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## Residents' Concerns Addressed Over Human Services Contract Change

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Numerous community members have been up in arms with the town's recent decision to contract Derry's Human Service Department out to Greater Derry Community Health Services (GDCHS). They fear that the move may have many negative impacts on the town and its residents.

The shift was done as a part of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. Residents have been in contact with town staff and councilors for the last few weeks to caution against the change. In an attempt to quell these fears, the Town Council recently invited two members of

GDCHS to the council's June 19 meeting to explain their services and answer any questions from the council.

The two representatives at the meeting were Donna Tighe, GDCHS's Executive Director, and Liz Jones, its Program Manager. Tighe expanded upon the history of CHS and how it has been serving Derry since opening on March 10, 1989. Having provided service to more than 2,000 Derry residents last year, the group helps with a variety of matters from paying bills and getting food; to applying for Medicaid. Ultimately, whether the people they help have ongoing issues that have caused them to struggle, or just

came into some bad luck; GDCHS's primary goal is to help individuals make ends meet and obtain their basic needs, in an effort to enable them regain their independence. "The very first thing we ask them is 'How can we help you?'" Tighe noted. She also explained the application process, noting that they are willing to be flexible when helping residents; but also work to manage the expectations for what can be accomplished. One of the primary goals is to find the root of their issue or issues and help them to fix that problem. Continued case management comes at no additional charge for residents. GDCHS also works

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## Eversource Rates Will Rise Nearly 20% This Summer

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Daylight is in no short supply as summer begins, and it may behoove residents to take advantage of this natural light while it is available.

On June 15, 2018, The State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission approved a solicitation from Eversource seeking power supply for customers having not elected to take energy service from a competitive supplier. The company's supply charge will be rising from the current 7.903 cents per kilowatt hour to 9.412 cents in the wake of state regulators approving a 19.1 percent increase in energy supply charges.

According to officials at the utility company, this will be a direct pass-through for the price of generated power, and Eversource will not be receiving any additional profit from the increase.

Eversource explains the company's rate changes on its website, stating that Eversource must pay a certain rate to purchase electricity that is delivered to customers, a rate that according to Eversource fluctuates frequently based on the amount of electricity available in the region. Next, the company must account for the cost of delivering the electricity to power homes across New Hampshire, Connecticut, and

Massachusetts. The website further states that market conditions set the price of energy purchased for customers, and urges customers to take energy-saving matters into their own hands.

"We're always mindful of the effect energy supply increases have on our customers, particularly those who are facing difficult financial circumstances," stated Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. "We urge customers to make full use of our energy efficiency programs to help reduce their usage, tighten up their homes and keep their energy bills down."

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Cancer survivor MaryAnn Schroeder lights the Flame of Hope to signal the start of the annual Relay for Life at the Pinkerton Academy track on Saturday afternoon. Schroeder was a member of the top fundraising team "Father Bob's Believers" at the event.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Survivors, Families, and Friends Relay Through the Rain

NOELLE TARDIFF  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, June 23, cancer survivors, families, and friends from Greater Derry and Londonderry braved the rainy weather conditions and walked the Pinkerton Academy track to raise money and awareness at the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life.

Even the traditional Flame of Hope remained lit throughout the afternoon and into the evening, and despite the rain,

spirits were kept high with music, performances, and themed laps.

"The day was a little bit more relaxed," explained Jackie Leavitt, "but I think it went really well. We adjusted our schedule with the rain, and everyone had a great time." This was Leavitt's fifth year as a member of the leadership team.

As Leavitt stood under the survivor tent at the Relay, she said, "Every participant has their own personal story

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# Pizzastock 2 Invites Community For Day of Music, Pizza, and Awareness

GABBY GUERARD  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Imagine a park filled with pizza, friends, and music. In addition to that are community partners dedicated to improving the lives of others. At the conclusion, audience members can go home feeling proud, knowing that all funds raised have been donated to charity.

This will become reality for members of the community on July 28 for Pizzastock 2. The charity event is free to the public, and will be held at MacGregor Park from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. All benefits will go to The Upper Room, for their many programs working with families and kids. The primary goals of the event are three-fold: to encourage and exhibit local musicians, to do charitable work in the community, and to continue remembering Jason Flood.

The idea behind the event traces back to 2014, when six teenagers from Derry and Hampstead formed a satirical punk band known as MKAO. The band dreamed of someday hosting a festival at Macgregor Park, to feature their passions of pizza, music, and friendship.

On November 20, 2016, MKAO's lead guitar player Jason lost his battle with depression and died by suicide. Parents Danielle and Doug Flood decided to team up with the band to make their dream a reality, with one condition: it had to be a charity event. The first annual Pizzastock held on August 12, 2017 proved to be a success, raising over \$2,200 for the Sonshine Soup Kitchen.

"Everything we do, that is going to represent Jason, is going to be local and have something to do with building a better community or wellness for kids and fami-



Organizers Doug and Danielle Flood pose in front of the bandstand at last year's event. *Courtesy photo*

lies," explained Doug Flood.

Aspirations are even higher for Pizzastock 2. Community partners such as The Upper Room, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the Center for Life Management will all be in attendance, to provide information, resources, and have a public conversation on suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

Jason grew up in a healthy environment sur-

rounded and loved by numerous friends, remembered most for his sarcastic, yet kind heart. While Flood didn't necessarily understand how Jason's brain worked differently before, he urges others to be proactive.

"Miswired brains are real," said Flood. "People who you don't expect are the ones that we have to watch."

He hopes that this event will be able to spread the message of mental wellness,

as well as positively impact the community.

"There was a lot of sadness created by his actions, and we need to make sure that it doesn't happen to anyone else," Flood said. "I want you to pay attention. If you think something is wrong, it probably is. Don't brush it off."

Pizzastock 2 will allow the community to tackle this important message in a positive manner. The event will include face painting, pizza, testimonials from those who knew Jason, family-friendly games, raffles, and live music. The event will last all day, allowing community members to come and go as often as they would like.

Providing the live music throughout the day are the following bands and performers: Chasing Mountains, Timothy Ryan, Val Verde, Rebuff, DeWolf - Rodgers - Rogers, Fourth

Degree, Turner, Conor Rathburn, Super Nintendo Chalmers, Afterimage, The Jazz Band, Apollon, Jenna Sullivan, and MKAO. More information about the bands can be found on their respective Facebook pages.

While there is no entrance fee, Flood stressed the fact that it is a charity fundraising event, with all proceeds going to The Upper Room. The pizza will be donated by Kendall Pond Pizza and sold at the event, and organizers will be asking for a \$5 donation upon admission. Money will also be collected through various raffles. Smash Music is donating a guitar, which will be won through an online auction prior to the event. For more information and updates about Pizzastock 2, visit [Pizzastock.org](http://Pizzastock.org) or email questions to [pizzastocknh@gmail.com](mailto:pizzastocknh@gmail.com).

## Net Zero Task Force Continues Electric Car Charging Stations Talk

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Net Zero Task Force, which set out to explore and achieve cost effective solutions for reduced energy and water use, discussed a variety of topics during their latest meeting on June 21.

A large chunk of the

meeting revolved around several state senate bills pertaining to the goals of the task force that they feel should be observed. Amongst them are SB 575, a bill which establishes requirements and restrictions on charging stations. This was passed on June 18 and is set to take effect Aug. 11.

The second bill dis-

cussed was SB 517, which establishes an electric vehicle charging station infrastructure commission. Pertaining to charging stations, a discussion was held about Derry's own stations that were recently installed outside the Derry Municipal Center on early this month. The four stations, three of which were produced by Tesla, are running at 230 Kilowatt-hours

(kW h) and have apparently been seeing significant usage since their installation. Members of the task force are hoping to eventually start getting exact statistics regarding: the number of people use the stations, as well as what types of cars are being used, how many are out of state, and what types of adaptors could be implemented for cars not compat-

ible with the current stations. There is also potential for Pinkerton Academy to be installing a charging station in the future.

In preparation for their next meeting in July, members were encouraged to explore around town and isolate locations that would be suitable for another set of charging stations. Already, several members felt that the parking lot of the Derry Public Library would be preferable.

In other news, members of the task force continued to cover the progress on the newly installed solar panel system at the Derry transfer station. Namely, several

members are hoping to showcase the usage of the system in different locations in downtown Derry, including the TV screens at the Derry Municipal Center and the new LED screen outside of the Derry Opera House. The task force also touted the money saved in the process of procuring the solar array. Originally, it was expected to cost the town roughly \$300,000. Total costs only came in around \$282,400. Furthermore, a rebate of \$58,812 managed to narrow down the net costs of the project to only \$223,588 this is a difference of \$41,212.

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# Two Derry Middle School Teachers Invited to Space Camp

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the United States having lessened its focus on outer space in recent years, the final frontier still fascinates many individuals just as much as ever before.

Educators are no exception to this, as the prospect of traversing space and exploring its unique properties is practically a gold mine for lesson plans. In

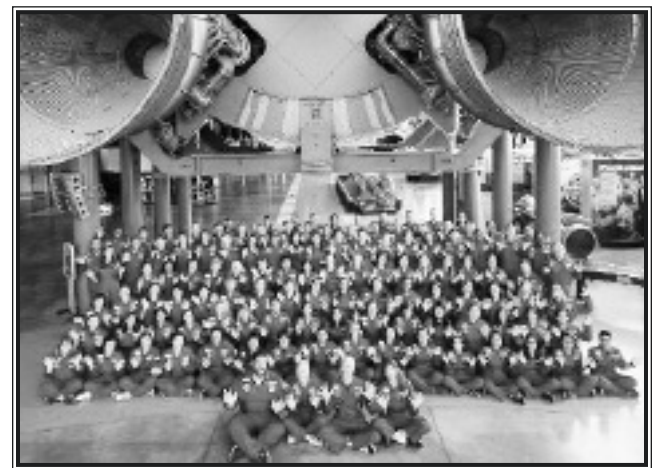
order to help these teachers come close to achieving this, Honeywell International Inc., (a multinational conglomerate that focuses on a wide variety of technologies), invited 225 teachers from around the world to partake in a five-day space camp event at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama from June 14 to June 18. Two of Derry's own educators: 7th grade Math teacher Holly Whitney and Technical Edu-

cation teacher Randy Campos, both of whom teach at West Running Brook Middle School, were lucky enough to be selected for the program.

Started back in 2004, over 2,776 teachers from across the world have taken part in this program, going through 45 hours of intensive classroom and laboratory lessons, simulated astronaut training, space science and exploration activities and techniques to help pro-

mote life-long learning. Participants were also gifted with their own flight suit during the event. Both Derry educators thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the event. Whitney mentioned the heavy emphasis on team building throughout activities that simulated circling the planet on a low orbit, being on a space shuttle, and landing on Mars. These missions gave every participant different roles to accomplish while simulated errors occurred. Whitney felt that the experience was both amazing and overwhelming, allowing her to meet up with teachers from across the globe and expand upon her knowledge of skills that would improve her lessons, teaching students about real-world applications from what they learn every day. "It was really incredible", Whitney noted.

Campos had similar



The hundreds of participants in this year's Honeywell Space Camp program, donned in their own space suits gifted to them by the camp.

praise for the camp, noting how interesting it was to work through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic (STEM) lessons. Some of the ones that really grabbed his attention revolved around building model rockets, robotics, and learning about the rovers used to explore Mars and the Moon. Like Whitney, what really stood out to Campos

was the interactions with the other educators and learning their stories, especially ones from poorer countries who have to think outside the box to teach their students STEM lessons. Overall, Campos hopes to start implementing more robotics into his own lessons and is very excited about the future of NASA.

## Be Sensitive to Veterans With PTSD During Fourth of July

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Fourth of July has always been known as a festive, energetic and patriotic holiday that is widely beloved throughout the country. Visions of American flags lining the streets, barbecues with families and friends and dazzling fireworks displays immediately come to mind when discussing the event.

The day also serves as a great opportunity to honor those who have served in the military and defended the very freedoms that we celebrate during the Fourth of July. Although we love to take pride in how grand and robust fireworks can make the day, it can also inadvertently harm our veterans.

In recent years, there has been a nationwide effort to remind citizens of the impact fireworks may have on veterans, particularly those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Being a prevalent issue since

World War I, PTSD can be caused by any number of traumas and can cause severe mental and physical distress when a sufferer is reminded of their trauma via outside stimuli; even to the point of the sufferer lashing out physically or even committing suicide.

According to a survey done by the Wounded Warrior Project, roughly 77 percent of veterans who were wounded in combat suffer from PTSD, and since the United States went through 285.3 million pounds of fireworks in 2015, costing around one billion dollars, it is not hard to see why these explosions may bring back bad memories for many of our local veterans, even those who were not injured during their service.

A survey done by New Hampshire Employment Services last year noted that over one hundred thousand veterans live in New Hampshire alone.

Do not let this make you think that you should avoid

using fireworks during the Fourth of July all together; but do try to be courteous about it for our veterans.

Try to get to know your local veterans whether or not you may live near one. Visiting Londonderry's American Legion Post #27 located at 6 Sargent Rd would also be a good place to go for information, even if only to thank these individuals for their services.

If you do find that you are living near veterans and you do plan on using fireworks on your property, try to give a quick warning in the days prior to your use of them, just in case they need to make arrangements to prepare for the display.

The Fourth of July may be a great chance to celebrate the pride we take in our country, but just be sure to keep those who fought for it in mind.

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Editorial

Celebrating July 4

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known, of course, as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the life you live today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the day, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party. We think the Declaration of Independence, signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others, is a document that should be read regularly, to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with

certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks rise or sink to unpleasant levels in the throes of an upcoming election, such as we are experiencing this year.

It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left to us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. And we take that for granted, but to many people across the planet, it's only something to dream about.

So figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks make for a pretty good celebration of freedom. Especially if you pause a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776.

Have a fun and safe celebration.

Letters

Honorable Senators  
Hassan and Shaheen

To the editor;

We are two retired teachers from the Derry, NH School system, and we are outraged at the barbaric policy of the Trump Administration which takes innocent immigrant children from their families at our southern border. We ask that as our representatives in Washington, you call out the inconsistencies and falsehoods of the Trump Administration. We urge you to encourage your Senate colleagues to collectively affirm to the American people that there is no Democratic law that says that children must be taken

away from their families when their parents are legally applying to the US for asylum at the border. Put the blame for this atrocity where it belongs: on the policy of Jeff Sessions and the Trump Administration.

We need effective, responsible and ethical immigration reform that will respect our American tradition of giving protective asylum to those in true jeopardy. We urge you NOT to cave into the trap of approving any bill, which uses children as hostages. President Trump should not waste our tax money on his promised "wall," which he repeatedly and clearly stated would be paid for by Mexico.

It is long-past time for our elected representatives in DC to stop worrying about donations for their next election and start governing. We would respectfully ask you both, as our Senators, to lead that effort. Please start immediately by stopping the Trump policy of separating families who are legally applying for asylum. Please stop families from being separated at our border; and crying children, including babies and toddlers, from being taken from their parents' arms. Stop this madness now!

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Pam Kirby, and  
Corinne Dodge,  
Derry NH

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Eversource

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This new charge will be in effect as of February 1st, 2019. Officials at Eversource have stated that they will purchase power for six-month periods, having two rate adjustments each year on August 1 and February 1. This schedule is to reduce price volatility during the winter season when energy costs are highest, according to Eversource spokesperson, Kaitlyn Woods.

Eversource has changed its power-purchasing practices, buying the latest supply April 1st, meant to last a four-month period not including any portion of the higher-

priced winter period.

The increase in rate for energy at Eversource is significant, but it does not have to ultimately break the bank. For the time being, residents can begin developing energy-conserving strategies such as unplugging electronics when they are not in use, opening window shades to use natural light in favor of lamps, fluorescent lights, etc, leaving the air conditioner off while not at home, or setting a timer for it to turn on one hour before returning home, setting the air conditioner on energy save mode overnight, etc. More energy saving tips are available at [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).

Eversource officials claim that the adjustment

puts the company in line with other suppliers in regards to pricing, but encourage unsatisfied customers to choose the best plan to suit their needs. Eversource has provided a list of alternative suppliers at [puc.state.nh.us/consumer/energysuppliers](http://puc.state.nh.us/consumer/energysuppliers). Eversource also offers a number of energy-efficiency programs through its website, [www.eversource.com](http://www.eversource.com).

Residents who are still not satisfied after taking these measures are encouraged to contact their State Representatives regarding the rate increase. Links to contact information for specific towns' State Representatives can be found by visiting [www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house).

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Holiday Break:

Nutfield News will be taking an Independence Day Break. During the week of July 4, the staff at Nutfield Publishing will be taking a well deserved and much-needed break. As a result, papers will not be published on Thursday, July 5. We appreciate your understanding and wish all of our readers a happy Independence Day spent with family and friends.



## Relay for Life

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about why they're here." For her, it was the family and friends who had battled or lost their battles to cancer; her father is a survivor himself. "For me, it's my way that I feel like I can make a difference," she said.

This story rang true for many of the participants at this year's Relay, including Alexis Hartnett, a member of the leadership team for the first time this year. "My

dad is a survivor as well," she said, "so this really hits home, and it means a lot for me to be here."

An important part of Relay For Life each year is the fundraising carried out by each team. This year, Father Bob's Believers, a team made up of participants from St. Jude Parish Community in Londonderry, was the team that raised the most money. In fact, they have raised over \$9,000, with their original goal being \$1,000.

MaryAnn Schroeder, a throat cancer survivor and the top fundraising member of Father Bob's Believers who lit the Flame of Hope this year, has been participating in Relay for about 21 years. To do most of her fundraising, Schroeder made and sold cancer ribbon sugar cookies, as well as Irish soda bread: a popular treat among those at her church.

"As long as I do this," Schroeder said, "I'll do it for Father Bob." She spoke

of all the different trips members of the church went on with Father Bob, as well as how great of a man and priest he was before losing his battle to esophageal cancer in December of 2014.

Schroeder was diagnosed throat cancer when she was only 25 years old, in addition to losing her father to pancreatic cancer when she was 38. However,

she has been cancer-free for 38 years now.

Schroeder went on to explain that she does Relay each year for the hope that it brings her. She lives with the effects of cancer every day as her voice will never come back. "I teach piano, violin, viola, and cello, but I can't sing anymore. I go to church, and I have to lip read."

"I love just being here with my friends and meeting new people," she explained, "and raising the money is a rush! I was excited just to hit \$1,000, and I was saying that I would sell a kidney just to do that!"

To learn more about Relay For Life or to donate to a team, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).



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# Council Continues Talks on Meeting with School Board Over Ballot Question

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Discussions continued with the Town Council over the issues concerning attempts to make the Derry School District a department of the town.

Voters supported a ballot question months ago that would do just that.

In recent weeks, communications on the matter have broken down between the two parties. The council has felt compelled to discuss what further steps will be taken to remedy this situation.

During the council's latest meeting on June 19,

Council Chair James Morgan brought up a discussion he had recently had with School Board Chair Lynn Perkins. He and the board will be meeting with the council during their next meeting on July 17, to discuss unanticipated revenues in the district and how to treat these returns. Furthermore, this would open up room for subcommittees from both sides to continue these discussions in the future.

While Morgan noted that the board is willing to enter into discussions over cost savings without going after education, he once again

observed that the problem that is causing Derry's high tax rate, (which is why the original ballot question was voted on), is not in spending, but rather in a lack of revenue and efficiency. He feels that the board still does want to enter into discussion about making the school district a department of the town, despite voter approval. Thus, Morgan suggested the formation of a subcommittee that would address this problem; working with the board over the next few months to determine the current status of the district's budget and plan of direction for the next

three years. Morgan hopes that further discussions would help to increase Derry's tax basis, thereby decreasing its tax levy on residents. He also hopes to help the council understand the contracts that Derry's teachers are entered into. However, if the council feels that the district and board are not moving in the right direction with a certain period of time, the aforementioned subcommittee would be tasked with introducing new, binding legislation that would force the issue.

Morgan initially suggested a six month window of discussions regarding that

proposed legislation. "Let's work over the next six months with the school district and understand their pains", Morgan noted. Councilor Brian Chirichiello commented that proposed legislation must be in by September. Other councilors also opened up about the matter. Councilor Joshua Bourdon hoped to focus on the issue of state downshifting when it comes to this matter. Morgan followed up by urging residents to call up any state representative and state senator candidates and ask them about what they could do to bring money back to Derry by asking

them to vote with their wallets. Councilor Neil Wetherbee agreed with Morgan's belief that revenue should be focused on over spending, while also feeling that more stabilization is needed in these matters. Finally, Councilor Charles Foote argued that the council should try to have an open mind when considering the timeline of these discussions with the school board vs. establishing legislation. As for the subcommittee, it was decided that Councilors Morgan, Chirichiello, and Richard Tripp will be a part of it and will be meeting for discussions on July 24.

# Local Golf Course Hosts Tournament To Benefit Liberty House

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite having fought hard for our country and earned our respect and admiration, tens of thousands of veterans across the United States are currently homeless. To help these men and women get back on their feet, groups like Liberty House Inc. of Manchester, NH are dedicated to finding them homes and the means to keep themselves off the streets. Services like these do not come cheaply. To continue to fund their efforts, the group recently held their first annual For the Veterans Golf

Tournament on June 23 at the Hidden Valley RV & Golf Park. It was held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The nine-hole tournament was competed in by 12 four-person teams, contending for top marks such as the best score and longest drive. There were also raffles for a variety of prizes, such: a new meat smoker, and gift cards for local businesses like the Puritan Backroom, Goldenrod, and Canobie Lake Park. Donations were given by local organizations, as well.

Of course, the biggest focus of the event was funding Liberty House. Proceeds from events like these help

to cover their operational budget as the group does not accept any state or federal funding. According to Liberty House employee Jeff Nelson, the idea of a golf tournament stemmed from previous work that another employee, B.J. Penn, had done with Hidden Valley in the past. Penn had already done family charities with the group for six years at this point and figured that they would be a great source of help for Liberty House as well. Nelson felt that this tournament was a way for them to start small, eventually building on the event in the future. The day a major

success, raking in a couple thousand dollars and convincing the group to do another tournament next year. Nelson and Penn were also very grateful for the help given by Hidden Valley. "They take very good care of us", Penn noted.

Starting back in 1943, the inspiration for Liberty House began through the efforts of Annette Paczosa,

whose brother Harold was killed during World War II. She gifted the family home to the VFW for the sake of housing military veterans. Retired Air Force sergeant Don Duhamel partnered with the Manchester VFW to create the Liberty House organization in 2004. Since then, the group has worked to house homeless veterans within their small house

community system. Liberty House has a zero tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol, while also assisting veterans with recovery, health, wellness, and finding employment. Liberty House has already managed to assist over 300 homeless veterans since the program began. For more information, visit [libertyhousenh.org](http://libertyhousenh.org).

# Derry Celebrates Fourth of July with Annual Fireworks

The town of Derry will have its annual Independence Day celebration on Wednesday evening, July 4, starting at dusk, which falls approximately at 9 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Derry Parks and Recreation Department who are urging residents to

head out and join other community members in viewing of this year's "spectacular" fireworks display.

The display will be set up and ignited near Gilbert H. Hood and Grinnell Elementary Schools.

Suggested viewing areas to see the fireworks are

along Tsienneto Road, near or at Hood Commons, Folsom Road and Crystal Avenue.

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# Derry Fire Department Hosts Fundraiser to Fight Muscular Dystrophy

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Muscular dystrophy (MD) is one of the more heartbreaking types of diseases out there. It has been categorized amongst more than 30 forms of the disease, including Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Becker muscular dystrophy. MD leads to a weakening and breakdown of skeletal muscles over time, leading to scoliosis, muscle spasms, a limited range of movement, and more symptoms as time goes on. MD is incurable, requiring physical therapy, braces, and corrective surgery to only mitigate the damage caused. None the less, groups like the Muscular Dystrophy

Association (MDA) have worked hard to research a potential cure that could eventually see an end to MD. But research like this takes plenty of money to finance, which is why the MDA has been partnering with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) to put together the Fill the Boot fundraiser.

Held for more than 60 years, the fundraiser sees firefighters and volunteers across the United States and Canada setting up stations across their towns where they can hold up a boot and request people passing by to donate money into the boot. Derry's Fire Department is amongst the many groups that participate in the event,

stationing themselves outside of the First Baptist Church on East Broadway, going along the road and asking passing motorists to give for the cause. Derry does this event multiple times every year, managing to raise between \$6,000 and \$8,000 just last year. While that alone is fantastic, it helped contribute to a whopping \$24,000,000 raised by the 100,000 volunteering firefighters in 1,567 locations in 2017.

According to the MDA's website, the funds raised by these events have already helped significantly in the fight against MD. Three new drugs have been approved to treat the symptoms of neuromuscular diseases, with

more expected to be approved in the next few years. The MDA has also been able to create several care centers at state of the art hospitals and health care facilities across the country. They hold summer camps for children with MD, letting them enjoy the summer the same way any other child would. The MDA was founded back in 1950 as the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America by a group of individuals with connections to people with MD. In addition to the Fill the Boot event, the MDA regularly holds telethons, marathons, and St. Patrick's Day-related events that also help to raise money for MD research. For more information, visit mda.org.



Volunteers and Firefighters ask passing motorists on East Broadway for donations during the Fill the Boot fundraiser to help fight Muscular Dystrophy.

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in unison with other assistance organizations throughout the area. Tighe wanted Derry to know that they work to make sure that those who apply for help do not feel bad about seeking help. She recognizes that while change is hard, this is still a change that residents should be willing to give a chance.

Upon asking the council for any questions that they might have; Councilor

Joshua Bourdon was curious about any hurdles that taking on new residents might pose to them. Tighe acknowledged that some may have issues with transportation. She noted that none of the 2,000 people they helped last year had any sort of complaint of that nature. This issue can be resolved with taxi vouchers. Councilor.

Phyllis Katsakiores, one of the opponents to this shift, had many questions for the two representatives, including how they would

handle food distribution. Tighe noted that they would simply refer them to other food pantries in Derry, such as the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. Tighe followed up by noting that GDCHS does not own the Derry Human Resources program, but is simply serving as an administrator. It was also made clear that this contact with GDCHS would only cost \$82,500, as opposed to the

\$181,000 needed for Derry's in-house Human Services program. Council Charles Foote also had a question for the pair, wondering about whether or not they had any sort of after-hours policy. When the two explained that no such policy exists in the region, Foote felt that the fire department should look into helping to set something of that sort up.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## PA Junior Varsity Softball Crew Won Lots and Developed

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It looks as though the 2018 Pinkerton Academy junior varsity softball squad "checked all of the boxes" that sub-varsity teams have before them each season.

Coach Mike Cicale's contingent brought a slew of freshmen smoothly into the high school game, deepened the experience of a big bunch of sophomores, faced challenges and learned from them, and won a bundle of games in the process as well.

And the squad also managed to have quite a bit of fun.

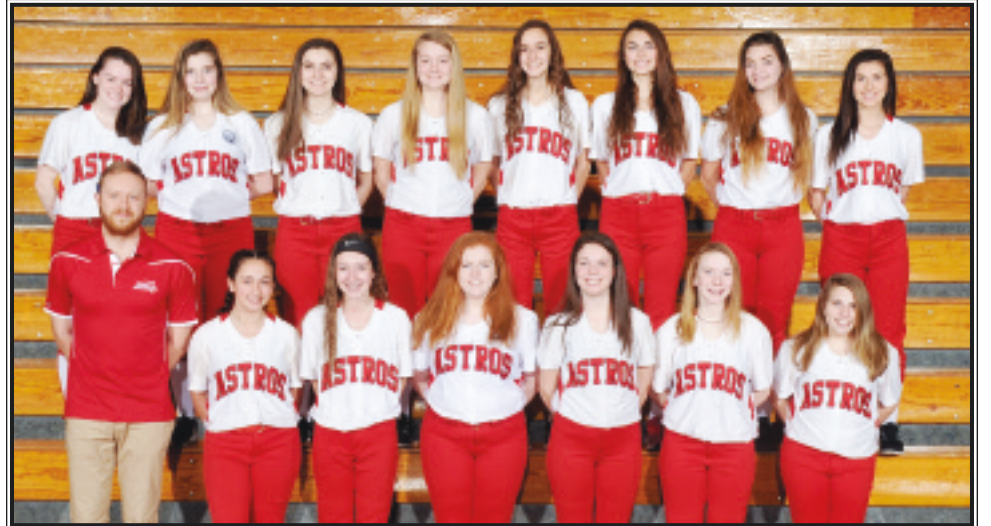
The Astros posted a 13-4 record during their spring campaign and bagged a bunch of memorable victories. And the squad's talented players may well give PA varsity softball coach Kristen Abbott some difficult decisions where her roster is concerned next spring.

"At the beginning of the season, we set a goal for ourselves to be a 'double-digit' winning team, and not only did we accomplish that goal but we exceeded our

own expectations, not just as a team, but as individual players as well," said Cicale. "It was a remarkable season full of living, learning, loving, and laughing, and we can't wait for next season."

The team's sophomores included outfielders Isabella Feoli, Katherine Dalton, and Meghan Simard, first baseman Madison Osier, pitcher Emily DiFonzo, and the highly-versatile Clarissa McEwen (OF/second base) and Emily Danforth (second base and shortstop).

The freshmen were Anna



The Pinkerton Academy junior varsity softball squad's 2018 campaign was successful from a bunch of angles, one of which was reflected in the team's excellent 13-4 record in 17 contests. *Courtesy photo*



**Major Champs** The talented Steri Clean squad tallied a 12-4 record and won the Derry Little League Majors Division Championship this past Sunday, June 24. The team included, in front from left, Brady Santoro, Henry Rose, Gavin Urnek, Preston Libby, Jake Welch, and Curtis Ritchie. In the middle row from left are Matt Niemaszyk, Brenton Lovely, John Jello, Connor Urnek, Nick DiMambro, and Dylan Walsh. And the coaches, from left to right, are Craig Santoro, Steve Niemaszyk, Bill Libby, George Welch, and George Welch IV.

*Courtesy photo*

Dunton (SS), Alexandra Foote (catcher/third base), Samantha Donovan (catcher/3B/1B), Sofia Camillieri (2B), Alyssa Beaulieu (pitcher/2B), and Hannah Vantran (catcher/3B).

When asked to focus in on his contingent's top game performances this season, Cicale looked back to May and found two.

"Our top game came on May 5 at Londonderry, and it was extremely important because they beat us the first time we played at home," he said. "But this game was both away and during rivalry weekend (the Beeman

Trophy games), so us beating them 8-6 to continue what would go on to be a four-game winning streak was what we really needed as a team."

The second big game came much later that month as the Astros closed out their fine campaign.

"On May 23 against Bedford, it was our last game of the season and we were facing a team that easily matched us in skill. Sealing a 4-2 win at home was a remarkable way to cap off a great season," said the coach.

If all goes to plan, Pinkerton varsity coach

Abbott will have all but two players back from her extremely strong 2018 contingent next spring. And the returning crew will include 2018 all-staters Alyssa DiMauro (shortstop) and Hannah Frazier (outfield). Infielder Briahna Janulewicz and catcher Makayla Bolduc were lost to graduation, but there may not be a whole bunch of roster spots open for the talented players looking to move from the JV to the varsity next spring. That does not mean, of course, that there won't be spirited battles for roster slots. You can bet there will.

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# Derry Senior Legion Baseball Squad Packed With Talent

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Even a short conversation with Derry Chase Post 9 Senior American Legion baseball coach Mike Lynch gives one the strong impression that that squad has the ability to play all kinds of exciting ball this summer. And Lynch and his charges are intent upon going full bore at a New Hampshire District B tournament spot - and perhaps beyond - before the final out of the campaign is registered.

Pinkerton Academy assistant baseball coach Lynch has a Legion lineup which includes some of the top players from a 2018 PA team which was extremely successful this past spring before having its Division I championship hopes dashed by an Exeter High contingent which went on to collect that crown.

Add to that fine crew of PA teammates some players

from Pinkerton's sub-varsity contingents and a few from Timberlane Regional of Plaistow, Raymond High, and Bishop Guertin High School of Nashua and you have a summer squad which should be capable of plenty.

"We are poised to have a really good summer, and I'm really excited," said Lynch, who saw his crew go a modest 2-2 in its first four contests. "If we put in the time and effort we can be one of the top teams in the district."

The standouts from the 2018 Pinkerton hardball squad include middle-infielders Brady Day and Jacob McGill, third-baseman Frank Gulezian, pitchers Derek Hiscox, David

Unkles, and Rich Marique, outfielder/first-baseman Connor Jenkins, catcher Jacob Unkles, and pitcher/first-baseman George Welch.

Several of those stalwarts earned Division I all-state honors this spring, and all made significant contributions to the fine 2018 season of their academy squad.

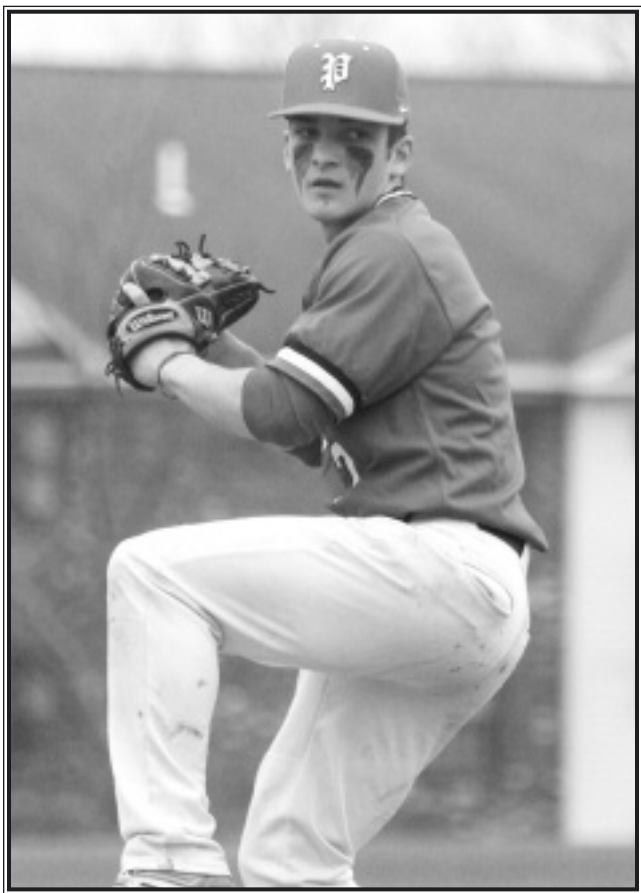
Other PA players on the Senior Legion roster include versatile Anthony DiNardi and Jack Normand, pitchers Mike Packowski and Matt Stainieich, and outfielder Ryan Simard.

The summer squad's imports include infielder Christian Allaire from Timberlane, shortstop and

pitcher Andrew Dupuis from Raymond, and outfielder Taylor Proulx from Guertin.

The Post 9 crew began its campaign with blowout wins over Salem (11-2) on Tuesday, June 19, and Dover (11-1) two days later. But then on Friday the 22nd the locals dropped a double-header - at Nashua's Holman Stadium where Pinkerton had its 2018 season ended by Exeter - in 11-2 and 3-0 decisions to the Nashua Legion Post 124 crew.

The squad returned to action Wednesday, June 27, at Londonderry High against the Post 27 contingent. That game took place after Nutfield News press time.



Standout pitcher Rich Marique is one of a bunch of Pinkerton baseball players who inhabit roster spots on the strong Derry Chase Post Senior Legion squad this summer.

Photo by Chris Pantazis

## Astros' JV Baseball Points Toward Continued Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It took the Pinkerton Academy junior varsity baseball squad some time to hit its stride during the recent spring season of 2018. But once it did, it was "Look out opposition."

Coach Todd Royce's sophomore-heavy crew wound up winning some 15 of its 22 contests, posting a truly exceptional 12-2 record in its last 14 games to finish up on a bunch of high notes.

"The most important game of our season was a 3-2 victory over Dover at Dover," said Royce. "That was not our best game, but the team came together and worked hard. It was the first time that they showed their

ability as a team. It was the start of a great run where we would finish up the end of the season winning 12 out of 14."

The squad's roster included lone junior Matt Stanieich (a pitcher/outfielder), and a slew of 10th graders including Corbin Cresta (P/OF), Jake Spinale (second base), Cooper Ernst (OF/P), Christopher Chow (first base/OF), Jacob Boudreau (OF), Kameron Levesque (OF), Matt Michaud (third base), Connor Colburn (shortstop), Clay LaPlante (third base), J.D. Normand (catcher/1B), and Mike Packowski (P/1B).

The team's two freshmen were versatile Vito Ortiz and catcher/third baseman Anthony Dinardi.

"The team got off to a

very slow start, but as the season moved on they meshed as a team and finished the season doing everything that we could ask as coaches," said Royce.

Pinkerton's varsity ball club had to say goodbye to five strong players at graduation, including infielder Cam Walsh, pitcher Eli Runge, standout catcher Jacob Unkles, his talented pitching brother David Unkles, and 2018 difference-maker George Welch, who earned all-state honors with his performances on the pitcher's mound, at first base, and at the plate. Their departures will no doubt spark some pretty intense and competitive battles for roster spots on coach Steve Campo's 2019 Pinkerton varsity squad.

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# Pinkerton Freshman Baseball Squad Developed Talent and Won

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The assignments which high school junior varsity and freshman sports coaches have for their seasons are pretty specific, and believe it or not they don't usually start with winning games.

The most important tasks which high school sub-varsity teams have before them at the starts of their campaigns are to develop the skills of young athletes, help them learn their sport better, help deepen their love for that sport, teach them the importance of playing as a team mem-

ber and within a system, and of course having fun. Wins are always important to some degree in competitive sports, but on the sub-varsity level victories are considerably less important in the big picture.

But be that as it is, ticking off check marks in every box is always a great achievement. And the Pinkerton Academy freshman baseball squad seems to have gotten a whole bunch accomplished this spring, developing talent, gaining vital experience for that talent, and winning half of its games in growing beautifully as the season

neared its end.

Coach Chris O'Neil's Astros went 6-5 during their 2018 regular season and lost their one and only game in the freshman tournament to finish up at 6-6 overall. And the academy squad exhibited plenty of heart and intestinal fortitude throughout.

"I'd say this team definitely lived up to expectations," said the coach. "If you had asked me about their living up to expectations midway through the season, I would probably say they were not living up to them. However, them scoring 32 runs in the last three games of the season,

plus another seven runs in the first game of the tournament, shows what kind of team they really were. This was a great group of players who never got down on themselves. They played their hearts out each game and never gave up."

The large team's roster included Colby Bernier (second baseman), Zachary Bolduc (outfielder), versatile Ethan Burgess (OF/pitcher/first baseman), Stephen Gagne (OF), Dane Galler (OF), Michael Giangarra (catcher/short-stop), Mitchell Grip (2B/C), Paul Lescovitz (1B), Brett Levesque (P/third base),

Tyler Michaud (SS/P), Stephen Reid (3B), Timothy Rose (C/2B), Jonathan Salvas (OF/P), Connor Santoro (2B/P), Jared Spinale (OF), Jason Spinale (P/SS), and Caleb Triplett (P/1B).

When looking back upon his skilled squad's season and trying to hone in on one or two of its better performances, coach O'Neil focused in upon a home battle with a tough seacoast opponent late in the campaign.

"Our top game was our game against Portsmouth in the last week of the season," he said. "We had been on a

five-game losing streak and hadn't been able to find our bats for those five games. Portsmouth came to Pinkerton and we finally found our bats. We had seven hits and scored 10 runs to Portsmouth's four hits and three runs. We went on to score another 22 runs over the next two games of the season - our last two of the regular season - and finished up with a 6-5 record. If we had not won the game against Portsmouth, I feel the season would have ended very differently. However, the team never gave up and showed what they were truly capable of."

# Academy's Freshman Boys' Lax Squad Finished Up Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There are lots of ways for young athletes to learn, and moving from the middle school level up to high school competition can be a real challenge for some athletes in some sports.

One case in point is the Pinkerton Academy boys' freshman lacrosse team, which started its 2018 sea-

son winning just one of its first seven matches while not playing as a unified unit. However, coach Eric Dugas then saw his developing squad win its last four matches of the campaign in showing that it had both learned and grown plenty in playing its part of one of the finest high school lacrosse programs in New Hampshire.

The 5-6 contingent

enjoyed its brightest moment in a slim defeat of a previously-unbeaten Exeter High squad as part of that four-game winning run with which it ended its campaign.

"The best game of the season was our home game against Exeter," said coach Dugas. "This game was the culmination of all the hard work we had put in during the season. The team started working together, building

upon what they had learned, and put it into the game."

After falling behind 5-3 rolling into the fourth quarter, the transition game came together for the young Astro laxers.

"With George Dionis winning the face-offs and a strong midfield contingent dropping the ball quickly into the attacking zone, the tag team of Aiden Price,

Matt Leone, and Jake Rossignol threw three goals up to defeat the Blue Hawks. Rossignol put the game-winner in the cage with less than a minute to play for the 6-5 victory."

When asked if his 2018 crew lived up to the expectations he had for it, Dugas stated, "Yes they did. We started off the season with a group of inexperienced

lacrosse players doing their own thing. By the midway point, the boys had started to gel and take their development more seriously. At the end of the season, we became a team which fought through adversity instead of giving up because we were down. Every single player developed their skills, team mentality, and a growth mindset."

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# Pinkerton JV Laxmen Point to Continued Success in the Future

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Over the years the saying about how coach Brian O'Reilly's Pinkerton Academy football and boys' lacrosse squads "Don't rebuild, they re-load" has been proven true time and time again.

And there doesn't seem to be any reason to alter that time-worn adage at this point, especially after learning that the 2018 Division I champion Pinkerton varsity boys' lax team will receive the fruits of a 2018 PA junior varsity lacrosse contingent which won 11 of its 14 matches this past spring and boasted quite a bit of impressive talent.

Oh sure, eight laxmen from the 2018 varsity title-winning crew recently graduated from the Derry school, but with all-state stars like Chad Teresky and Ryan

Auger and numerous others back in the fold and bolstered by hungry young stalwarts from coach Steve Gaudreau's successful JV squad a case could certainly be made for the printing of tickets for a 2019 championship match meeting between PA and the Bishop Guertin Cardinals right now. BG and PA have met in every D-I title match since 2013.

In posting its superb 11-3 record this past spring, coach Gaudreau's junior varsity lacrosse squad enjoyed particularly impressive and pleasing successes against the opposing teams from Andover, Mass. and Exeter.

The team consisted entirely of sophomores and freshmen, with the 10th graders being attacks Brendan Anthony, Connor McCormack, Jeff Potvin, and Jackson Chalmers, mid-

fielders Blake Billingsley, Josh Kenney, Kyle Raspuzzi, and Jack Ludden, defensemen Hayden Fortunata, Duncan Korkosz, and Aiden Fox, and goalies Andrew Hassler and Gabe Camuso.

The freshmen included attack Evan Samiotes, mid-dies Declan Conroy, Mason Barbone, and Patrick Last, and defenders Calvin Jasper, Ryan Gorman, Jake Manning, and Anthony Samiotes.

"This was a hard-working group that really came together and embraced a philosophy of mental toughness throughout the year," said coach Gaudreau. "The team relied all year on an experienced attack unit. Connor McCormack led the team with 31 goals and 17 assists. Jeff Potvin (21 goals, 17 assists) and Brendan Anthony (19-11)



Just about everything about the Pinkerton junior varsity boys' lacrosse team's 2018 campaign leads one to believe that the title-winning program is just as strong as ever.

were also key members of an attack group that combined for 116 points on the season. Andrew Hassler

anchored the defense from the goal, recording at least 10 saves in six of the Astros' games this season."

Anyone thinking that PA boys' lax might skip a beat at some point in the future should think again.

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## Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, July 14, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. You do not have to be a Derry residence. Renew offers free, gently, used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

## Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! On July 8 and August 12, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry. On July 15 and August 19 dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. On June 29, July 27 and August 24 a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. On July 29, and August 26, Lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. On July 21 and August 18, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry.

## Democrat Meeting

The Derry Democratic

Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Marrion Gerrish Community Center at 7 p.m. On June 28 our guest speaker will be Joe Pace, candidate for Executive Council. Any questions can be directed to [DerryDems@gmail.com](mailto:DerryDems@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome.

## Win Tickets to Red Sox vs. Yankees

Etz Hayim Synagogue is raffling off two front-row seat tickets to the Red Sox v. Yankee game that will take place on Friday, August 3, at 7:10 p.m. at Fenway Park. The cost of the raffle is \$10 for one raffle ticket; \$50 for six raffle tickets. Tickets include admission to the Royal Rooters Club, a private club for Red Sox season ticket holders and home to original memorabilia. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 22, (your presence is not required for the drawing). To purchase raffle tickets, please contact the Red Sox raffle organizer at [redsox@etzhayim.org](mailto:redsox@etzhayim.org), or Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org](mailto:d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org). Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Etz Hayim Synagogue and will in turn help to support the synagogue's many programs that are available for free to the surrounding communities.

## Fishing Derby

The Youth Fishing Derby is being hosted by the BLIA and

the Derry Parks and Rec Dept on June 30 and will be located at Gallien's Beach at Beaver Lake and will be open to participants 15 years old and under. The Event will run from 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Craft Class

The Taylor Library will be holding Craft classes on Wednesdays at 3 p.m., dates include July 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 8. Preregistration is required to participate in the program.

## Young Adult Book Group

The Taylor Library will hold a Young Adult book Club for Grade 2 and up on Mondays at 1 p.m., dates include July 16, 23, 30 Pick up your book July 9.

## Tiny Tot Story Hour

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot Story Hours on Fridays at 10 a.m., dates include July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3. This program is for little ones ages 6 months to 2 years old. Pre-registration is required weekly as space is limited.

## Lego Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Lego Club on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., dates include July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug 7. Come and build something with us!

## Carnival Night

The Taylor Library will host a Carnival Night on Thursday July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Dolly & Me Tea Party

On July 19 at 2 p.m., Age 5+ bring your favorite Doll to the Taylor Library and sip tea, do a craft and show off your doll.

## Teddy Bear Sleepover

On July 26 at 6:30 p.m. bring your Teddy Bear, wear PJ's and come to a story hour and do a craft all at the Taylor Library. Your Teddy Bear will sleepover at the library

## Marshmallow Roast

A Story Hour and Marshmallow Roast with DPL will be held at the Taylor Library's Parking Lot on August 2, at 6:30 p.m.

## Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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

## 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.

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## Walk with Me

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

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## 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.

## Continuing Education Program

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