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Town Staff Working To Increase Traffic Safety in Downtown Area

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry continues to expand economically week in and week out, but with these expansions come more visitors and traffic in the downtown area. This is precisely what has been motivating groups like the Town Council to make this area safer for the public.

One such discussion recently took place when Town Administrator David Caron made his report at the Sept. 5 council meeting at Town Hall. During his report, Caron noted that several efforts are currently

being undertaken to minimize traffic hazard.

One of the major changes will include two flashing traffic signs installed by the Department of Public Works that will alert oncoming cars of residents attempting to cross the street. One will be placed at the intersection of East Broadway and McAllister Court, while the other will sit at the Adams Memorial Crosswalk on West Broadway. They are both expected to be operational within a couple of weeks.

The town is also working to introduce ways to discourage panhandling across

town by informing those performing this act about resource centers where they can get support while also eliminating possible traffic hazards they may pose.

But while the council seemed satisfied with these actions, Council Chair Joshua Bourdon main concern lied with potentially reducing the speed limit on West and East Broadway, which is currently set at 30 mph.

When speaking to Police Chief Edward Garone on the matter, Bourdon asked if it was within the town's jurisdiction to lower the speed

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Derry Schools Continue to Fight Nations Drug Crisis

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry schools are helping families talk to their children about drug abuse awareness. Talking with students about drug abuse is never an easy subject, but it has become almost necessary with the increase of drug related deaths in the state.

A constant debate has been when the appropriate age is to start talking to kids about drugs and drug abuse. Interim Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian said the district has programs to teach children refusal skills in the younger grades.

"We try to be proactive in educating out students," she said.

A group of seven young men from Pinkerton gathered to remember their for-

mer Wolverines football coach, Peter Mazzola, at the Overdose Awareness Vigil in MacGregor Park last month. They recalled how difficult it was for them to deal with the fact that their mentor struggled with addiction. They all want more to be done at the high school level to help teenagers get the support they need to deal with either someone else's addiction or their own.

Each one had their own ideas as to what can be done to increase awareness. Cam Macro believed there should be "more propaganda around town... to help people in trouble."

Dylan Poulin said he wants a "hotline... posters, anything you can do just to help kids be aware and know what's going on." They all agreed when Aiden Conroy

said, "get it aware in the high school because that's when a lot of drug use would happen. And from there, an assembly would be great. That's where everyone would learn."

Pinkerton Academy tries to tie drug abuse awareness into the classroom when it can. According to Dean Tim Powers, the school plans on having smaller events during the year to help students understand that "they are not alone."

In fact, Pinkerton will be hosting Red Ribbon Week at the school later this month as part of a national drug awareness campaign, with the help of Julie Donovan from the guidance office and a group of students. The Student Council and the Leadership Council of Athletics also help with Red Ribbon

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Pinkerton Remembers Pinkerton Academy Junior ROTC Cadets CMSgt Matt Schumacher and Major Eric Ihloff prepare the American flag to be raised to half staff during the 9-11 Observance in front of the school on Monday, Sept. 11. See more photos page 5.
Photo by Chris Paul

Discussions Start on Adding Electronic Sign to Opera House

ALEX GUITTARR
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One of Derry's most iconic structures, the Adams Memorial Opera House, could soon be undergoing a technological update in the form of an electronic message board.

During the Sept. 6 Planning Board meeting, Town Administrator David Caron

and Director of Public Works Mike Fowler came before the board to explain the detail of the sign and its implementation.

According To Caron, the Town Council recently approved an appropriation to replace the wooden sign in front of the Adams Memorial Building with an electronic sign. The sign in question would be used to

display emergency notifications, notifications about town-sponsored meetings and events and notifications about meetings at the building itself. Amongst the assorted rules and regulations concerning zoning laws, Caron assured the board that they would work to keep the sign within these guidelines.

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Council Appoint Board and Committee Members, Approves Grant Requests

AELX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

An assortment of new resolutions and new members for various boards and committees were just some of the highlights of the Sept. 5 Town Council meeting.

Before getting down to business, Council Chair Joshua Bourdon mentioned how Councilor Charles Foote, who was not present for the meeting, was in the process of driving down to Houston, Texas alongside a member of the Derry Rotary Club with a minivan full of supplies to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"They truly represent what makes our community great," Bourdon noted.

After quickly completing the consent agenda, Bourdon went on to thank every individual and group that helped to prepare for Derryfest on Sept. 16, issuing a proclamation from the council that commended their efforts.

"We are extremely excited for this year's Derryfest," he said.

Town Administrator Dave Caron, had the town's attorney Kate Miller elabo-

rate on her involvement with Derry's efforts to renew their cable franchise agreement with Comcast. (See page 7)

Caron continued his report after Miller by noting that a representative from the New Hampshire State Lottery Commission will be appearing at the Nov. 7 council meeting to discuss the possibility of introducing Keno to the town.

The council then appointed several new members to a number of boards and committees in Town Hall. Maya Levin was appointed to the Planning Board, Jared Vaughn was elected into the Highway Safety Committee and Heather Paradzick was placed into the Derry Public Library board of trustees. Paul Needham was appointed into the Economic Development Advisory Board, alongside Andrew White as an alternate. Alden Waters Jr. was elected into the Derry Loan Review Committee. All new members were voted in unanimously.

Councilor Richard Tripp quickly noted after voting was complete that he was thankful for those who ap-

plied for the open positions, mentioning how he actually started as an alternate for the Planning Board and how exposing oneself to town government may lead to find to one finding an area that they are really interested in.

"It's a way to get involved in the community," Tripp noted.

During public comment, Mike Gendrin, one of the organizers of Derryfest, thanked the council for their recognition of the volunteers; Mark Flattes with the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee who noted that a full disclosure, ethics policy should be in place for council members; and Eleanor Sansarcione, who voiced her concerns over tax increases.

The evening ended with public hearings for the introduction of five new resolutions. First off was item 17-104, presented by Public Works Director Michael Fowler. The resolution entailed that the council approve a request to accept \$578,085.30 from the Highway Block Grant to be used towards street renovations across town. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 17-105 was next and presented by Caron and Economic Development Coordinator Ann Struthers. The resolution requested that the council recapitalize on the Derry Revolving

Loan Fund for \$250,000; \$100,000 of which would go directly to downtown revitalization, while the remaining \$150,000 would be spread out across town to support other small businesses. It was passed unanimously.

Resolution 17-106 came next, presented by Police Chief Edward Garone. Garone asked the council to approve an award of \$11,691 from the Department of Justice as a part of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant. Garone noted that the money would go toward equipment that would great-

ly assist the Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau, including a new forensics computer and smart phones for members of the bureau. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 17-107 came next and was presented by Fire Chief Michael Gagnon. Gagnon requested that the council approve an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for \$74,000, albeit with a fifty percent cost share. The funds would be used to

update Derry's AM Advisory Radio System, allowing them to install wireless radio transmitter links across town to replace the old copper wire system, amongst other changes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Finally, Resolution 17-120 was presented to the council with the intent to fuse the Finance and Audit Committees into one single entity as a means of creating a more efficient system for members of the two committees to run on and help define their roles more clearly. The resolution passed unanimously.

Opera House

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"We've developed some administrative rules to make sure that the sign will not be injurious to any of our abutters," Caron said.

Fowler was present primarily to explain the technical capabilities of the sign, as well as explain what the sign will and will not be used for.

"It is not meant to be a distraction to driver[s]," Fowler said.

Once audience members were given the chance to speak, several came out against the use of the sign. Resident Eleanor Sansarcione noted that she felt that the appearance of the sign was unsightly and that an

electronic sign should not be placed on such a historical building. She felt that there are other ways that the town and residents could get these types of messages out.

Marc Flattes also spoke out against the sign and wondered why some smaller electronic signs recently obtained by the Fire Department could not simply be attached to the original wooden sign.

"I'm really against seeing an electric sign on a historic building," Flattes noted.

Opinions from the board were varied. Board Member Mark Connors was highly supportive of the change and expressed his belief that it would also assist in the town's recent economic development efforts.

"I think it's a no-brainer," Connors mentioned.

Vice Chair John O'Con-

nor was concerned that such a change would cause the building to lose its status as in the National Register of Historic Places, although it was later cleared up that the addition of an electronic sign would not harm that status.

Finally, Board Member Jim MacEachern felt that more groundwork and research on this issue needed to be done and said that the Town Council should give the Planning Board a chance to give some input and allow them to vote on the matter.

Built in 1904 and designed by architect George G. Adams of Lawrence, Massachusetts, the Adams Memorial Building is typically defined as a Colonial Revival structure and houses several prominent offices, as well as the Derry Opera House.

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Derryfest Celebration Takes Place Saturday, Sept. 16

Residents are invited to join in on the annual Derryfest festivities this year on Saturday, Sept. 16 at MacGregor Park from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 15, a spaghetti dinner, also known as 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. Proceeds will to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. There will be no bingo this

year.

The following morning, starting at 7 a.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Derryfest breakfast at 63 East Broadway and will be accepting a free-will donation.

On Saturday, at 10 a.m., Greater Derry Arts Council Member Mark Beland will kick Derryfest with the reading of town proclamation and the Star Spangled Banner. A Cappella by Let's Play

Music's "Voice".

There will be performances from vocalist Carol Harrington, a routine from the Red Star Twirlers, as well as demonstrations by Let's Play Music's Kinder-musik Program.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 will be holding a MIA/POW ceremony at at noon. Releasing black balloons to remember those lost.

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.

New this year, "Derry After Dark" will take place on Manning Street. The event celebrates local craft beer brewers and eateries and is a continuation of the annual celebration sponsored by Cask and Vine.

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

Storage Company Goes Before Planning Board Seeking Site Plan Changes

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Representatives for Granite Clover Self Storage have recently been attempting to argue that certain portions of their current site plan should be altered and came before the Planning Board on Sept. 6 to make their case.

Serving as the first major item of the night, attorney Chris Swiniarski served as the representative for Granite Clover and its applicant, Edward Smith, with NSA Property Holdings.

According to Swiniarski, the revisions would include deciding against installing a

proposed sign for the business, the removal of sound barrier panels surrounding the buildings climate control unit and the removal of 18 bollards surrounding an underground propane tank on the property.

Swiniarski noted that he felt that the sound barriers were not needed after an independent sound study was done to determine that without the panels, the unit working at max operational load would not produce more than 49 A-weighted decibels at the property line.

"Adding this sound barrier is completely unnecessary," Swiniarski noted.

As for the bollards,

Swiniarski said he felt that the appearance of the bollards harmed the value of the property and did nothing to protect from traffic off of Windham Road.

One resident, however, was vocally opposed to the alterations. Maureen Rose, who has spoken out against Granite Clover over these issues in the past, came before the board to voice her disapproval of the potential changes.

Rose happens to be an abutter to the building's property, which is located on 125 Windham Rd, and went on to elaborate on the flaws of the site plan and the potential disturbances that

the noise could cause to both her and neighbors in the surrounding area. She also opposed the removal of the bollards and noted that the increased potential for traffic accident that could occur if these changes were to be undertaken.

"This is an accident waiting to happen," Rose said.

The board seemed to fully share their sentiments. Board Member Jim Maceachern was adamant against the changes, and said that the property owners had plenty of time change their minds on the site plan, not to mention the threat that the removal of the bollards

would pose to children playing in the area.

"I don't want kids playing anywhere near a propane tank," Maceachern said.

Although a vote for jurisdiction on the vote and a separate vote on the sign both passed unanimously, a

vote on the removal of the bollards and sound panels was voted against unanimously. Each of the members had similar reasoning for their opposition, citing safety concerns and how this issue had seemingly been settled months ago.

Drugs

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Week. Powers said the school had speakers come in and did a pledge drive during lunches last year. He hopes something similar will take place this year.

Recent Pinkerton graduate, Tim Cronin, credits his interest in hockey for help-

ing to keep him away from drug use. He plays for the New Hampshire Avalanche junior hockey team. He said he knows people who have overdosed and feels there needs to be more supports in place for the ones who are seeking help. He and the rest of his teammates set up the hearts and flags at the overdose awareness vigil with their coach, Chris Cerella.

Cerella believes that getting youths into activities and athletics can help them stay away from dangerous situations.

"These young men can be mentors to the younger generations... athletics is very big in keeping kids positive and going, and keeping them off the streets," said Cerella.

Powers stressed that

Pinkerton students needing support in school can always reach out to guidance counselors and teachers. Any K-8th graders who want to talk about any drug related issues can also reach out to their local guidance counselors, according to the district. Parents with awareness questions or suggestions can speak with their child's school.

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Editorial

Go Ahead, Think for Yourself

Banned Books Week is most here again, with the week of Sept. 25 through 30 devoted to celebrating the freedom to read what you want. The oddly named week draws attention to censorship efforts that continue to this day, and many libraries feature displays of books that people have attempted to keep everyone else from reading. Among the most well known books hit with banning attempts are Mark Twain’s “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” “Jack London’s “Call of the Wild,” “Catch-22” by Joseph Heller,” and “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury. “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak, “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee, “Red Badge of Courage” by Stephen Crane, and “Moby-Dick” by Herman Melville also made the challenged list.

These and many, many other books have been banned or challenged by people who think they have the right to tell the rest of us what we should and should never read.

Does a person or group’s religious or political beliefs give them the right to tell you what to read? Do you as a parent abdicate your duty to supervise your children’s upbringing, including their reading material, in favor of someone with a louder voice?

Those are the questions you should ask as you think about the pleasure you experienced reading a “banned” book.

Did it make you think? Some people hope that never happens. Of course some books contain viewpoints offensive to some readers.

The simple solution? Don’t read the book. Offensive content in someone’s eyes doesn’t give anyone the right to keep a book away from the rest of the world. Another word for that is censorship. And there’s no place for it in America.

And remember, even when books are assigned in school, parents can ask that their child be excused if they find the material offensive. Because censorship attempts keep happening, Banned Books Week reminds us not to take the freedom to read for granted. Banned Books Week celebrates open access to the expression of ideas, even those out of the mainstream. It means that what you like to read may not be what I like to read, but neither one of us has the right to prevent the other from reading what we want.

You can’t think for yourself when restraints govern the information available. That’s why newspapers cherish press freedom, and why our country’s founders enshrined it in the Constitution.

So we urge you, this week especially, to pick up a book someone doesn’t want you to read, and celebrate your right to think for yourself.

Letters

Election Integrity

To the Editor:

I would like to share my comments to the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity. The name of this commission is the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity. The key word is integrity. Integrity is important for politicians because they are chosen, appointed, or elected to serve society. To be able to serve, politicians are given power to make, execute, or control policy. They have the power to influence something or someone. There is, however, a risk that politicians will not use this power to serve society. Aristotle said that because rulers have power they will be tempted to use it for personal gain. It is important that politicians withstand this temptation, and that requires integrity. I trust that this commission will live up to its name.

Democracy is a three-legged stool. A government is not a democracy unless all citizens 1) have the right and opportunity to vote, 2) can

vote for a candidate who represents their interests, and 3) have their vote accurately counted.

The right and opportunity to vote can be suppressed by gerrymandering, by excessive restrictions on voting which certain segments of the population cannot overcome, by restricted voting hours, by inadequate polling places resulting in long lines or too far for citizens without transportation to reach, and by careless purging of names on voter lists that results in eligible citizens being denied the right to vote without adequate notice or opportunity to re-register.

The right to be able to vote for a candidate who represents one’s interest is restricted when, in order to be viable, candidates need to seek funding from sources with distinct agendas who have an abundance of money to distribute such that, in many ways, all candidates represent the moneyed interests.

Finally the right to have one’s vote accurately counted is compromised when electronic voting systems are vulnerable to tampering by local, out of state, or international actors.

It is important that this commission address all three legs of this stool of democracy, which cannot stand when one of the legs is broken.

I urge you to require same-day registration so that any citizen who has been wrongly purged from the checklist can re-register and vote. I urge you to speak out against gerrymandering, excessively long lines at polling places, and against the lack of accessible polling places within the reach of every eligible citizen. I urge you to support a constitutional amendment designed to limit money in politics and outlawing contributions by non-humans and people who are not U S citizens. Finally, and equally important, require a public verification audit of electronic ballot counting device results to assure voters that their vote has been accurately counted.

Mary Till,
Derry

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Traffic

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limit in the area.

Garone noted that although it would require a traffic engineering study, he stated that “I believe it could be reduced to twenty five miles-per-hour under certain circumstances.”

Bourdons said he has been working diligently as of late in order to reduce speeding and traffic hazards downtown; trying to get

information about how many traffic tickets were issued between Memorial Day and Labor Day this year and issuing more tickets to offenders as a means of discouraging violations.

He is doing this all in order to keep families and residents safer, while also encouraging visitors from Massachusetts to take advantage of what Derry has to offer.

“I continue to get calls from business owners, pedestrians, bikers, people trying to enjoy themselves about how fast certain drivers will travel on that road”, Bourdon said.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores also inquired about how effective he thinks electronic speed limit signs are for deterring speeding. to which Garone said he believes the signs are effective and that external factors such as these signs typically get the attention of drivers, even if only for a couple of minutes.

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Pinkerton Academy Jr. ROTC Hold Service on Sept. 11



On Monday morning, Sept. 11, members of the Pinkerton Academy Jr. ROTC held a service to remember those who lost their lives 16 years ago. Above left, Cadet Group Commander Cadet/Lt Col Davin Curry addresses those assembled at the schools 9-11 Observance, at right, Cadet Capt. Brendan Morrison plays taps at the end of the service.

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Derry Village School Invites Students and Families Back With Barbeque

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After a long summer of lazing back and enjoying the care-free season, getting back into a schedule based around a school agenda can be difficult for both students and parents, especially for those who are just beginning their time at a new school.

In order to remedy this problem, Derry Village School (DVS) recently held its third annual Back to School Barbeque on Sept. 8. to bring families and staff in the DVS community together. The free event helped to refamiliarize students, parents and faculty members with one another while enjoying some great food and fun activities.

DVS Parent Teacher

Association President Victoria Little was one of the major organizers for the event. Ehe said she hoped not only to put on a fun day for kids and adults, but also to help incoming first graders become more familiar with the school and their new classmates.

“We thought it would be a fun, cool thing to do for the kids”, Little said.

One of the highlights of the event came from High 5 Ballooning, a hot air balloon company that provided one of their balloons to DVS for families to try out. Guests had the opportunity to float several dozen feet in the air in the DVS fields for \$5 per rider.

“Everybody should be able to participate,” Little said while discussing the balloon rides.

Aside from the hot air balloon rides, the barbeque also featured a raffle, a professional balloon animal creator and appearances from members of both the Derry Fire Department and Police Department with their corresponding vehicles for students to see up close.

DVS Principal Chris McCallum, now entering his fourth year in the position, seemed quite pleased with the turnout and energy of the event, filled with students playing and enjoying the festivities while parents and DVS staff looked on.

“They’re excited to be at school at this age,” McCallum noted.

As DVS is now entering its 15th year in Derry, as well as welcoming a new vice principal in Melanie



Students and parents partake in hot air balloon rides provided by High 5 Ballooning

Curren. McCallum said he is looking forward to what the new school year will have to offer, including a new math program and more opportunities to help build a sense of community amongst DVS families.

This barbeque served as the first of several community functions that DVS will be planning throughout the school year. Some of the major events that Little mentioned were the holiday craft fair in November, as well as a Secret Santa event for students in December.

Farmer’s Market Takes Stock on Successful Year, Makes Plans For Next Year

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Many residents have no doubt used the prime weather of summer this year to take advantage of an assortment of activities, not the least of which is gardening, providing themselves with fresh grown produce.

But for those with less of a green thumb, the Derry

Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market has been helping to give shoppers a taste of farm-grown goodness, not only offering fresh fruit and vegetables, but also dairy products, jams and wines.

As the market is set to finish off another year, with the final date taking place on Sept. 20, Neil Wetherbee, both a town councilor and one of the organizers of the

market, recently gave his thoughts on the success of this year’s events and his plans for next year.

Wetherbee seemed quite satisfied with the results from this year. He noted that not only were both vendors and customers happy with the market, but attendance has also increased from previous years. Around 25 vendors maxed out the space of

their location on 1 West Broadway, while anywhere between 500 to 1,000 customers arrived per week at see what was up for sale.

“I think it went really well,” Wetherbee said.

Despite how successful the market was, there is always room for improvement. In these last couple of weeks, Wetherbee and other market staff will be speaking with customers as they peruse the different stalls, all in order to perform some data mining and gain an understanding of what residents feel that is great about the market and what can change.

“We don’t want the same old, same old next year,” Wetherbee noted.

Furthermore, as Derry continues its efforts of economic revitalization, particularly in the downtown area, market organizers have been hoping to work with local businesses, such as the Cask & Vine, to put together cross-promotional advertising that helps benefit all businesses and not just vendors at the market.

“We want to try to capitalize on that next year,”

Wetherbee said.

One major concern that residents may have, however, is how the market is only open to the public on Wednesdays. In response to those concerns, Wetherbee noted that such an idea would only be counter-productive; as was seen when Nashua tried to host their own farmer’s market on Wednesdays and Fridays in the past, only for it harm profits and attendance.

None the less, the idea will still be discussed by organizers during the market’s upcoming off-season.

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Derry Begins Talks with Comcast to Continue Franchise Agreement

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NUTFIELD NEWS

It looks like Comcast will be continuing its cable television deal with the town of Derry, as was one of the topics of focus during the Sept. 5 Town Council meeting.

Katherine Miller, an attorney with Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, PLLC, came before the council to discuss the town's franchise renewal process with Comcast and her work to keep the process running smoothly.

According to Miller,

Derry's current franchise agreement extends until Oct. 3 and includes a three-year period for renewal options, which is also how long the renewal process is also excepted to take. The process itself will be focused on looking at statistics surrounding the previous franchise period and what kind of progress can be made in the next.

Furthermore, this will only be concerning the providing of cable to residents, not phone services or internet, as Comcast does not have a specific franchise in place for these services with

Derry.

Miller said that costs will be a difficult point of discussion during the process, as the cost of some of Comcast's elements, such as channel bundles, would be off the table.

"Comcast likes to bundle its stuff together," Miller noted.

Competition from other companies, or lack thereof, seems to play a factor in this, as many companies find the wiring process for these services to be too costly.

However, Miller did advise the council to take

advantage of several elements in the discussions, including wiggle room with the fees for the franchise, the town's control over three public-access channels and by keeping its eyes open for any areas of non-compliance on Comcast's side.

Miller and the council also brought up how less people are utilizing cable as opposed to the internet in recent years and how this could affect deliberations.

"More people will be moving away from their traditional TV," Miller said.

When the councilors began to weigh in on the

process, Councilor at Large James Morgan said he was curious if there would be any wiggle room with net neutrality. Although Miller mentioned that would not be on the table for these discussions, he still encouraged residents to speak with their congressmen if they are also concerned about the subject.

"It's always helpful for people to weigh in," Morgan noted.

Councilor Brian Chirichiello said he wondered how residents with concerns about Comcast may be able to let their voices be heard during the

renewal process, considering the possibility of a survey.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores also had thoughts on the agreement, and said she hoped that Miller and the Comcast representatives would keep residents' financial situations in mind during this process. However, she said she feels like this will fall on deaf ears.

For now, Miller and her team will be beginning the drafting process for an agreement with Comcast, which is expected to extend the franchise for at least five more years.

Police Department Seeking Grant For Forensic Computer, Software

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry police are applying for an \$11,107 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) that would allow them to purchase a new forensic computer and software utilizing a drone to document crime and accident scenes.

Town councilors agreed

to allow the police department to apply for the grant at their Tuesday, Sept. 5 meeting.

Derry Police Chief Edward Garone appeared at the meeting to give a summary of what police plan to do with the funds and to present the items the department is seeking.

Garone said the new

computer would replace an aging one and be used by the department's Investigative Services Bureau.

"This computer will be used to extract and copy data from a variety of digital storage devices," Garone said. He added that the devices include computer hard drives, video surveillance systems and cellular phone

thumb drives.

The department is also seeking special software that will allow the Investigative Services Bureau and Accident Reconstruction Team to document a crime scene or serious-body-injury accident. Utilizing a drone, the software can provide 3D photography of the of terrain and GPS coordinates of a crime

scene.

"This software will decrease the on-scene investigative time by approximately 33 percent," Garone said.

Other items that would be purchased through the grant include two smart phones that will be used with the special equipment and a data plan.

The grant is made avail-

able through the Department of Justice. The DOJ requires that prior to the expenditure of any funds associated with the JAG award, the application must be provided to the governing body for review 30 days prior to application submission. The application was provided to the council on Aug. 15, according to officials.

Grant Would Help Update Town Radio Alert System

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Through a grant of approximately \$74,000, the town could update its AM advisory radio system, according to officials.

Town Councilors agreed at their Sept. 5 meeting to

allow the Bureau of Emergency Management to apply for the grant through the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The town's share of the cost would be approximately 50 percent or \$37,000. Derry's share would be fund-

ed through in kind matches from existing funds in the fiscal year 2017 and FY 2018 emergency management budgets, according to officials.

If awarded, the grant funding would support major infrastructure upgrades, while improving system reli-

ability and providing real-time notification to motorists, according to officials.

Since 2007, the Bureau of Emergency Management has been operating an AM advisory radio alert system, according to emergency management officials.

There are three transmit-

ter sites in town at the Derry Municipal Center, Hampstead Road Fire Station and the Island Pond Fire Station. The system is used to help notify drivers of emergency information, along with street repairs, and traffic and community information.

The town doesn't currently have any flashing alert

signs to notify residents to tune in to the radio station, according to officials.

By installing the flashing alerts signs, motorists would be provided with real-time notification and community awareness of the system would be enhanced, according to emergency management officials.



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Gardeners Showcase Their Skills at Flower Show



Derry Garden Club Members above, Susan Davis and Deede Loffler were two of the many winners during the Flower Show on Saturday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Garden Club gave summer one last hurrah during its flower show on Sept. 9 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry.

The main attraction of the show was the dozens and dozens of displays created by members of the Derry Garden Club. Split up into three sections, displays ranged from plants and flowers in their purest form to artistic exhibits that fused plant life with a variety of objects.

Section one was based strictly on horticulture and provided sections for each division and class of plant, assuring a large amount of variety. Everything from the likes of Cacti and Rosemary to vegetables and perennials

were displayed.

Section two was known as the creative section. Contestants had one of two sections to submit to. They either had to create a dining table exhibit that incorporated various flowers into the table's elegance, or work plant life into a pedestal-like structure that extended several feet into the air.

Since the garden club is always looking to keep the public informed on how to maintain their own gardens, division three focused on education displays that taught attendees about everything from community gardens located within Derry to techniques on how to save water.

The judging process, which occurred before the

event opened to the public, was never particularly easy for any of the divisions. Division one ultimately was under the most scrutiny, especially because participation in it dwarfed the other two divisions. In addition to size and healthiness, each plant had specific criteria that they needed to fill. They also needed to avoid having any blemishes or holes and had to be able to last a day or so without showing signs of wilting, as submissions for the contest began days prior to the show.

Every submission was given some kind of award, but only a select few were allowed to take first place for their section in the form of a blue ribbon. One from each section could win a



special orange ribbon known as the National Garden Club Award of Merit and only one of each of those winners could be in the running for the Horticultural Excellence Award, which represented the top submission of the entire division.

There was plenty more to offer to those in attendance than just the plant life. The theme for this year's show was "Bee Happy!" signifying the focus of bees and how their contributions made all the plant life on display possible. To help compliment all of this, the garden club invited representatives from the New Hampshire Beekeeper's Association, led by President Karen Comeau.

Amongst the associa-

tion's exhibit was a litany of educational material about bees, including assorted books and magazines, numerous products made from bee's wax and even a live bee colony.

"We would like to educate the public," Comeau noted.

Feeling that the show would be the ideal place to find residents equally interested in bees, the exhibit emphasized how important they were to plant life and how gardeners can befriend the insects, avoiding chemical products while gardening and sticking to plants that are native to the area in order to prevent confusing them.

"We can all coexist," Comeau mentioned in reference to bees.

Younger attendees could also partake in a youth garden tour, where garden club members would escort them through a small garden outside of the Boys and Girls Club and teach the basics of gardening. Members of the Manchester Art Association were also present around the garden. They painted pictures of the plot and sold smaller versions of their work to attendees.

Susan Davis and Sylvia Roberts, the co-chairs for the event, felt that the show went incredibly well, with a better attendance in the first hour of the show than previous years have had in the entirety of the day.

"It's been a lot of work...but it has been terrific," Davis said.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Football Moves to 2-0 With Pasting of Purple Panthers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's pretty safe to say that if the Pinkerton Academy football squad is able to continue on through the 2017 season the way it has played in its first two contests, the Astros will be one of the teams to beat in Division I.

The Astros' defense went nearly seven full quarters without allowing a point, and the locals' offense has now outscored its early opponents 74-6 after overpowering the visiting Nashua South Purple Panthers by a 28-6 margin in the Pinkerton home-opener last Friday night, Sept. 8.

In that pasting of the now 0-2 Panthers, the 2-0 academy crew amassed more than 400 yards worth of offense - 387 via the ground game - while holding its guest to just a tad over 250.

Longtime coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros had nine players carry the football, with that big crew being paced by twin senior brothers Terrell and Ty Hicks. The Hicks boys combined for 193 yards, with Terrell leading the PA crowd with 111

yards and two touchdown runs.

"We have a lot of good running backs, and there isn't one so much better than the others that he is the go-to guy. We have confidence in all of them," said coach O'Reilly.

The Astros scored on both of their first two offensive series' and grasped a 14-0 lead at halftime. They then scored 14 unanswered points in the second half to tally a 28-0 advantage before South was able to score the only six points allowed by the PA defense so far this season.

After just the first play of the game had been run by the South offense, the proceedings took an awful turn when the grandfather of one of the Purple Panther players suffered a medical emergency which necessitated a stop of play and the intervention of trainers and Derry emergency medical personnel (see related photo).

After a tense and emotional break of nearly 30 minutes, play resumed with the South offense on the field.

The Purple Panthers

wound up needing to punt the football away, with Astro Gannon Fast partially blocking that kick and his team's offense getting great field position with the ball on its own 43.

Nine plays later the hosts were celebrating Fast's surge of one yard into the end zone, and the first of four Brandon Roy point-after kicks made it a 7-0 game with 6:12 to go in the opening period.

The score grew to 14-0 a little less than five minutes later with Pinkerton reeling off a fast, three-play drive which included a 61-yard sprint from quarterback Aiden Goujon which was immediately followed by a 15-yard run from Terrell Hicks to pay-dirt.

The Astros enjoyed two more lengthy offensive series' during the half which didn't produce points, but their defense held South in check as well.

Pinkerton then scored on its first and second offensive series' of the second half in pushing their lead up to 28-0, with a four-yard scoring run by Terrell Hicks and a two-yard jaunt by Goujon getting the locals their 28-

point bulge with 5:58 to go in quarter three.

A big kick-off runback by the Nashuans on the play immediately following the Goujon score set up the Purple Panthers at the PA 28-yard-line, and nine plays later the visitors had Londonderry resident and standout senior quarterback Sean Holland connect with senior receiver Derek Downing on a 10-yard scoring pass. And 28-6 was where the score wound up.

The Astros will have their hands all kinds of full in trying to push their season record to 3-0 this Saturday, Sept. 16 in Salem because they'll need to find a way past a Salem High Blue Devils' bunch which has absolutely pounded Nashua South and Keene in its first two games of 2017.



Pinkerton sophomore Avery Battle looks for a route around a South defender during the Astros' defeat of that opponent last week. Photo by Chris Paul



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Lady Astro Stickers Jump Out to a 3-0 Start to the 2017 Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's second-year varsity field hockey coach Katie Van Nostrand had plenty of reasons to be pleased with her charges after seeing that 2017 crew start out its campaign with a 3-0 record, having outscored those first three opponents by an

impressive 8-1 margin.

But the coach and her Lady Astros knew that precisely nothing would be easy about their Monday, Sept. 11 home meeting with the always-tough Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors from Hampton, knowing that that seacoast crew had also gone undefeated in its first three contests of 2017, outscoring its opponents by

the massive tally of 17-0.

Van Nostrand's academy contingent moved to 3-0 last Tuesday, Sept. 5 with a 3-0 defeat of a winless Nashua South contingent in the Gate City.

Mari Shea netted what would prove to be the game-winning goal in the first half, and standout sophomore Lauren Lisauskas - who has been a superb offensive force for the Lady Astros early this season - potted two shots in the second half to give her side ample insurance against a struggling opponent.

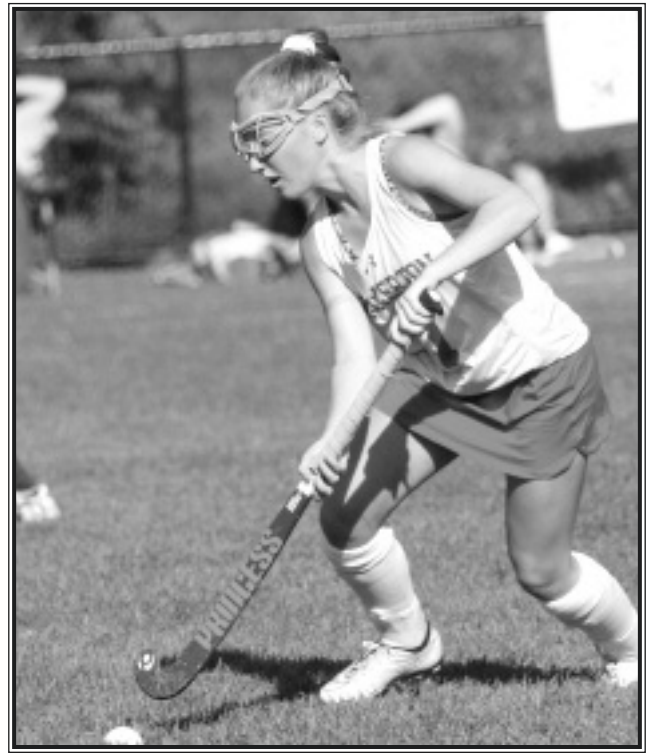
Carly Young notched an assist for the victorious locals, and versatile Lily Auger drew praise from her coach for a very positive move up from defense to a midfield position.

Pinkerton goalie Khaliyah Ellis contributed four saves to her team's second shutout of the young season.

And the PA keeper and her teammates were simply too much for those Winnacunnet Lady Warriors this past Monday, handing that opponent a 3-0 loss to contemplate on the bus ride back to the seacoast.

Marley Mailloux set up goals by Carly Young and Mari Shea in the first half, and Emma Davis capped off the scoring in the second half following a set-up from Ava Dorci and Young. Goalie Ellis was good for eight saves in shutout number three for unbeaten PA.

The girls will travel to Salem (2-1) on Friday, Sept. 16 and then to Keene (1-3-1) on Monday, Sept. 18.



Marley Mailloux set up several of the Pinkerton field hockey squad's goals in its big shutout defeat of Winnacunnet earlier this week.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 4



Joe Gagnon, Junior, Boys' Cross Country

This talented 11th grader has been the top runner in three consecutive races for his Pinkerton Academy crew, and on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Paul Letarte Invitational he finished a great third overall out of 79 runners.



Meghan Cross, Sophomore, Girls' Cross-Country

It doesn't look like this PA standout will suffer from any "sophomore jinx" this fall, and she started the campaign by winning her team's meet with Londonderry by running the fastest time by an academy sophomore girl ever on the home course.

Astro Golfers Enjoy Clean Sweeps in Their First Two Matches of 2017

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy golf squad got its 2017 season off to a roaring-good start recently, with its mark growing to 4-0 last Tuesday, Sept. 5 with a major match success against two oppo-

nents at the par-36 Atkinson Country Club.

The Astros shot a team score of 206 to easily outdistance the previously-undefeated host Timberlane Regional Owls (217) and the Manchester Memorial Crusaders (238).

University of Louisville-

bound Lauren Thibodeau paced all of the golfers with her match-best score of 38, with her teammates Cody Sullivan (third with a 41), Noah Kierstead and Lewis White (tied for fourth at 42), and Ty Letoile (seventh) also finishing among the top 10 players.

Coach Jeff Sojka's unbeaten academy crew then sought to remain so this past Monday the 11th with a road match against the Bedford High Bulldogs and the Spaulding High Red Raiders of Rochester.

The Astro crew wound up right in the middle of the results in that

Monday match held at the Rochester Country Club, finishing second to the

Bedford Bulldogs in a tie-breaker despite the fact that both sides shot

a 201. But the academy bunch was a whole bunch better than the winless

Spaulding contingent, which shot a 227.

The now 5-1 Pinkerton squad was paced by match winner Lauren Thibodeau, who shot a 34. Cody Sullivan, Ty Letoile, and Jarrod Foster all tied for fifth by each shooting a 41.

The PA crew will play at home this Friday against Salem and Spaulding.

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Pinkerton Harriers Snag a Sweep in Meet with the Rival Lancers

NUTFIELD NEWS

The two-time defending state champion Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' cross-country teams made their actions speak loud and clear when they took on the rival Londonderry High School harriers on the PA course in Derry in the season-opening meet for both sides last Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The Astro males tallied a low team score of 33 to finish some 10 points better than the LHS crew and 21 points better than the Blue Hawks from Exeter High School.

In the girls' race, the Lady Astros tallied a team score of 29 to handily defeat the Exeter girls (40) and the LHS Lady Lancers (55) as well.

In the boys' race, Pinkerton received top-10 finishes from race-winner Joe Gagnon (time of 16 minutes and 46 seconds), Zach

Aham (fourth in 17:08), Ethan Desmarais (eighth in 17:17), and Josh Noe (ninth in 17:19).

In their pleasing victory, the Lady Astros had second-year stalwart Meghan Cross come up with a record-setting performance in leading her crew to success.

"Coming in first for the team and winning the meet with the fastest time by a Pinkerton sophomore on the home course ever was Meghan Cross with a time

of 19:03," said PA coach Amy Bernard. "In next for the team, placing fourth and fifth overall, were Jordan Vaillancourt and Maison D'Amelio, who both ran strong races for the team. Rounding out the top five for the team and placing ninth and 10th overall were Annie Sullivan and Molly McGaffigan."

Then over the weekend, longtime coach Mike Clark's Pinkerton males returned to a White Mountains' event -

The 3.34-mile Paul LeTarte Invitational - in which they have been wildly-successful over the years. And Clark's crew notched its 11th title win in the last 12 years there in Gorham on Saturday the 9th, tallying a team score of 57 to best the runner-up Nashua North Titans by a full 10 points in a field of a dozen teams.

The perennial meet champions had Gagnon finish third overall (19:05), Desmarais take 10th place

(19:54), Noe get 15th place (20:26), Aham snag 16th (20:26), Nolan Preble claim the 17th spot (20:27), and Jeff Mize also end up in the top 20 in 19th place overall (20:31).

The Pinkerton cross-country crews then competed in a three-team meet on the seacoast hosted by the Winnacunnet High squads in Hampton this past Tuesday the 12th, after Nutfield News press time had passed.

Astro Volleyball Crew Jumps Out To a 4-0 Season Start

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Veteran coach Todd Royce was able to take a large amount of pride out of his squad's perfect, 4-0 start to the season which included successes against Manchester Central and Timberlane last week.

The Lady Astros bumped their 2017 record up to 2-0 with a convincing defeat of the visiting Manchester

Central Little Green in Derry last Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Coach Royce's roster ripped off wins of 25-11, 25-6, and 25-11 in sending Central back to the Queen City contemplating a 3-0 shutout defeat.

Skilled veteran Amelia Graves was superb for the winning side, tallying 18 service points with 11 aces as well as 11 kills. Sara Metzger contributed 15

service points and 12 assists, Kiley Davis notched 14 service points with nine aces and six digs, Brooke Kane bagged seven kills, and Reese Asselin and Ella Dandrade were both good for six kills.

Next on tap for the Lady Astros were the Timberlane Regional Lady Owls from Plaistow in Derry on Friday Sept. 8, and the locals received a bunch of excellent performances from

numerous sources in a resounding win.

The visiting Lady Owls claimed a 25-16 success in game one but then saw their hosts tally wins of 25-16, 25-20, and 25-13 in games two through four to win the match.

PA received 34 assists and 10 service points from Metzger, 24 digs, 13 service points with four aces, and 11 kills from Dandrade, 29 digs, 13 kills, and nine serv-

ice points with four aces from Graves, and eight kills and four blocks from Kane.

Coach Royce's roster then bounded into this week looking at a Monday match at Bedford High followed by a second straight road match in Salem on Friday the 15th.

The locals' road trip to Bedford this past Monday was all kinds of fruitful, with the Lady Astros bagging a 3-0 victory thanks to individual game wins of 25-

13, 31-29, and 25-18.

Graves was a real force for PA again, tallying 25 digs, 14 kills, and 11 service points with four aces.

Other significant contributors were Metzger (31 assists), Dandrade (28 digs and 11 service points), and Brooke Kane (four blocks).

The Lady Astros will aim to keep their record unblemished this Friday night the 15th when they play at Salem High.

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After getting its 2017 season underway with back-to-back victories over Merrimack and Nashua South during week one recently, the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad tasted defeat twice in a row last week in slipping to 2-2.

The Astros were on the losing side of a 4-1 decision against visiting Hanover in Derry on Tuesday, Sept. 5,

and they became the fifth victim of the undefeated Timberlane Owls in Derry on Friday Sept. 8.

In the thumping at the hands of the Hanover Marauders, coach Kerry Boles' Pinkerton bunch actually ran out to a 1-0 lead a dozen minutes into the match when Brian Castle was set up by Cole Perry.

But Hanover netted the tying goal three minutes later and then went on to notch three unanswered markers in the second half to

win going away.

The academy crew received 10 saves from goalie Max Fairbank on a losing day, with coach Boles also having praise for Perry, Castle, Joe Palmer, and Jon Tremblay. But he had criticisms for his charges too.

"Today's performance was lackluster at best," lamented coach Boles. "Hanover moved the ball, played as a team, and won most of the 50/50 balls. We continue to work hard, but we commit far too many

turnovers to compete at the D-I level. If this pattern persists, we won't like the results moving forward. I hope we can find a rotation that works and can cut down on our overall turnovers."

And things got no better for the Pinkerton crew three days later on its home pitch against the 5-0 Timberlane troop, which scored twice in the first half and once more in the second with the hosts unable to answer with any goals of their own.

The Astros then had a break to try to get themselves righted before playing road contests at Manchester Central on Thursday Sept. 14 and then at Salem on Saturday Sept. 16.



PA veteran Cole Perry boots a corner kick at the opposing net during a recent match.

PA Girls' Soccer Blanks Owls, Moves to 2-1 on Young Season

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A convincing shutout victory over the host Timberlane Regional Owls in Plaistow last Friday, Sept. 8 enabled the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad to up its early-season record to 2-1.

Nicole Alves, Ashlee Dubois, and Victoria Peguri each potted single tallies for

the victorious Lady Astros in the 3-0 win, with Sam Franks collecting two assists and Alves notching one.

Goalie Reagan Kolinski made two saves her contribution to the shutout success, and PA first-year varsity coach Danielle Rappa wound up with plenty of reasons to be pleased with her troops.

"We got all three goals off of crosses, and Macy

Graves, Adria Forand, and Aana Blaszk played strong defense," said the coach.

Rappa and her charges strolled into this week looking at a truly full slate, with matches set for Tuesday the 12th at Bedford - after Nutfield News press time - as well as Thursday the 14th at home against Manchester Central and Saturday the 16th in Salem against the host Lady Blue Devils.

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MEDICAL EMERGENCY Just one play into the Division I high school football game between Pinkerton Academy and Nashua South in Derry Friday night, Sept. 8, the grandfather of South senior player Derek Downing suffered a heart attack in the bleachers behind the South bench which necessitated a stop to the game and the attention of training staff and, very quickly, Derry emergency medical technicians. The man was attended to in the bleachers and then taken via stretcher to a waiting ambulance. According to Pinkerton athletic trainer Jamie Boudreau and later a member of the South coaching staff, the elderly gentleman was exhibiting vital signs as he was loaded into the ambulance and then later at Parkland Medical Center.

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Let us brighten your day! LifeWay Church is offering Free Coffee and pastries for Pinkerton Students on Monday Sept. 18 from 6:30 - 7:15 a.m. at LifeWay Church, 14 Crescent Street in the parking lot.

Urgent Need Blood Drive

Due to the recent severe storms there is an URGENT need for blood and blood products. The American Red Cross has requested that Saint Jude Parish hold a September blood drive. The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish has scheduled a blood drive for Thursday September 21 from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Lions Hall 256 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Donors of ALL blood types are urgently needed to donate. In an effort to save you time, you can register online www.redcrossblood.org or by calling the Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS (We encourage ALL donors to make an appointment to help us in planning). You can also use the RapidPass system the day of the drive to save time the day of your donation as well. For more information on donating blood, you may call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or for more information on this drive please contact Vinny Curro vincurro@comcast.net or 603-867-7472.

Adult Tennis League

Tennis fans can meet on Wednesdays from 6 9:30 p.m. at Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts. The fee for joining is \$20 per person and includes Tennis Balls that cover the entire season. Registration needed contact Derry recreation at 432-6136.

Youth Open Gym Program

From Oct. 10, thru April 2018 with exceptions for holidays and school vacation weeks the gym will be open for local youth to practice basketball skills, play a pick-up game, and make new friends! The program is held indoors at the Veterans Hall gymnasium

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Voter Checklist

On Wed., Sept. 13, from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Derry Municipal Center The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet to Register new voters, Receive name, address, and party changes from voters, Approve applications for voter registration, and Approve changes to the checklist. Voters can check their registration on the checklist in the Public Research Room on the first floor of the Municipal Center or online at <https://app.sos.nh.gov>

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 Road. The speaker will be Jerry and Paige Kennerly 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

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Genealogy Program

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Derry Fun Night

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10:15 a.m. Carol Harrington
10:30 a.m. Karate International of Windham
11 a.m. Red Star Twirlers
11:30 a.m. Kindermusik Let's Play Music
11:55 a.m. God Bless America
12 p.m. MIA/POW Ceremony by the Veterans of
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12:15 p.m. Kids Coop Theater Presentation
12:40 p.m. Derry's Got Talent finalists
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1 p.m. Silly Solutions Balloon Show
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1:45 p.m. NH Academie of Dance
2 p.m. Wildlife Encounters
2:45 p.m. Morgane Vigroux
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