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Start of Next Year's Budget Revealed to Town Council

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Budget season is here again, and the Town Council got their first introduction to the Fiscal Year 2019 budget during their latest meeting on April 3.

The presentation of the initial budget was managed by Town Administrator David Caron.

According to Caron, the gross appropriations of the budget currently stand at just over 47,000,000 dollars, while he is predicting around 23,668,000 dollars in estimated revenues. There are also roughly 573,000 dollars dedicated to veteran's services and an additional 300,000 in the event of overlay errors. Town staff, is also looking into new construction proj-

ects that would lead to an additional 25,000,000 dollars, while the estimated valuation currently stands at near three billion dollars.

Finally, the tax rate is expected to see another slight increase to \$8.55, which is a 14 cent increase from last year.

In order to address that, however, the town is preparing to return 650,000 dollars from the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is also being considered excess revenues, to the taxpayers for the sake of stabilizing the tax rate. Moving on to operating funds, roughly 39,000,000 are dedicated to general operations. Several major increases and decreases to certain sections were also seen. Capital investments show a 40.93 percent

decrease down to roughly 2,400,000 dollars. The cable revolving funds increased by 37.49 percent from last year to 629,000 dollars. However, those funds would be covered by franchise fees. Sustainable revenues also saw an increase from 12,778,000 dollars to 13,340,000 dollars, while situational revenues decreased from 6,411,000 to 4,613,000. Note that the latter was seen as unsurprising due to their attachment to specific projects. Derry also saw an increase in car registrations since last year, as well as a decrease in interest and penalties, due to the strong economy. Conversely there was a decrease in the sale of town properties by 100,000 dollars. As far as upgrades

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Elderly Residents May Receive Tax Exemptions From Council

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Bills are a pain to deal with for just about everyone, but elderly residents arguably have it even worse, with potentially less income making bills and taxes a nightmare. Elderly residents do have a chance at some relief with elderly tax exemptions, but a growing issue in Derry has been the fact that many seniors have been missing out on this, sometimes by only a couple hundred dollars. In order to try and come to some sort of solution to the matter, the Town Council recently addressed it during their April 3rd meeting.

Started off by Council Chair James Morgan, he felt that certain residents were missing out on the exemption by roughly four to six thousand dollars, with some even having to sell their homes as a result. Since a high tax rate has been running rampant across Derry as of late, Morgan mulled over what could be done while the town figured out how to bring down the tax rate. Morgan felt that either a public hearing on the matter or placing a suggestion that they put together in a workshop on next year's March ballot would suffice, as long as it addresses the problem as quickly as pos-

sible. "I'm hoping that if we took action, people could take advantage of it this year", Morgan stated. While both Councilors Phyllis Katsakiores and Brian Chirichiello agreed, Councilor Richard Tripp went into more detail about a solution, feeling that income limits and the amount that the exemption grants need to be kept in mind. Tripp also feels that they should speak with the Derry Tax Assessor to get an idea of how many people missed out on the exemption and by how much on average. Meanwhile, Councilor Neil Wetherbee thought that whatever solu-

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Elastic Launch

The Afterschool Club at the Derry Public Library featured Rubber Band Engineering last week, with children building catapults out of pencils duct tape and a rubber band. Katelyn Cunningham launches a ping pong ball from her newly created catapult. See more photos page 9. Photo by Chris Paul

Zoning Board Discusses New Structure Near Horns Pond

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The construction of a brand new structure in the wake of a major fire first had to go before the Zoning Board on April 5th to iron out some big details. Grant Benson, the current owner of the property at 35 Maple Street, came before the

board represented by Kevin Hatch, the owner of Cornerstone Survey Associates, to speak about a 9,000 square foot commercial/industrial building, mainly for the purpose of storage at the moment, that he is looking to build in place of a 9,260 square foot structure that was destroyed by a fire.

Before Benson can ap-

proach the Planning Board so that he can begin his project, he needed to request two variances.

One will most likely not matter, as it requested approval of building in a Medium High Density Residential Zone, but the zone is soon expected to be turned into a Central Busi-

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Construction of Solar Panel Array Begins at Transfer Station

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After countless months of planning, preparations and discussions, the Derry Transfer Station is finally in the process of putting together its impressive solar panel array. This will mark a major shift in Derry's energy usage. Requiring an initial kick start of \$300,000 from the town, the system consists of 240 ground mounted 360 watt panels. These are ensured to last at least twenty five years. The system will produce roughly 50,000 kilowatts per hour (kWh) for the Transfer Station and another 105,200 kWh for the Wastewater Treatment plant. But the journey towards gaining permission to pursue the project has not been an easy one. Derry's

Net Zero Task Force began to put together their plans for introducing solar energy to Derry's major structures. These included an initial plan for the Marion Gerrish Community Center. The Task Force asked the Town Council on December 19th, 2017 for the funds needed to begin their work. Unfortunately, the council rejected the proposal at first, not convinced that the plan would be beneficial to Derry given the information provided to them. However, a second vote on the matter, which was initiated by Councilor Charles Foote, saw a different outcome. Michael Fowler, the Director of Public Works, invited a representative from Granite State Solar, Erik Shifflett, to speak to the council about the benefits of the solar project. After going

over the specifications of the materials used and the projection that the solar system could save Derry anywhere from \$300,000 to over \$470,000 dollars over 25 years, the council eventually decided to unanimously support the project. According to Jeff Moulton, the Chair of the Task Force, construction for the project began late in March. This took around a week or so to complete fully. However, once the meter for the system has been installed, the official paperwork still needs to be dealt with. This should take another 30 days. None the less, Moulton is still certain there is light at the end of the tunnel. "We should get up and running pretty soon", Moulton noted. He and the Task Force been anticipating this after almost a year's worth of planning and



Construction continues on the state-of-the-art solar array being built at the Derry Transfer Station.

working with different vendors. Moulton feels that there is a major opportunity for educating the public about solar energy. Tech

personnel from Pinkerton Academy have been recording the construction of the structures and hope to turn this footage into a documentary of the process. "It's kind of exciting to see this turn into a real project", Moulton stated.

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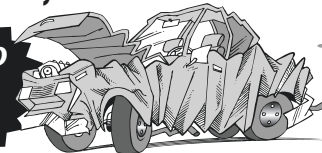
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New Business Meets with Zoning About Relocating to Chakarian Farms

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As Derry residents begin to gear up for spring, a new landscaping business may be making its way to Derry. The proposed new business met with the Zoning Board during their April 5th meeting. James and Lisa Whiteneck, the owners of Springbrook Landscaping of Salem, New Hampshire, have been looking to relocate their business to 112 Island Pond. This was originally the location of

Chakarian Farm Greenhouses. After speaking with the original property owners, Debra and William Chakarian, the Whitenecks are hoping to convert the old property into both a landscaping business and retail plant nursery. The latter would continue similarly to the purpose of Chakarian Farm Greenhouses. The Whitenecks also plan on living and retiring on the property in the future. Before they can work with the Planning Board to finalize the details, the White-

necks wanted to seek a variance that would establish the business as primarily for landscaping and secondarily as a nursery. Although their attorney, Brian Germaine, initially questioned the need for the variance, the Whitenecks insisted on being open and upfront with the public. While arguing for the variance, Germaine established that the general structure of the property will not change, thereby not negatively affecting the neighborhood. In all, he feels that the busi-

ness would be a low impact enterprise that would only alter the property aesthetically, thereby improving the area as a whole. "This particular property seemed to be the right fit for them", Germaine argued. Amongst the questions about the matter from the board were Board Member Michelle Navarro wondering what times the business' trucks would be operating. Although they typically work from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., this time slot is not always consistent. The

owners would be willing to follow any standards on this established by the town. Several abutters also voiced their concerns. Aaron Smith of 110 Island Pond Road, although not specifically arguing against the business, simply felt concerned over the potential for new projects encroaching onto his property. Dennis Wiley of 122 Island Pond Road also felt that a business of this nature should be kept within the commercial district zone, so as not to create too much traffic

for the neighborhood. Germaine noted that he understood their concerns, but felt that any of these issues would eventually be ironed out once they speak with the Planning Board.

Ultimately, the variance was unanimously approved.

However, the variance contained two recommendations. The first was that vehicles over 26,000 pounds not enter the property. The second was restrictions to the volume allowed for the storage of bulk materials.

Credit Union Honors Teacher and Veteran for Work with Students

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New England is full of residents with hearts of gold that are dedicated to giving back to their communities in an endless amount of ways. And while recognizing their efforts is fine, some groups take things a step farther and give back to those individuals to assist in their efforts.

The Merrimack Valley Credit Union is one such group, recently announcing the winners of their Biggest Heart Award, a contest dedicated to celebrating the unsung heroes of various communities through donations to charities and organizations the winners are connected to.

Eight winners across New England were selected this year, and one of them was Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor and retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Howell Steadman.

Spending 23 years in the Air Force before his retirement, Steadman began Pinkerton's JROTC program back in 1999 and has dedicated his time since then to teach participating students about life skills, aeronautic facts, meteorology, military history and protocol, and generally about how to be an outstanding citizen. Even if students do not wish to pursue a career in the military after graduation, the program still manages to prepare them for the real world.

On top of these lessons, the program regularly participates in community service events and has managed to grow to 175 cadets since its inception.

For his efforts, Merrimack Valley awarded Steadman's program with a 500 dollar donation during the Biggest Heart Award ceremony, which occurred on April 5 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Each win-

ner also received a 200 dollar gift card.

"MVCU has been committed to supporting its community for more than 60 years, and with the Biggest Heart Awards, we had the privilege of honoring the unsung heroes in our communities who go above and beyond every day without expecting anything in return, said Peter Matthews, President and CEO of Merrimack Valley Credit Union.

Having been launched back in October, the contest revolved around community members from across the region nominating over 100 of their peers in various categories, including Teacher, Coach, and Mentor of the Arts, after which the nominees could be voted for online. Roughly 10,000 votes were counted between all nominees.

As it turns out, Steadman's nominator has a very close connection to him.



Lieutenant Colonel Howell Steadman, far right, received an award from Merrimack Valley Credit Union. From left, President and CEO of Merrimack Valley Credit Union, Peter Matthews, Jodi Lacasse who nominated Steadman, and Andre Lacasse.

Jodie Lacasse, the nominator, happened to have three children who have attended Steadman's pro-

gram, and feels that he has whole.

“He makes an immense difference in the kid's lives”, Lacasse noted.

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Editorial

Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases that we bring to these posts, along with our experience and expertise. With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, by reading the paper or even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their own homes. But whether or not anyone is reading or watching, elected and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye. After all, it is the public who polices the local town and school officials. We the people have to be responsible and keep an eye on what they are doing.

We're not talking about decisions that are made in public sessions, but the background leading to those decisions. The conversations and debates and the questions and the arguments are rarely part of what the public gets to see.

And that's how rumors start. Rumors that can take on a life of their own, especially when bloggers get involved.

It is not about he or she is a nice person, it is about the facts and about taking the taxpayers' hard-earned money and using it for the greater good.

When property pops up for sale that was recently bought by a developer, is it for the people/town's best interest or not? Is a councilor or other official or two ever seen in discussion with a landowner? Our towns are too small for anyone to expect such meetings to go unnoticed.

Are these meetings illegal? Not exactly. But is that the only point we need to be concerned with?

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and ultimately end up distrusting the decision makers.

The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials having something to hide, or do we.

Derry Fire Seeks Grant to Keep First Responder Safe and Efficient

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First responders, whether they be police, firefighters or EMS providers, have one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, especially in the presence of an active shooter. But for the EMS providers, the injured victims that they are tasked with helping may not have the time to wait for a shooter to be neutralized. Thus, in order to give EMS responders a better shot at both staying safe and saving lives, members of the Derry Fire Department met with the Town Council during their latest meeting on April 3rd to discuss a grant program that would assist in this matter. During the discussion, Fire Chief Michael Gagnon and Battalion Chief Scott Haggart explained that due to an active shooter incident sev-

eral years ago, the department has been researching the best possible practices for their response teams. On top of established procedures for these incidents with the police department, equipment was also purchased to address the likes of tactical ballistics protection. These keep EMS providers safe while treating patients in "warm zones" or areas with an active shooter. To continue these efforts, the department requested permission to apply for a \$6,000 grant from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management in order to bolster their already impressive stash of equipment. However, those applying for the grant must follow several requirements. A minimum of 75 percent of the department is required to attend the EMS in the Warm Zone Aware-

ness Level of training, which was established by the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Secondly, 25 percent of the department must have completed the "in class" portion of the training within one year of the grant award. And finally, at least four law enforcement officers from the jurisdiction of the applicant must also participate in the training. But the fire department is well prepared for these requirements, as this training has been undertaken by all staff members. The strong relationship between the fire and police departments has allowed the final requirement to be fulfilled. In all, the council saw no issue with approving the grant and did so unanimously.

Budget

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to town equipment go, both the Fire and Police Departments are seeking out upgrades to their radios and other assorted equipment, while the Department of Public Works is looking into funding for its pavement management projects. Highway management equipment is also a sought-after upgrade, as well as changes to Derry's water mains. Finally, the council labeled numerous action items that they hope to see addressed by this latest

budget. Amongst the items included are upgrading the Master Plan by 100,000 dollars, and overhauling the town's cable division by using 205,000 dollars. This would include upgrades to the meeting room, LPFM Radio, wireless transmissions and other improvements to address sound quality issues. Another 65,000 dollars was granted to equitable assessment. This will restructure the Capital Improvements Plan by 250,000 dollars and use 50,000 dollars for a cell tower lease extension in preparation for the "Nut-

field" 300th anniversary. This Tricentennial will include the towns now known as Derry, Londonderry, and Windham. Discussions on the budget are set to continue through April and May, with more presentations taking place on April 10th, 12th and 17th. A recreation division workshop will be held on April 19th, a public hearing on these matters will take place on May 1st. The adoption of both the budget and the Capital Improvements Plan is currently set for May 15.

Tax Exemptions

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tion they come up with, they may have to face an unfortunate reality. "Whether you raise the limit, lower the limit or change the income levels, you're still gonna have a handful of people that just don't quite make it", Wetherbee noted. In terms of actual progress, Morgan

asked Town Administrator David Caron to create a matrix of who missed out on the exemption and by how much, without releasing specific names, and determining the affect they have on revenue and the tax rate. However, Caron warned the council that as quickly as they want to solve the issue, a solution

could not be implemented this year, as a decision rendered by council vote would not be utilized until the following year, while a ballot vote means that most residents could not take advantage of a solution until 2020, due to the proximity of the vote to tax season. Regardless, Morgan feels that the matter should be pushed to the side until the latest budget has been established.

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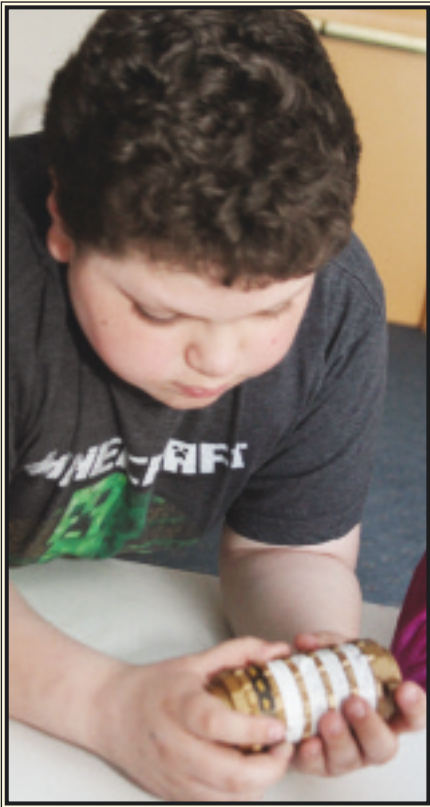
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Local Teens Escape Locked Room at Public Library



About a half dozen teens were locked in a room downstairs at the Derry Public Library and were given clues that were placed around the room on how to unlock the door. The theme of this month's Escape Room was the "Curse of the Norse God." The teens eventually escaped under the 60 minute time limit. The program, run by Teen Librarian Karen Robinson, will run through the summer.

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Pinkerton Medical Students Showcase Skills at HOSA Conference

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Throughout our country's schools, the next generation of doctors and healthcare professionals are being educated and prepared for strong careers in an endless number of fields. The students of Pinkerton Academy are no exception, as a large number of them participated in the school's chapter of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) organization. Recently they had the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills at the 38th Annual New Hampshire/Vermont HOSA State Leader-

ship Conference at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH which was held on March 15th and March 16th. Established as both a leadership and team-building opportunity; the conference had students compete in various events, while also attending various educational workshops led by medical professionals. These sessions expanded on the subjects of anatomy and psychiatry, amongst others. As far as the competitions went, the Pinkerton students came to play, with 28 medals being earned between all the students. Third place medals were awarded to: Ryan

Iller, Nolan Haggart and Julia Youkstetter in the HOSA Bowl, Zoie Laskiewicz, Amanda Sanville and Kaitlyn Flammia in Community Awareness, Julia Samiotes and Jordan Vaillancourt in Health Education, Chris Kelly and Hannah Guerriero in CPR/First Aid, Kaylee Bianchi in Medical Spelling, and Jenna Bolduc in Physical Therapy. Second place medals went to: Joey Inamorati and Nathan Miller in EMT skills, Gwen Thomas in Licensed Nursing Assistant Skills, Cameron Johnson in Job Seeking Skills, Kelsey Walker in Nutrition, and Haley Krafton in Prepared Speak-

ing. First place medals were gained by: Sarah Gates and Chloe Manning in EMT skills, Julia Bartoli and Priscilla Onge in producing a Healthcare Career Display, Alice Hammong in Medical Spelling, Sara Scoville in Dental Terminology, Adriana Sullivan in Nutrition, Josh Ladipo in Prepared Speaking, Rylie Burke in Persuasive Writing and Speech, and Sigourney Lavoie in Medical Math. Finally, Zoie Laskiewicz was named the 2018-2019 HOSA State Officer Treasurer and Jordan Weeden was named the 2018-2019 HOSA State Officer Secretary. The students also thoroughly

enjoyed their time at the conference and felt enriched by the opportunity. Josh Lapido was grateful for all the networking prospects presented to students. There were numerous points of view and perspectives to be taken from other students and professionals. Lapido hopes to pursue a major in biology upon entering college. Jessica Pollock also had a great experience, making a lot of new friends and gaining plenty of new knowledge for her future career. She hopes to become a nurse one day. But as much as the students enjoyed their time at the conference, Derek Earle, a

teacher and guide in the medical field for the students, was very impressed at the way the students handled themselves. Earle noted "Students were professional in all aspects during the conference, and represented both Pinkerton and HOSA to the highest level. The future of health care is in great hands". Because of their astounding performance, 29 of the attending students are eligible to take part in HOSA's 41th Annual International Leadership Conference, which is set to take place from June 27th through June 30th in Dallas, Texas.

Horns Pond Structure

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ness District anyway. The major concern was the second variance, which asked permission to build this new structure only about 31 feet away from Horns Pond, when regulations say that a 75 foot setback is required.

In order to remedy this, the new building would be built at a higher elevation than the old structure. This

would seemingly alleviate concerns by replacing the lost horizontal distance with vertical distance. "It just makes the site work better for the proposed use," Hatch noted.

Hatch also argued that the project would improve the look of the area by cleaning up fire damage still left by the incident. The higher elevation would

make it harder for the pond to be contaminated, and that literal enforcement of the article would discourage property improvement in the future. Upon entering discussions with the board, Board Member Donald Burgess, who had seen the fire firsthand, felt that building the structure at a higher elevation would help immensely in the event of flooding at Horns Pond.

Meanwhile, Secretary



The land at 35 Maple Street near Horns Pond was under review at the most recent Derry Zoning Board meeting.
Photo by Chris Paul

Stephen Coppolo wondered what would be done to the remnants of the old building, including its foundation.

Hatch assured Coppolo that all the prior materials and foundation would be

removed prior to construction. Finally, Board Chair Lynn Perkins was somewhat apprehensive at first, fearful of the board overstepping its bounds by looking into the prevention of runoff and similar topics.

These matters will inevitably be settled by the Planning Board in the future.

By the end of the discussion, the variance was granted to Benson unanimously.

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In Loving Memory: Nutfield Publishing Bereaves Beloved Writer

In July of 2017, Nutfield Publishing took on a new employee – Katie O'Donnell – who dutifully wrote for the Londonderry Times and Nutfield News each week, always eager to use her talents to bring awareness to the people of Londonderry and Derry.

Last week, suddenly and tragically, Nutfield Publishing lost her and the world lost an incredibly tender soul.

O'Donnell, who studied Broadcast Journalism at Emerson College in Boston, Mass. graduated in 2013.

O'Donnell covered a variety of topics for Nutfield Publishing relevant to the towns she wrote for, from happenings at the schools to crucial town meetings.

O'Donnell had been battling leukemia for a number of years, and despite this, O'Donnell persevered, relentlessly pursuing her pas-

sions, ever the eternal optimist, in the words of Nutfield Publishing Publisher, Debra Paul.

"It was a struggle she never gave in to," said Paul. "She always found good, even in the bad."

O'Donnell passed away last week due to a heart attack caused by a rare form of Graft vs. Host Disease, a condition caused by the body rejecting foreign implants (stem cells in O'Donnell's case), which affected her heart.

O'Donnell was only 32 years old.

Paul said that just days before her untimely passing, as she was still recovering and leaving the hospital despite the majority of her doctors' wishes, she spoke with O'Donnell over the phone, who told her that she'd felt good, and that she could not wait to get back to writing, and in fact she had



Katie O'Donnell, a writer for Nutfield Publishing, passed away last week from complications due to her battle over the years with leukemia.

several pieces in the works submit, further cementing that she could not wait to her dedication and spirit.

Fellow Nutfield Publishing writer, Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, had become close friends with O'Donnell during her short time at the home of the Londonderry Times, Nutfield News, and Tri-Town Times.

In her memorial piece, O'Brien recalls the very first time she met O'Donnell, who was dressed as a "Beautiful princess" joining the Nutfield Publishing family in greeting children as fairytale characters at Londonderry's Old Home Days Kid's Night. Since then, the two had formed a friendship based on similar interests and different views.

"A few times when I mentioned an opinion of mine," wrote O'Brien, "I could not tell if she agreed with me or not. I suspect she did not...but she was always so graceful and thoughtful about it."

"What a professional,

she is in the right business,' I thought in those moments." O'Brien continued. "In this world of over-politicized everything, Katie was a breath of fresh air."

O'Donnell's memorial service took place on Sunday, April 8 at the Carrier Family Funeral Home in Windham, to a full reception.

In O'Brien's words, "...just finding a parking spot was a challenge... crowds of people filled the largest room...with half of them needing to stand throughout the service."

Much like Cinderella, O'Donnell left empty shoes in the Nutfield Publishing family that could be filled by no other. There will never be another writer, nor another soul like Katie O'Donnell, and the staff of Nutfield Publishing will never, ever forget her.

Pinkerton Senior Class Raises Thousands With Mattress Fundraiser

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

When people typically think of a fundraiser, car washes or bake sales is usually the first thing to come to mind. But the last thing that most would expect would be a mattress sale. But Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) is doing just that. The nation-wide mattress fundraiser has been working since 2005 to raise millions of dollars for various organizations while providing affordably priced mattresses to the public. Pinkerton Academy's senior class was the most recent recipient of these efforts, as was appar-

ent during CFS's latest fundraiser at Pinkerton on April 7th. Held in the Senior Cafeteria, dozens of mattresses of all sizes filled the room to capacity. CFS staff was on hand to dole out their expertise on their products to potential buyers. Managing the event was Michael Logue, the owner of the "chapter" of CFS for this portion of the country. According to Logue, these events function quite similarly to any other mattress store. Customers look at and test different mattresses, purchase them along with new pillows and mattress protectors and have them sent to their homes. In all, it

seemed to be a quite successful day, with Logue expecting anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000 in profits for the fundraiser. "It's been a very busy day", Logue noted. One of the more eye-catching elements of the sale was the rather cheap prices for all the mattresses. Most of which went for only half of their retail prices. However, Logue was quick to note that the mattresses were of solid quality, belonging to brand names like Beau-

tyrest, Tranquility, Therapeutic, and Simmons. All come with warranties. The reason for the cheap prices was simply because they were working out of a school, as opposed to a retail store that has other overhead to pay for. While his staff members worked inside to assist customers, Logue was reminded of the various senior students that were holding signs outside the school, guiding traffic towards the sale. It is ultimately them

that CFS was working for, as both he and the customers could feel good about helping these kids through their sales. Since its formation over a decade ago, CFS has established over 70 locations across the country and rose over \$28,000,000 since. Their ultimate goal is to

grow to over 100 locations and help each locations raise \$100,000 annually. This translates to a current objective of \$10,000,000 being raised for kids and organizations on an annual basis. For more information about CFS, visit their website: customfundraisingsolutions.com.

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Pinkerton Laxmen Aim at Another Return to the D-I Title Game

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The boys' varsity lacrosse teams from Pinkerton Academy and Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua have met in every single Division I title match since 2013, with BG bagging the state championship four times and PA tallying it once. So should we just print up the game tickets right now?

Well, the way the two schools' lacrosse programs don't ever seem to rebuild - they simply reload - it's a pretty fair bet that those talented teams may well just be back together for a sixth consecutive state title battle. But every other D-I team will do its utmost to try to replace either the two-time defending state champs from Guertin or the PA Astros in the big match. It should also be noted that the Guertin Cardinals have played in every single D-I championship match since 2005, winning nine crowns.

The Pinkerton team appears loaded for bear yet

again this spring, bringing back a bunch of vital players from a 2017 contingent which went 19-2 but fell to BG by an 11-6 score in the championship game.

Among the big crew of PA returnees are 2017 All-Americans Alex Sturgess (senior goalie) and Ryan Auger (junior attack). The Astros have had individual All-Americans return to their fold in past years, but this is the first time that longtime coach Brian O'Reilly has had two All-Americans return to his roster for a new campaign.

Pinkerton also has a quartet of All-Staters back, including Chad Teresky (sophomore attack), Chris Valentine (senior attack), Tom Sweeney (senior midfielder), and Mason Drouin (sophomore middle).

Valentine - whose knee injury during the fall left him frustratingly on the football sidelines throughout that campaign - is a quad captain this spring along with Sturgess, Auger, and senior middle Matt Newman, who is another of the

Astros' returning starters along with all of the aforementioned players. And junior middle Owen McCormack is also among the returning starters.

Other returning lettermen include juniors Gennaro Marra, Shawn Tewksbury, Jacob McAdams (all middies), Cam Gagnon (defense), Tom McGarrahan (middle), Jack Sweeney (goalie), and Jake Seccareccio (defense), and sophomores Dom Zirn and John Holland (both defense).

Among the squad's promising newcomers are seniors Nathan Landry (defense), Mike Gorham (defense), Christian Dell'Orfano (midfield), Andrew Morgan (goalie), sophomores Cole Krafton (middle) and Keegan Wilder (attack), and freshman middies Hunter Drouin and Jackson Morrisette.

The Division I runners-up have three huge offensive weapons back from last season in Auger (75 goals), Teresky (52 goals), and Valentine (44). And those young men also combined

for a pretty amazing 125 assists last spring.

"With several key returners, our expectations are to compete for a championship," said coach O'Reilly, who enters his 36th season as the PA boys' lax coach boasting a jaw-dropping, 527-138 record. "This team has a high lacrosse IQ and solid skills. Our attack will be a strength while we will continue to improve on defense."

The academy squad got its 2018 season under way officially this Wednesday, April 11, with a home match against the always-tough Hanover High Marauders. Nobody but Hanover, Bishop Guertin, or Pinkerton has won a D-I title since 2005.



Talented young attack Chad Teresky is one of many key returnees to the 2018 Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad.
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Despite Big Graduation Losses, 2018 PA Spikers Looking Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's 2017 boys' volleyball squad came one, slim match victory away from winning its program's first state title last spring.

And as the 2018 campaign begins, the bad news for coach Colin Walker's PA contingent is that two vital players from that 18-2 squad left via graduation. The good news - of which there is plenty - is that a bunch of talented and battle-tested players returned and they have been joined by some promising newcomers.

New Hampshire 2017 Division I Player of the Year Cobi Moore and All-State libero Kunjan Patel graduated from the Derry school in the wake of their team's title match loss to Timberlane of Plaistow, which has won two of the last three D-I crowns.

But Pinkerton's returning starters from that skilled crew are seniors Tyler Behsman (outside-hitter) and Matt Fabrizio (right side/middle-hitter) and juniors Hunter Hazard (OH) and Sean Galusha (MH). Behsman and Galusha are tri-captains along with senior setter Brian Castle, who is also a varsity returnee.

Also back in the fold from the 2017 crew are seniors Ben Taylor (middle), Teddy Wesche (libero), and Mitch Heidler (hitter).

The Astros' newcomers include junior Otto Andrez (OH), sophomores Andrew Bolduc (OH/MH) and Josh Palmer (setter), and freshman Wil Mills (OH).

"Brian Castle is adapting well to his new roles of team captain and setter, and he'll pick up the offense where Cobi left it," said coach Walker. "We have work to do to get back to the championship game again

this season. We played this past weekend at Andover's Play Day and were able to play several teams including Haverhill, Methuen, Chelmsford, Winchester, Andover, Central Catholic, Salem, and Timberlane, and we were competitive against all of them. As always, our goal is to get better each week and to play our best when it matters most. It will take the team a little while to come together, but we took a big step forward in Andover."

Walker is making certain that his Astros understand that they will be taking things just one match at a time.

"We are not looking past anyone," said the coach. "I expect Timberlane, Mascenic, Lawrence, Hollis-Brookline, Salem, and Windham to be much-improved. Overall, I am expecting a competitive match whenever we take

the court."

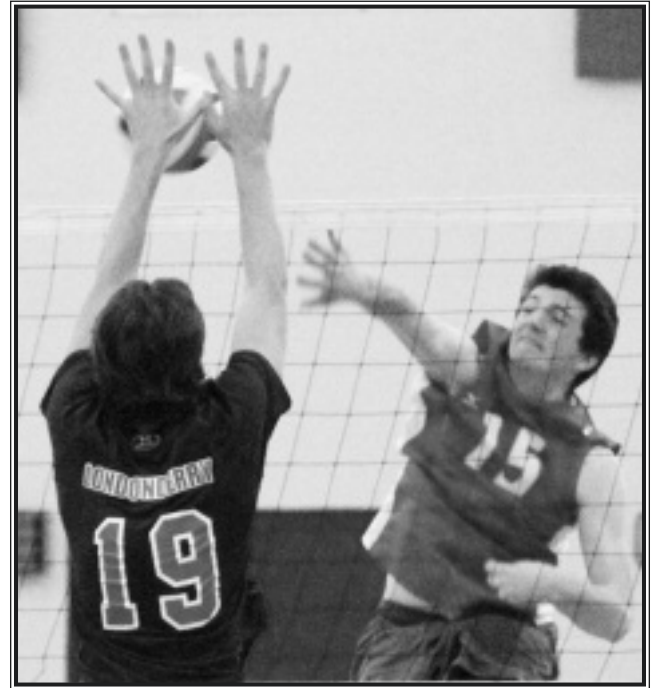
The academy squad began its 2018 season this past Monday, April 9 with a road trip to Hollis to play the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers.

And the ride home was a happy one for the locals, who snagged a 3-1 match victory to begin the campaign right.

After dropping a 25-21 decision in game one, Pinkerton ran the table in games two through four via tallies of 25-22, 25-15, and 25-14 to end up victorious.

The victors received 31 assists from Brian Castle, 12 service points with four aces from Ty Behsman, 13 kills and four aces from Hunter Hazard, 12 kills from Sean Galusha, and two shot blocks from Ben Taylor.

The Astros then got back to play on Wednesday



Key returnee and talented middle-hitter Sean Galusha and the Pinkerton boys' volleyball squad came close to a state championship last spring. They'll attempt to take another step in tough Division I again this spring.

the 11th - after Nutfield Friday battle with the rival News press time - at home Londonderry High Lancers against Coe-Brown. And a in Derry followed that.

Astro Boys' Outdoor Track Troop Looks to Keep the D-I Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' track and field program has been all kinds of impressive for a bunch of years now, with the Astros' indoor crew winning six Division I titles in the last seven years - including this winter - and the PA outdoor tracksters taking crowns in 2012, 2014, and again last year.

With the indoor track squad fresh off of its 2017-18 title success, the athletes who made that win possible will unquestionably want to cap off the school year with

a matching outdoor crown.

The key returnees from last year's outdoor championship squad include seniors Jady Ruimwijk (sprints), Kayden Baillargeon (sprints), Noah Woodman (middle distance runs), Pat Hanlon (middle distances), Stryker Coyle (middle distances), Nate Miller (sprints and jumps), and John King (throws). The key junior returnees include Joe Gagnon (distance runs), Adam Spencer (hurdles), and Joron Harrell (jumps), and sophomore Conor Seleny is back to tally points in the hurdles.

Other varsity returnees

who will aim to make significant contributions are seniors Kaleal Cerafici (throws), Jacob Bourassa (throws), Tyler Danforth (jumps), Brendan Fitzgerald (jumps), and Liam St. Ledger (mids), and juniors Matt Small (jumps) and Steve Groulx (mids).

Coach Carol Quarles, who sees her Astros, Nashua North, and Winnacunnet of Hampton being the top competitors for the D-I title, feels that her crew's keys to continued success are "Hard work and a determination to get the job done."

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PA Girls' Outdoor Track Crew Takes Aim at the Top of Division I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's 2017-18 girls' indoor track and field team won the Division I championship earlier this calendar year.

Now, high school track-minded folks are waiting to see if the academy's girls' outdoor track contingent can follow up by snagging a title as well. And that may well happen.

Lady Astros' outdoor

track coach Ed Vaitones saw his 2017 charges bag runner-up honors for the first time in eight years last spring. Now, the coach is excited about his contingent's chances of getting to the very top of the Division

I mountain in the next few months.

"Our goal is to be the first Pinkerton girls' track team to win the D-I meet," he said. "Lots of teams are in the mix, and Nashua South looks strongest right now. One of our keys is staying healthy because old injuries tend to show themselves in spring after a hard school year of sports. We also need to develop new talent to compete on the D-I championship level. We lost a lot of points with Hannah Rogers and Maria Virga graduating. And we have to develop good performances in all field

events."

The team, which boasts its largest roster in a number of years with 53 athletes, has its top returnees in Britney Johnson (distance runs), Amelia Graves (sprints and javelin), Meghan Cross (distances), Emmie Lesburt (high jump), and Nicole Alves (sprints).

And coach Vaitones feels that he also has a number of competitors ready for Division I breakthroughs, including Adrianna Buccieri (shot put), Laurel Breen (javelin), Ciara April and Maison D'Amelio (distances), Zoe Vogel (sprints),

and Julia Bartoli (throws).

Additionally, the Lady Astros have a fine group of promising freshmen including Sam Franks (sprints and throws), Adria Forand (hurdles), Macie Graves (middle distances), Aleksandra Carney (sprints and high jump), and Isabella Woods (discus).

The Lady Astros got their new campaign rolling this Tuesday the 10th - after Nutfield News press time - by competing against the Manchester Central Little Green and the Dover High Green Wave in the Queen City.

Lady Astro Tennis Team Collects its First Win of 2018 Campaign



Battle-tested veteran Riley Reinert and the PA girls' tennis team got their first win of the new campaign with a blowout this past Monday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After dropping a tight and pretty frustrating 5-4 loss to the Concord High Crimson Tide, the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team evened its record at 1-1 with a 9-0 hammering of the host Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders in Rochester this past Monday, April 9.

Veteran coach Gerry Rosado's Lady Astros swept

both singles and doubles in simply pasting their hosts.

None of the singles or doubles matches was remotely close, with Pinkerton's singles wins being delivered by Riley Reinert (8-0 score), Chloe Freedman (8-0), Julia Farnum (8-0), Katie Allen (8-1), Julia Youkstetter (8-2), and Leah Sears (8-1). And the Lady Astros' doubles tandems put the matter to rest thanks to the efforts

of the teams of Reinert and Freedman (8-0), Farnum and Youkstetter (8-1), and Katie Allen and Madison Allen (8-1).

The academy squad then bounded ahead, looking to win again at home against Bishop Guertin of Nashua on Wednesday, April 11 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a road battle at Salem this Friday, April 13.

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Young PA Girls' Lacrosse Crew Hoping to Remain a Force in D-I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's said that the only thing tougher than becoming a champion is remaining a champion. But the Pinkerton Academy varsity girls' lacrosse squad has managed to stay one of the top units in all of Division I for quite a long stretch now.

The Lady Astros have been in no less than five D-I championship matches since 2009, and they won state crowns in 2013, 2014, and 2016.

Veteran coach Rob Daziel's 2017 PA crew made it all the way to the final four again last spring with plans of playing for yet another state crown. But those hopes were dashed by a 14-11 semifinal-round loss to the top-seeded Bedford High Lady Bulldogs, who in turn lost to Souhegan of Amherst in the title battle.

The Lady Astros then

lost a bunch of highly-talented players including stalwarts like Avery Drouin and Megan Jarvis to graduation soon after that tourney contest, but Daziel's 2018 roster does include quite a few battle-tested veterans who are intent on keeping their academy crew in the Division I competitive mix.

Among those skilled and determined standouts include seniors Meaghan Michaud (an attack), Madison Peredna (attack), and Carly Young (defense), juniors Kiley Davis (midfield) and Sidni Dery (defense), and sophomores Dani Martineau (goalie), Lauren Lisauskas (attack), and Madison Daziel (midfield).

Other varsity returnees include senior defender Emily Wong and sophomore attacks Zoe Howe, Lily Auger, and Hailey Peredna.

Other varsity players include versatile junior

Kaitlyn Ziniti and sophomore defenders Aana Blaszk and Antonia McKinnon.

"We're a young team, so the development of our defense from the ride on back to settled defense will be key," said coach Daziel, a former All-American lacrosse player at Londonderry High. "Offensively, a key will be taking care of the ball and creating good scoring opportunities without forcing it or turning it over."

When asked to take a look at which teams in always-tough Division I concern him most, coach Daziel stated, "Not in any particular order, and very similar to last year, it's Souhegan, Bedford, Bishop Guertin, Exeter, and Londonderry. And Merrimack may surprise some teams."

The Lady Astros then began their 2018 campaign officially this past Monday when they traveled to Bedford to perhaps seek a

little revenge against those Lady Bulldogs who ended their 2017 season.

The outcome of that season-opening match was a tight one, with the Lady Astros finishing up as 10-9 winners.

The barn-burner of a match was all kinds of close at halftime, with Bedford grasping a 7-6 lead. But coach Daziel's crew ended up outscoring its opponent by a 4-2 tally in the second half to take the victory.

Pinkerton received five points from Lauren Lisauskas (one goal, four assists), Meaghan Michaud, Kiley Davis, and Hailey Peredna each potted two goals, Madison Peredna, Lilly Auger, and Caroline Daziel each scored once, and Madison Daziel set up two scores.

PA goalie Dani Martineau turned aside 11 shots in making a major contribution to the success.

The rest of the team's



Talented and battle-tested junior midfielder Kiley Davis and her Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse teammates are aiming at a return to the top of Division I this spring after having their 2017 title chase end in the tournament semifinals last spring.

slate this week had it at Nashua South on Wednesday - after Nutfield News press time - and then at home against Portsmouth on Saturday.

Astro Boys' Tennis Team Advances to 2-0 With a Blowout Win

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2018 Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team had absolutely no trouble pushing its early-season record to 2-0 with a true blowout of the visiting Spaulding High Red Raiders of Rochester in Derry this

past Monday, April 9.

The Astros didn't lose a singles match or a doubles battle in bagging a 9-0 shutout of the visiting squad, which fell to 0-2 and doubtless had a very long and quiet ride home to Rochester.

The six singles successes were bagged by Seb Tonini

(8-0 score), Henry Su (8-4), John Marineau (8-1), Henry Andrews (8-0), Connor Jowett (8-1), and Jeff Marquis (8-0).

With the match victory already assured, PA coach Brian Hashem saw his doubles tandems of Tonini and Marineau (8-0), Su and Andrews (8-4), and Marquis

and Colby Day (8-4) cap off the wildly-productive day with victories.

In the wake of that success, the academy boy racketeers looked at subsequent matches in Nashua against the Bishop Guertin High Cardinals on Wednesday the 11th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home match against Salem High School's Blue Devils' contingent on Friday the 13th.



Seb Tonini and his Astro boys' tennis teammates have started their 2018 campaign in superb style, besting their first two opponents. Photo by Chris Paul

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Music & More of Israeli

On Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, Noam Wolf, the Jewish Federation of NH Shlichah (emissary) from Tel Aviv, Israel, is living in NH for the year, traveling across the state, educating us and enriching our lives on Israeli life. She will discuss Israeli culture and will also sing some songs by Israeli artists. Please join us for what will be a fun and educational event. The event is open to the public and free (although donations are gratefully accepted to help enable the synagogue to continue to host educational programs for the public).

Musquash Cellar Hole Walk

Join the Londonderry Historical Society and take a Musquash Cellar Hole Walk with tour guide/Musquash historian David J. Ellis on Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m. We'll be visiting two former farm and home sites and learning about the families who once lived there. We'll meet at the Musquash's Hickory Hill Trail Head on Hickory Hill Drive in Londonderry; expect it to take 2 hours for walking, discussions and exploring the sites. Good walking shoes are recommended, but remember to dress for the weather and surroundings, and to bring a water bottle. A snack will be provided. There are seats at "The Landing" if anyone wishes to take a short break half way round the walk. Rain date Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. Please check the Londonderry Historical Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety for weather updates and for more information.

Spring Luncheon

Londonderry Democrats Spring Luncheon Please join us Sat., April 21, 12 p.m., at La Carreta 44 Nashua Road, Londonderry. Tribute and Thank You to US. Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. (secure.act-

blue.com/donate/ldcluncheon2018). There will be a Silent Auction/Raffle with "wicked cool" items to win, so bring your checkbook! For more information please contact Tam Siekmann at 603-785-1999 or chair@londonderrydems.com

Book Drive

The LHS Community Service Club has been sponsoring a book drive for the past two weeks. So far, over 700 books have been collected. The books are being donated to the Upper Room, family resource center, in Derry. We are collecting used books which would be of interest to young families, both children and parents. In the first two weeks of the drive, the LHS community (Lancer Nation) has donated over 700 books; we would like to get to 1000 books donated, so we are extending the drive into April. Collection areas are in the High School House Offices, Main Office, and Library. Our contact at the Upper Room is Janis Lilly (JLilly@urteachers.org).

Senior Trip

Seniors are going to Deerfield Mass. to visit the Yankee Candle Village Store and the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory on Wednesday, May 9. Lunch will be on your own at Cracker Barrel. The trip will depart from St. Anne's Church at 8:30 a.m. The sign up will be on Wednesday, April 25 at the Meeting House at 20 Emerson Ave. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Signups end at 9:30 a.m. The trip is cash only payable at the sign up and the cost per person is \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Hampstead Seniors are given first choice and all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residency is required and age restriction is 62 years or older. For more information please call 489-1664.

Garden Club Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club has announced a \$1,000 scholarship to a current student or recently graduated New

Hampshire student who is planning to major in some field of Environmental Studies. Student must be planning to attend an accredited educational institution. Deadline is May 1, 2018 and information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage, www.derrygardenclub.org.

Toy Swap

Save the Date! Saturday May 19, at Matthew Thornton Elementary. It's time to start collecting all those used toys, games, and baby items. Let us sell your gently used toys, while you reap the rewards! All proceeds will provide basic supplies and aid to our local students in greatest need. For consignment sale rules and to register, visit the Leach Library or www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap. The event is hosted by the Londonderry Women's Club. Go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org for information.

Kids Fishing Derby

The Derry Lions are once again sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fishing Derby on Rollins Street at Hood Pond in Derry on May 5. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with fishing commencing at 8 a.m. until noon. For newcomers to the area the pond is just past the town hall at the end of Manning Street. Kids up to and including age 15 can fish free. Donations are welcome to defray the cost to stock the pond with over 400 trout. Trophies are given for several categories of fish including largest and smallest. Each child receives a participant ribbon.

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/derryandlondonderrynh.com or on Facebook @GD-LRelayforLife.

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Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner on April 15, at St. Luke's, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 432-3333; Dinner on April 21, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, from 5 - 6:15 p.m., for information call 432-0004; Breakfast on April 22, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m. for information 432-2130; Dinner on April 27, at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 434-0628. Lunch on April 29, at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., for information call 432-3333. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

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

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

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.

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.

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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.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 11/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs-15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. 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 at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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