those who participated in the day's activities are patrons of the tavern and

found out about the fundraiser through tavern staff and their relationship with the Houston family.

Also present at the event was Teen Challenge Representative Andy Mikols. Mikols, who was able to get clean with the help of Teen Challenge, stated that the group helps participants stay off drugs through character-based changes based on the life of Jesus Christ, with which they "implement that into the everyday lives of the man." In addition to assisting in any way they could with the festivities, Mikols and other Teen Challenge representatives sold an assortment

of coffees and shirts that helped fund the non-profit organization while also accepting cash donations.

According to his mother Cale, Adam was a very outgoing young man who loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting. She was very

pleased with the outcome, noting that the amount of people who showed up for the fundraiser symbolized "just the impact [Adam] had on the community." One hundred percent of the event's proceeds are going directly to Teen Challenge.

Cale said that she would be more than happy to hold more of these fundraisers in the subsequent years.

To learn more about Teen Challenge, particularly their chapters in New Hampshire, please visit tcnnewhampshire.org.

Headmaster

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the Pinkerton staff's recent achievements in establishing a concussion management team, greater guidance in planning careers and exposing students to brand new cultures and opportunities.

The Headmaster's letter finished by saying that although this will be his final year in the position, "there is still plenty more work to do to continue improving the student expe-

rience and the work culture at Pinkerton" and that he is willing to make this period of transition move as smoothly as possible.

In response to this sudden announcement, a statement was released by Timothy Butterfield, President of the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees.

In the statement, Butterfield described Morse as "a hard-working leader of Pinkerton Academy, both on and off campus, noting that he was grateful for Morse's

ability to unite students, staff and the community, as well as his love of education and passion for the arts.

Butterfield wished Morse the best in his future endeavors and thanked him for his hard work. Butterfield asked staff and students "to do the same by thanking Mr. Morse for his dedication and friendship."

Morse's final day will be June 30, 2018. Butterfield is hoping to have a new headmaster in place by July 1 of next year.

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Derry Library Schedules a Variety of Events For Fall

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NUTFIELD NEWS

As Summer comes to a close and the colder seasons begin to creep their way in, the Derry Public Library already has a number of interesting events planned in the coming months that residents may want to take note of.

Local musician Deanna Butler will be music to the ears of Jazz lovers in Derry when she takes part

in A Night of Jazz on September 20. According to Deanna, her songs will be based out of the early 20th century, which was also known as "The Jazz Age", around the time of World War 1 and The Great Depression. Specifically, the likes of ragtime, marching and the blues will be showcased.

To accompany her musical stylings, Butler also likes to expand upon the backstory of the music she sings. In

terms of The Jazz Age, Butler will be discussing Jazz's connection to the "Roaring 20's" and the new era of morals that came with it, along with how Jazz thrived in speakeasies during Prohibition.

On September 23, the library will be hosting a special genealogy program, detailing the library's resources on the subject, such as the obituary index, and explaining to attendees about how

they can learn about just how vibrant their family trees really are.

Those who wish to learn more about how to avoid falling to a financial scam may want to visit the library on September 27 for a fraud and scam prevention program. The program, which will be presented by AARP Presenter Norma Boyce, will provide timely and vital information on how to identify and avoid frauds and explain

what to do if an individual were to become a victim of a scam. Boyce is a retired accounting and finance professional who has volunteered with the AARP Fraud and Scams Group since 2010.

The library will be hosting a monthly series of meetings as a part of their new Craft Club. Each month will feature a new project for attendees to test their skills on, including fusing grocery bags on Septem-

ber 7, creating "fairy lanterns" on October 5, producing marbled designs on card stock on November 2 and creating your own bath bombs on December 7. Supplies are limited for these meetings, so registration is necessary either online or by calling the library.

For more information on these events and others occurring in the future, visit derrypl.org or contact the library at 603-432-6140.

Marion Gerrish Has Served Residents For Over Four Decades

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Residents of Derry may know the Marion Gerrish Community Center for both its accessibility to community events for both the young and old and as a thrift shop to find just about anything for a reasonable price. But, like nearly everything else in this 300-hundred-year-old town, there is far more history to the building than most realize.

According to the center's website, the Marion Gerrish building began as a schoolhouse back in the 1860s, originally a one-story structure with a steeple and known as the West Side School. It was eventually raised, converted into a two-story structure and phased out into a storage facility in 1952.

Around 1972, however, Gerry Cox, the Parks & Recreation Director at the time, and members of the Derry Youth Organization managed to obtain a lease on the building and convert it into a teen drop-in/community center, renaming it the West Side Community Cen-



Marion Gerrish Community Center

ter (WSCC).

Unfortunately, the building had become infested with pigeons, meaning that Parks and Recreation staff had their hands full in remodeling the rundown building. After a series of renovation to make space for the likes of the Thrift Shop and offices for the Parks and Recreation Department, the building continued to grow in popularity, eventually gaining enough funds to add a third floor to the building in 1991, adding on more meeting rooms and giving more space

to the Thrift Shop. The Board of Directors typically funded these renovations through fundraisers, including auctions, craft fairs and Christmas fairs, and more.

As for the building's namesake, Marion Gerrish served with Barbara Cox as the two founding members of the Thrift Shop, originally known as the Community Closet. Both serving on the first WSCC board, Cox retired in the late 1980's, but Gerrish stuck around and continued to assist until her death in 1999. Considered

the backbone of the center, the Board of Directors decided that same year to rename the building the Marion Gerrish Community Center for her twenty eight years of hard work.

However, Gerrish was not the only one whose dedication made the center what it is today. There was also Don Ball, who has served on the Board of Directors for forty

years; Russ Pouliot, whose financial expertise kept the addition of the third floor within budget, and Bernie Resnick; who served on the board from 1979 until 2009, causing the center to hang a plaque up in his honor.

Today, the center is considered the heart of the community. Housing groups and organizations such as the Derry Rotary Club, Meals on

Wheels, Derry Village Rotary, Derry Community Fund, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and a large assortment of youth groups, sports organizations, church organizations and more meet at the center throughout the year.

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Overdose Awareness

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when he passed.

Walsh joined up with other grief-stricken mothers to form #6Moms, a group dedicated to supporting parents and families who have lost a loved one to drug abuse or addiction. It consists of Walsh, Cyndi Wood, Lila Mazzola, Susan Markievitz, Linda Turcotte and Kathleen Scarpone.

Walsh was surprised to see David Mara, the Advisor to the Governor on Addiction and Behavioral Health at the vigil. The Derry Town Council invited Mara to speak to the crowd. He read a proclamation from Governor Sununu declaring that Overdose Awareness Day would be officially recognized by the state of New Hampshire.

"It's nice to be recognized. It's nice to see the disease recognized for what it is," said Walsh.

Jill Skelton came to MacGregor park with one goal- to

share the story of her best friend.

"She got into drugs a few years ago. One of her former boyfriends got her into drugs," Skelton said. "What really got her into it was he tried killing her with a machete." Skelton's friend really started using to help with the post-traumatic stress disorder from that event. "The underlying issue with [my friend] is mental health," explained Skelton. "She couldn't get help for her PTSD, she couldn't get help for her depression, so she took it upon herself to get her own help, and she self-medicated."

Skelton pushed her purple hair out of her face and wiped her tears away on her sleeve. She paused for a moment and went on to say that her friend was finally able to get herself into a program up at the Farnum Center in Manchester. She was released from the program when she came up clean dur-



A candle lit vigil was held for victims of drug overdose at MacGregor Park last week. Photo by Katie O'Donnell

ing her monthly drug testing there. Skelton said she knew the test was wrong. She had seen her friend using, but said the center did not do a retest. She relapsed shortly after.

"In the end she went back. She went back for six months... she was so scared. She was so scared she was going to die. She would say it every day- she couldn't get help," Skelton said.

Everyone in attendance

had an idea of what can be done to help those in need of support.

"I think they need to have more supports for the addicts themselves. More recovery..." explained Walsh. She wants to see "more beds in these facilities. There's waiting lines. You make a phone call and it could take you three weeks to get in. In three weeks, a lot can happen."

As day faded on into night,

candles were handed out. By the time the last sherds of sunlight disappeared behind the trees, the park radiated with candlelight. Mazzola of #6Moms played a slideshow showing the names, photos, and dates of different overdose victims. Soft instrumental music underscored the presentation while onlookers waited patiently to see their letter of remembrance flash across the projection screen. Mazzola's son, Pete, was remembered by family and a small group of young men from Pinkerton who had him and his dad as coaches during their time with the Derry Wolverines. Like Walsh's son, Pete started with pain killers to deal with problems post-surgery. And like so many others, it led him to addiction, and eventually, death.

The night ended with a reciting of the serenity prayer by Mazzola and the rest of the #6Moms. They read a list with the names of 120 overdose victims. Occasionally, a whistle or a "we

love you" would puncture the quiet when a name was read. After the vigil, the crowd blew out their candles and began packing up. Mazzola was thankful for all the support the Town Council gave in creating the vigil.

"Josh [Bourdon] was so helpful, just maneuvering through things."

Bourdon had been working with The Derry Fellowship Center for the last few years after creating a 5k road race fundraiser for the center. He said he was more than happy to help put on the vigil at MacGregor Park.

"One of the goals of the #6Moms was to create awareness. I say mission accomplished," Bourdon said.

Families and friends of those dealing with or are victims of addiction can reach out to groups like NH Team Sharing on Facebook, Lighting the Path for Support, The Derry Fellowship Center, Granite Pathways, or Regional Access Point Services.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Gridders Open Season By Blasting Broncos, 48-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After dealing with the disappointment of completely missing out on the Division I playoffs last autumn, the 2017 Pinkerton Academy football squad is determined not to let that happen again this fall.

Longtime coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros made certain to officially start the new campaign with a resounding victory over the host Alvirne High Broncos in Hudson on Friday night, Sept. 1.

In the 48-0 hammering of its host, the academy squad had its offense run nine series' and score touchdowns at the tail-ends of seven of them. The Astros tallied 349 yards worth of offense, and their defense held the Broncos to a mere 118 offensive yards, all of which came via the running game.

What's more, the victorious Astros had a dozen different players rush the football for yards and seven different players snare pass receptions. Along with the stellar work done by the PA defense, it's safe to say that the vast majority of Astros

strode away from the Alvirne field feeling as though they'd made real contributions to their squad's season-opening success.

"This was our first step after last year, and we want to make sure to be where we want to be," said coach O'Reilly. "We got a lot of people involved, we're relatively injury-free, and this was a good start."

The first four Pinkerton offensive forays all produced touchdowns, with the very first which began the contest lasting eight plays, covering 68 yards, and culminating with a 29-yard scoring pass from quarterback Aiden Goujon to Ryan Auger. Brandon Roy added the extra-point kick, and he would do so six times in this lopsided game.

It became a 14-0 contest with four minutes left in the first quarter when Avery Battle capped off a nine-play drive with a six-yard scoring sprint.

The Broncos gave Pinkerton exceptional field position minutes later by messing up a punt play, with the Astros lining up a new series starting from the Alvirne 18. Two plays later, Battle ran



Pinkerton quarterback Aiden Goujon lofts a pass skyward during his team's season-opening thumping of Alvirne in Hudson last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*

12 yards to pay-dirt in helping his Astros build their lead up to 21-0 with the second period just seconds old.

The Pinkerton lead would grow to 35-0 thanks to scoring sprints of 10 yards and six yards by Ty

Hicks before the half was over.

After one half of play, the visiting Astros had a 35-0 lead and an advantage of 241-60 where offensive yards were concerned.

Pinkerton had its



Kayden Baillargeon sprints ahead for yards during the Astro football crew's 48-0 bouncing of the Alvirne Broncos last Friday night, Sept. 1.

reserves play the second half, and the locals added scoring runs by Trent Leduc (one yard) and Lombard (20 yards) in getting to the 48-0 final score.

The Astros finished up with 203 rushing yards and

146 through their passing game.

The Astros' home opener will take place this Friday night at 7 p.m. The team will face Nashua South, which opened its 2017 season with a loss to Salem.



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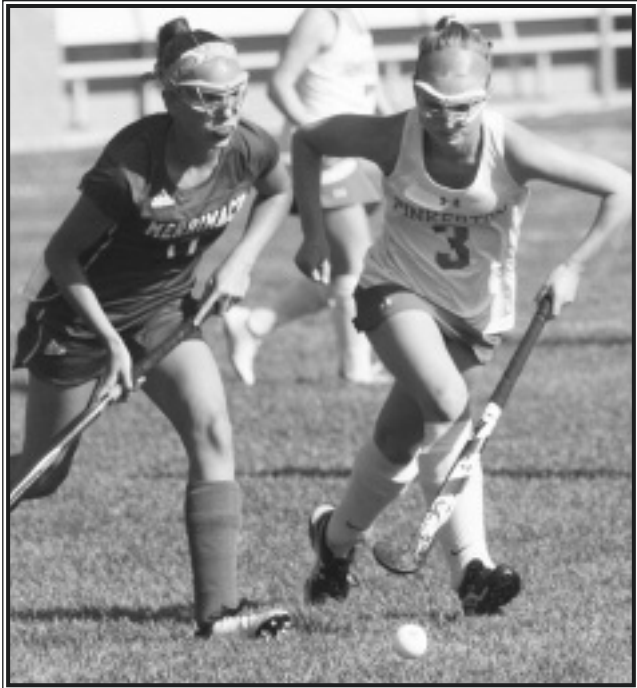
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Newcomer, Veterans Combine to Get Lady Astro Stickers a 2-0 Start



Lady Astro Ava Dorci, shown here at right chasing a loose ball against Merrimack, worked with her teammates to snare a shutout over the visiting Tomahawks in Derry last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's second-year varsity field hockey coach Katie Van

Nostrand knows that in order for her Lady Astros to make a return to the Division I title match later this autumn her charges will need to have their battle-tested veteran talent work well with some talented newcomers.

Well, through its first two matches of the 2017 campaign, all systems are all kinds of go for the Pinkerton contingent, which started out with a 2-1 defeat of Manchester Central on the road and a fine 3-0 blanking of the Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks in Derry last

week.

Following the nipping of the host Central Little Green crew at Gill Stadium on Monday, Aug. 28, the academy bunch made its home-opener a real success three days later with the shutout of Pinkerton graduate Ann MacLean's Merrimack mob.

Newcomer Lauren Lisauskas - a sophomore forward - was extremely impressive and productive in playing a part in all three goals, scoring two and assisting on the third.

She netted the first marker - the only one which the Lady Astros would end up needing to pot to claim this victory - a little less than eight minutes into the first half. The tally was set up by veteran forward Meg

Michaud.

The skilled sophomore netted an insurance goal for her side - set up by senior forward Emma Davis - with a little more than four minutes left in the period as Pinkerton rolled toward and then into halftime with a 2-0 lead.

Senior defender Jess Shatford kept the Lady Tomahawks from scoring a tally which would have sliced the PA lead down to a goal with a big defensive play in the second stanza, and the hosts bumped their lead up to 3-0 midway through the period when Lisauskas set up teammate Davis.

Along with Shatford's impressive and important stop, the victorious locals

received two saves from goalie Khaliyah Ellis.

Offensive stalwart Lisauskas is one of six promising newcomers aiming to help their Lady Astros hit the heights in Division I. The others include senior defender Maddie Peredna, junior forward Taylor Marchman, and Lisauskas' fellow 10th graders Sarah Collins (defense), Lily Auger (defense), and Mari Shea (forward).

The undefeated academy stickers stepped into this week looking at just one match scheduled, with that taking place in Nashua against the South Lady Purple Panthers this past Tuesday, Sept. 5, after Nutfield News press time had passed.

Lady Astro Soccer Splits Tight Decisions to Start Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Sometimes you win the tight decisions, and sometimes you don't.

That was the simple reminder given to new Pinkerton Academy girls' varsity soccer coach Danielle Rappa and her charges in their first two

2017 matches last week.

Rappa saw her Lady Astros squeak out a 2-1, season-opening overtime win over the visiting Merrimack Tomahawks in Derry on the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 29. But two nights later the academy crew dropped a 1-0 decision to the host ua South Lady Purple Panthers in the Gate City.

In the edging of Merrimack, the hosts watched their guests bust a 0-0 tie early in the second half. But the Lady Astros answered 10 minutes later when freshman Macy Graves put an exclamation point on her first high school match by scoring on a penalty kick.

"We scored the decider with two minutes left in the first overtime period with a cross from senior Nicole Alves to senior Ashlee Dubois, who put the ball in the net," said coach Rappa.

Along with the successful finish, the new varsity mentor was quite pleased with the play in the midfield

of Julia Preston, Adria Forand, and Katie Ziniti.

But the deciding goal went the opponent's way on Thursday the 31st when ua South dealt PA a 1-0 defeat.

"Despite our controlling the second half, South scored on a counter-attack in the second half," lamented coach Rappa. "Sam Franks and Adria Forand created opportunities but couldn't put one in the net. The girls are looking to take the loss in stride and continue to improve this season with their new team."

After having enjoyed a full week away from competitive action, the Lady

Astros return to game play road match at Timberlane this Friday, Sept. 8 with a Regional High in Plaistow.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Aug. 27



Cole Perry, Senior, Boys' Soccer

This battle-tested veteran was truly a going concern for the opposition in his team's season-opening, goal-packed defeats of Merrimack and Nashua South.



Lauren Lisauskas, Sophomore, Field Hockey

This talented young forward played a huge part in her Lady Astros' home-opener, a 3-0 shutout of Merrimack. Lisauskas scored two of the goals and assisted on the other.

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Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Crew Starts Out New Season at 2-0

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Early indications are that scoring goals won't be much of a problem for the Pinkerton Academy boys' varsity soccer team.

The locals kicked off their 2017 campaign last week with a convincing 5-2 win over the Merrimack High Tomahawks followed by a much tighter, 4-3 edging of the Nashua South Purple Panthers.

The PA boys bashed home two shots in the first half of the opener in Merrimack on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and had a 2-1 lead at half-time.

The Astros then outscored their hosts by a 3-1 margin in the second half to take the win home against the 0-2 opponent.

Pinkerton scored the first two goals of the game within a couple minutes of each other. Cole Perry set up

teammate Trevor Demers for the first in minute number 27, and two minutes later Perry netted the second tally on a penalty kick.

Merrimack cut its deficit in half just a minute later, and 2-1 was where the score sat at the half.

It became a 3-1 contest five minutes into the second half when Perry was set up by Jon Tremblay, but the Tomahawks answered five minutes later in making it a 3-2 match.

Pinkerton tucked the win away on goals by Brian Castle (from Joe Palmer) and Terence Coyle (from Cory Jones) during the final 10 minutes of play.

Astros' goalie Max Fairbank contributed 10 saves to his squad's season-starting success.

"This was not an ideal performance, but it was enough to get by today," said coach Kerry Boles. "Max made multiple amazing

saves, including a penalty kick save to keep us alive. It's nice to know that we have that safety net back there, but I hope we don't have to rely on him like this for the next 15 games. We have some messes to clean up, but for Opening Day, I'm very pleased with this result."

The locals then got to play on their home pitch three days later, playing host to a talented and determined Nashua South side.

Pinkerton saw the Purple Panthers bag a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal in just the seventh minute of play. But the hosts knotted the tally at 1-1 in minute 35 when Terence Coyle had the first of his two, quick goals set up by Perry.

And just 15 seconds later Coyle and his teammates were celebrating a second goal, with this one having been set up by Jones.

The Astros grasped that

2-1 lead until just four minutes into the second period when South tied it. And the 2-2 deadlock remained until the Nashuans grabbed a 3-2 advantage in minute 57.

However, Pinkerton knotted the score again just three minutes later when Palmer set up Alex Rust, and Palmer potted the game-winner himself in minute number 65 unassisted.

Fairbank managed another 10 stops for his victorious side in the success.

"Once again, not a great performance on the field at times, but I was happy that we battled back on several occasions when we were trailing," said coach Boles. "There is no doubt that these guys are going to work hard, but now we have to figure how to work smart. We still have some areas that need improvement, but we have to be happy to start the season this way. We have some major league battles coming



Pinkerton's Terence Coyle, pictured last week against Nashua South, netted goals in each of his squad's first two matches of 2017.

Photo by Chris Pantazis

up, so I hope we're ready for Hanover this past Tuesday the 5th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by

Boles and his boys strode into this week looking at a home game against another home match against Timberlane on Friday.

Lady Astro Spikers Begin New Campaign With a Strong Road Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Featuring a fine mix of battle-tested veterans and promising newcomers, the Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad has plenty of reasons for optimism this fall.

And veteran coach Todd Royce's Lady Astros began their 2017 campaign in extremely strong form, tallying a 3-0 shutout against the host Merrimack High Tomahawks last Friday, Sept. 1.

Coach Royce's roster won all three games

extremely handily, tallying victories of 25-11, 25-14, and 25-10 to head home wearing wide and well-earned smiles.

Junior outside-hitter Amelia Graves was a stalwart for the victorious locals in the match, notching 14 service points, 14 digs, and 12 kills. Her fellow key returnee from the 2016 squad - senior setter Sarah Metzger - collected some 30 assists, with sophomore outside hitter and key returnee Ella Dandrade managing 14 digs.

Other important contributors included junior

returnee Brooke Kane (nine kills and two blocks) and impressive freshman Reese Asselin (14 service points with four aces).

The Lady Astros' other veteran returnees to this fall's squad include seniors Ashley Ginnetty, Bekah Megan Hough and Caroline

Mills and juniors Lizzie Whelton and Kiley Davis.

Along with the aforementioned Asselin, Pinkerton's promising newcomers include senior Nicole Baron and juniors Ashley Ginnetty, Bekah Stallings, and Brooke

Burke.

When asked about his team's keys to success this season, coach Royce responded, "We need to be solid in serve and receive. We also need to

continue to compete and continue to grow as a team."

The veteran mentor sees Hollis-Brookline, Dover, and Spaulding of Rochester as the strongest teams in D-I this fall.

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Astro Golfers Start With Strong Play on Home Course

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Even without female standouts Lauren Thibodeau and Erin Della'Rosa in the lineup for its season-opening match at the Hoodcroft Country Club last Friday, Sept. 1, the Pinkerton Academy golf team was all kinds of successful in absolutely vanquishing its

first two opponents handily on that warm and sunny afternoon.

The Astro golfers shot a 214 as a crew, easily besting the visiting Manchester Central Little Green (237) and the Winnacunnet High Warriors from Hampton (259). While Pinkerton started out at 2-0, Central moved to 3-3 and the Warriors slid to 0-8.

The Astros had four of the top five scorers thanks to the efforts of match champ Lewis White (39), Kyle Raspuzzi (42), and Noah Kierstead and Jarrod Foster (tied for third with a Central player at 44).

Also playing well were Matt MacDougall, Zak Kahn, and Ty Letoile, who all shot a 45 and finished in a multi-player tie for sixth.

Coach Jeff Sojka's academy crew then bounded into this week looking at just one scheduled match, with that taking place in Manchester against the Memorial Crusaders and the Timberlane Regional Owls of Plaistow this past Tuesday the 5th, after Nutfield News press time.



Pinkerton's Noah Kierstead watches teammate Lewis White work on his putting prior to the Astros' home match at the Derryfield Country Club last week.

Farmers Market Ending in Full Swing



With Fall quickly approaching, the Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market is in full swing. Many of the local farmers with booths have an abundance of vegetables for sale. The final day of the market is scheduled for Sept. 20, so time is running out if you haven't had a chance to get there this summer.

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Derry Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Fri., Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. The speaker will be Jerry and Paige Kennery and they will demonstrate the use of the garden club website and discuss various forms of social media. Bring your own sandwich. The committee will provide chips, desserts and beverages. We will also be collecting for the food pantry and soup kitchen. www.derrygardenclub.org

Macks Craft and Bake Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be having their annual bake and craft sale Sun., Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples, 230 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. There will be lots of baked goods and crafts for sale. It's also a great place to pick apples.

Night of Jazz

AT the Derry Public Library local musician Deanna Butler will be music to the ears of Jazz lovers in Derry when she takes part in A Night of Jazz on September 20 from 7 - 8 p.m. According to Deanna, her songs will be based out of the early 20th century, which was also known as "The Jazz Age" Butler will be discussing Jazz's connection to the "Roaring 20's" and the new era of morals that came with it, along with how Jazz thrived in speakeasies during Prohibition. For more information contact Adult Services Librarian at 432-6140 or lizr@derrypl.org.

Genealogy Program

On September 23, from 2 - 4 p.m., the Derry Public Library will be hosting a special genealogy program, detailing the library's resources on the subject, such as the obituary index, and explaining to attendees about how they can learn about just how vibrant their family trees really are. For more information contact Adult Services Librarian at 432-6140 or lizr@derrypl.org.

Fraud & Scam Prevention

Want to learn more about how to avoid falling into a financial scam? Then visit the library on September 27, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for a fraud and scam prevention program. The program, which will be presented by AARP Presenter Norma Boyce, will provide timely and vital information on how to identify and avoid frauds and explain what to do if an individual were to become a victim of a scam. For more information contact Adult Services Librarian at 432-6140 or lizr@derrypl.org.

Craft Club

The library will be hosting a monthly series of meetings as a part of their new Craft Club. Each month will feature a new project for attendees to test their skills on, including fusing grocery bags on September 7, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., creating "fairy lanterns" on October 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., producing marbled designs on card stock on November 2, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and creating your own bath bombs on December 7, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Supplies are limited for these meetings, so registration is necessary either online or by calling the library. Contact Courtney Wason at 603-432-6140 or courtneyw@derrypl.org for more information.

Community Meals Network

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! At Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, Sept. 10, Dinner at, 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Sept. 24, Breakfast 9 - 10 a.m.; At Etz Hayim Synagogue 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, Sept. 17, Dinner at, 5 - 6:15 p.m.; At First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, Sept. 29, Dinner at, 5-6:30 p.m.; At St. Jude Parish Community,

435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, Sept. 24, Lunch at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, Sept. 16, Breakfast at 7:30 - 10a.m. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

High Holy Day Services

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Derry Garden Club Flower Show

The Derry Garden Club will be presenting a New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show on Sat., Sept. 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, beekeeper and educational exhibits. For more information go to derrygardenclub.org

30th Annual Apple County Craft Fair

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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 seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

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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.

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