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Updated Budget for 2019 Tackled By Town Council

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Budget season has almost come to a close for Derry, as the Town Council addressed the final touches being put on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget at their latest meeting on May 1. According to Town Administrator David Caron, the original budget was established as \$47,037,309. After consulting with town staff and the council, it has now been slightly boosted to \$47,116,441. Caron explained that several factors went into play when changing the overall budget. These included the removal of a grant for a new emergency AM radio system for the Fire Department, funding removed from the plans for Nutfield's 300th

anniversary next year. The funding was simply obtained from a different source, and the addition of a \$120,000 storage facility for newer equipment for the Fire Department, including a new ambulance.

Caron also went on to expand upon some of the more significant elements of the FY19 budget; some of which have seen some changes in recent weeks. \$100,000 will be focused towards the town's Master Plan out of the Unallocated Funds Budget. A new firefighter position may be added to the Fire Department, as four shifts exist for the department, with 16 currently serving on two of the four and 15 serving on the other two. The budget will also be allocating

\$50,000 towards ambulance fees, and \$25,000 for interest on different investments Derry has undertaken. Caron also hopes to establish a trust fund aimed towards the removal of hazardous buildings throughout Derry.

In all, the tax rate is looking to be established as \$8.51, which is down from the original budget's tax rate of \$8.55. One of the more significant, and controversial, factors of both the budget and tax rate was the decision to outsource Derry's human services department to a contractor. If approved, Greater Derry Community Health Services Incorporated would handle these matters. The group has worked with

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Town-to-City Transition Slowed with Bill Change in State House

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Derry continues to move forward with the process of converting the town into a city. While recent legislation created in Concord put an initial hurdle into those plans, a recent development seems to have cleared it up, as was discussed during the latest Town Council meeting on May 1.

Back during the March elections for Derry, voters narrowly supported a non-binding referendum that would turn Derry into a city, effectively giving town officials control over the Derry School District's budget.

The reason for the introduction of this referendum was to gain control over the budget due to its major role in increasing the town's tax rate late last year. New Hampshire Senate President Chuck Morse then took it upon himself to establish wording for an amendment to House Bill 1472 that would establish the ruling of the referendum.

The bill was actually primarily focused around building code provisions for energy conservation, but the major issue came about when Councilors Richard Tripp, Phyllis Katsakiores, and Brian Chirichiello, who are also representatives, met with Morse to see the

actual wording.

Upon meeting with Morse, not only did they find that the amendment was far too vague and did not address any sort of details surrounding the matter, but they were also told that the amendment was due for submission on that exact same day. Thus, the councilors would have no time to go back to Derry to discuss the wording with other councilors or town staff. Furthermore, when Tripp asked Morse when any sort of hearing would take place for the bill or what kind of entity the school board would become, Morse had no

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Fishin' Fun Anthony Dube, 11, gets his hook baited at the annual Fishing Derby hosted by the Derry Lions Club at Hood Park on Saturday morning. Hundreds of trouts were stocked by the club for the event and everyone attending was eager to catch the biggest one. See more page 7. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Plans for Subdivision of Major Property on Lane Road Discussed

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The expansion of a rather large property into lots for five separate homes was the topic of discussion for the Planning Board during their latest meeting on May 2. The applicant, Linda Rutter, petitioned the board for permission to convert her 48 acre parcel on 52 Lane

Road into a five lot subdivision, with her maintaining majority control of the property. Four smaller sections of the property would be utilized for single family residences, as the parcel exists within a low-medium density residential district.

Rutter was represented by Tim Peloquin, a land surveyor for Promised Land Survey, who went over some

of the details of the project. On top of the site plan, Peloquin noted how a waiver was also needed to deal with having less than three feet of cover over the crown of the culvert on the property, which existed help the property blend in with surrounding grades. It should be noted that this property used to be farmland years ago.

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Derry Catches Up on Relationship With Russian Sister City

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Visitors of the Derry Municipal Center may have noticed from time to time a plaque showcasing the hammer and sickle symbol of the Soviet Union, as well as a drawing of Vladimir Lenin. These adorn the walls of one of the building's entrances. While some residents have come to believe that this is nothing more than an advertisement for Marxism, its history is far more productive than originally thought.

The plaque was actually a gift to Derry from its sister city of Cherepovets. This was a pact which goes back almost 30 years at this

point. Starting back in 1988, Pinkerton's then-head Basketball Coach Anthony Carnovale was tasked with leading a New Hampshire All-Star Basketball team to a tournament being held in Cherepovets at that time.

Although the competition seemed to take center stage, many of the students who participated in this international trip, as well as another trip in 1990 and a visit from citizens of Cherepovets in 1989, found the experience to be quite educational. They were given the chance to meet Russian citizens and get to know them and their culture without the themes of Communism and Socialism dominating the conver-

sation.

In response to this, John Barry, then the Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach and a Social Studies teacher for PA, worked with Coach Carnovale to develop a new sister city relationship with the town because of these positive experiences. Eventually, members of Derry's government, including Mayor Jack Dowd, travelled to Russia to meet with the Mayor of Cherepovets,

Vasheslav Pozgarlev, to officially establish this new relationship. This all occurred in late 1991, only about a month before the official fall of the Soviet Union, thus explaining why the plaque contains those symbols.

Regardless of the government shakeup, the relationship between Cherepovets and Derry continued to flourish. The following years saw

roughly 150 residents from each side visit the opposite city as yet another learning experience. During these visits, members of the police, the Rotary Club, journalists, students, doctors, lawyers, performers, and business leaders shared their views and experiences with the other side to get to know one another through more than whatever the news wanted to offer up.

Although Cherepovets, also Russia's third largest steel producer, has not been in contact with Derry as of late. It may not be a bad idea to get back together and catch up, considering that Derry is not alone in New Hampshire when it comes to having a Russian sister city. Windham and Londonderry have their own as well, those being Suzdal and Vologda respectively.

CIP Seeks Final Approval From Town Council

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The Fiscal Year 2019 budget took up most of the Town Council's time during their latest meeting on May 1. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) was also delved into, working out a series of projects that various departments are hoping to have undertaken over the next six years. As is required by the town charter, the CIP is necessary to manage projected funding for these projects in order to assist with budget stabilization. Not every request from the

departments is guaranteed to go through. Each must be first reviewed by senior town staff, members of the Planning Board and the Town Council in order to determine which ones should take priority. According to Town Administrator David Caron, most projects will be funded over a six year period via the Capital Reserve, grants, or bond revenues. Water/wastewater projects will be funded by customers, while cable projects would be funded through franchise fees.

The Derry Police De-

partment will be having five projects funded by the CIP. Amongst them are \$24,325 for an expansion to their speed collection equipment, \$82,840 for Taser replacements, \$15,704 for new defibrillators, \$126,046 to go towards replacing and upgrading their mobile radio system, and \$49,427 to replace their 13 year old pick-up truck.

Amongst the Fire Department's projects will be \$750,000 for a new rescue pumper, \$55,000 for a new utility vehicle, \$32,000 for a new Lucas Chest Compression System, and \$110,853 to replace their mobile and portable radios.

The Department of Public Works requested \$85,000 for several culvert replacements on North Shore Road and Island Pond Road, \$1,450,000 for various pavement management projects, \$545,000 to replace several of their highway vehicles,

\$110,000 to replace a vehicle used for cemetery maintenance, \$75,000 for a new Transfer Station trash trailer, and \$110,000 for multiple vehicles used by Parks and Recreation. Furthermore, Public Works' Water Division requested \$250,000 for a water main upgrade.

The final requests in the CIP were \$83,000 for various server and tech upgrades for Administration Services, \$177,000 for the Cable Department, (including server upgrades, replacements, and improved radio and audio equipment), and \$33,000 out of the Expendable Maintenance Trust for a new AC unit in the town's server room and renovations to the Tax Collector stations. Although the council had until June 1 to approve the CIP, they instead decided to make a decision that night, unanimously approving the requests.

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Economic Committee Addresses Member Duties, Attracting Younger Residents

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Derry's Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC), which is dedicated to attracting numerous businesses to Derry to expand job and economic opportunities for residents, went over a variety of interesting topics at their latest meeting on May 7. For starters, new officers were elected for the committee, with Craig Cunningham now serving as its Secretary, Christina Gossel serving as its Vice Chair, and Elizabeth

Circharo now serving as its Chair. Town Council Chair James Morgan, who is also the committee's Council Representative, reminded members of the committee that team assignments should start to be reevaluated in the coming weeks and months to stay on track with Derry's ever-changing economic landscape. These team assignments revolved around one or more members of the committee being given specific economic elements of Derry to work on and refine, including the downtown area, retail, and

industrial matters.

Several potential updates to Derry's landscape were also mentioned, including a new unnamed business that is set to occupy the space between Moo's Place and Sal's Pizza on Crystal Avenue. Potential upgrades to the First Baptist Church on East Broadway as a part of the Downtown Façade Program were discussed. The mission of is to make buildings in the downtown area more appealing to visitors of Derry.

Finally, Alternate Member Scott Graves told his fel-

low members that he admired how far Derry has come from being a small farming town to something quite more with its economic outreach. So much so that he believes that there is much more potential for foot traffic downtown. "I think Derry has a very unique relationship with its downtown", Graves noted. As such, he feels that Derry should begin to pursue Collaborative Workspace Programs. This would assist in efforts to accelerate the pace of new business formation, job creation and entrepre-

neurial activities. Morgan agreed, feeling that the town should begin to purchase desirable land and buildings to attract private businesses that may assist with such a program.

Members also noted that the community would need to be informed heavily about how it would not impact the tax rate. It has great potential to be beneficial to Derry. Morgan felt that in order to see progress in this area, Derry must also work to attract younger citizens to either stay or move here. These residents could poten-

tially mean the viability of introducing micro-apartments to the surrounding area. Committee Member Gordon Graham agreed, also noting how Derry has already pursued Collaborative Workspace Programs in the past and should seek out finishing up these efforts. Graham reiterated Morgan's thoughts by emphasizing the importance of having younger residents around, and that Derry has plenty of room for them. "Young people are what drives communities", Graham stated.

Council Addresses Zoning Definitions and Alcohol at Farmer's Market

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Budget matters dominated the Town Council's latest meeting on May 1; several other noteworthy topics were discussed by the council. For starters, the council looked into updating zoning definitions for both warehouses and self-storage facilities. According to Derry's Planning Director, George Sioras, town staff has been seeking out review of different structures that are allowed permitted use in Industrial and Commercial Districts. This matter fell

under that review process. When it comes to the two pertinent building types, warehouses and self-storage facilities were both under the same definition. However, as time goes on, some warehouses have a tendency to convert into self-storage facilities, this makes the process of identification more complicated. Furthermore, certain residents have noted how Derry has been gaining an excessive number of storage facilities. Sioras' redefinition give the two facilities their own definition, which would also start to limit the number of self-

storage facilities that could be allowed in Derry. The council agreed with Sioras' suggestion and unanimously agreed to the update.

Secondly, the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market will be returning on June 6, giving residents a taste of fresh produce and all sorts of delicious products made by some of the best farms in New Hampshire. A number of the vendors present at this event will be also serving beer and wine samples. Amongst them are Rockingham Brewery Company, From The Barrel Brewing Com-

pany, Backyard Brewery, Moonlight Meadery, and Apollo Vineyards. State law establishes that local governing bodies must authorize the presentation of these products to the public. Thus, the council unanimously

approved the market to allow these samples to be presented.

Finally, the council will be taking on a lighter schedule in the coming months, holding only one meeting in both July and August. This

schedule is standard for the council during the summer season, and also allows them time to hold a series of workshops to firmly establish their goals going forward into the following months.

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Editorial

The Right Words

Just what is a rural community?

Is it a town of a few thousand residents, hardly any sidewalks or traffic lights, a couple of businesses in the center, and homes on a minimum of an acre or two?

Or is it a community of 20,000 or 30,000, with cul-de-sacs and a sprinkling of working farms, and “plastic strips” of big box and small shop plazas, fast food restaurants and gas stations lining the entrances to town?

East Derry looks rural, as do parts of Londonderry and just about all of Chester. But Routes 28 and 102 are just the opposite as they head through Londonderry and Derry. Rather than rural, many southern New Hampshire towns have a more urban image, although they aren't ringing a large city.

Yet whenever a Master Plan comes around for revision, or a “visioning” occurs, the residents who bother to participate emphasize the desire to maintain their town's “rural” image.

Going along with that is the frequent mention of a “walkable/bikeable” community. If you lived in a town like Derry, you could walk the downtown and find places to stop for coffee or buy books or chocolate or shoes. But you'd still need a car and a parking space to get there unless you lived in an apartment or one of the few nearby homes, and you'd likely use that same car to get to the grocery stores on the outskirts. Downtown Derry is decidedly “walkable /bikeable”. But where's the pedestrian traffic?

Meanwhile, our town's focus on development in areas where a car is vital like Route 28 in Derry, Exit 5 and Route 102 in Londonderry, and Route 111 in Hampstead and many offerings, from doughnut shops to drugstores, include drive through.

“Walkable /bikeable” communities definitely serve a purpose, and can work well for young people starting out, or older people downsizing. But they come with a definite caveat. You have to want to live close to your neighbors. And it appears that most local residents want a home on at least a small acreage, rather than snuggling up close to their neighbors in apartments or townhouses or condos.

Most of us who moved here did so to live in a rural setting, and many hoped to leave urban life behind. But we took our cars.

Do we want both plenty of shopping strips, and plenty of privacy at home? For me yes, but neither translates into a “walkable /bikeable” community, and we're not sure the combination equals the rural living we seem to want it.

The traditional labels of “rural” and “walkable/bikeable” may not be the best choice of words. Remember why you moved here? How to find the right words for how we want to live is the question.

Letters

Thank You

To the Editor,

The Derry Lions wish to thank all those who made our 28th annual Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond in Derry a great success. First thanks to the Town of Derry Parks and Recreation Department for allowing us to use Hood Pond.

To help defray the costs for the 400 stocked fish, trophies ribbons and assorted fish equipment raffle items we thank the following merchants who contributed to our Ad Book: Scott Lavoie Construction LLC, Eddie's Saw Service, Clam Haven, Owen's Car Care, Bachman Florist, Vineyard Community Church, Michael R. Dion DMD, Family Dentistry, The Chop Shop, PAK-MAIL, Lobster Claw II, Kiera's Couture, Princess Jewelers, Dalpe Electric LLC, Peabody Funeral Homes, East Derry Tire & Auto Inc., Crown Trophy, Londonderry Self Storage, Midgard Comics & Games, Berkshire Hathway Verani Realty, Handel With Care Veterinary Hospital, LLC, Al's Gun & Reel Shop, Broadway Chiropractic, Paisano's Pizzeria and Wings, Daigle Plumbing , Heating & Cooling and Granite State Credit Union.

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Pete Marcotte
Secretary & Co Chair of Fish Derby

Budget

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Londonderry and Hampstead for the past 12 years, and also has a total of 29 years of experience in human services overall. Caron established that their work is done offsite to avoid embarrassment for those seeking help, as well as the fact that this does not affect Derry's direct need funding. “I feel very confident that services to our needy will not be diminished whatsoever”, Caron noted.

However, several residents in attendance voiced

their disapproval of the idea. Amongst them was Lloyd Wagoner, the Vice Chair for the Board of Directors of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. Wagoner felt that changing to a contractor service could be potentially off-putting or frightening to those who seek out their help, especially considering how vulnerable they are when seeking help. “I just think it would be a tremendous disservice to not reconsider the decision to reduce and potentially outsource the Department of Human Services”, Wagoner noted.

The new budget also

called for the removal of Derry's contract with the Buxton Corporation. They currently handle recruitment of major business chains to Derry. Half of the \$50,000 that normally goes to Buxton would be put towards general marketing in community development. Council Chair James Morgan defended the change, feeling that Buxton has been underperforming for Derry, and that ending the contract may encourage them to try harder in the future. An official vote on the FY19 budget is set to take place at the council's next meeting on May 14.

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Middle School Students Have “Unforgettable” Experience



Twenty middle school chorus singers from West Running Brook and Gilbert H. Hood capped off a very memorable experience during a celebration last week. Sully Erna, lead singer of Godsmack, came to Hood School on Thursday, May 3, to thank the students for their help in singing back-up vocals on one of the songs on his latest album. Students were told that the song, “Unforgettable,” will most likely be the next single that the band will promote and that if all goes as planned the students will be invited on stage during the bands summer tour to sing the song.

The studio session, which took place in Derry back in December, was made possible through the bands connection to Sue Centner, the Director of the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). Centner had asked Music Teachers Kate Boisvert

and Blake Leister for students from each school at the request of Sully Erna. Students chosen were: Adam Carvalho, Andrew Warren, Bana Berhane, Abbey Rowe, Jack Downey, Vienne Hynes, Kathryn DeLong, Bryn Steinmetz, Lily-Anne Heywood, Lorie Adele Stevens, Madison Connors, Sydney Flanders, Nina Andrews, Sophie Olson, Julia McGowen, Karina Schoff, Alyssa Rzasa, Jillienne-Robinson Warren, Victoria Volokitkin, and David W. Clark III.

During the celebration, students enjoyed snacks with family and friends, were presented with autographed copies of the bands latest album (vinyl version) by Sully, listened to the song they helped provide vocals for and watched the PSA the students had made with Erna.

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Derry Demons Hope To Raise Money Through Golf Fundraiser

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The Derry Demons serves as one of the most prominent sports teams in New Hampshire, providing a strong outlet for both cheerleaders and football players alike. The cost of keeping these students physically and mentally prepared for the challenges they must face in their respective leagues is never cheap. For this reason, the Derry Demons will be hosting their 1st annual Football and

Cheer Golf Tournament on June 4. Taking place at the Windham Country Club at 7:30 A.M., the tournament will be structured around a four person team set up, beginning with a “shotgun start”, where each team will begin simultaneously on different holes. Along with the tournament, attendees will have access to the club’s driving range, be able to take advantage of the event’s coffee, donuts, and BBQ lunch. Competitions in other contests, such as a Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive con-

tests are also available. Prizes will be presented to attendees, not only for the winners of the tournaments and other contests, but also for those who participate in the individual and 50/50 raffles. Amongst these prizes are a BBQ smoker, a Yeti Cooler and a tour of the 603 Brewery in Londonderry. All these festivities ultimately end up supporting the Derry Demons and their efforts to develop their young athletes. Holly Spellman, President of the Derry Demons, noted that the

funds they earn from the event will be used for equipment for the football players and cheerleaders, and materials for the coaches that will assist in refining the skills of the players. The Demons have already managed to sign on 15 teams of four for the event, but are hoping to reach the maximum of 36 by the day of the tournament. Unfortunately, the students involved with the team will not be able to help volunteer, as the event takes place on a Monday during school. Plenty of staff and members

of the Board of Directors will be on hand. The Derry Demons have been known for years as one of the most standout sports teams in New Hampshire. Members of the Demons football team regularly compete with teams from Salem, Nashua, Londonderry, Hudson, and Manchester etc. They also work with State, Regional, and National Playoff Systems. As for the Cheerleading squad, they have been known to take part in plenty of state and regional cheer competitions,

as well as making it to Nationals in Florida for the past three years. The Demons are not just about producing strong athletes, as the team also focuses on helping the students practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and teamwork. “Our program sees them not only grow as athletes, but also as young men and women”, Spellman noted. Registration for each team costs a total of \$540. For more information, visit derrydemons.com.

VFW Post 1617 Holds Annual Loyalty Day Celebration

Over the weekend on Sunday, May 6, the Derry Memorial VFW Post 1617 and The VFW Post 1617 Auxiliary hosted its Loyalty Day celebration, which honored citizens of Derry who have selflessly given of themselves for the betterment of the community. Members of law enforcement, emergency services providers, senior volunteers, teachers, students, and post/auxiliary members were all honored during the

ceremony, and the recipients of each award this year were as follows:
VFW Post 1617 Teacher of the Year Award (High School): Charles Porter
VFW Post 1617 Teacher of the Year Award (Elementary School): Corinna Boisvert
VFW Post 1617 Voice of Democracy Essay 1st Place: Anthony Cannedy
VFW Post 1617 Patriots Pen Essay 1st Place: Leo Napoleon
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Pen Essay 2nd Place: Vienne Hynes
VFW Post 1617 Patriots Pen Essay 3rd Place: Jodie Searles
VFW Post 1617 Buddy Poppy Award: Bob Englehardt
VFW Post 1617 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Jared Knox
VFW Post 1617 Fire Dept Employee of the Year: Charles Tinkham
VFW Post 1617 Commander Award: Ed Baker
VFW Post 1617 Com-

mander Appreciation Award: Dave Dyson
VFW Post 1617 Commander Appreciation Award: Stan Almon
VFW Post 1617 Community Service Award: Rockingham Oil/Robert Knapp

VFW of US Emergency Medical Technician Award: Lt. Robert Atwood
VFW Post 1617 Citizenship Education Award: South Range Elementary School
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East Derry Memorial Elementary School
VFW Post 1617 Auxiliary President Appreciation Award: Dot Mattson
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The plan was still described as being “relatively straight forward”, as surveys over everything from topography to the status of the driveway have been successfully performed, while abutters have all been notified about the project. There were some initial concerns over the existence of wetlands in and around the area, but the only one really being affected by the expansion was described by Peloquin as “marginal”, with no vegetation existing within the wetland. As a result, the Conservation

Commission has already surveyed the spot and signed off on the project. Peloquin hopes to move forward with the project quickly, as a number of potential buyers have already taken interest in the locations. When the board came to Peloquin over some of their concerns, Board Member Jim MacEachern was curious about the state of the Rutter’s driveway, which extended across multiple properties. Peloquin established that the site plan proposed a new driveway that would eliminate this problem. MacEachern also noted how much of Rutter’s

remaining property is also wetlands, but it was later established that they were not applicable to the current project. Board Member Mark Connors wished to know whether or not this expansion would cut off the Rutter’s access to the back of their property, to which Peloquin confirmed that this was true. In the end, the site plan and waiver were unanimously approved, although Peloquin may go before the board during their next meeting in two weeks to address other conditions of the project.

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Over a Hundred Youngsters Participate in Lions Club Fishing Derby

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Thanks to the recent shift in weather, now is the perfect time to break out the fishing gear and head out to kick back and catch a few fish, whether it is for food or fun. It is never too early to introduce your kids to the joys of the pastime and help them appreciate what a little patience can net you. The Derry Lions Club agrees, and in order to kill two birds with one stone, the group held their 28th annual Junior Fishing Derby at Hoods Pond on May 5. According to Cheryl Harvey, the Derry Lions Club's current President, the primary purpose of the derby is simply to get kids out of the house and off of the streets so that they can do something more productive and healthy during the warmer seasons, not to mention possibly encourage them to



Over 100 children participated in this year's Kids Fishing Derby held at Hood Pond and hosted by the Derry Lions Club.
Photos by Chris Paul

continue these kinds of activities outside of the Derby. It seemed to work out, as 122 Derry children participated alongside their parents during the derby. Family and friends were scattered across all sides of the pond to fish and take in

the day's amazing weather.

Of course, you can never guarantee that these ponds will be teeming when it comes time to fish. That is why club members gathered several hundred live fish and released them into Hoods Pond several days

prior to the event.

Once the fish were given time to settle into the pond, the event would take place, with participants being given four hours, from 8 a.m. until noon, to catch whatever they could get their hands on.

At the end of the four hours, the children were judged and given trophies in a number of categories, ranging from biggest trout, perch, sunfish, and catfish, to the smallest and largest fishes overall. There were even trophies given to whoever could land the oddest catch, which went to one participant who managed to snag a turtle. Of course, the



Two year old Harlowe Sheppard patiently waits for a nibble on her new pole.

club was also taking donations throughout the event, either just for the sake of helping the club, or to enter a raffle for a number of pieces of fishing equipment, including rods, tackle boxes and fishing nets. These donations would serve to offset the costs of the derby, but the funds also help to

assist with the Lions Club's primary goal of serving and assisting ones community, which Derry's Lions Club manages year after year. "If someone is in need of something, we're here to help when we can", Harvey noted.

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answer and would simply reveal more detail when possible. Due to concerns and backlash from the Derry community over the matter, Council Chair James Morgan went on record noting that it was not the intent of the council to take over the roles of the Derry School Board, and that they would still try to

work with Morse to fix the issue, while also trying to maintain solid communication with the school board during the transitioning process. However; Morgan revealed during the May 1 council meeting that the amendment had been removed from the bill, thus eliminating the issue and giving Derry officials the chance to craft more specific, effective wording for their own bill. He

announced the creation of two subcommittees, one for the council and one for the school board that will start developing verbiage for the bill, before eventually meeting together and coming to a final decision what the bill will say. "We plan on being 1000% transparent about the entire goings on of that particular venture", Morgan noted.

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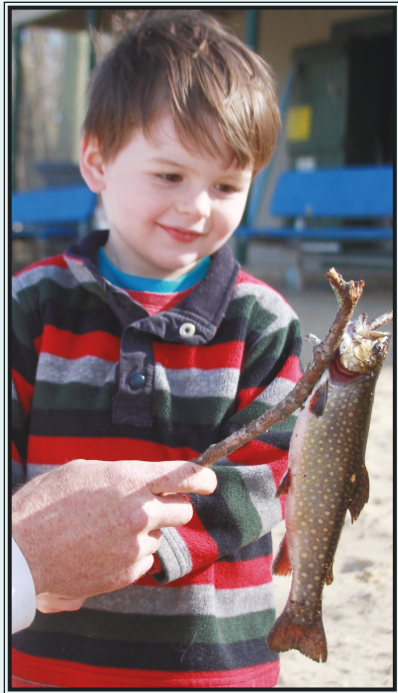
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Kids Try to Reel in Wopper at Annual Lions Fishing Derby



Over 100 children of all ages enjoyed casting out for the annual Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday morning at Hood Pond. The Derry Lions Club, who host the event, stocked the pond with over 400 trout for kids to try and catch. Trophies were given at the end of the Derby in a number of catagories. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Laxmen Regain Their Footing Following First Loss

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Anyone who wondered if the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad would be able to rebound quickly from its first loss of the 2018 season to Bishop Guertin hasn't had much experience with the academy laxmen.

The Astros had to wait four days to play their next game following the 13-11 home defeat at the hands of BG.

But once back in the competitive fray, Pinkerton got back to winning with successes against Londonderry in Beeman Trophy play and then against Bay State opponent Cohasset in Massachusetts.

The Astros made their 2018 record 8-1 with a 14-2 thrashing of the London-

derry High Lancers at LHS last Friday night, May 4, with faceoff specialist Gennaro Marra showing his tremendous worth to his squad by winning 16 out of 17 face-offs and contributing three goals as well.

Pinkerton pounded its way out to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter, putting 11 shots on the Londonderry net while lonely PA goalie Alex Sturgess only faced one.

The host Lancers stuck with the Astros far better in the remaining three periods, but Pinkerton won all three stanzas en route to its lopsided victory.

The academy side outscored its host by a 2-0 margin in quarter two and by 2-1 tallies in the third and fourth periods.

Londonderry busted Pink-

erton's shutout hopes during the final four minutes of the third stanza when Mike McAlister was set up by Anthony Federico, and the second LHS marker came early in period four when Jeff Wiedenfeld was set up by Cole Keegan.

The victorious Astros received four goals and four assists from Chad Teresky, a goal and six helpers from Ryan Auger, three scores apiece from Marra and Mason Drouin, a goal and a helper from Owen McCormack, and single scores from Hunter Drouin and Matt Newman. Keeper Sturgess finished up with a dozen saves.

The academy side wasn't quite as prolific offensively nor did it have as easy a time with its opponent in Co-

hasset the next day. But the locals still managed an 8-7 victory.

Sturgess stopped 11 shots, and the PA offense got two goals and two assists from Tom Sweeney, two goals and an assist from Auger, a goal and two helpers from Teresky, two scores from McCormack, a single tally from Mason Drouin, and one assist from his brother Hunter.

After playing those two road contests, the Astros then found themselves back at home this past Monday to face off with the Nashua High North Titans.

The academy stickers continued to exhibit their offensive capabilities in a 20-4 thrashing of that Gate City squad as the Astros remained in the upper reaches of the Division I standings.



Pinkerton lacrosse faceoff specialist Gennaro Marra had an exceptional game in his squad's walloping of Londonderry late last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Academy Keeps Beeman Trophy

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's spring varsity sports teams were dominant in nearly all of the annual Beeman Trophy Games they played with their rivals from Londonderry High School at LHS last week. And as a result of that success, they will maintain possession of the Beeman Trophy for a fourth consecutive year.

The academy's squads

collected lopsided victories in boys' volleyball on the night of Thursday, May 3, both boys' and girls' lacrosse the next evening, and then in boys' and girls' tennis and baseball on Saturday the 5th. Londonderry's lone victory was a convincing victory in softball on Saturday afternoon. Stories about each of the contests appear in this edition.

The two schools' track and field contingents have yet to have their Beeman

Trophy contests, and those will occur on Tuesday, May 15 at Londonderry High. But even if the LHS teams were to sweep those events there isn't a way for Londonderry to overcome the Beeman Trophy deficit of 6-1 it presently faces.

Londonderry High last won the Beeman Trophy in 2014, with Pinkerton retaking possession of the plaque in 2015 and holding onto it since.





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Pinkerton Baseball Slides Into a Groove, Thumps Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy baseball team has built up a head of steam, and stepping into its path isn't particularly advisable for Division I opponents right now.

The Astros won every one of their four games last week, pushing their current winning streak up to six and their divisional record to 8-3. Coach Steve Campo's crew has been winning its games by lopsided margins.

Pinkerton thumped Manchester Central by a 16-5 score, Keene by an 8-2 tally, Dover by an 8-3 margin, and Londonderry in a 9-0 shutout between Tuesday and Saturday of last week.

In the crushing of Central in Derry on Tuesday, May 1, Pinkerton overcame an early 2-0 deficit by scoring five times in the first, once more in the second, three more times in the third, and seven times in the fourth in putting the 10-run rule into place.

Winning pitcher Asa Runge aided his own cause

by stroking two hits and scoring two runs. Cam Walsh (two hits, two runs, three RBI), Connor Jenkins (four RBI, two runs scored), Brady Day (two hits, two runs, two RBI), George Welch (two hits, two runs, two RBI), and Jacob McGill (two runs) helped to pace a Pinkerton offense.

The academy side only scored half the runs and knocked half the hits at home against Keene the next day, but the locals still won easily, advancing their winning streak to four games.

Pinkerton raced out to a 4-0 lead by the end of the third inning and made a 4-1 game 8-1 by scoring four more times in the latter half of the fifth frame.

Pitcher Derek Hiscox twirled a five-hitter with four strikeouts, and Runge bashed two hits and scored three times. Day and Welch each crossed home twice in yet another blowout.

The Astros then took to the road for a seacoast battle at Exeter on May 3, and they came home with a 8-3 victory.

Two runs in the first, two more in the second, and then three in the third gave the Astros a 7-1 advantage which the host Blue Hawks found insurmountable.

Runge and Welch each slashed two hits, and lefty Welch got the pitching win by going the first four innings holding Exeter to three hits while striking out

eight. The big lefty was subsequently named the academy's male athlete of the week for the span which started April 30.

Astros' 9-0, Beeman Trophy Games white-washing of Londonderry on May 5, left Pinkerton openly celebrating its success.

PA pitchers David Unkles, Runge, Mat Albetski,

and Hiscox held the struggling Lancers to just three hits while their offense was busy producing a dozen.

Walsh, Jenkins, and Day each whacked two safeties, and Walsh scored twice on a big day for PA.

The Pinkerton crew then got to know New Hampshire's Gate City a bit this week as it played consecu-

tive games on May 9 and May 10, against Nashua North's Titans and the Nashua South Purple Panthers. Both of those battles took place after Nutfield News press time, with coach Campo's crew aiming to remain one of the hottest teams in tough Division I for a bit longer.

Track Squads Show Skills in Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS



Lady Astro Zoe Vogel competed in the 100 at the annual Salem meet.

Whether on their own track or away, Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' track and field teams will make plenty of news this spring. Both teams made that plain during a full home meet early last week and then at the annual Salem Kiwanis Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Salem High last weekend.

In the May 1, home meet which included the boys' and girls' squads from Salem, Somersworth, and Spaulding of Rochester, both academy teams powered their way

past the competition to lopsided victories.

The Astro boys tallied some 138.5 points to easily outdistance Salem (36.5), Somersworth (21), and Spaulding (18).

Individual event wins were turned in by Jadyn Ruimwijk in the 100-meter dash (11.24 seconds), 200 dash (22.67), and the 400 (53.14); Joe Gagnon in the 1,600-meter run (4 minutes, 43.73 seconds) and the 3,200 (10:11.44); Adam Spencer in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.15) and the high jump (5 feet, 10 inches); the 4x100 relay quartet of Conor Seleny, John Brooks, Noah Woodman, and Ruimwijk (44.26); Nate Miller in the pole vault (12'6"); Avery Battle in the long jump (20'2 1/2"); Joron Harrell in the triple jump (38'9"); Kaleal Cerafici in both the shot put (46'8 1/2") and the discus (116'9"), and J.J. King in the javelin (183'4").

The Lady Astros won by 129 points to outdistance Salem (41), Spaulding (28) and Somersworth (1).

The PA crew notched another shutout victory, tallying set successes of 25-15, 25-18, and 25-12. Castle had 24 assists and Behsman 10 service points.

son in the 800 (2:30.10); Adrianna Buccieri in the discus (83'8") and the shot (28'11 1/2"); Meghan Cross in the 1,600 (5:29.55); Hannah Peterson in the 110 hurdles (17.36) and the high jump (4'8"); Laurel Breen in the javelin (101'7"); Megan Qualters in the pole vault (8'6"); Grace Gill in the long jump (14'7 1/4"), and the squad's 4x100 (52.97) and 4x400 (4:21.24) relay quartets.

At the freshman/sophomore meet, the PA boys finished third out of 20 scoring teams and the PA girls were a great fourth out of 19 squads which put up points.

The Astro guys got event wins from Ben Fleming in the 200 (24.09), Conor Seleny in the 300 hurdles (41.50), and their 4x100 relay team (45.47). Other top-three finishes came from Battle in the 100 (second) and the long jump (third), Zach Plaza in the 800 (third), and the 4x200 relay team (third).

The youngest Lady Astros got wins from Macy Graves in the 800 (2:22.27) and Cross in the 3,200 (11:51.35), a second from Emily Lesburt in the high jump, and thirds from Adria Forand in the 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay team.

Volleyball Squad Takes Two of Three

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad has been difficult to beat so far this spring. But one of the two opponents the Astros faced last week got the job done before coach Colin Walker's crew went and beat up on its arch-rival in returning to the winning path.

The academy crew suffered just its second defeat of 2018 - and its first to a

New Hampshire opponent - at Windham High May 2.

Windham took game one by a 25-21 score, but the Astros rebounded for a win by that same score in game two. However, the hosts claimed 25-21 successes in games three and four to take the match by a 3-1 tally.

Brian Castle notched 36 assists, Sean Galusha contributed 17 kills, Ty Behsman was good for 14 kills, and Matt Fabrizio connected for some 13 service points

on a losing night for PA.

But the academy crew had very little trouble with the rival Londonderry High Lancers at LHS in Beeman Trophy Games play on the night of Thursday the 3rd.

The Pinkerton side claimed individual game wins of 25-10, 25-15, and 25-20 in taking the match quite handily to advance to 9-2 overall.

Castle tallied 29 assists and 11 service points with two aces, Hunter Hazard



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Lady Astro Lacrosse Crew Makes its Season Mark a Perfect 13-0

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The Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse team is intent on regaining its status as New Hampshire Division I champion this spring. And the Astros made that perfectly plain to three more opponents and everybody who was watching last week.

The academy girls became 12-0 with convincing victories over Salem, Central and Londonderry.

The Astros had no trouble with the Salem High Blue Devils in Derry Thursday, May 3, notching a 19-2 victory after holding that frustrated opponent scoreless in an 11-0 first half.

Lauren Lisauskas was good for six points with four goals and two assists in leading the offense. Kiley Davis bagged two goals and set up two others. Zoe Howe had three scores and one assist, Lily Auger scored twice and

assisted once, and Caroline Daziel and Abby Jowett each scored twice.

Additional scoring was done by Meaghan Michaud, Madison Daziel (one goal, one assist each), Madison Peredna, and Amy Quigley (one goal apiece). Tatyana Sullivan registered two saves and Allyssa Labonte notched one in the PA net.

"We dominated possession off the draw and created Salem turnovers to limit them to only two shots in the first half," said coach Rob Daziel.

The next evening the academy travelled Londonderry High for a rematch with the LHS Lady Lancers in Beeman Trophy action.

The hosts gave Pinkerton a much tougher time than they had in a 14-2 blowout in Derry a week earlier. But the academy crew still managed to leave Lancer Land with a 17-9 success.

Pinkerton netted the first

three goals of the match and five of the first six, and Daziel's bunch had an 8-2 lead with just 2:15 to go in the opening period. But the Lancers got goals from Sarah Duarte and Victoria Kelly during that remaining time to trim their deficit down to a manageable 8-4 by the break.

The hosts made further strides toward a full comeback by netting the first two goals of the second half on shots by Duarte and Grace Chicko, and the Lancer fans were understandably loud.

However, Daziel then saw his charges exhibit what they can do when pressed by tallying six consecutive goals in a span of a little less than 10 minutes to make a two-tally lead an eight-goal advantage of 14-6.

Each team then scored three times during the last eight minutes to reach the 17-9 final score.

The academy squad got

four goals from Hailey Peredna, three goals and three assists from Lisauskas, three goals and two helpers from Davis, two goals and two assists from Lily Auger, two scores each from Meaghan Michaud and Madison Daziel, and a goal and two assists from Madison Peredna. Goalie Dani Martineau contributed six saves to the winning cause.

The Astros then strode into this week looking at a Monday road trip to Manchester to play the host Central Little Green.

And the PA squad throttled that opponent in an 18-5 victory which featured five-point performances from Kiley Davis (one goal, four assists), Michaud (two goals, three helpers), and Madison Peredna (two goals, three assists), a four-point effort from Lisauskas (two goals, two assists), and three goals from Zoe Howe.



Seasoned-veteran Kiley Davis, shown here trying to evade a Londonderry opponent in Beeman Trophy play, has been a big point-producer for her Lady Astro lacrosse squad this spring. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Pinkerton Boys' Tennis Keeps Record Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the presence of lots of impressive over the years, the Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis program has never produced a varsity team championship.

The Astros have been in state title matches four times and lost each one. But former PA player and present coach Brian Hashem and his 2018 Astros may just be closing in on the first crown in program history.

The strong academy boy racketeers upped their season record to a perfect 10-0 last week with lopsided successes against three opponents. And it's possible that nobody will be able to vanquish the Astros this spring, as Pinkerton's tightest match coming into this week was a 6-3 success against Concord to open the campaign.

The academy crew collected victories numbers eight and nine against Keene and Nashua South during the middle of last week. And

then on Saturday, May 5 the Astros made quick work of the rival Londonderry Lancers in Beeman Trophy play.

The locals pummeled 2-4 Keene by an 8-1 tally on the road last Wednesday, May 2, thanks to singles successes from John Marineau (8-2 score), Henry Su (8-1), Henry Andrews (8-1), Jeff Marquis (8-0), Conor Jowett (8-4), and Hamza El Boudali (8-6).

Doubles wins were contributed by the duos of Andrews and Marquis (8-1) and Jowett and Colby Day (8-3).

The next afternoon at

home against South, the Astros managed the same outcome - an 8-1 win - thanks to singles successes from Seb Tonini (8-0), Marineau (8-3), Su (8-1), Andrews (8-0), Marquis (8-6), and Jowett (8-1).

Doubles successes came from Tonini and Marineau (8-0) and Su and Andrews (8-4).

And Londonderry didn't make Pinkerton sweat an inordinate amount in beautiful spring weather last Saturday as the academy crew bagged a 9-0 shutout which featured lopsided wins up and down the ladder

on the Lancers' home courts.

The Astros then strode confidently into this week looking at a Monday match on the seacoast at Exeter against a Blue Hawks' bunch which had gone an excellent 8-1 in its first nine matches.

And once again the academy side was better than its opponent, snagging four singles wins via the work of Seb Tonini (8-1), Marineau (8-3), Su (8-5), and Andrews (8-4) and deciding the 6-3 match with doubles successes from Tonini and Marineau (8-3) and Su and Andrews in a tiebreaker (9-8, 7-3).

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 16



**George Welch,
Senior, Baseball**

This skilled 12th grader went 6-for-12 at the plate with seven runs batted in and picked up his first varsity pitching win against Dover in showing what an asset he can be for the Astros.



**Lauren Lisauskas,
Sophomore, Girls' Lacrosse**

This impressive point-machine earned her 100th career point - in just two seasons - in Beeman Trophy play against Londonderry. She ended that day with 101 career points on 53 goals and 48 assists.

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Pinkerton Softball Squad Slides Into a Skid, Sits at 8-5

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Since starting its 2018 season in superb fashion by winning six of its first seven games, the Pinkerton Academy softball squad has done a bit of scuffling.

The Astros went 1-3 in their next four contests, and last week the locals dropped decisions in the latter two of those matches to Keene and Londonderry on the road to slip to 7-4 in Division I.

In both of those contests the academy squad faced early deficits which it couldn't manage to overcome.

Wednesday, May 2, the PA bunch made the long ride out to Keene and came home with a 4-3 loss.

The Blackbirds scored three times in the latter half of the first inning and built their lead up to 4-0 by scoring once more in the fourth.

The Astro crew showed its mental toughness in working at a comeback, and

the locals plated three runs in the top of the sixth to make the score 4-3. But that would be it on the scoring.

The academy side out-hit its host by an 8-5 margin, but Pinkerton also committed three fielding errors. As a result of those defensive miscues, Keene plated three unearned runs.

On offense, PA received two hits (both doubles) from Alyssa DiMauro and Jackie Cerri.

Three days later, on a

beautiful spring afternoon, the Lady Astros made a far shorter drive over to Londonderry to take on rival Londonderry High squad which was as hot as could be, having won seven straight games. And thanks to the stellar work of senior pitcher Ila Brown and impressive offense and defense, the 9-1 Lady Lancers would keep right on rolling.

Brown hurled her second consecutive two-hit shutout, striking out 12 would-be hitters and working on a no-hitter until the top of the sixth inning when Pinkerton's number nine hitter Ellie Cashman slapped a single to center field with one out.

Londonderry plated the only two runs it would end up needing to best 7-4 PA in the latter half of the second inning.

After Pinkerton pitcher Alyssa Ouellette got the first two Londonderry hitters out, Loey Misiaszek drew a walk and Alivia Proulx hammered a home run over the fence in center field to make it a 2-0 game.

The hosts left two runners stranded on base in the second without scoring more, but their lead bulged to 4-0 in the fourth when Sarah Fawcett thumped a two-out single, Gia Komst followed with a double, and Brown helped her own cause by sending both teammates scurrying home with a single.

The Lancers then finished the day's scoring by



Pinkerton southpaw pitching standout Alyssa Ouellette and her teammates had their struggles recently before thumping Manchester Memorial on the road to begin this week this past Monday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Lady Astro Tennis Crew Builds Its Record Up With More Successes

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A pleasing three-match winning streak recently pushed the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team into this week contemplating its very solid 6-4 record in tough Division I.

Veteran coach Gerry Rosado's Lady Astros bagged the second and third of those victories during the week last week by simply overpowering the Nashua North and Londonderry High contingents.

Pinkerton bagged a lopsided 9-0 success over North in Derry on Wednesday May

2, with singles victories being delivered by Riley Reinert (8-0), Chloe Freedman (8-2), Madison Allen (8-6), Katie Allen (8-0), Leah Sears (8-2), and Victoria Hodosi (8-1).

The locals also swept doubles thanks to the work of Reinert and Freedman (8-1), Madison Allen and Sears (8-2), and Katie Allen and Hodosi (8-0).

Coach Rosado's roster was somewhat more challenged by the scuffling Lady Lancers in Londonderry on Saturday the 5th. But in the end the PA side claimed a 7-2 win over that 1-8 rival.

Singles successes came

from Freedman (8-0), Julia Farnum (8-4), Madison Allen (8-1), Julia Youkstetter (8-2), and Sears (8-1).

With the match already decided rolling into doubles play, tandem wins were turned in by the teams of Freedman and Farnum (8-2) and Madison Allen and Sears (8-1).

The Lady Astros then bounded into this week seeking a fourth straight win in a Monday home match against Exeter.

But they fell short of that goal, dropping a 5-4 decision to the seacoast side despite strong play.




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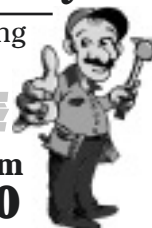
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Blood Drive

Due to the recent severe storms this winter there is an URGENT need for blood and blood products. With the current "Urgent" need for blood products, the American Red Cross needs all of our help to replenish the blood supplies. The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish has scheduled this blood drive for May 18 from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Lions Hall 256 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Donors of ALL blood types are urgently needed to donate. In an effort to save you time, you can register online www.redcrossblood.org or by calling the Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS (We encourage ALL donors to make an appointment to help us in planning). You can also use the RapidPass system the day of the drive to save time the day of your donation as well. For more information on donating blood, you may call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or for more information on this drive please contact Vinny Curro vincurro@comcast.net or 603-867-7472. Of course we will have homemade refreshments that our Saint Jude drives are known for... Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Supervisors of the Checklist

The Derry Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session on Tuesday, June 5, from 7-7:30 p.m. at the Derry Municipal Center to register new voters and accept changes to voter registrations. This will be the last opportunity for voters to change party affiliation for the September 11 primary. Voters can register or make changes with the Town Clerk during regular office hours. Party changes are not allowed between June 6th and the primary. Voters can check their party affiliation on <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx>, on the voter checklist in the Public Research Room at the Municipal Center and at the Derry Public Library, or by calling the Town Clerk at 432-6105.

Day of Giving Back

Youth Day of Giving Back 2018 will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 8 - 1:30 p.m. The kickoff begins in the gym at Pinkerton Academy where students can learn about the volunteer agencies and community services they can volunteer for throughout Greater Derry.

Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Saturday June 2 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain or shine, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The Derry Garden Club is accepting donations for its annual plant sale. Anyone with a plant in need of thinning to donate to the sale is invited to call Alison Kennerly 434-9624.

Model Railroading Derry Fun Night

On May 11, the 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. Control panels are still part of building a model railroad even in the DCC world. The May program is a demonstration of how to use Touch Toggles to create a neat graphic design for today's control panels. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. 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.

Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner on May 19, at St. Luke's, Derry,

from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner on May 20, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry, from 5 - 6:15 p.m.; Dinner on May 25, at First Parish, East Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Breakfast on May 27, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m.; Lunch on May 27, at St. Jude's, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Lions Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions' Giant Yard Sale, on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE. Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road Across from Londonderry, NH Town Common. Donate your goods to the Lions! Drop offs will be appreciated starting Mon. April 30, thru Friday May 11, the day before the sale at the Lions Shelter. Please, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's. "Sell your own Goods by renting spaces". Call Tom in advance *603-548-5011. All proceeds for donated goods and rented spaces to benefit: Lions Club

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Clarity Counseling Associates at 1D Commons Drive, Unit 23, Londonderry has Free Group Offerings, call 603-425-7600 to reserve your spot today! A Support for Parents of Adolescents with At-Risk Behavior (Substance use, School Behavioral Issues, Self-Harm, Aggression) will be held on May 16, at 4 p.m.; a

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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).

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