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Town Ballots Counted After Snowy Voting Day in Area

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the frigid temperatures and brutal snowstorm bearing down on Derry, hundreds of voters still came out to the polls on March 13 to vote on a series of positions and articles concerning both Derry and its schools.

Two three-year positions for seats on Derry's Town Council were voted on, one for a Councilor-At-Large position and one to be a Council Representative for District #1 in Derry.

District 1 Councilor Richard Tripp ran unopposed and took 182 votes. Meanwhile, Councilor-at-Large Incumbent Phyllis Katsakiores defeated Dave

Granese for the position with 641 votes to Granese's 497 votes.

As the town's legislative and governing body, members of the Town Council hold a wide variety of responsibilities, including discussing and voting on a variety of resolutions for the town, listening to concerns from residents during public forums and working closely with town staff to determine the state of their numerous departments and their roles, just to name a few roles.

A two-year term as town moderator was also voted on. Incumbent Mary Till managed to defeat Kevin Coyle by a 692-416 margin. The moderator is chiefly responsible for the election

process, filing a certification of election with Town Clerk to indicate the number of votes received by each candidate.

A six-year position for the role of Supervisor of the Checklist was voted on and incumbent Patricia Dowling ran unopposed and got 935 votes. In this role, the supervisor is tasked with determining if a resident is legally qualified to vote and updating the checklist of registered voters if so. The supervisor must also make changes and corrections to a voter's name, address and party affiliation when applicable, as well as remove voters no longer eligible to vote in Derry.

Five trustee positions
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Economic Development Group Discusses College Connection

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Plenty of states across the country have strongly pursued efforts to encourage students to enter higher education, and New Hampshire is no exception. But as important as a college education can be to many people, the economic impacts that colleges and universities can have on communities are nothing to scoff at either.

Thus, in order to potentially have Derry enter into this field and benefit economically from involvement with higher education, the Economic Development Advisory Committee held their most recent meeting on March 19 to address this

matter.

More specifically, the committee met with Mike Vlacich, the President of the New Hampshire College and University Council. Comprised of twenty one accredited public and private colleges and universities in the state, the council strives to positively impact New Hampshire's economy through operating activities and producing a strong workforce as well.

According to a pamphlet handed out by Vlacich at the meeting, the schools associated with the council managed to contribute roughly one billion, four hundred million dollars to annual incomes in the state, while serving almost two hundred thousand students

and contributing eight hundred and ninety million dollars to local and state economies through school employees, all within the 2016-2017 fiscal year alone.

However, during a Higher Education Summit Vlacich had attended earlier that day, the state has been struggling to maintain a solid number of students that would pursue higher education in New Hampshire. Vlacich believes that in order to bring more students into these institutions, schools will need to place a greater emphasis on adapting to current community structures and advocating for more partnerships be-

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Moving for a Cause Delaney Summers and her classmates get their hearts pumping for the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser at South Range Elementary School. The school has been participating in the event for about 20 years. See more photos page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Voters Pass \$86 Million School Budget at Election

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Over 1,000 Derry voters made their way to the polls on a stormy Tuesday last week for a number of items on the Derry School District ballot.

The school district had three warrant articles that were taken up on the ballot.

The biggest of the three

warrant articles for the school district was article one, which specifies the amount for the 2018-19 school budget, as recommended by the Derry School Board. The budget, which is currently set at \$86,261,396, would decrease health and dental benefits by roughly seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars, take five hundred and twenty thou-

sand dollars to update the town's lagging technology and undergo several staffing cuts and additions in its current form. The budget passed with by a vote of 850-293.

Article two would determine whether or not the School District would approve the cost for the collective bargaining agree-

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Pinkerton Players Ready To Set Sail With Cole Porter's 'Anything Goes'

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy is once again preparing to put on a sensational theatrical performance, as the Stockbridge Theatre will be host to the Pinkerton Player's production of the musical Anything Goes! from March 23 to March 25.

Written by Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse, the musical was produced in 1934 on Broadway, with Cole Porter writing both music and lyrics for the production. Known for being one of the major songwriters for Broadway in the 1920's and 1930's, Porter would go on to produce the likes of Fifty Million Frenchmen, DuBarry Was a Lady, Can-Can and Silk Stalkings. He also produced Kiss Me, Kate, arguably his greatest musical, which won him the first Tony Award for Best Musical in 1949.

The play itself is set aboard the ocean liner S. S. American, where nightclub singer/evangelist Reno Sweeney is en route from New York to England. Her pal Billy Crocker has stowed away to be near his

love, Hope Harcourt, but the problem is Hope is engaged to the wealthy Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Joining this love triangle on board the luxury liner are Public Enemy #13, Moonface Martin and his sidekick-in-crime Bonnie. With the help of some elaborate disguises, tap-dancing sailors and good old-fashioned blackmail, Reno and Martin join forces to help Billy in his quest to win Hope's heart.

The musical remains a staple in theatres to this day, having also been performed at the West End Theatre, on several national tours and even recreated several times for both television and film.

The Pinkerton Players will be responsible for putting together the production, but the director, Fine Arts Teacher Laura Iwaskiewicz, is particularly excited about working on this musical. Iwaskiewicz noted that she has always been a huge fan of Porter's work, admiring his ability to write melodies that can leave audiences both laughing and crying.

As for Anything Goes!, Iwaskiewicz feels that too many people focus on the

boat when they think of the play and that they should focus more on the music and the impact that it has.

She has gone on to say that she has greatly enjoyed putting the play together with Pinkerton students, especially since some of the seniors have managed to really shine on stage, including Samantha Kaufman, who will be playing as Reno Sweeney.

"Directing this show has been a joy and to here the students bring life to the music that I love so much has really been a treat", Iwaskiewicz stated.

The shows will take place from 7 - 9 p.m. on



The Pinkerton Players cast of Anything Goes have put the finishing touches on their rehearsals and are ready to perform this weekend. *Photo by Chris Paul*

March 23 and 24, while the March 25 show will be from 2 - 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased inside the theatre, with adult tickets running at twelve dollars and both student and senior tickets costing ten dollars.

Gilbert H. Hood Drama Club to Perform 'Emma'



The Gilbert H. Hood Middle School Keynotes program and the school's Drama Club will present "Emma! A Pop Musical" starting on Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

The musical is based on Jane Austen's classic novel, Emma. The modern-day rendition has Emma, a senior in high school, and certain she knows what's best for her classmates' love lives, is determined to find the perfect boyfriend for shy friend Harriet by the end of the school year. But will Emma's matchmaking get in the way of finding her own happiness? Girl power has never sounded so good.

The musical features the hit songs from The Supremes, Cyndi Lauper, Whitney Houston and Katy Perry. Performance dates are: Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door with a \$10 admission. The play will be performed at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, 5 Hood Road, Derry and is Sponsored by Keynotes and the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School Drama Club.



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Reflections Abound at State's Annual PTA Art Show

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Throughout the school year, students have been reflecting on a simple phrase, "within reach," and creating works of art to showcase what it means to them as part of the National PTA Reflections program. On March 9, the New Hampshire PTA hosted a regional competition at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School in Derry. Students from around the area (and some as far away as Hampton) gathered in the gym to display art, photographs, dances, musical compositions, literature and more to friends, families and 10 different judges.

The gym was filled with a menagerie of artistic expression by everyone from kindergarteners to high schoolers. There was even a group for "special artists," those who are part of their respective schools' special education programs, to participate in each category.

"You're not just seeing the smart kids or the artistic kids," said NH PTA President Michelle McKinnon. "You see everyone."

McKinnon is a big

advocate for the program because she feels it grants students equal opportunity to not only create, but to compete. The program is broken into six different categories, literature, film, dance, music, photography and visual arts. Students are ranked based on their age and level. There is the "special artist," as well as primary, intermediate, middle school and high school level. The primary level is for kindergarten through second grade while intermediate runs from third grade to fifth. In each level the students can gain an honorable mention, or win first, second or third place. First place winners in each category have their projects sent to the national competition in Washington D.C. to be judged in May.

"It's such a great way for these students to express themselves artistically," said McKinnon. "It's just a great expression of art!"

Gabriela McSweeney, a sixth grader from Hood Middle School said she enjoys creating movies for the program because, "it's fun!"

"I like that you can be really creative," said

McSweeney. She used her iPhone and iMovie to create a video about what she considered to be "within reach."

McSweeney's mother, Yara, explained that "there's no parent intervention... so it's fun to see what comes out in the end." According to the Reflections program rules, parents are not allowed to assist the students with creating their projects.

McSweeney was happy with her second-place win, "especially against eighth graders," she said. It was her first time competing in the middle school category, but she plans to do it again next year.

The only "parent intervention" the Smith siblings from Londonderry received was their mother fueling their love of photography. The three kids each submitted photos, some of which they took using their mother's Nikon D810. Jake, the eldest had three photos in the competition, and took an honorable mention in the intermediate level for his piece called, "Reach for the sky."

Jake's sisters, both of whom entered at the primary level, took home



Gabriela and Yara McSweeney of Derry celebrate Gabriela's second place win at the NH PTA Reflections Night.
Photo by Katie O'Donnell

awards as well. Lila, a second grader, won third place for the photo she took of her teacup poodle named Pheobe.

"I thought that everyone would totally want it in first place because my dog is adorable," said Lila.

The last Smith sibling competing was the youngest, Isabella (called Izzy by her family). In what is sure to be a sore topic for family dinners to come, Izzy took home first place with her photo called, "Love." It was of a small red stone with the word "love" painted in bold,

black letters.

Izzy said she painted the rock because, "I like being loved. I wanted a decoration like that." She was so inspired by her new rock that "I took a picture of it, of me reaching out" for the rock.

All three siblings are excited to take more photos for next year's Reflections program.

Next year's theme is "Heroes Around Me." McKinnon said she is excited for next year and hopes the weather cooperates better than it did this year.

"I think tonight went very well considering we had to contend with a nor'easter," said McKinnon.

Gabriela and Yara McSweeney of Derry celebrate Gabriela's second place win at the NH PTA Reflections Night.

Lila, Jake and Izzy Smith of Londonderry show off their photography awards at the NH PTA Reflections Night.

Izzy Smith takes home a first place trophy for her photo "Love" at the NH PTA Reflections Night.

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tween schools and towns, as well as approaching students at younger ages to get them interested in college.

Essentially, the council's goal is to focus on where employers and opportunities are in New Hampshire so that they can connect with towns that have these openings and train more students for said

roles, hence why Vlacich met with the committee to do just that.

When the committee began to offer ideas to Vlacich, Town Councilor James Morgan began by suggesting that satellite campuses be situated in Derry, potentially by retrofitting one of the town's elementary schools into such a facility, as many Derry residents do not have the means to drive to somewhere like

Manchester on a daily basis.

"Derry would definitely benefit from having something local", Morgan noted.

Vlacich agreed, but felt that town officials needs to begin opening up to nearby colleges so that the two sides can come to an consensus on what can be done in Derry.

Committee member John Potucek emphasized technical and engineering

careers, particularly welding jobs, and wondered how these schools could attract students who wish to pursue more hands-on roles, as well as keep those with prior technical training in mind.

To this, Vlacich noted that these schools have been working to communicate

with each student on their set plans in order to better understand what they hope to accomplish in school. These schools have also been using competency based models when evaluating new students.

Finally, committee member Terri Pastori felt that in order to start this

process up, a workshop between schools, Derry stakeholders and both local and state government officials should be held to identify what can be focused on in Derry, including its strong healthcare sector, and how students in these fields can be attracted to openings in Derry.

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Editorial

Don't Stay in the Dark

Open and transparent government it's what the public should expect from officials at the local, state and national level, and it's what officials love to say they support. Fortunately, a bill to put more hurdles in front of Granite Staters seeking to obtain public information was tabled in this legislative session. It should never have arisen in the first place.

March 15 through 21 is National Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we can't hold them accountable.

The heart of Sunshine Week is the public's Right to Know, which in New Hampshire is guided by statute RSA91-A. Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. And that power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs to each of us. Sunshine Week is a national effort spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors, an annual effort to promote open government. Although the week was created by journalists, it's not about newspapers. The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully delineated situations, to conduct their business in the open and

in accordance with the will of the people, even when that's uncomfortable.

James Madison, the father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." That knowledge shouldn't be hidden away, and in our participatory democracy, every citizen has a right to access government meetings and public records. And that's the key. Keeping government transparent means newspapers must be watchdogs, ask the uncomfortable questions, get the information, and provide it in unbiased fashion to their readers. When roadblocks are thrown up, the Right to Know process is ready for everyone to use and they should not be hampered by excessive fees or court challenges.

We know it's easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where strategies can be aired without anyone listening. But that's not the way it's supposed to work. Discussion is to be public. In a quorum. On the record.

Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is not open government. You can criticize us for reporting things you don't want to hear, but we support the right to air that information. Because without information, we're all in the dark. The better choice is to let the sun shine in.

Letters

**LTE Open letter to:
Sen. Jean Shaheen:**

To the editor,

My understanding is that U.S. support of the war in Yemen is illegal without the support of Congress. ("Military involvement under the 1973 War Powers Resolution, as well as Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution, neither of which allows the executive branch to engage in such hostilities without the authorization of Congress.") I recently called your office to oppose your March 8 bill to continue supporting the Saudis in the war in Yemen without the consent of Congress. I was told that your bill was not in opposition to the Feb. 28 Saunders-Murphy-Lee bill to have a Congressional vote on whether to continue U. S. support of the war in Yemen. After looking into both bills, I believe that response from you office was not accurate. I strongly oppose your bill, and as your constituent, I ask that you withdraw it.

According to The Nation, your bill www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/55/text would "require the Secretary of State to submit certification to determine "whether the Govern-

ment of Saudi Arabia is undertaking: (1) an urgent and good faith effort to conduct diplomatic negotiations to end the civil war in Yemen; and (2) appropriate measures to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen." I would prefer to have Congress publicly take a stand in deciding if the U.S. will continue our support of this war rather than the new Secretary of State who will be, in all likelihood, be a puppet of the Trump administration. Also, since making my phone call to your office, I found it interesting to note that the Saudis have a powerful lobby in Washington: "They spent \$16 million https://original.antiwar.com/ben_freeman/2018/03/09/the-lobbying-war-for-war-in-yemen/ last year on lobbying and public relations that was recorded under the Foreign Agents Registration Act."

I strongly urge you to support the bipartisan Saunders-Murphy-Lee bill to end U.S. support for the war in Yemen and to withdraw your bill which would extend our involvement in the War in Yemen.

Sincerely,
Corinne Dodge
Derry, NH.

Thank You All

To the editor,

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all Derry Voters - both at the polls and those who voted absentee ballots, for supporting my candidacy for Town Council. A very special Thank You to all who braved the bad weather for coming out to vote on such an important day.

I am ready to make the commitment to be your Councilor. For more than 30 years in government, the people of Derry have put their trust and faith in me in continuing to make Derry one of the best places to live in New Hampshire. Being Town Councilor brings with it a great responsibility. A responsibility not only to lead, but more importantly, to listen and learn from the people of Derry in ways to improve our community and quality of life, as well as looking out for our future voters, the children of Derry, by giving them the best education our schools can provide. Something that I have always strived to do.

Again, Thank You for your confidence in me. All my love and God Bless.

Councilor-at-Large,
Phyllis Katsakiores

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School Vote

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ment reached between the School Board and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which recently established a chapter in Derry labeled Local 1445, that would increase salaries and benefits for the district's food service employees. The official cost for these increases would run the district around eighteen thousand, six hundred dollars for the next two

school years. The article passed with 838-317.

Finally, Article 4 was put on the ballot in case Article 3 was defeated, the article would authorize town staff to call a special meeting to address the costs of article three. Although article two passed, article three still passed with eight hundred and twenty three yes votes to three hundred and thirty no votes.

Two three-year terms on the Derry School Board were voted on.

Incumbents Erika Cohan and Michelle McKinnon managed to defeat Matt Leavitt, with the two managing 615 votes and 597 votes respectively, to Leavitt's 527 votes. The school boards roles include overseeing all aspects of the school, its staff and policy framework and strategies.

Finally, the school district also had their own moderator position to vote for, with Kevin Gordon running unopposed for a three-year term and getting 907 votes.

South Range Elementary Holds Annual Jump Rope for Hearts Event



Students at South Range Elementary School participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event last week, raising money for the American Heart Association as well as keeping up with some healthy activities. Students broke out into groups and performed with jump ropes, Pogo Sticks, bouncy balls among other things during a timed period during their Physical Education classes. Pictured on bottom row at left, is Kyle Schreiber, who has a heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy looks forward to the event every year to raise money and awareness. He has raised \$600 this year with the school raising over \$3,000.

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Students Participate in Sign Language Event at Pinkerton Academy

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The American Sign Language (ASL) program is alive and well in Pinkerton Academy. With anywhere around five hundred thousand to two million people relying upon the language and ASL being the third largest language in the United States, around two hundred and fifty students now take sign language courses at Pinkerton across all four grades. In order to showcase just how strong their sign language skills have become, Pinkerton's ASL students and teachers recently hosted the 2018 ASL Sign Social on March 16 in the Stockbridge Theatre.

While plenty of students

filled the theatre, a large number of students from both Pinkerton and Memorial High School in Manchester proceeded to dress in all black and use sign language to tell a wide variety of songs to the audience, from movie-based pieces like Love Is An Open Door from Frozen and The Muses from Hercules, to classic songs from Queen and John Lennon, to more modern music from Myley Cyrus, Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars, and even poetry and visual stories.

Performers could choose to "sing" alone or with one or more students, while the audience would cheer by waving their hands instead of clapping at the end of each song.

Gale Christensen, one of Pinkerton's ASL teachers, described how the event was all about the students and how skilled they are in sign language. According to Christensen, programs such as these serve to not only teach students about sign language, emphasizing facial expressions and learning from other students, but also to introduce them to deaf culture and give them a better understanding of the lives of those who struggle with hearing.

The program was originally started fifteen years ago by Beth Hudson and has since grown to the point of even hiring on deaf volunteers to help teach the students.

"You gotta imagine what



Rachel Placey, Massle Thach, Nick Bowers, Sarah Perkins and Amara Phelps perform The Muses from the movie Hercules using sign language at Pinkerton's 2018 ASL Sign Social.

a huge step that is for Pinkerton", Christensen noted.

One of these volunteers, Steven Merrill, was present during the event and watched on with other volunteers to see the students showcase what they have learned.

"I think they're doing a fabulous job", Merrill stated. Their classes are not quite done for the year, however, as the program will be inviting over twenty deaf individuals from a variety of backgrounds to Pinkerton in April for the students to communicate with in order

to really test their skills. But considering how passionately the students have been pursuing the program, on top of the fact that colleges think quite highly of students within ASL classes, the students will most likely perform commendably, as they did at the Sign Social.

St. Thomas Aquinas Hosts Fifth Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

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 NUTFIELD NEWS

St. Patrick's Day always proves to spawn countless energetic celebrations throughout the country, and Derry was no exception, especially for the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

In celebration of the

well-known patron saint of Ireland, the church recently held their fifth annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17.

Taking place inside of the auditorium of the Saint Thomas Aquinas School, around two hundred attendees, all clad in green, packed into the room for a series of Irish themed fes-

tivities.

The room itself was filled with the sounds of traditional Irish music from the Irish Hurlers, a band that has had a long history with St. Thomas, according to Richard Scheib, one of the event's organizers.

"They've been a tradition here", Scheib noted. The event was also used

to raise money for several church-related causes, with drinks being sold to benefit various construction projects for the church, while an assortment of items were raffled off to support the Life Teen program, the church's high school youth ministry program.

But the big reason that many came to the event was the delicious food. On top of an assortment of appetizers, a traditional Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots were served, with the night being capped off with sheet cake and gluten free brownies.

The success of the food and, by extension, the event, was attributed by Scheib to the strong staff of cooks, including Ray Baker, who humbly tried to deny the idea that he is a



Over two hundred residents packed into the St. Thomas Aquinas School auditorium for their annual St. Patrick's Day Party.

cook, but still feels that he and his team performed well.

"The room's packed, so I assume we're good", Baker stated. Although Thomas Aquinas, the namesake of this church, was an Italian

Dominican friar, the Catholic Church has still always had a strong connection with the Irish people, extending back to the fifth century and comprising just under eighty percent of Ireland's population according to a 2016 census.

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In the midst of all the partying and drinking that occurred on St. Patrick's Day in Derry this year, not every single event desired to involve alcohol, but still managed to be a smash hit.

This is because the Derry Friendship Center, Inc recently held their eighth annual Chocolate Ball on March 17.

Taking place at their newish location on 6 Railroad Avenue, the building was packed with around sev-

enty five people to party the night away with the likes of a DJ, dancing, raffles and a heads or tails themed game that had one lucky winner get a two hundred dollar car detailing.

But the highlight of the night came with the gigantic chocolate buffet. Attendees got the chance to feast on everything from whoopee pies and chocolate cupcakes to brownies, chocolate covered strawberries, chocolate chip cookies and so on.

Carol Bowden, one of the staff members for the Derry Friendship Center,

mentioned that the event always proves to be a good time and also appreciated all of the participation from the groups various supporters.

"We have plenty of generous donators", Bowden noted.

But the group does far more than just throw parties. For over thirty years, the Derry Friendship Center has been a staple of the Derry community in helping those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction down the road to recovery. Touted as providing a safe and supportive environment for

twelve-step recovery, regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ethnic origin, the group holds around eighteen meetings each week pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous and other groups, helping individuals move back into a normal life and manage enjoying life without alcohol and drugs.

The group also has strong ties to other similar groups, including the Center for Life Management, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen and Granite United Way, and sees support from dozens of local businesses, such as 5-



Attendees at the Derry Friendship Center's Chocolate Ball chowing down on a wide assortment of chocolate covered treats.

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Pinkerton Academy Showcases Skills of Local Youth Artists

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy has long been notable for its many artistic prospects that make their impact within its halls through all sorts of medium. But that does not mean that students in earlier grades do not have the artistic chops, as was made abundantly clear during Pinkerton's 2018 Youth Art Month Art Show on March 15 at the Stockbridge Theatre.

Coinciding with Youth

Art Month, which celebrates the importance of quality arts education programs, the art show served as a reception for a two week period in the theatre's lobby where hundreds of pieces of art produced by students from elementary and middle schools in both Derry and Hampstead are on display.

Throughout the night, children and their parents moved throughout the lobby to view both their hard work and the hard work of their fellow classmates. Plenty of

variety was showcased during the show, including sculptures, self-portraits, etching, paintings and other miscellaneous pieces.

Also present during the show were the student's various art teachers, including Sandi Galle from Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, Kim Downey from Hampstead Middle School, Karen Quinn from South Range Elementary and East Derry Memorial Elementary and Michael Terrile from Hampstead Central. As the teacher looked on with pride at their students, the teachers noted how they had to select roughly thirty pieces to put in the art show and how

much they enjoy seeing students evolve over the years.

"It's nice to see them improve from fifth grade to eighth grade", Downey noted.

Two students who were particularly proud of their pieces were Elliot Ingraham and Chris Lavole, who are both currently at Hampstead Central School. Both drew self portraits, with Ingraham's themed around money and Lavole's themed around basketball. The two mentioned that they have been drawing for quite some time and hope to pursue the arts in high school.

"I do this all the time", Lavole stated.



Students and parents look on at the hundreds of pictures created by local elementary and middle school students at the Pinkerton Youth Art Show..

Voting Results

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were voted on. A three-year term as Trustee of the Trust Fund was awarded to Jeffery Moulton after he defeated David Pouliot with with a vote of 405-381. As a trustee, one's duty is to direct the funds and policies of the area that said position is identified with, preserving capital and other functions as they see fit.

Two three-year terms as

Trustees of the Derry Public Library were given to Kritsten Mari (704 votes) and Armand "Pete" Marcotte (620 votes).

A two-year term as Trustee of the Derry Public Library was won by Heather Paradzick, who ran unopposed and got 889 votes.

A three-year term as Trustee of Taylor Library was granted to Raymond Fontaine, who ran unopposed and got 879 votes.

As for the articles that were voted on:

Article one would allow the Town of Derry to consider the school district as a department of the town, giving them more control over the district's budget. This was done in reaction to recent tax increases in Derry being primarily

attributed to the district's spending. The article passed with a vote of 587-544.

The second town article would allow Keno games to be established within certain businesses in Derry. That article also passed with 752-373.

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Majestic Theatre Wows Audiences With Youth Production of Shrek Musical

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The Shrek series has been winning over audiences for more than a decade a half and has managed to produce seven movies, multiple short films, a television series, several video games and even an acclaimed Broadway musical that has run since 2008.

Having expanded beyond its original Broadway run throughout the country and even internationally, the Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manchester, NH has tried their hand at a version of the play, Shrek the Musical Jr., and recently put on four performances at the Derry

Opera House from March 16 to March 18.

Comprised entirely of children and teenagers from ages seven to fifteen, the fifty two performers, of which were chosen from seventy three auditionees, were led by Producer and Director Robert Dionne. Although the Majestic Academy was performing Shrek Jr. for the very first time during this three day period, Dionne noted that the theatre has had a long history with Derry and the opera house, extending back six or seven years.

"It's a great theatre. The opera house has been very good to us", Dionne noted.

The Majestic has already done the likes of The Lion King and Aladdin

in the past, not to mention its three annual major youth productions, but Shrek Jr. was brought to the attention of Dionne after it had been performed in various areas around Manchester. It seemed that the play managed to get significant attention, as roughly one thousand attendees piled into the opera house between the three days and four shows.

Written by David Lindsay-Abaire with music by Jeanine Tesori, both Shrek Jr. and the original musical mostly follow the events of the film, wherein the orge Shrek must confront the tyrannical Lord Farquaad alongside Princess Fiona and his wisecracking sidekick Donkey, with a variety



The Majestic Theatre cast of Shrek Jr. performed for Audiences at the Derry Opera House on March 16 through March 18.

of musical numbers thrown in as well.

Started back in 1990, the Majestic Theatre has

brought countless shows to the Manchester area, having had over fifteen thousand children and adults partici-

pate in productions, educational programs and outreach events over the years.

Award-Winning Granite State Author To Visit to Derry Public Library

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As much as readers can experience through the books that they choose to dig into, even more can be added to these experiences when the reader gets to meet face-to-face with the crafter of that book.

And, as a part of the Derry Public Library's Author Talk series, New Hampshire resident and author Benjamin Ludwig will be visiting Derry on

March 28 to expand upon his latest piece, Ginny Moon.

The premise of Ginny Moon is about the life of Ginny, an autistic child, and her experiences after being forcibly taken away from her abusive birth mother, Gloria, when she was nine years old and adopted by her new parents. The book is actually told from her perspective five years later, expositing on her desire to revisit Gloria.

However, not only do

the police continue to intervene in her attempts, but her relationship with her adoptive parents begins to break down as well. But regardless of all of these dangers, Ginny still seeks out her mother, no matter what it takes.

Ludwig himself formerly served as an English teacher and new-teacher mentor and also holds an MAT in English education and an MFA in creative writing, all before his writing career began.

Ludwig has noted that he happens to have personal experience with both autistic children and adoption, as he and his wife adopted a twelve year old girl with autism back in 2009. On top of this, the inspiration for Ginny Moon actually came to him through a voice in his head that came about while taking his daughter to basketball practice, which would eventually give him the ideas needed to write his book.

Furthermore, thanks to

his experience with therapists and autism experts, Ludwig was able to write Ginny Moon from Ginny's perspective while managing to accurately capture behavior traits that can be typical in those with autism. And because of the portrayal of the life of both an adopted child and an autistic child, Ludwig has noticed that the book has attracted plenty of people with experience on these matters together during his various tour stops.

The book has already received plenty of awards since its release, including strong reviews from The New York Times, Publishers Weekly, Daily Mail and various fellow authors, as well as recognition by the likes of Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.

The event will go from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 603-432-6140. More information about the author can also be found at benjaminludwig.com.



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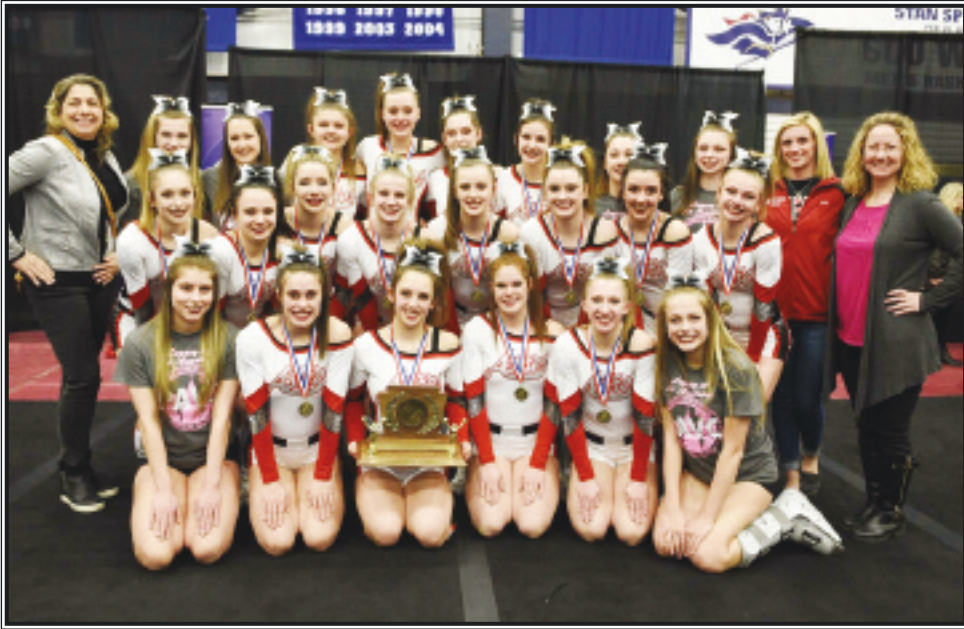
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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Spirit Squad Rebounds to Win the New England Crown



After dealing with obvious disappointment at the state championships several weekends ago, the Pinkerton varsity spirit squad was all smiles following its New England title win at SNHU last weekend.

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In the wake of the announcement that the Pinkerton Academy winter spirit squad had finished second in Division I at the New Hampshire spirit championships in Derry on Sunday, March 11, it was possible to actually see the disappointment in the body language of the members of the PA squad.

In finishing behind the Concord High Crimson Tide that day, coach Michelle McCarty and her Lady Astros saw a pretty

incredible eight-year streak of Division I winter titles come to an end. And they were quite unhappy with that fact.

However, it has now become obvious that following the second place finish McCarty and her determined and skilled crew rededicated themselves to their cause with the New England championships coming up at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester this past Saturday, March 17. And the Pinkerton contingent showed just what it's made of and what it can accom-

plish in collecting the regional crown that day.

Pinkerton outdistanced the closest New England team by 15.7 points with a score of 212.40 to get first. Taking second place in their division was Shelton High School (196.70) from Connecticut, Fairfield Ludlowe High School, also from Connecticut, took third (190.90).

The Londonderry High School Lancers finished in fifth place with 185 points.

The Concord Crimson Tide, who took first in the New Hampshire competition, wound up finishing



After being just a tiny bit sloppy in this, its Division I championship meet routine, the Lady Astro spirit squad rebounded beautifully for the big win at the New England Regionals at Southern New Hampshire University.

Photo by Chris Paul

second in the co-ed division behind team from Gloucester High School from Massachusetts.

Where the academy contingent had trouble responding to the pressure contained within its own loud, jam-packed Hackler Gymnasium on the day of the state championships, they had no such problems at the regionals in ending their 2017-18 season in special style.

Speaking of the somewhat ill-fated performance at the state meet, coach McCarty stated at the PA winter sports awards night on Monday the 12th, "On

that day we didn't get it done and Concord did. You're never guaranteed a championship."

But five days later at SNHU the Lady Astros put forth the performance which coach McCarty knew they had in them.

"We ended the day as New England Grand Champions and earned a score of 212.4, which is the highest score we have received at the New England tournament in the 11 years we have attended," said coach McCarty. "There are double the judges on the panel, so the score is out of 220 rather than 110. This

marks the seventh time we are Grand Champions for the competition."

The Pinkerton contingent included seniors Anastasia Tunberg, Kailey Kirker, Jordan Nacos, Hailey Hanscom, Ashlyn Levine, and Kaitlyn Garrity. The juniors were Jacie Harlow, Grace Daniele, Ariana Boudreau, Allison Connell, Kristen Bukunt, and Kaycie Rizzo, and the sophomores included Hailey Blackman, Jenna Desrochers, Ashley Hebert, Julia Saab, Hunter Mullane, and Genna Delli-sola, and Hailey Apostoloff and Garyn Hobbs were the freshmen.

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PA Basketball Stars Kane, Lemire Notch Big Division I Honors

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The second-ranked Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad defeated the third-seeded Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders in the Division I tournament semifinals at Southern New Hampshire University recently, PA stars Brooke Kane and Amanda Lemire outscored the entire talented Memorial team by themselves.

Junior forward Kane and senior point-guard Lemire led their team to the big 56-38 tournament victory by combining for 45 points, with the 6-foot-tall powerhouse Kane netting 23 of those and 5'1" Lemire exhibiting her considerable skills and heart by knocking down 22.

The Pinkerton duo stood out among the biggest talent in all of Division I throughout the 2017-18 season, and as a result the two both received honors from the division's coaches recently.

Kane was named the Division I Player of the Year, and Lemire was named a D-I First-Team All-Stater.

"Brooke and Amanda had tremendous seasons," said PA coach Lani Buskey. "I've always said that it

doesn't hurt to be the coach who gets to play them for an entire game."

The Lady Astros posted a 15-3 regular season record and then went on to defeat Londonderry and Memorial in quarterfinal and semifinal tourney contests. Pinkerton, which had last played in a state title game in 2010, then played the two-time defending D-I champions from Bishop Guertin in Nashua in the championship game and lost.

"Brooke Kane exploded onto the scene last year, but what she did with her game this year made her unstoppable," said coach Buskey. "She's a threat both inside and outside, making it a very difficult task to defend her. She has incredible court-vision and was able to distribute the ball and create offense for those around her. Her 400 points and 165 rebounds are proof enough that she deserved Player of the Year, but her hustle, heart, and work-ethic earned her the award."

One major reason the 2016-17 Pinkerton squad didn't make it to the D-I finals was because smart, skilled, and tough-as-nails court general Lemire was lost to a broken foot. And despite suffering a broken nose during the Lady

Astros' quarterfinal-round hammering of Londonderry, Lemire soldiered on and excelled.

She didn't return to that tourney game - and didn't need to - but when she laced her sneakers back up for the big semifinal against Memorial Lemire was sporting a blackened left eye and a protective facemask.

Despite the fact that she wasn't tremendously comfortable in the facial gear, Lemire was an absolute power in that win in helping her squad to the title contest.

"Although Amanda took a back seat as an offensive threat for us this year, she still produced 251 points and led the team in assists with 60," said coach Buskey. "Her leadership and offensive distribution



Not even a broken nose could keep PA senior star guard Amanda Lemire from D-I all-state honors.



Star junior forward Brooke Kane recently won Division I Player of the Year honors for the 2017-18 season.

set the tone for the team this year. She was a true captain, and we don't get to the finals without her."

The First-Team All-Stater is still in the process of choosing which college she'll attend. And you can

rest assured that Kane will be looked at as a prize by many college hoop programs at this time next year.

Pinkerton Has Some 40 Student/Athletes Collect High State Honors

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The members of the Pinkerton Academy athletic and academic communities both had reasons to take pride last Monday, March 12, when they were represented by 40 Astros at the annual New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association/New Hampshire

Interscholastic Athletic Association Senior Scholar/Athletes Award ceremonies at The Capital Center for

the Arts in Concord.

The Pinkerton senior student/athletes qualified for that prestigious award and had their classroom and athletic accomplishments applauded at that event.

Recipients garnered their awards by fulfilling a number of criteria, including being current seniors at a New Hampshire high school who have maintained a B-plus average throughout their high school careers, lettering in and being currently active

in at least two NHIAA-recognized sports, and being a positive role model who has participated in community service activities.

The list of Pinkerton award-winners for the 2017-18 campaign includes Nicole Alves, Nicole Baron, Maison D'Amelio, Emma Davis, Zoe Freedman, Kaitlin Garrity, Patrick Hanlon, Hailey Hanscom, Ashleigh Holland, Britney Johnson, Kailey Kirker, Ashlyn Levine, Sara Metzger, Meghan Michaud, Whitney

O'Brien, Madison Peredna, Adrianna Sullivan, Anastasia Tunberg, Carly Young, Kayden Baillargeon, Julia Bartoli, Jacob Bourassa, Brian Castle, Jared Collins, Stryker Coyle, Matthew Fabrizio, Brendan Fitzgerald, Cason Giordano, Eric Ihloff, John King, Nathan Miller, Matt Newman, Joshua Noe, Jacob Northrup, Austin Penland, Cam Phelps, Liam St. Ledger, Cody Sullivan, Chris Valentine, and Noah Woodman.

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Astro Hockey Trio Collects Division I Post-Season Honors

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Second-year coach Sam Littlefield and his 2017-18 Pinkerton Academy ice hockey squad wound up with a whole slew of reasons to be proud of the work they did on their home sheet of ice at The Ice Den in Hooksett and beyond this winter.

Alas, the Astros didn't get as close to a state championship as Littlefield and his charges planned to after completing their regular season with a superb 15-3 mark and garnering the number three seed in ever-challenging Division I.

Littlefield's legion faced off against the number six Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua at 'The Den' in quarterfinal-round tournament play and got felled by that tough opponent by a 3-1 count, seeing their season

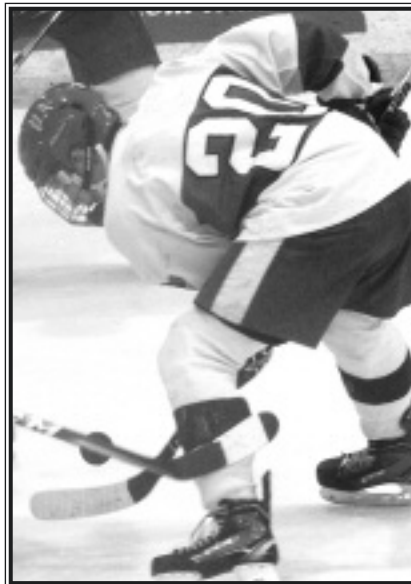
come to a close.

However, some hugely positive post-season news arrived in the wake of that defeat when no less than three of the Astros who played pivotal roles in that squad's 2017-18 success were named all-stars by the division's coaches.

Senior forward Pat Hare and junior goalie Dakota Robinson were both named First-Team All-Staters, and junior defenseman Gennaro Marra received second-team recognition.

Regarding tri-captain and all-around stalwart Hare, coach Littlefield said, "Pat is a highly-skilled player. He scored more than 20 goals this season, served as an assistant captain, and continued to show himself to be a hard-worker who is solid on the back-check and the fore-check. Overall, a great kid."

Goalie Robinson was an



Pat Hare



Dakota Robinson



Gennaro Marra

asset to which opposing teams were forced to pay plenty of attention during the campaign, and the rock-solid keeper helped his Astros to four shutouts and eight contests in which the opposition netted two goals or less.

"Dakota was a wall in goal," said coach Littlefield. "He kept us in every game, always had a positive attitude, and is a great teammate."

All-State Second-Teamer Marra, who showed him-

self to be a tough-as-nails competitor in several positional roles for the excellent Pinkerton football squad during the fall, carried those qualities in to a great hockey season in the winter.

"Gennaro was a top defenseman, positive teammate, physical player, and

athletic, and he was asked to fill many roles," said the PA coach. "He transitioned from forward to defense this year, played on the power-play, the penalty-kill, and at even-strength."

Pinkerton began its 2017-18 season as one of the true powerhouses in

Division I, posting a great 10-0 record in the division before dropping consecutive decisions to Hanover and Trinity of Manchester. But the Astros drove into the post-season having won five of their final six contests and hoping to make some hay in the tourney.

Athlete of the Week

Week of March 12



Kaitlin Garrity,
Senior, Spirit

Although injured, this dedicated veteran sank every ounce of her energy into every team practice and into the performances of the Lady Astro team. She cheered it on and pulled for her teammates like no other individual. If PA had a 17th man on the floor this season it was her.

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Former Pinkerton Basketball Trio Contributes in College Hoop



Geo Baker, excelling at Rutgers as a freshman basketball star.
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Luke Rosinski, has been injury-plagued but a tough cager at UNH.
Photo by UNH Athletics



Ben Olson, sophomore difference-maker at Keene State.
Photo by Keene State Athletics

Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H., just completed a superb freshman college hoop season for the Rutgers University (Piscataway, NJ) men's squad.

Guard Baker started 29 of the Scarlet Knights' 33 games, averaging 10.8 points and 2.2 rebounds per game with 57 assists and 35 steals. The ex-Astro had 19 double-digit scoring games for Rutgers, which went 15-19 overall.

Among Big Ten freshmen, Baker ranked first in minutes averaged (31.6), third in assists (2.6 per game), fourth in three-point percentage (35.5), fifth in scoring (10.8), fifth in steals (1.1), and eighth in field goal percentage (38.0).

Among his most impressive performances were a 29-point effort against Bryant, which featured no less than seven three-point buckets, a 19-point and 11-assist effort against Fairleigh-Dickinson, and another 19-point game against Illinois.

Baker's Rutgers player profile states, "True freshman guard who signed with Rutgers in November 2016...an accomplished student with a high basketball IQ and impressive work-ethic...brings strong passing and shooting abilities to the program."

While at Proctor, Baker - whose mom Irene captained the women's basketball team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - fielded college offers from Rutgers as well as Kansas State, George Washington University, and George Mason University among others.

One of Baker's former Pinkerton teammates, Ben Olson, enjoyed a strong sophomore season as a center for the Keene State College men's hoop crew this winter.

The 6-foot-6 big man played in all 28 of the 19-9 Owls' 2017-18 contests, averaging five points and 3.3 rebounds per game and tallying a superb field goal percentage of 62.4. He also averaged 16.3 minutes of playing time.

Among Olson's strongest performances were a 22-point effort - in just 11 minutes of playing time - with seven rebounds against U-Mass Dartmouth. The skilled center also had a big game against Southern Vermont, netting 18 points with six boards.

And Luke Rosinski - son of longtime Pinkerton boys' hoop coach Peter Rosinski - did some strong work for the University of New Hampshire men's team this winter despite dealing with a pesky and frustrating injury much of the way.

Despite a foot injury which limited his playing time, the 6'8", 235-pound sophomore forward played in a dozen games for the 10-21 Wildcats, putting forth his finest effort against Lyndon State. Rosinski notched a career-high nine rebounds and scored eight points in that contest, in which he played 20 minutes.

The skilled big man played for his dad at Pinkerton as a freshman and a sophomore before transferring to Kimball Union Academy (Plainfield, NH). As a 10th grader at PA, the younger Rosinski was named a Second-Team All-Stater after averaging an impressive 17 points and 11 boards per game.

If he's able to shake off the injury bug fully Rosinski should certainly be able to help his Wildcats to a better 2018-19 campaign.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Anybody who has spent even a year or two watching Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball knows that that program has produced some truly fine athletes over the decades.

Collegiate hoop programs have benefitted greatly from the products of PA basketball squads, and they continue to do so at schools like Rutgers University, Keene State College, and the University of New Hampshire.

Geo Baker, who helped lead the 2014-15 Pinkerton boy hoopsters to a tremendous season and a trip to the Division I title game against undefeated Londonderry - arguably the single greatest boys' basketball championship game in state history - before transferring to

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Father/Daughter Princess Party

Pathfinders Father/Daughter Princess Party will be held at the Merrimack, Mastricola Upper Middle School's Multi Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Rd. on April 7, at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fathers and Daughters are invited to a fun-filled night with the Southern NH IndianPathfinders. Music, dancing, food, pictures with Princesses, pictures of each couple and Tiaras are all included. Dress as you are or come as your favorite princess. Price is \$30 for those who pre-register and \$40 at the door. Corsages and boutonnieres are available for additional \$15. We look forward to having you and your Princess join us so please register today at www.indianpathfinders.com

Seder & Dinner

Passover Community Seder and dinner on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. Call 432-0004 or go to www.etzhayim.org for details and to make a reservation.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Participation in Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry to Help Attack Cancer From Every Angle is calling on all community members to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry on June 23, 2018 from noon - 10 p.m., at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival. American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to form teams and stand shoulder to shoulder with us and cancer patients and those supporting them. To learn more about Relay For Life, and register a team, visit RelayForLife.org/derryandlondonderry.nh.com or on Facebook @GD-LRelayForLife.

Addiction Support Group

First Baptist Church of

Derry offer a free support group for families affected by addiction at our church on Monday nights. "The Lighthouse is a faith-based support group for families who have been affected by addictive behavior. It's held on the ground floor of First Baptist Church, 44 Broadway, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Monday nights through April 9. Addiction counselors and others serve as facilitators for people to share their concerns about their loved ones in a safe, confidential small group setting. There is no charge. Open to all."

Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Breakfast on March 25 from 9 - 10 a.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry; Lunch on March 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, for more information call 432-3333. Dinner on March 30 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, for more information call 434-0628. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Basket Ball Tryouts

Granite State Raiders Basketball AAU Tryouts Saturday March 24. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at 12 - 1:30 p.m., for 9th & 10th graders at 1:30 - 3 p.m., on Sunday March 25. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at

8:30 - 10 a.m., for 9th & 10th at 10 - 11:30 a.m. At the Bishop Brady High School Any questions call 491-2495.

Football & Cheerleader Registration

Wolverines 2018 Registration of Football players and cheerleaders from Derry, Chester, Hampstead, Auburn and Hooksett and Candia entering the 7th and 8th grade in the fall are eligible. Register before April 18th to take advantage of our low \$50 fee per athlete. After April 18 the price increases to \$125. Cheerleaders register using the NHYFSC website at www.NHYFSC.org. Football register at www.derrywolverine.com If you have any questions please contact our registrar, Elena Holland at registrar@derrywolverine.com

Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Dave Kotsonis will show his technique for carving rocks out of Plaster, small rocks outcropping or a full mountain range lean the steps of carving the rocks as well as how to prepare your base before you start to carve rocks, tips on painting rocks and how to add scenery and trees to your finished scene. If you are interested in model trains and would like to

join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Looking Good for Lou Gehrig!

The second annual Run for Healing for ALS will be run to raise funds for ALS and to highlight Israeli advances in research and treatment of this disease on Sunday, April 22 from noon to 3 p.m. It is a Run/Walk for Healing event for the whole family, even people who cannot walk or run can come and celebrate. The event will begin with an interfaith 'Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem' for Israel's 70th birthday. NH4Israel, a 12 year old, organization, is a committed group of Christians and Jews passionate about Israel. The event will take place at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Derry NH's Interfaith Campus 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. Please consider participating, donating, sponsoring and/or volunteering. For more information please visit NH4Israel.org

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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

T-Ball Registration

Derry Recreation Department will accept Spring T-Ball registrations beginning now and ending Friday, March 23, or when the divisions are full for the program. Any child 4 - 7 years of age is eligible to participate in the T-Ball program and will be placed in the appropriate

division based on the participant's age as of May 1, 2018. Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in person or by mail. Parents with children qualifying for the Majors division can also register online. Registering by mail or in person is recommended. Other restrictions may apply to non-residents. For more information on how to register please contact the Recreation office at (603) 432-6136 or visit our website www.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. Lets walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church

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Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

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