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Town Council Address State of Derry's Property Valuation

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Making sure that a town's overall property value is in good shape is a continuous effort that must constantly adapt to changing real estate markets. To make sure Derry is in good shape in this area, the state of its property valuation was discussed during the Town Council's latest meeting on Aug. 24.

To address the state of Derry's property valuation, town officials contracted Monica Hurley of Corcoran and Associates to do a Preliminary 2018 Valuation Analysis on the town. According to Hurley, the New Hampshire (NH) Department of Revenue requires that all municipalities have an equalization

level between 90% and 110%.

Unfortunately, sales activities have caused Derry to fall out of that range, standing at a rate of only 78% prior to any sort of intervention, or 22% below market value. This forced Hurley and town officials to work to adjust the values and rates of certain properties in Derry to compensate for this.

During this process, Hurley analyzed property sales that took place between Oct. 1, 2017 and Jul. 17, 2018. Of the properties sold, 201 were single family homes, 12 were waterfront or water access properties, 91 were condominiums, 74 were condexes, 8 were duplexes, and 16 were mobile homes. Due to the value changes, Hur-

ley noted that Downtown properties saw a 22% increase in value on average, Beaver Lake properties increase in value by 23%, and those surrounding Big Pond Island increased by 18%. "Had no update been done, these neighborhoods would have fallen to about 34% below market value," Hurley stated.

As for Derry as a whole, the town-wide ratio was brought up to 96% as of Aug. 1, bringing it within allowable levels.

It was noted that towns can fall between 90% and 110% in order to allow for a typical 4-6% buffer in the event of upcoming market activity. Hurley also mentioned the state of properties currently for sale in

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Presentation Held on Education Funding at Hood Middle School

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Derry residents are no doubt tired of the high tax rates in their town, which currently stands at \$28.86, with \$17.14 coming from school taxes alone.

And Derry is not alone in its plight; several other communities throughout New Hampshire suffer from the same problem.

To help residents get a better sense of why school spending has had such an impact on their taxes, Executive Councilor Andru Volinsky and Attorney John Tobin recently hosted a School Funding Information Session on Aug. 20 at

Gilbert H. Hood Middle School to paint a clearer picture.

According to the duo, the main basis of the funding issue Derry currently faces is the case of Claremont School District v. Governor of New Hampshire from the 1990s. Claremont sued the state because it was unable to properly fund its schools based on local property taxes. The state agreed to contribute eight percent to cost of education to a fund for poor districts. The promise was never fully funded and forced the lawsuit to be revisited. This led to the state Supreme Court ruling in favor of

Claremont. Within the last 10 years, there have been several cuts to this funding. Although a \$150 million program was introduced to assist poorer communities, said program is being phased out at a rate of 4 percent per year. The loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars of state funding each year has forced school districts like Derry to raise property taxes to absorb the cuts. "You have to work a lot harder to support your schools, but there are other consequences of it that have become more clear in the last 20 years", Tobin said.

Unfortunately, Volinsky continued on page 3



BIDDING FOR BARGAINS Derry Rotary Club members display a vintage Philco Radio and Turntable during the annual Charity Auction held in the FireEye parking area on Saturday, Aug. 25. Hundreds of items went to the highest bidder throughout the day as the club raised money for the local charities they support. See more page 8.

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States Aging Population Discussed By Town Council

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The aging population of New Hampshire is a fact has many residents of all walks of life concerned for the future of the Granite State.

Many younger citizens are choosing to either spend less time in the granite state,

or even straight up move to neighboring states.

In response to this, Will Stewart, the Executive Director for the non-profit organization Stay, Work, Play New Hampshire, recently spoke with the Town Council on Aug. 24 to discuss his findings on what can be done to keep young

citizens around.

According to Stewart, "New Hampshire is currently the second oldest state in the country". Many elements of the state can be negatively affected by this in the long run, including the economy. Although N.H. currently has one of the low-

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Pinkerton Announces New Board of Trustees, President and Plans for Future

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At the top of totem pole when it comes to leadership at Pinkerton Academy (PA), there is the volunteer-based Board of Trustees. Headed by 6 officers and including 10 other trustees, the board is the highest governing body of the school and must have at least one trustee from each of its various sending schools. In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year, PA has announced its newest executive officers and trustees.

Dr. William Nevius will serve as the board's President for the first time. Brenda Keith will be its 1st Vice President, while Mark Wright will serve as the 2nd Vice President. Kimberly Smith will be the Secretary, Adam Mead will be the Treasurer, and Edwin Karjala will be the Assistant Treasurer. There will also be 10 additional Trustees. Amongst them will be Wayne Bolen, Harry Burnham Jr., Dr. Timothy Butterfield, Dr. Scott Copeland, Dr. Bonnie Eckerman, Dr. Thomas Hong, Mark Laliberte, Joanne McHugh, William Newcomb, and Dr. Sandra Truebe.

Nevius, (who currently serves as the President/CEO for HigherEdExec, and Adjutant for Disabled Amer-

ican Veterans), has been with the board since July 2005. He was invited to join by former Trustee Maryann Pounder. The board always tries to recruit candidates with different areas of expertise that will help the board understand every issue that the school is faced with. Nevius, in particular, was recruited due to his strong academic background. He not only has a Ph.D. in Speech Communication and an M.S. in Education; he also worked with over 50 other professional and academic boards and committees in New Hampshire, Illinois, and Canada.

The board's goals for PA going forward include: pointing out that the Department of Education lists Pinkerton as the second least expensive high school in the state. This reflects that the board is fiscally responsible. More importantly, the students are provided a quality academic experience. This, in turn promotes students to be encouraged that their options for the future limitless. "We want to provide them with a wide range of educational opportunities", Nevius noted.

The future of Pinkerton is also on their agenda; as they plan to create a new position: titled Dean of Institutional Advancement. This Dean's responsibility

would be twofold: to help the school realize opportunities for the future which would better both the school and its students academically. The second area of concentration will be the school's physical structure. Nevius was adamant to note the importance of schools thinking ahead, as he feels that schools that do not are fated to fall apart. It's

a disservice to your students, to your staff, and to your community", Nevius stated.

He also touched base on the state of Pinkerton's search for a new headmaster in the wake of Griffin Morse leaving earlier this year. The search committee will be accepting applicants up until Oct. 1. The board will be reviewing these applications

throughout Oct. They plan to analyze the finalists in Nov. and make their selection as early as before Christmas break. The board is also ready to meet any new challenges that face the school or education in general going forward. They are used to having to constantly meet new standards in the wake of new leadership brought on by state or

federal election. At this time they do not see any major problems on the immediate horizon that cause them to pause. Nevius was happy to see how much staff were looking forward to starting the new school year, during a get together held on Aug. 23. "I have never been so proud to be a part of an institution as I was today", Nevius said.

Police Putting Grant Funds Towards Traffic Safety

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In an effort to continue keeping the streets of Derry safe, Police Captain George Feloe recently went before the Town Council on August 24 to discuss their plans for a new grant being awarded to the Derry Police Department and how it pertains to traffic safety. According to Feole, the department needed permission from the council to sign off on a 2018 Justice Assistance Grant given by the U.S. Department of Justice worth \$10,740. Five percent of this grant, or \$537, will be going to Rockingham County as part of an administration fee, so the remaining \$10,203 will go to Derry.

Feole notes the primary use of the grant money will be to purchase two more

digital speed signs akin to the portable ones seen around Derry that tell passing motorists what their current speed is. These signs will be fixed to their chosen location with mounting poles and solar panels. The units will also be able to collect and gather data, allowing officers within 300 feet of a unit to download said data and print reports on the findings. He also noted that this data will help officers predict the best times to be stationed at these areas. Feole believes the units may be placed along Rte. 28, Rte. 102, or South Main Street. The units will cost \$9,900. The remaining \$303 will be used to purchase helmets for officers to wear when undergoing Simunitions, which is firearm combat training that uses pellets instead of real ammunition.

The councilors did share several concerns that they had over traffic safety with Feole.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon was worried about the limitations brought on by fixing the new signs to only one location each.

Feole noted that the department will be using a Capital Improvement Expenditure mentioned in the FY19 budget to produce more portable scanning devices.

Council Chair James Morgan also had concerns about traffic safety. Specifically, he mentioned how residents around Beaver Lake have been speaking out for the police to address the potential for accidents in their area due to the proximity of houses to the roads. Morgan argued that some mobile traffic scanners

should be placed in the area to begin collecting traffic data. "I'm concerned only because these people have been very thorough in trying to get the town to help them, and I wouldn't, God forbid; want something to happen out there that we didn't at least have the data to show the residents of that area what exactly is going on", Bourdon noted.

Feole noted that the police actually have begun putting this data together, doing so with the use of two portable devices and a scanning device that simply looks like a strip of rubber on the road. The latter is designed this way to avoid gaining the attention of motorists and catch their natural driving habits. The council signed off on the grant unanimously.

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Pinkerton Gets New Year Started with Some New Features

As Pinkerton Academy opens its doors for its 204th year, the school looked forward to welcoming 3352 students for Opening Day on Aug. 28.

The staff has been busy over the summer making improvements to campus and laying the groundwork for more projects to come.

The Hackler Gym features a brand new floor with

updated graphics and a fresh coat of paint on the walls, while the football field and track also saw upgrades over the summer.

The school has also begun engineering work in cooperation with the town of Derry to construct an egress road from the east side of campus onto Tsiennetto Road.

The faculty and staff

returned to campus last week, on Aug. 23, to prepare for the upcoming year.

In addition to new teachers and support staff, Pinkerton has announced some new faces and some familiar faces in new positions.

Mike Adams will be the Interim Fine Arts Department Head.

Adam Barriere is the Interim Associate Dean of

Student Life for Sophomores.

Peg Bourque is the school's Finance Administrator.

And, Sue Tartarilla is the Interim Dean of Students and Support Services.

The school is also looking forward to putting together its first girls ice hockey team this year, adding to the many opportu-

nities our students have at Pinkerton.

The classroom PA course catalog includes six new courses across a variety of disciplines. These include:

- Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Computer Science
- AP Government and Politics
- AP Physics C: Mechanics

- Forensic Science
- Unified Music

Also before the school year started, on Aug. 24, all faculty and staff completed an Active Intruder Training with the assistance of the Derry Police Department. This training is part of the ongoing emergency planning being done at Pinkerton to enhance the safety of our students, teachers, and staff.

Education Funding

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noted Derry's substantially below average property valuation has made the situation even more complicated. To illustrate this example, Volinsky said that "The average equalized valuation per pupil in the state of New Hampshire is \$980,000. However, while a town like Portsmouth has a higher property valuation and a pupil valuation of \$2.6 million, towns like Derry and Claremont have lower property valuations, as well as lower student valuations at \$580,000 and \$412,000 respectively". As such, tax rates for the poorer communities must be raised to accommodate

for this, while richer towns can get away with lower tax rates. An even starker example comes from the Fall Mountain Co-op which takes in students from Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, and Walpole. Although they all receive the same education, each town must pay different tax rates based on their property valuations.

Tobin then delved into how he feels, "That this issue shares similarities to the American Revolution and taxation without representation, as well as how New Hampshire's aging population can also play a

factor in property valuations, as an aging population may discourage the construction of new housing and businesses". Tobin also noted, "The federal Supreme Court argued that there is no right to an education under the United States Constitution, and those looking to assure a strong education to children must look to state constitutions for support". Thus, Tobin encouraged the audience to speak out against the aforementioned practices and let state legislators and nominees know that this is an important issue to them. "A lot of our objective in these forums is to get you all

thinking that way and becoming active citizens...so that the legislators and the people running for the legislature know that you care about this", Tobin stated.

He also encouraged people to write letters to the editor and engage people through social media.

Derry State Representative Brian Chirichiello spoke up saying as a state rep he has tried in the past to even things out with bills at the state house, but with little success, "A lot of town's, just don't care because their not as affected."

Tobin responded, "the thinking in the past has

been that only small town are over paying, now town's like Manchester, Derry and Rochester are feeling the effects...so what didn't work two or three years ago, might work now."

Volinsky also pointed out that Manchester, Nashua and Rochester are large communities with a lot of Reps at the State House so they're asking "Where do candidates stand on these issues, with the communities members or against."

Another Derry Rep, and

Derry Town Coucilor, Richard Tripp asked when the two thought a determination would be made on the cost for educational standards.

Tobin thought, "Not for a number of month, but it's the states obligation to keep up with that."

One audience member questioned the presenters on how much they thought it had cost the state over the years to defend school funding, to which Tobin replied, "Enough to fund a school system."

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Editorial

Happy Labor Day

With Labor Day almost upon us, it is important to look back and understand why it came to be the federal holiday it is, and how the significance of it has been lost.

Not so long ago, most Americans had a standard workday 9 to 5 or an eight-hour shift at a factory.

They had designated time for lunch, and expected to head home when their shift ended.

But that type of workday has mostly gone the way of the horse and buggy. People work until the job is done, or they put in 50 or 60 hours a week to show their diligence, or they take on overtime or extra shifts because there's no one else to do the job or they are given no choice.

So while Labor Day was established to honor the worker, in practice it's a bit different. Most stores are open and offer sales to bring in customers, and if the day is given as a holiday, many businesses expect their employees to work extra to make up for it.

Labor Day in 2018 is little more than an end-of-summer holiday. People attend barbecues, parties, a last visit to the ocean or the lake, perhaps some fireworks and then it's back to business as usual.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is "dedicated to the social and economic achievements of

American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and wellbeing of the U.S." As the country changed from an agricultural to a manufacturing economy, labor unions began organizing strikes and rallies to protest dangerous conditions and seek better hours and pay. Some of those events turned violent. And some gave rise to what would become Labor Day.

On Sept. 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history. The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on, and states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress legalized Labor Day in 1894.

Today, most of us don't give a lot of thought to the workers who fought for basic health and safety rights more than 100 years ago. Indeed, in today's political climate, presidential candidates champions their fights against unions, argue over whether to increase the minimum wage, and suggest Americans need to put in even more hours at work.

So perhaps this coming Labor Day, as northern neighbors that we are of the cities that began the American Industrial Revolution, we might take a moment or two to recall what this "day off" is all about.

School Board Reevaluates Use of Unassigned Fund Balance

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In the ongoing battle to lower Derry's increasing tax rate, members of the Derry School Board have recently been working through a proposal that would use their Unreserved Fund Balance to do just that.

Although the proposal has already been brought before the Town Council, the board decided to reanalyze the plan during their latest meeting on Aug. 21.

According to current estimates within the proposal, the approved 2018-2019 budget for the district and the current budgeted valuation, which gives them a net district assessment of \$49,672,063.98, could raise the school tax rate to \$17.67. However, a recent Department of Revenue house bill and state bill from Concord has established that both additional adequacy funding of \$54,432.67 and \$158,400 from the could be tacked on to the district's unanticipated fund balance, which would also raise projected revenues up from \$6,973,749.41 to \$7,836,067.74. Because of that, the tax rate would only rise to \$17.29.

If those additional revenues were combined with a larger assessed valuation,

this could potentially prevent the tax rate from increasing at all from its current standing at \$17.14.

The unassigned fund balance came from a number of factors. These included a revised health insurance rate from HealthTrust that earned the district \$660,000 (after the district overestimated how much insurance would cost staff); as well as \$270,000 from staffing changes this year which saved money on salaries and benefits. The additional adequacy funding was a result of the NH Department of Education making an error in distributing funds to districts, forcing them to give this money to Derry as a result of Senate Bill 539. Meanwhile, the Department of Revenue's money was a result of Kenogarten Bill, wherein portions of money spent on Keno in the state are used to fund kindergarten tuition. More specifically for kindergarten is set at \$3,600 per parent for one year, but is lowered this year by \$1,100 from the Department of Revenue, tuition for each parent as a result of House Bill 1817, which means that tuition would only cost \$2,500.

However, after presenting this plan to the Town Council earlier this sum-

mer, several councilors like Neil Wetherbee and James Morgan felt that the plan was unstable and that the board should put more effort into retaining some money from the Unassigned Fund Balance in a separate fund to assist with other budget matters in the future. As the district typically puts these funds towards lowering taxes the following year, the prospect of saving some of them was somewhat new to members of the board, with Board Member Dan McKenna admitting that they could be used to cover the costs of spikes in health insurance plans and other such matters. "We are all aware of [the debt] and are trying to keep increases down", McKenna noted.

To follow through on the council's suggestion, the board made a motion to retain upwards of \$430,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance in non-capital reserve, which they believe will allow for a tax rate increase of less than \$.15. Board Chair Lynn Perkins felt that the proposal would be a productive measure, while Secretary Erika Cohen and Board Member Derick Anderson concurred. As such, the proposal was unanimously approved.

Property Valuation

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Derry. Of the 142 for sale, they are still running roughly 10% below current asking prices, or \$382,000 on average. Hurley and her associates will be undertaking a revaluation of Derry next year. Several

councilors had questions for Hurley. Councilor Joshua Bourdon wondered how Derry compared to other NH communities when it came to average home prices. Hurley noted that Derry is going in the exact same direction as

roughly every township from Concord south. Council Chair James Morgan then wondered what should be done in the event of a drop in the real estate market next year during Hurley's revaluation, to which Hurley noted that they would simply adjust values accordingly.

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Students Head Back To School with Open House to Start



Derry Village Elementary School held an Open House on Tuesday morning, Aug 28 to get students acclimated to there teachers and staff. All the School Districts' Elementary schools held open houses the day before school started on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Above, first grader Tempie Stricklen put together her information packet for Mrs. McPhee.

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At left, Derry Village Elementary School Principal Chris McCallum speaks with second grade student Layla Gomez about the upcoming new year.



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Be Smart About Your LDL's and HDL's: Cholesterol Education Month

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Summertime is synonymous with barbecues, ice cream nights, fair food, etc. Autumn also has its share of festival confections, along with such delights as Halloween candy and Thanksgiving feasts, which make way for Christmas cookies and other goodies.

While most people save their promises to themselves to start eating healthier and looking out for their health for New Year's resolutions, the Center for Disease Control urges the public to think ahead of the curve, and as early as late Summer, at that.

September is National Cholesterol Education month. An ideal time to get blood cholesterol levels checked and to learn how to manage and prevent high cholesterol; as well as the perfect time to learn about the food and lifestyles that will help keep cholesterol levels in check, says the CDC.

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in the body and in many foods such as meats, cheeses, milk chocolate, cakes, etc. While the body does need chole-

sterol to function normally, the CDC says that the body does make its own, and makes all that it needs, so consuming an excess of it from foods can lead to dangerous consequences.

Too much cholesterol can build up in the arteries, narrowing them after a while and thereby increasing the risk for heart disease and stroke.

According to the CDC, more than 102 million American adults aged 20 years old and older have total cholesterol levels at or above 200 mg/dL (milligrams per deciliter), with more than 35 million of these adults having levels of 240 mg/dL or higher, putting them at risk for heart disease. Ideally, total cholesterol levels, accounting for LDL (Low Density Lipoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol) and HDL (High Density Lipoprotein, or "good" cholesterol) cholesterol combined, should end up being less than 200 mg/dL.

The CDC states that many people with high total cholesterol levels go unaware, as high cholesterol doesn't typically have symptoms. Should someone suspect that he or she, or some-

one he or she knows, is at risk for developing high cholesterol, a simple blood test can determine total numbers to assess if there is a problem or not. This blood test, called a lipoprotein profile, can measure total cholesterol levels, including LDL, HDL, and triglycerides (the main constituents of natural fats and oils).

The National Cholesterol Education Program recommends that adults aged 20 years or older have their cholesterol checked every 5 years. According to the CDC, less than half of young adults who have risk factors including obesity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and family history of cholesterol problems, don't get cholesterol screening, even though up to a quarter of them end up having elevated levels of cholesterol.

Many assume that high cholesterol levels are only a risk in older adults. However, high cholesterol can develop as soon as early childhood, with those at risk often being overweight.

In the United States, more than one-fifth of youth aged 12-19 years have had at least one abnormal lipid level, says the CDC. The CDC further states that it is important for children over 2 years of age to have cholesterol levels checked, should they have any of the following risk factors: being overweight/obese, having a family history of high cholesterol, a family history of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or a certain chronic condition (chronic kidney disease, chronic inflammatory diseases, congenital heart disease, and childhood cancer

survivorship).

Most people associate increased risk for high cholesterol with diets consisting of foods high in saturated fats, such as bacon, butter, etc. However, recent studies have also found that diets high in refined carbohydrates, such as white bread, white rice, pastas, etc have also contributed to elevated total cholesterol levels.

Those with high cholesterol levels can manage their condition through a variety of means. In some cases, a doctor may need to prescribe medications to treat the condition, but small lifestyle changes go a long way in reversing and preventing high cholesterol.

Reducing the consumption of refined carbohydrates and introducing more foods higher in fiber, such as leafy green vegetables like

spinach, into a person's diet, getting at least 2 and a half hour of moderate or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week, maintenance of a healthy weight, and abstaining from or quitting smoking are all great measures to take towards healthier cholesterol levels, and therefore a healthier heart.

Needless to say, with upcoming fairs, gatherings, and holidays, it can be difficult to completely abstain from partaking in a variety of tasty seasonal treats. Doing what is necessary for a long, healthy life is paramount, but this is not to say one should never enjoy the little things that make life a little sweeter. As the saying goes, "Everything in moderation."

For resources on preventing high cholesterol, visit www.cdc.gov/cholesterol.

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est unemployment rates in the United States at 2.7%; this could eventually rise if a solution is not discovered.

Thus, Stewart's group put together a survey in December of 2017 that asked 420 residents (between 20 and 40 years old) a series of questions to determine how they feel about living in NH.

As Derry is also trying to attract younger people to the town, Stewart felt that sharing the findings of the survey would be helpful to town officials.

"You might be able to find some nuggets here in the data that might be able to assist you with [economic development]", Stewart noted. His study found roughly half of those surveyed were born in NH, and were spread evenly across the 20 to 40 year old margin. Roughly 26% admitted to be unemployed, while 86% of those working did so in NH. 21% also still live with parents or family, which could be because NH has the #1 largest amount of student loan debt. One of Stewart's biggest concerns was the fact that 21% said that they did not live close to any

friends. This factor could negatively affect work force retention. Overall, 86% admitted to being very or moderately satisfied with NH, only 13% said they are only mildly satisfied or not satisfied at all. But 30% then said that they will or might move in the future, as opposed to 48% who will not or might not move, and 22% are unsure at the moment.

In terms of what attracted people to NH, those surveyed said they enjoyed the quality of the environment, the low crime rates, 0% income tax, and 0% sales tax, a strong sense of com-

munity, and the quality of parks. They also admitted that they were turned off by the lack of: affordable housing, job opportunities, cultural diversity, public transportation, quality nightlife and entertainment, and opportunities to meet new people. Stewart suggested that if New Hampshire wants to start addressing this issue, they must take advantage of the positives and address the negatives, especially job opportunities. "We have a lot of open jobs, but they are not the jobs that this generation wants and that they are skilled and trained for", Stewart stated.

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Community Crossroads Holds Ice Cream Social at Marion Gerrish

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Getting together and connecting with friends and associates is a tried and true practice, but can also be downright essential for those living with family members that suffer from various developmental disorders. Groups like Community Crossroads recognize this, and recently held

an ice cream social at the Marion Gerrish Community Center on Aug. 24 to just that. The event was managed by Aleece Pappas, (a Liaison to the Family Support Council), one of the subgroups of Community Crossroads. It is a volunteer-based organization made up of parents with family members who suffer from developmental disabilities, or traumatic brain

injuries. The roughly 40 year old organization realizes that taking care of family members with these issues can be very challenging. Holding socials like this are key to not only getting their family members out to socialize, but also for parents to understand that they are not alone. "The purpose of this event is to get families together and network", Pappas noted.

Although the social was a success, it was only one of many different services that the organization offers throughout the year. Community Crossroads works throughout New Hampshire in 11 different towns to assist roughly 1200 different individuals suffering from debilitating disorders. The group specializes in providing care and assistance to both those with disorders: helping everyone from infants to the elderly, as well as their families. The group also assists families with caregiver needs, provides specialized health services pertaining to dental, personal care, nursing, and so on. They provide training for those interested in joining advocacy groups; such as the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHDDC) and Advocates Building Lasting Equality (ABLE NH). They do not expect anything from those they help; as the



Community Crossroads welcomes various families with children suffering from mental disabilities to partake in a free ice cream social. Photo by Alex Guittarr

OBITUARY

John Kelleher



John "Jay" Kelleher, 86, of Derry, NH, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 26, 2018. He was born in Jersey City, NJ on April 19, 1932. He had been a resident of Derry for the past 47 years and was an active member of Sainte Marie Parish. Jay proudly served his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Anne Gillin Kelleher. Jay was blessed with seven surviving children- Lea Adams (Steve) of Pittsfield, NH, Anne Marie Currier (Peter) of Hampstead, NH, John Kelleher (Diana) of Derry, Jean Givin (Brian) of Castle Rock, CO, Christopher Kelleher (Maureen) of Windham, NH, Roger Kelleher of Asheville, NC and Ellen Allen (Clay) of Charleston, SC. He also had 19 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Joan Fahey and Patricia McKiernan, both of NJ.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, August 30 from 4 – 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 31 at 10 a.m. at Sainte Marie Parish, Manchester, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sainte Marie Parish, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester, NH 03102 (Attn. Mandy Dionne).

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Rotary Holds Annual Auction to Support Local Charities



The Derry Rotary Club held its annual Auction at the parking lot of the FireEye company on Tsienneto Road with hundreds of donated items on the auction block. One of the largest items this year was donated by member Eddie Leon, a 2003 BMW, which went for \$2,000. The amount was highest ever collected on a single item over the years. He is pictured at lower left, as the winning bidder raises her paddle, and above right demonstrating the strength of a small bike being auctioned. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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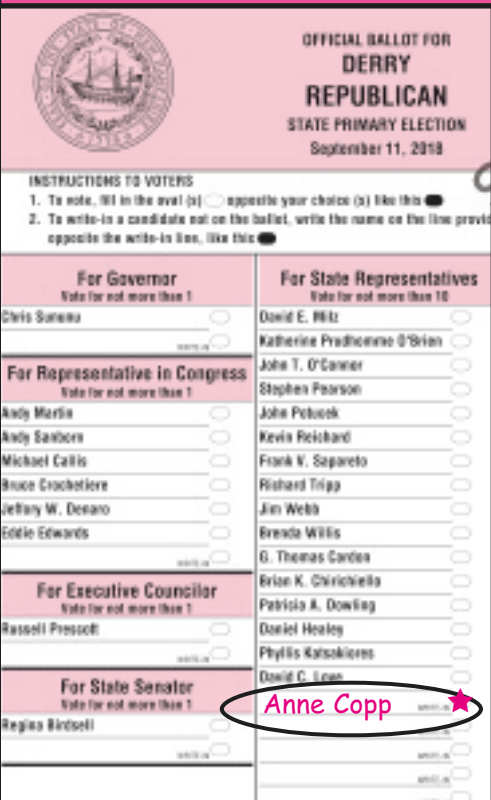
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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Boys' Soccer Squad Aims at Another Final Four Finish

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

On paper, the Pinkerton Academy boys' varsity soccer squad looks like it will be more than formidable again in Division I. And add to the team's skills and speed the fact that coach Kerry Boles always manages to get the very best out of his players every season, and it's quite clear that opposing teams will have their hands full with the academy crew again this year.

Now entering his 27th season at the helm of the PA varsity squad, Boles has amassed a superb 303-140-25 record along with a handful of state championships. And any coach would like to have the mix of battle-tested veterans and promising newcomers with which Boles found himself as the

2018 campaign got rolling earlier this week.

Among the Astros' returning starters from a 2017 contingent which went 14-5 overall and didn't get knocked out of title contention until the Division I tournament semifinals last fall are seniors Max Fairbank (the goalie), Alex Rust (midfielder and forward), Jon Tremblay (defense), Hunter Rathburn (defense), and Henry Andrews (midfielder), along with sophomore Michael Curtin (midfielder). Fairbank, Tremblay, and Rust are the squad's tri-captains.

Other returning varsity lettermen are seniors Conrad Demers (midfielder), Rob Douglas (defense), Mike Puchacz (defense), Terry Coyle (forward/midfielder), and Alex Beaulieu (midfielder), as well as junior middle Trevor

Demers.

The academy crew's promising newcomers include senior defender Mac Johnson and the sophomore bunch of Brendan Hanlon (defense), Will D'Amico (midfielder), Nathan Polyukhov (forward), and Andrew Lydick (midfielder/defense).

Coach Boles, who looks at Hanover, Exeter, Bedford, Manchester Central, and Timberlane of Plaistow as the top opponents in Division I this season, has a good grasp on what his squad's keys to success will be over the coming months.

"First and foremost, we need to stay healthy," said the coach. "We have multiple new faces on the varsity roster who do not have varsity experience. The faster those kids can get acclimated to the speed of play at this level, the better we will be.

We do have quality senior leadership on this team, so we will be relying on them all season. This will be a work in progress, and we can only strive to get better each day if we expect to reach the Final Four again this season."

Heading into his team's scrimmage against Windham in Derry last Friday, Aug. 24, Boles mused, "I'm happy with the progress our team has made thus far. If we continue to strive to get better each day, I think we'll find great success. I do like their work ethic and their eagerness to listen and learn so far."

The Astros bounded into this week looking at its season-opener at home against the visiting Alvirne High Broncos from Hudson on Tuesday, Aug. 28, after Nutfield News press time.



Pinkerton soccer veteran Alex Rust attempts to boot the ball toward the Windham net during a recent pre-season scrimmage. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Pinkerton Girls' Cross-Country Crew is Seeking a Four-Peat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country team has become the powerhouse in New Hampshire Division I over the last three years, hoisting the D-I championship trophy high each of the last three autumns. And veteran coach Amy Bernard - herself a former PA running standout - and her 2018 team are looking forward to

taking a run at yet another crown this fall.

The Lady Astros, who will get their first 2018 test at Londonderry High next Tuesday, Sept. 4 when they compete against the host LHS Lady Lancers and the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks, followed up their D-I title success by finishing second at the 2017 state Meet of Champions and then winning the prestigious New England champi-

onship.

Pinkerton lost some skilled runners from that great 2017 group to graduation, but the returnees include battle-tested stalwarts Meghan Cross, Jordan Vaillancourt, and Ciara April as well as Molly McGaffigan, Katie Boucher, Ashleigh Ahern, and Meaghan Robidoux.

The squad's promising newcomers include Mareisa Preble, Olivia Welch, and

Riley Sweeney, and that trio's ability to blend with the veterans will be a key to the Lady Astros' level of success over the next few months.

"Our keys will be having the returners work with the

newcomers to bring them up and fill in the gaps from the seniors who graduated. So teamwork will be important," said coach Bernard.

In looking at key opponents who should vie with her own Pinkerton contin-

gent for the 2018 D-I title, the veteran PA coach expects the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua and the Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers to be among the strongest around.

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Astro Field Hockey Squad Taking Another Run at a D-I Title

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

With a slew of impressive and battle-tested veterans - including two all-staters - back from a 2017 team which went 14-2 and made it all the way to the Division I tournament semifinals, Pinkerton Academy's 2018 varsity field hockey

squad certainly looks like it could at least be a final-four contingent again this autumn.

Coach Katie Van Nostrand - herself a former PA field hockey standout - has amassed a superb 23-7 record in her first two years at the helm of the academy team for which she used to play. Alas, Van Nostrand and

her varsity crew are still hunting for their program's first state title since 2012.

But the presence of a great many skilled and experienced veterans with some impressive newcomers could well take the Lady Astros back to the proverbial promised land in the next few months.

The squad's returning starters including 2017 all-staters and juniors Khaliyah Ellis in net and Sarah Collins on defense. The other starters returning to the fold are senior midfielder Ava Dorci and juniors Marley Mailloux (middie), Kate Bennett (forward), Mari Shea (middie), and Lily Auger (defense).

Other returning letter-winners are seniors Taylor Marchman (forward) and Courtney Lamphere (defense) along with junior lacrosse star Lauren Lisauskas (forward). Mailloux and Lisauskas are the 2018 squad's top returning scorers, with both young ladies having potted five shots last fall. Dorci and Mailloux will serve as the squad's co-captains.

The impressive and promising newcomers on the 2018 team include senior

forward Julia Samiotes, junior midfielder Hailey Peredna, and sophomores Emma Johnston (forward), Abby Jowett (forward), and Justine Doyle (midfield).

Regarding her 2018 squad's keys to success, coach Van Nostrand - who expects the two-time defending state champs

from Timberlane as well as the teams from Winnacunnet, Windham, and Bishop Guertin to supply the toughest competition this season - stated, "Capitalizing on scoring opportunities and specifically corners, taking advantage of our fitness and speed, leadership from veterans on the team,

and enjoying the game and having fun."

The Lady Astros got their new season rolling officially this past Wednesday the 29th - after Nutfield News press time - with a home match against Pinkerton graduate Ann MacLean's Merrimack High Tomahawks.



This fall, PA field hockey standout Lauren Lisauskas hopes to enjoy the kid of massive success she had in lacrosse this past spring.

Runners Take to the Orchard in Annual GDTC Apple Race



The 22nd Run for the Apples took place in Londonderry this past Sunday.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

For the second year in a row runners hailing from Litchfield stood out in the Mack's/Greater Derry Track Club Run for the Apples Cross-Country 5K which rolled through the Londonderry orchards in steamy weather late Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26.

Eighteen-year-old Campbell High School graduate and current Southern New Hampshire University student Luke Hogan was out front of the crowd of 115 runners through much of the race. And he finished up first in a time of 17 minutes and 22

seconds.

The second and third place finishers - also hailing from Litchfield - were brothers Trevor and Tyler Scopelites respectively in 18:16 and 18:37.

The female winner was 13-year-old Salem resident Bethany Graham, who crossed the finish line eighth overall in 20:18. Kate Von Pichl of Londonderry was the fifth female across the line - 17th overall and first among the 40-49-year-old women - exactly a minute behind the female winner in 21:18.

It was the second year in which a runner from Litchfield took top honors. Sixteen-year-old Jeff Allen

won the 2017 race in an excellent time of 15:20. And it was also the second straight year in which a 13-year-old girl paced all of the females.

Derry runners who enjoyed noteworthy performances in this year's event were Elana Bannerman, age 34, who took first in the female's 17-39 age group with a time of 26:26. On the men's side, 62-year-old Jim Peters, came in at 22:40 and took the age 60-99 title, and in the men's 17-39 division, 34-year-old Allan Lew took second at 22:41.

In the 40-49 ladies' class, Colleen Sullivan (42) took third in 22:28.

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Hit By Graduation, Pinkerton's 2018 Golf Squad Reloads

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's 2017 golf team was extremely talented, wildly successful, and simply jammed with senior athletes who helped it to a great 18-2 record and a superb second place finish at the Division I championships.

Coach Jeff Sojka's 2017 academy crew then lost a total of nine key players to graduation this past spring, including female star Lauren Thibodeau who received a scholarship to Louisville University.

But with those big personnel losses comes opportunity for a bunch of senior and junior PA golfers who have been waiting in the wings, playing both varsity and junior varsity competition over the past few years as they were needed at one level or the other.

Coach Sojka's present roster includes seniors Zak Kahn, Jacob Tinker, C.J. LaBonville, Matt MacDougall, and Liam Robinson, along with juniors Chris Walder, Nick Tufts, P.J. Daniele, Cam Leppert, and Kyle Raspuzzi. "Due to the nine seniors

we graduated last year, the kids on this year's team played in a combo of junior varsity and varsity matches throughout their careers at PA, and all are really new to consistent varsity play," said Sojka. "Keys for us will be to play the way that we are capable of at every opportunity. These kids have been waiting two and three years behind a strong class of 2018 to get their shot. We lost a ton of great golfers, an entire team's worth, but I think people will be surprised just how strong we are again this year."

While looking forward

to seeing what his charges can accomplish on the links with their great and long sought-after opportunities this season, coach Sojka expects the defending state champs from Bedford, Keene High's Blackbirds, the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua, and the Salem High Blue Devils to be among the top teams in Division I.

However, the locals began their new season in superb fashion last Wednesday, Aug. 22 on the home links of that Keene aforementioned crew at the par-35 Brentwood Golf

Course.

Pinkerton tallied a team score of 197 to comfortably outdistance the host Blackbirds (216) and the Nashua North Titans (222) in starting the campaign at a perfect 2-0.

Tufts finished second overall individually with his score of 37 with Leppert tying for third (39) and teammates Daniele and Raspuzzi tying for fifth place by each shooting a 40.

The Astros then played their home-opener last Friday the 24th, hosting Timberlane of Plaistow and the Concord Crimson Tide

at the Hoodcroft Country Club.

And coach Sojka's squad narrowly missed out on winning that match as well, falling just a single stroke behind the Concord contingent which shot a 187 on the par-36 Hoodcroft links to end up in second place. The now 1-3 Timberlane troop finished third with a 195.

Tufts and Raspuzzi tied for fifth place as individuals by each shooting a 37 and teammates Daniele, Kahn and MacDougall all tied for seventh place by each landing on a score of 38 for their crew.

Strong Mix of Athletes Has Lady Astro Spikers Hopeful

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

While it's true that the strong 2017 Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad had reasons to feel a bit disappointed that its Division I title hunt was ended by a quarterfinal-round tournament loss to Nashua South last fall, it's also true that coach Todd Royce and his crew have every reason to believe that they can make another serious run at a crown against great competition this fall.

Seven key players return from that 2017 contingent which went a superb 16-2, and that excellent group is buoyed by a crew of promising newcomers who are champing at the bit to step in and play vital roles toward

helping the Astros to its first-ever state championship.

The returnees include seniors Amelia Graves (an outside-hitter), Brooke Kane (a middle-hitter), Bekah Stallings (middle), Ashley Ginnetty (defensive specialist), and Kiley Davis (defensive specialist), junior Ella Dandrade (setter), and sophomore Reese Asselin (libero).

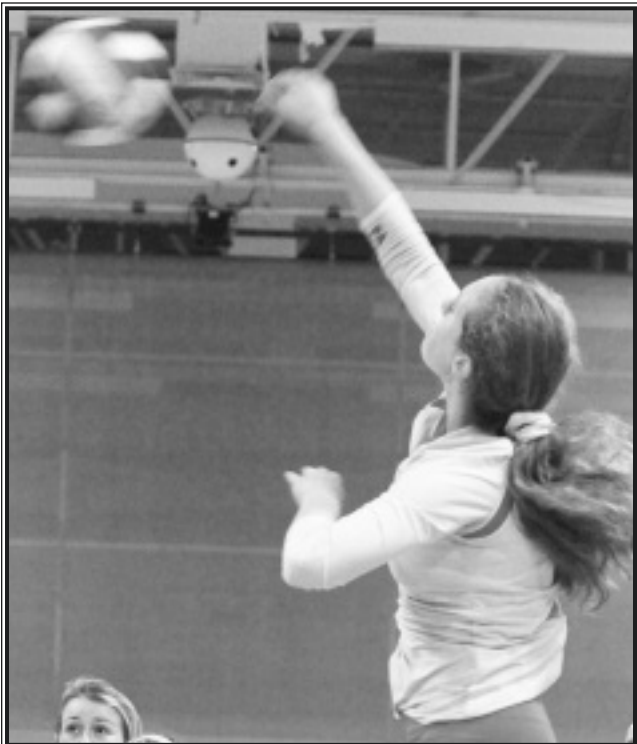
The newbies to the Lady Astros' crew include juniors

Leya Wang (OH), Emma Bernard (right side), Nicole Valcourt (middle), and Amelia Johnston (DS), and freshman Ella Koelb (setter).

Like everybody else, coach Royce expects his squad to be chasing a Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers' contingent which has now won three consecutive Division I titles. And he feels his crew's keys to suc-

cess will include, "Working together as team, staying consistent in our serve and serve-receive, and always competing and continuing to improve throughout the year."

The locals get their 2018 campaign officially off and rolling this Friday evening the 31st in their own Hackler Gymnasium when they play host to the Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders.



Ella Dandrade is one of a slew of important veteran returnees for the Pinkerton girls' volleyball squad and coach Todd Royce this fall.

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Mix of Veterans, Newcomers Has PA Football Looking Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After falling just a single victory short of capturing the 13th state championship in the 40-year reign of coach Brian O'Reilly last November, the Pinkerton Academy football squad rolls into its 2018 season this week with a slew of battle-tested veterans back for another crack at a Division I title run. And joining those veterans is a big group of skilled newcomers intent on contributing plenty to that cause as well.

The extremely talented and determined Winnacunnet High Warriors' football squad from Hampton was simply too much for the Astros in the title game at the University of New Hampshire late last fall. So the Pinkerton returnees - who include steady senior quarterback/linebacker and quad-captain Aiden Goujon - no doubt feel as though they've got a bit of unfinished business to tackle.



A Pinkerton griddier gives it all he has against a tackling dummy during a recent practice at the Astros' long-time oval field.
Photos by Chris Pantazis

Coach O'Reilly, who enters this, his 41st season as the main guy atop the Pinkerton football program with a stellar 303-114 record - will have his Astros kick off the 2018 campaign by hosting the Spaulding High

Red Raiders of Rochester this Friday night the 31st.

When asked to look at his crew's strengths and weaknesses, O'Reilly responded "A strength is our experience in the offensive backfield, and weaknesses



The veteran braintrust for the PA football squad - coaches Brian O'Reilly (left) and Bryon Murphy - talk things over during a recent practice.

are our depth on the offensive and defensive lines."

The Astros' returning starters and lettermen who will aim to go all the way to a title win include seniors Nick Lombard (halfback and defensive back), Robbie

Fahey (captain and lineman), Allen Gault (linebacker), Gannon Fast (captain and fullback/defensive end), Tyler Mackiernan (captain and halfback/linebacker), Gennaro Marra (back), Max Moseley (OL/LB), Michael

Sarette (tight end/defensive end), Ryan Auger (wide receiver/DB), Dylan Poulin (back), and Alex Tveter (kicker/DB), and juniors Avery Battle (back), Tom Moreau (lineman), and Brandon Roy (K/DB).

The longtime Pinkerton coach listed his top newcomers in his 41st campaign as being seniors Aidan Conroy (WR/DB) and Jackson Clark (FB/LB), juniors Jake MacInnis (FB/LB), Brady Day (back), Marcus Terrio (HB/LB), Evan Wilson (FB/LB), Trent Leduc (TE/LB), Logan Robinson (TE/DE), William Brown (FB/LB), Jason Barton (lineman), Thomas MacDonald (lineman), Johan Rosario (WR/DB), Connor McCormack (center/LB), Jeff Potvin (QB/DB), Dom Zirn (WR/DB), Robert Leake (back), and Jason Vaillancourt (C/DT), and sophomores Brady Dura-zzano and Max DeLangie (both linemen).

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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 Sept. 9, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry; on Sept. 23, Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; on Sept. 28, a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry; On Sept. 30, lunch is served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry; on Sept. 15, Dinner served from 5 - 6 p.m., at St Luke's United Methodist Church 63 East Broadway, Derry; on Sept. 9, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry; on Sunday, Sept. 23, Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; on Sept. 28, a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry; on Sept. 30, lunch is served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry; on Sept. 15 Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. at St Luke's United Methodist Church 63 East Broadway, Derry; A Special Derryfest breakfast will be held from 7 - 10 a.m. There will be no 5 p.m. dinner.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Sept. 8, 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. Derry residence not required. 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 or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Aviation Museum Gala and Auction

The Aviation Museum 18th Annual Gala and Auction; Fly in a cockpit through virtual reality, videos, autographs, memorabilia, unique and exciting auction items and much more. On Sept. 29, at Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House 393 NH-101, Bedford, starting at 5 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, virtual reality experience & silent auction. Buffet Dinner 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75, attire is semi-formal or please wear clothing that represents your affiliation with aviation.

Derry Fun Night

This program is held the second Friday night of each month, this month will be held on Sept. 7 from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish

Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Big Boys and Big Electric Trains: Operating Antique Trolley Cars. Fred Hessler briefly relates his experiences with locomotives and his "conversion" to become a motorman operating antique trolley cars. He will also present the basics on what makes a trolley car go, and, just as importantly, what makes it stop. 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.

What's in Your Child's IEP?

A session that gives a "nuts and bolts" look at the IEP so that parents can be more informed members of their child's IEP team will be held on Sept 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Gilbert Hood Middle School 5 Hood Road, Derry. Using the "Easy IEP" format as a foundation, participants learn about each component in their child's IEP. The session includes dis-

cussion of how all team members can work together to develop an IEP with all of the required components, including measurable annual goals based on evaluations and other data, individualized for their child. (The district will be recording this workshop for future viewing.)

Garden Club

The Sept. 7 meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held at The Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road, in Derry beginning at 10 a.m. Real Fallu, owner of Perennial Design Landscaping, will present a program on "Companions You Can Count On". There will be perennials for sale as well and banjo music, provided by Mr Fallu. It is also the 83rd Birthday meeting and we will honor past presidents. A luncheon will be provided. New members and guests are always welcome.

Spring Hill Farm Fall Festival

On Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Local vendors, music, arts and crafts, wagon rides, garden tours, trail guides, history displays, and more. Currently seeking interested vendors! \$10 reserves a spot. Email response or questions to: SHFAC@ChesterNH.org

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

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

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.

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

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group

every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

Walking Together

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

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walk with Me

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

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