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Derry School Board Struggles with Kindergarten Tuition Hike

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

During the Derry School Board meeting on Tuesday Oct. 9, members struggled with what to do about the town's kindergarten tuition for the next fiscal year.

With the deadline of the November registration approaching quickly, the board voted to change tuition from \$2,500 to \$3,600 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The discussion started with member Dan McKenna telling the board that the current tuition cost for full-time kindergarten is \$2,500 per student with \$1,100 in state aid. He also informed the board that after this year, if a town charges tuition, they will no longer be eligible to receive aid from the state.

He added that next year, the aide was thought to be going up to half of the adiquey cost, so in the case of Derry it would be \$2,200, which Derry wouldn't be eligible for since Derry charges tuition.

McKenna told the board they were left with two choices. One, continue to charge students with no money from the state, meaning there would be a significant increase, or the district stops charging tuition, which would mean, continuing to get money from the state.

McKenna's thought was that since they weren't sure of what the number of state aid would be, tuition should stay at \$2,500 with a loss of \$1,100 per student.

Member Erika Cohen, had thoughts on the subject

also, since this was one of the main issues that got her to run for the board she felt torn, "You should do what is for the common good for everybody, and the common good, is to provide full-time kindergarten at no charge, but the financial argument says, you can't provide something, if you're losing something on the other side, you've lost the common good. I feel we should raise the tuition to \$3,500, we can't afford lose \$100,000."

Cohen added that she really struggled with the decision but, "I can't come to a point where I see the fiscal part working out so that everyone benefits."

Member Paul Lutz added to the discussion by asking how many students

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Derry School Board Hears Grade Six Literacy Needs

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During the Derry School Board meeting on the Tuesday, Oct. 9, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian mentioned that there was a need for better reading and/or mathematics for sixth grade students in the district, so she got together with the Principals from West Running Brook and Gilbert H. Hood Middle School to discuss those needs.

Principals Kim Carpentino and Justin Krieger were introduced to the board, and spoke about a proposed model from their

findings regarding sixth grade reading needs.

Gilbert H. Hood Middle School Principal, Carpentino, started off by saying, "I feel like I'm in a unique position, because I started off teaching reading to first graders for seven years, before coming to Derry to teach middle schooler's, then went back to elementary school when the "Readers Workshop" was implemented, now I'm back at middle school, so my perspective has changed for what is needed in sixth grade".

Currently the model is that fifth graders are reading 60 minutes a day, writers workshop is now 30

minutes a day targeted on the child's current performance. In sixth grade, there is a reduction in how much instruction they get in English Language Arts (ELA) focus. It shifts down to 50 and 60 minutes for both reading and writing. The focus becomes less of learning to read and more reading to learn.

West Running Brook Middle School Principal Krieger pointed out that the focus is the transition period from learning to read and reading to learn, "That transition is fundamental to how students will access the world, and how they'll gain knowledge."

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Fire Fighter John Davis helps Haleigh Bass in operating a Fire Hose during the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday at the Central station in Derry.

Photo by Chris Paul

Central Fire Station Holds Annual Open House

LYNN THOMAS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Central Fire Station held its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 13 to promote fire prevention.

The station welcomed the public to explore the fire vehicles, meet the firemen and watch or participate in safety drills. There was a big turnout from the community with all enjoying the event.

There was fire equipment for the kids to try on, a photo cut out and Sparky the fire dog was available for photos. Sparky, a human-sized Dalmatian, was sworn in last spring to help with public education and goes to schools for fire drills. There were fire safety-themed goodies for the kids to bring home, from coloring books to frisbees. While at the station, there was a lot to learn while having fun.

One of the demonstrations focused on

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Town Gears Up for Very Derry Holiday Parade and Events

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Derry's favorite community event will take place Saturday, Nov. 24 starting with the Holiday Parade at 1 p.m.

Now in its thirty-second year under the supervision of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, this year's theme is "Season of Superheros" and the superhero can be religious or not. "Our goal every year is to make the parade as inclusive as possible, whether you celebrate reli-

giously or not," said Derry Arts Council President Ashley Haseltine. The parade is entirely funded through community donations and is co-hosted by the Derry Arts Council and the Derry Village Rotary Club. There is no fee to enter a float, and businesses have until Nov. 16 to register.

The Derry Village Rotary Club uses the parade as a food drive to collect cash and canned goods, all of which are in turn donated to local food pantries. Food collectors will be present early before the parade

begins. Kicking off the parade are two awards given yearly by the Chamber of Commerce for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year. Many local groups will participate, such as Pinkerton Academy Marching Band, Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band, youth sports organizations, dance schools, and churches. The parade will begin at the Adams Memorial Building at 29 West Broadway and travel up Crystal Avenue ending at Hood Commons. There are awards for the best

floats, with judging by the Rotary Club and volunteers prior to the start of the parade.

After the parade concludes, the celebration continues from 2-5 p.m. with cookie decorating in the gingerbread room, face painting done by elves in the winter wonderland and a Reindeer's workshop all hosted at Veterans Hall by Derry Parks and Recreation. From 3-5, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to meet children and hear their holiday wishes at the Adams Memorial Building. Santa

and Mrs. Claus will be driven by the Derry Fire department in a fire truck for the meet-and-greet, and photos are available for five dollars cash only.

Haseltine is thankful for the help of Stephen Dente, Chair of the Parade and member of both the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and the Derry Village Rotary Club. Dente is tasked with organizing all the volunteers, securing the road closures and handling the line up of the parade. Dente states that each year between five and

eight thousand people from Derry and the surrounding community attend the parade. The parade has room for eighty entries including floats and marching groups. Dente says, "The parade is a good cross-section of what the town of Derry and the surrounding area is about. We have tried to keep it local and it works."

Dente asks only one thing of the parade participants: "Don't dress as Santa!"

For more information or to register go to www.gdlchamber.org or call Derry Arts Council at (603) 432-8205.

Barka to Participate in World 'Stack Up' Competition

LYNN THOMAS
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On Thursday, Nov. 8, Barka Elementary students from grade one through five will help try to set a new Guinness World Record for the most people sport stacking in multiple locations in one day. Sport stacking, also referred to as cup-stacking, began in the early 1980's in Southern California and caught on rapidly as a fun sport for children and adults. Sport stacking improves hand-eye coordination and reaction time. It allows students to use both sides of their body, which is

helpful for other sports, using computers or playing musical instruments. The sequential nature of stacking is also good for helping with reading and math skill development. These perks explain why school Physical Education teachers have happily adopted sport stacking into their curriculum.

Mrs. Cindy McNally, Physical Education teacher at Barka, has been teaching sport stacking for the entire fourteen years she has worked at the school. She says that "the kids don't really realize the benefits they are getting from the sport, they just like it. Phys-

ically active children learn better in the classroom." McNally loves sport stacking on days where the gymnasium is unavailable due to an assembly and the weather is bad. If she can't take her Physical Education students outside, she will have a sport stacking session in the classroom. She noted that approximately forty thousand schools, youth organizations and even adult corporations will participate in the upcoming event. The current World Record is 622,809 thousand people sport stacking for thirty minutes. Before the event, students will be able to learn the basics of sport

stacking before school for two mornings before the big day. Students are able to come to school early to learn the rules and the sequences involved.

McNally integrated the program from her Physical Education class into a fun learning environment where kids who like to compete can, while kids who prefer to compete against themselves for their best time may as well. She has a battle stack game where kids can compete for victory head to head. The first to complete the stack has the ability to knock down their competitor's stack when they hit their finish button.

She believes that the sport has a few major advantages over traditional sports. "You can reach a broader spectrum of children with this sport," McNally states, as a child does not have to be super athletic to do well. Special education students, children who are autistic or those with disabilities can also do this sport once they learn the rules. Being able

to participate can increase any child's self-esteem, which is the best benefit. Also, this sport can be done anywhere which makes it great to promote fitness in the home.

The rules for sport stacking, training videos and supplies can be found online at www.speedstacks.com/.

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OBITUARY

Dolores Warhall



Dolores L. Warhall, 82 died on Oct. 4, 2018 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH after complications following a stroke in Aug. Her beloved husband of 59 years and family members were at her bedside.

A longtime resident of Derry and Londonderry, NH Mrs. Warhall was born in Newport, RI to Armand and Henrietta (Carroll) St. Pierre of Fall River, MA. Dolores grew up in Fall River attending St. Patrick's Elementary School and Mount St. Mary's Girls Catholic High School and later received her nursing degree from St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing in 1956. After graduation she worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Anne's Hospital and at Morton Hospital in Taunton, MA. In 1959 Dolores married her high school sweetheart Lawrence F. Warhall of Fall River and worked as a RN at multiple hospitals in the midwest and New York before returning to New England to Derry, NH in 1970. Her nursing career was focused as an emergency room nurse and in obstetrics. In Derry, Mrs. Warhall worked at the Alexander Eastman Hospital as well as the Bon Secours Hospital in Methuen, MA. A serious back problem forced Mrs. Warhall to retire from the nursing career she loved in 1983.

An avid skier, tennis player, golfer and swimmer, Dolores also loved to travel often visiting Aruba, Dunedin, and Hutchinson Island, FL in the winter months as well as farther-flung locales with her husband Larry. Mrs. Warhall always expressed that her most noble contribution in life was raising her family of three sons and one daughter, all of whom she was most proud. In addition, Dolores leaves four grandchildren she cherished and supported as a remarkable grandmother with a flair for style and a warm and generous disposition.

Dolores L. Warhall is survived by her husband, Lawrence F. Warhall of Londonderry, three sons; Lawrence F. Warhall, Jr. and his wife, Amy Hughes of Voorhees, NJ, Mark Warhall and his wife, Mio Olsson of Brooklyn, NY, and Joseph J. Warhall and his wife, Diana Warhall of Spofford, NH, and one daughter, Lynda Warhall and her partner, Wes Rutledge of Manchester, NH. She leaves four grandchildren; Dillon Warhall, Danielle Warhall, Alva Olsson and Samuel Smith. Mrs. Warhall is predeceased by her brother, John St. Pierre of Providence, RI. She is also predeceased by her half-brothers and leaves surviving half-sisters.

Per her wishes, a private funeral ceremony was held at Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry on Oct. 6.

As per Dolores Warhall's wishes a "Celebration of Life" ceremony will be held on Saturday Oct. 27, from noon - 3 p.m. at the Executive Court, 1199 South Mammoth Rd., Manchester, NH 03109 www.executivecourt-banquet.com (603)-626-4788. All are welcome and encouraged to come and celebrate Dolores!

To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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The question that the principals posed to the board that evening was, "Is our current middle school model accountable for the wide development of that spectrum that exists for individual students on this continuum?"

Justin continued, "As we look at more data down the road, we can come to that type of conclusion, but it's a transition that is essential that we can mirror and watch for students to take".

Data points that were brought to the board's attention during the presentation were on the three assessments conducted throughout the years.

The New Hampshire Assessments, the Northwest Evaluation Association Assessments and the Individual Benchmark Assessments.

The finds showed that Derry sixth graders were either at or above proficiency. They ranged from 52 to 70 percent in the three assessments.

Also shown were cur-

rent fourth and fifth grade results, which showed similar numbers, and indicated that was room for improvement.

The numbers that were given, it was pointed out, were specifically for reading.

The principals pointed out some of the ongoing strategies currently being used to promote literacy in grade six.

- Digital Literacy as a Unified Arts class.

- Restructuring the role of reading specialists, with emphasis on grade six.

- Sharing common language used Writer's Workshops across science, social studies and math.

- Creating awareness of reading strategies in science, social studies and math.

- Secure resources for science, social studies and math to utilize differentiated texts at a variety of reading levels

- The WIN (intervention block is focused on literacy and mathematics.

They also told the board that some simple rearranging of the blocks of time currently being used to

teach reading would help.

GHH Prin said, "We're looking at shifting the schedule, so we can provide opportunities for reading instruction as well as more developmentally sound experiences for the students."

It was pointed out that the schedule restructuring would only be for those students who need additional help in reading. In order to provide additional reading blocks of time, five to six staff members would be needed for small groups of students.

The additional staff could be drawn from current staff and the addition of two new staff members, two new reading assistants that would travel between schools. The three or four current staff members would need the incentive of a stipend.

It was also pointed out that the assessments given to students throughout the year are all unique, and that student development happens at a staggered rate. Sometimes reading development through the transition of fifth to sixth grade needs to be helped along, so that students don't fall behind.

Students that have a need for help with reading in sixth grade would receive the help with this new program throughout the entire year, or until staff feels they have caught up to fellow students.

School board member Brenda Willis thanked the two principals for the time they put into understanding the needs of their students, knowing that the study happened while the school year was starting.

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Editorial

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Although our towns have very little crime, at least when compared with other cities and towns, offenses such as domestic violence have remained constant over many years. Domestic violence is defined as, “Violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner.” Though the majority of cases seem to be violence against a wife or female partner, there are also many cases of harm and abuse that come to husbands and male partners.

Thousands of women and men live with domestic violence day to day, afraid to report their situations to the authorities. Unfortunately, it is likely that the prevalence of domestic violence in our own towns is much higher than what is reported for a number of reasons, ranging from fear of not being believed to being brainwashed into believing that the situation is the victim’s fault. October is Domestic Violence awareness month, and it is crucial to bring more awareness about what domestic violence is and how the cycle can be broken. Domestic violence involves willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. This violence often escalates from threats and manipulation to verbal abuse to physical violence.

This violent behavior not only directly harms the victim, but it also

affects any children living in the home. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each and every year. These children will likely grow up experiencing mood disorders such as anxiety, anger, and may even grow to perpetuate the behavior that was impressed upon them from a young age, thus continuing the cycle of domestic abuse.

Some signs that you or someone you love may be involved in a domestic violence situation include: feeling trapped, chronic humiliation from a partner, verbal insults, physical violence, controlling behavior from a partner, unpredictable mood swings, alienating friends and family, and manipulation to name a few.

If you or someone you love is involved in a domestic violence situation, it is important to report your situation as soon as humanly possible. Local authorities and abuse help hotlines are able to assist with removing the abuser from the situation and in helping victims find resources ranging from places to stay to legal help and advice.

Domestic violence is as brutal as it is unnecessary, but it does not have to be a way of life for those who are currently suffering. If you see something, say something. Together we as a community can help put a stop to the cycle of abuse.

Letters

Support Joshua Bourdon

To the editor,
I am writing to support Joshua Bourdon’s campaign for County Commissioner in Rockingham County. Many of you already know of Joshua Bourdon and the work he did as Chairman of the Derry Town Council in 2017-18. As chairman he was well-known for his respectful manner and his interest in and ability to listen to all sides of an argument.

Josh is willing to go out of his way to do the research needed to make good decisions to benefit Derry citizens. We saw this when he worked with the town council to make capital improvements to benefit the town. Of particular interest is the work he did to promote both the solar farm at the Derry Transfer Station and the energy-efficient, improvement projects in town buildings and streets.

Josh is also always willing to talk to people about their concerns. I know Josh well, and I was with him when he decided, as a town councilor, to meet with non-profit agencies in Derry. At that time, the Derry Town Council was considering cutting the funding for these crucial programs, and Josh

had an important part in stopping those cuts.

Joshua has established and participated in numerous projects which benefit veteran and recovery programs in our community. Now Josh is running for County Commissioner. He has the skills to do this job effectively and fairly, and I can think of no better person to have in that position than Josh Bourdon. Please join me in voting for him as County Commissioner on November 6.

Thank you
Corinne Dodge
Derry

Please VOTE

To the editor,
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The site is easy to use. Just type the name of your town in the Search Bar. You will get information regarding new candidates for public office who pledge to work with NH citizens to get legislation passed for comprehensive election reform at the state and federal level. In addition, the voting record of incumbent NH House Reps will be recorded on the following two House Bills: HB 1524 (to end gerrymandering in NH by any political party and to support an amendment to the US Constitution to clarify that money is NOT speech) and HB 1773 (to promote small-donor, public financing of elections on NH).

Become informed and then VOTE on Nov. 6!
Erin Spencer
Derry,

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Major maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and restoration of commercial storefronts and facades are eligible activities. Projects must achieve visible results that enhance Derry’s downtown image, marketability and economic vitality. Project components eligible for funding include: Exterior painting, Removal of inappropriate and/or incompati-

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Open House

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learning to properly operate a fire extinguisher. Members of the community were encouraged to participate and were able to put out an actual fire created by a prop. David Deacon, Fireman and Paramedic, oversaw the demonstration and taught the participants the acronym "PASS" to remember to Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze the trigger and move your arm Side to side.

A second dramatic demonstration was designed to show how fast a fire can really spread. A small room created to mimic a child's bedroom was actually set on fire for the community to see how fast the contents of the

room burnt. Mike Stanhope, the Director of Fire Prevention, believes seeing the contents burn and melt so quickly helps drive home the importance of smoke detectors. Fire Inspector David Eastman narrated the demonstration and focused on getting out of the fire safely to the meeting spot that families should pre-arrange in case of emergency. Also on hand was a dummy victim of an oxygen related fire. Derry had the most of these types of fires in the state last year. Smoking while wearing oxygen tubing is very dangerous because the plastic tubing can easily catch on fire.

Assistant Chief Scott Jackson revealed that when they prepare for the open

house, they look to what needs they can fill for the community. "Typically in fire prevention, we target based on need not based on the season," Jackson said. He noted carbon monoxide is now a big focus due to wood stoves and fossil fuels used in people's homes. He went on to say, "People balk at changes in requirements in fire code, but we learn

from history. There's a reason for it."

Thomas Sullivan and his son Calob, age 14, like to frequent the open houses. Sullivan is a firefighter in Hudson and believes the event is "great exposure for the kids." Calob stated his favorite part of the event was the room set on fire, "because it was cool." The tone of the event was fun

while handling a serious topic. Both kids and adults were able to learn some great fire prevention tips while enjoying themselves in the welcoming atmosphere.

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Monsters, witches and a host of ghouls attend the renewal of vows for Frankenstein and his lovely bride. Why a renewal? There was no time for a big wedding after being chased out of town by villagers with pitchforks! As with all weddings, there are little glitches and not everything goes according to plan.

"Continuing in our musical theater tradition, RNH is putting on its sixth



Pictured are rehearsals from the performance featuring the characters of Esmerelda, Aunt Clara, Edna Scissorhands and Mrs. Lovett. *Couresty photos*



original production wrapped around some amazing a cappella and barbershop singing," says Jessie Caynon, musical director for RNH Show Chorus. "This isn't a scary story, but one of our funniest and

craziest productions that is appropriate for all ages," she continues. "RNH is encouraging adult guests and little monsters and ghouls to dress up in their favorite non-gory Halloween attire and join the

wedding party guest list," says Fellows.

"We want this production to be an audience-participation opportunity," says Renee Fellows, assistant director for RNH and show director. "We are all about

entertaining our audiences and having them embrace our shows fully. If guests want to dress up as their favorite fun-loving monster, go ahead! The more the merrier!"

The show will feature

contemporary and a cappella favorites. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors and are on sale now by calling 800-696-7351 or visiting the web site at www.rnhchorus.org.

Kindergarten

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would benefit from getting another year under their belt. With families struggling financially, that opportunity would go away for those children. He was leaning in the direction of offering free kindergarten. "We try the best that we can to educate every student that comes

through our doors, and it's not cheap."

Chairperson, Lynn Perkins spoke about the past dealings the board had with the budget when it came to accepting money from the state on kindergarten, "This is one of those things where the camels nose gets under the tent, once you give, and diminish the budget it goes the other way, it never goes

back to where it was. Which at the time \$3,600."

McKenna reiterated that the loss to the district would be between \$100,00 to 150,000 if we don't raise the kindergarten tuition depending on how many kids we have.

Member Michelle McKinnon questioned whether there was a surplus in registration last year when tuition

was lowered or if there was a flux because of the savings. "I don't remember seeing a big difference."

Superintendent of Schools, MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian responded that she didn't have the data in front of her but thought that the schools filled up quickly.

Member Brenda Willis mentioned before the vote on raising tuition that the law is pretty clear, "We don't get the 'Keno-garten' money if we charge tuition so unless we feel the law is going to change, we are pretty clear that 'Keno-garten' is not coming to Derry unless we offer free all-day kindergarten."

Derick Anderson made the point that without even knowing what the budget was going to be it was hard to make the decision to take on a \$100,000 deficit. "To be fair to the public and to our fiscal responsibilities, we have to bring it back up to \$3,600."

McKenna reiterated that he was in favor of keeping that rate lower, because he felt that kindergarten makes a difference, "That's why I would support keeping it at \$2,500."

Willis spoke again saying that even though she would love to see full day free kindergarten, she didn't see the fairness and thought that the enrollment numbers

would change with the rate change. "As much as I hate to say it, I'm in favor of going back to the \$3,600, with the thought of putting the data together to look at the cost again."

After the very long discussion on the subject, the board was left with two choices, keep tuition the same as last year, \$2,500, knowing that the \$1,100 wouldn't be coming from the state, or raise the amount to \$3,600 to make up for the lack of state aid.

The board ended the discussion and voted to raise the rates in the end with all but two board members voting in favor of the increase. McKenna and Lutz voted no.

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Chili and Chowder Lovers Sample and Vote at Cook-off



Despite the rainy conditions, chili and chowder lovers made their way to MacGregor Park to help support the Salvation Army's annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off. There were a total of nine competitors vying for votes the Chili competition, and the top five were: #1 Amphora; #2 Stumble Inn with a three-way tie for third, LaCarreta, Halligan's Tavern and B's Taco. Three competed in the chowder competition with the winner being Halligan's Tavern. About 350 people participated in the voting this year, which was a bit better than the previous year. Also available at the event was face painting, pumpkin decorating and building with Home Depot.

Photos by Chris Paul

Derry Announces Upcoming Water Main Flushing

Derry Municipal Water System has announced the annual Water Main Flushing Program dates for the upcoming weeks.

The Town of Derry will be flushing the water lines throughout areas of the Town's Municipal Water Distribution System between Monday, Oct. 22 and Friday Nov. 2. The water systems will be flushed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

On the first day the flushing the following roads will be affected: Rte. 28 Bypass, Daniel Road, Debbie Road, Datillo Road, Wentworth Drive, Emerald Drive, Opal Drive, Eastgate Road

and Old Coach Road.

On the second day, East Derry Road, Pond Road, Chester Road, Hillside Estates, Nesmith Road, Salt March Road, Hillcrest Village, Adams Pond Road and Meadowbrook will be flushed.

The third day will include Route 28, Rockingham Road, Frost Road, Blunt Drive, Stark Road, Lawrence Road, Woodlands, Gervaise Drive, Kelley Drive, Modean Drive, Long Avenue and Lester Lane.

On the last day of flushing, Montgomery Farms, Kendall Pond Road, Overlook Drive, Fordway Extension, Settlers Lane, Beacon Hill Road, Tracey Drive, Spinnaker Drive, Genoa Drive, Broadway, High Street, Hillside Avenue, South Avenue, Brook Street, South Avenue, Highland Avenue, Aiken Street and Londonderry Road will be affected.

The work being done is necessary to remove any sediment from the water lines that may accumulate and is conducted annually. The yearly process is performed by the Derry Water Division.

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prior to work being done in their particular area. Any customers with special needs such as in-house dialysis equipment should contact our office to make their locations known so they may too be notified in advance.

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rusty water. While this is not a health concern, it may temporarily affect the taste and aesthetics of your drinking water as well as possible staining of laundry. While every effort is made to flush the main lines until they run clean, some residual discolored water may enter and remain in service lines. Customers should run their

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The East Derry Memorial Elementary School Fun Run went off without a hitch despite the wet conditions on Saturday. Waves of runners started at the front of the school and raced through the course where they were showered with vibrant colors. The event was as a fund raiser for the schools PTA. At the end of the race participants gathered for a large color splash.

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DERRY SPORTS

White-Hot PA Field Hockey Ends Regular Season Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

When its 2018 regular season ended late last week, the Pinkerton Academy field hockey squad was doing one heck of a good imitation of a steamroller.

The Astros won eight consecutive matches to finish at an exceptional 13-1, concluding their regular campaign with trouncings of two of the weaker teams in Division I last week as the state tournament

approaches.

That superb, 13-1 finish had the academy squad lining up as the number two seed in the division behind 13-1 Windham, against whom the Astros suffered their lone 2018 defeat back in mid-September.

PA coach and former field hockey star Katie Van Nostrand saw her young women blank Nashua South by a 5-0 margin in Derry on Wednesday, Oct. 10, with the hosts notching a 2-0 lead in the first half and

building upon it in the second. It was the Lady Astros' sixth shutout of the campaign.

The victors got single scores from five different sources, with Mari Shea getting the first (from Lauren Lisauskas) and Ava Dorci potting the second (from Marley Mailloux off of a penalty corner) in the opening half.

The academy crew then got second half markers from Justine Doyle (unasisted), Abby Jowett (from

Shea), and Julia Samiotes (from Emma Johnston) in putting the lopsided win away. Goalie Khaliyah Ellis made three saves in helping to make South's Lady Purple Panthers a woeful 2-11 on the season.

And Van Nostrand's crew made the modest road trip to Exeter High on Friday the 12th to face a Lady Blue Hawks' bunch which sat at a lowly 2-11-1 on the season. And the Lady Astros had little to no trouble with that host.

First-half goals were netted by Lisauskas (two), Jowett, Taylor Marchman, Samiotes, and Doyle, with Marchman, Jowett (2), and Shea notching assists as the locals sprinted out to a commanding 6-0 advantage.

Marchman scored the lone second half goal with an assist from Shea. Keeper Ellis turned aside some eight shots in helping her side to its seventh blanking of an opponent this season.

The Astros were then left to wait through the weekend to find out how the D-I tournament pairings would fall and against whom and when they'd play



Pinkerton defender Sarah Collins aims to keep the ball away from an Exeter player during the Lady Astros' regular season-ending trouncing of that opponent on the seacoast last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Girl Harriers Perform Well at the Pelham Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country squad competed at the annual Pelham Invitational last Saturday, Oct. 13, and performed extremely well on two different levels.

Veteran coach and former PA cross-country standout Amy Bernard had her junior varsity harriers finish first out of six teams on their level, and the Lady Astros' varsity crew finished an excellent second out of some 12 competing squad on its level.

In taking the the JV title, the academy group finished with a superb score of 19 to easily outdistance the runner-up contingent from Souhegan High School of Amherst (71) and the other opposing crews.

The excellent PA effort featured top-five finishes from Ashley Ahern (second in 22 minutes, 22 seconds), Meaghan Robidioux (third, 22:45), Samantha Brackesy (fourth, 22:46), and Lexi Peet (fifth, 22:49).

The JV champs also got top-20 finishes from Hailey Langill (11th) and Laura Adams (16th) in a race

which had a total of 61 line-crossers.

In the varsity race, coach Bernard's bunch had battle-tested veteran star Meghan Cross place fourth overall in 19:14. She was followed by teammates Molly McGaffigan (13th, 20:23), Ciara April (15th in 20:38), and Mariesa Preble (17th in 20:39) in a race which had 80 finishers.

The Lady Astros now continue their preparations for a run at a fourth consecutive Division I championship in Manchester's Derryfield Park on Saturday Oct. 27.

their first 2018 tourney battle.

The Pinkerton squad drew a bye for the tournament's first round due to their second place ranking, and they'll face off with the winner of this week's pre-

liminary-round match between number seven Manchester Central and number 10 Timberlane of Plaistow in quarterfinal-round play in Derry on Sunday afternoon Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

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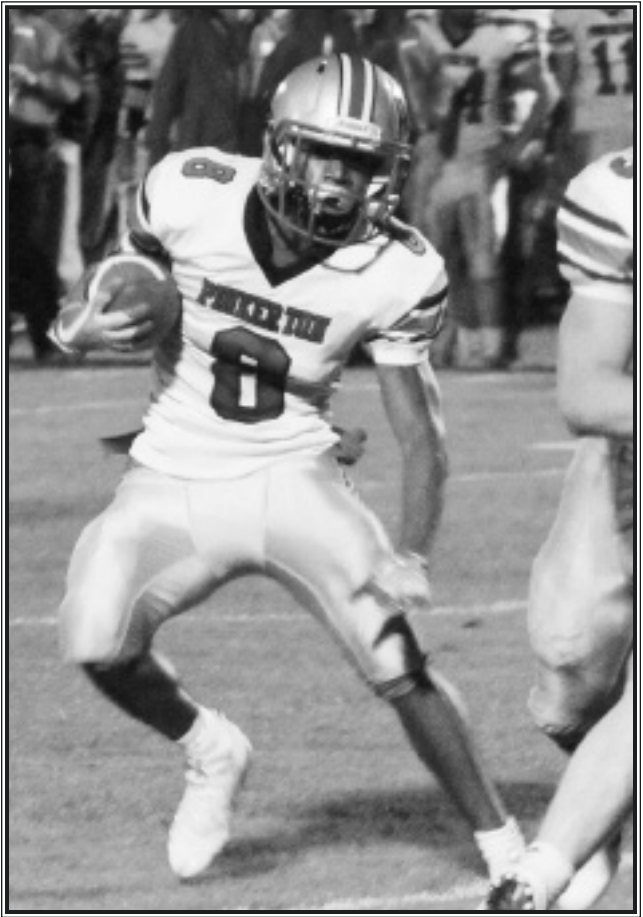
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Astro Football Reaches 6-1 By Pounding Portsmouth

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No, the Pinkerton Academy football squad wasn't expected to get much of a challenge from the weak Portsmouth-Oyster River ClipperCats on the seacoast in Division I play last Friday night, Oct. 12. And longtime coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros did not in fact get any sort of real



Junior back Avery Battle and the Pinkerton Academy football squad kept their winning ways rolling late last week by pummeling Portsmouth. Photo by Chris Paul

challenge from that host in a 36-7 blowout. The academy crew, which scored the first 36 points of the contest before the game reached the football equivalent of football "garbage time" in quarter four, managed a strong balance of passing (134 yards) and rushing (122) in tallying a total of 256 offensive yards. And the PA defense frustrated the host team at just about every turn. The now 6-1 Astros led 7-0 after one period, 22-0 at the half, and 36-0 with the contest rolling into its final dozen minutes of action. The 1-6 ClipperCats notched their only points of

the night with just over a minute remaining. Pinkerton went up 7-0 with 8:22 remaining in quarter one when veteran back Gennaro Marra sprinted the ball into the end zone from four yards out, with Brandon Roy adding the kick. It became a 13-0 game five minutes into the second period when Gannon Fast drove the ball in on a run from six yards out, with the point-after kick failing. The locals shoved their lead up to 19-0 a little less than three minutes later when quarterback Aiden Goujon connected with Nick Lombard on a 45-yard scoring pass, but the two-point conversion try failed. However, the PA lead bulged to 22-0 as time ran out on the first half as kicker Roy nailed a 21-yard field goal. The Pinkerton scoring machine kept right on churning in the opening seconds of half number two when defensive stand-out Rob Fahey recovered a fumble and ran it back 20 yards to pay-dirt, with Roy adding the kick to make it a 29-0 game. And Lombard notched his second score of the day a little less than three min-

utes later when he covered 38 yards on a sprint, with Roy booting the ball through the uprights once more to complete the Astros' scoring for the evening. Signal-caller Goujon completed seven of the 12 passes he attempted for the aforementioned 134 yards, with four of his tosses going to Ryan Auger for 51 of those yards. The Astros return to their home grid this Friday night the 19th to host a Windham High School contingent which comes in with a very decent 4-3 record and no doubt an upset win on its mind.

Pinkerton Golfers End Their 2018 Campaign With Strong Showings

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2018 Pinkerton Academy golf team and its athletes acquitted themselves quite well at the Division I team and individual championships late last week.

The Astros finished a very solid fourth out of the 10 teams at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I Team Championships at The Oaks Golf Links in Somersworth last Thursday, Oct. 11. Bedford won the state title by shooting a 398 team score on the par-71 course, with Concord second (410), Exeter third (414), and Pinkerton fourth (418). Keene was a mere two strokes behind in fifth place with a 420. The academy golfers had Cam Leppert and Zak Kahn lead the charge and qualify for the individual championships at The Derryfield Country Club on Saturday the 13th by shooting a 79 and an 80 respectively. Other Pinkerton scorers and individual tourney qualifiers included Matt MacDougall (85), Kyle Raspuzzi (87), Nick Tufts (87), Chris Walder (93), P.J. Daniele (93), and Jacob Tinker (95). "Every year our goal is to be able to win the team championship, and obviously we fell short of that. With that said, we were seeded fifth coming into the tournament and finished fourth, so we did exceed our rank," said PA coach Jeff Sojka. "All in all a year where you go 17-4 and one of those 17 wins is the only loss that the state champs had all year makes

for a pretty good year." At the individual championships over the weekend, all of the aforementioned athletes got to compete at the D-I individual championships at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester less than 48 hours later, with Kahn and Leppert both managing top-20 finishes after advancing to second-round play. Bryce Zimmerman of Nashua North won the individual crown by shooting a 151. Kahn placed 13th by shooting a 163, and Leppert finished tied for 14th place by virtue of his total score of 164 in another supremely competitive event.

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Astro Boys' Soccer Sees Win Streak Stop With Hanover Loss

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad pushed its impressive winning streak to five games early last week with a lopsided win over Merrimack before the locals got edged by an extremely strong Hanover contingent on its own field late in the week in having its winning skein stopped.

Longtime PA coach Kerry Boles saw his determined and talented charges knock off Merrimack by a 5-1 tally in Derry on Tuesday, Oct. 9, grasping a 3-1 lead at halftime before scoring two unanswered goals in the second half to win going away.

The visiting Tomahawks potted the game's first goal

17 minutes in, but PA answered with three tallies of its own before the squads adjourned for halftime.

Terry Coyle knotted the score at 1-1 (assist to Alex Rust) in minute 24, Nate Polyukhovich netted the eventual game-winner a minute later (from Rust), and Rust made it a 3-1 contest in minute 29 (assist to Henry Andrews).

The PA advantage bulged to 4-1 some 15 minutes into the second half when Michael Curtin was set up by Trevor Demers, and the final tally was claimed by point-machine Rust off of a feed by Alex Beaulieu in minute 69. Standout goalie Max Fairbank made three saves in his side's success.

"After falling behind by a goal, we erupted for three goals in five minutes to propel ourselves to a sound victory," said coach Boles. "We are what we are. We started slow, fell behind, then responded very well. We have three brutal playoff-type games remaining, so we will find out our fate soon enough."

The first of those important matches came at Hanover on Friday the 12th on the home pitch of a 10-3 Marauders' mob which was seeking its fifth consecutive success.

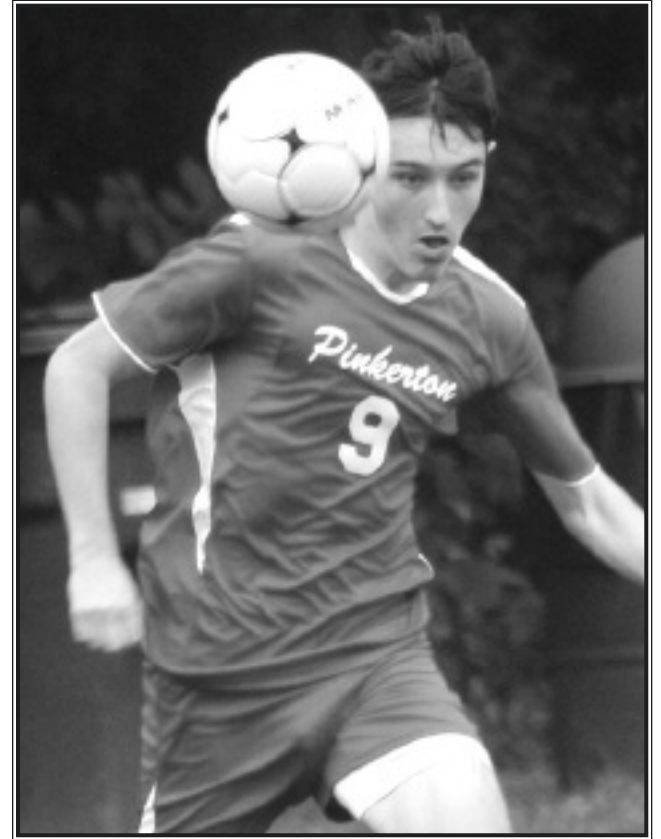
The Astros put forth a strong performance which left coach Boles proud of them. But the scoreboard showed a 1-0 Hanover victory.

"I'm very happy with our effort and, for the most part,

our execution," said Boles. "Hanover will end up as a three-seed, so if this is a top-four team, I feel pretty good with what we did today. As always though, we need to turn the page and get ready for another playoff-type game when Keene comes to Derry on Tuesday."

The hosts potted the lone goal late in the first half, with Pinkerton proving unable to get one of the six shots it put on the Hanover net past goalie Hans Williams. PA keeper Fairbank was good for eight stops in the strong effort.

Along with the aforementioned Tuesday, Oct. 16 match - after Nutfield News press time - the Pinkerton crew faces a regular season-closing drive to Windham High to face the Jaguar boys this Friday.



Pinkerton Astro booter Terry Coyle has his eyes forward and the ball head-high during a recent match.

Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 8



Sam Franks,
Sophomore, Girls' Soccer

This talented 10th grader scored two goals in her squad's overtime victory against Merrimack, and the second of those tallies was the game-winner in the extra period.



Robbie Fahey,
Senior, Football

This senior captain and lineman earned the tongue-in-cheek nickname "Mr. Touchdown" from his fellow Astros by turning a fumble into points to help PA to its 36-7 win over Portsmouth.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Lady Astro Soccer Squad Steams Toward the Tourney With Strength

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A hard-fought overtime defeat of Merrimack followed by a hard-fought and slim shutout win over Dover last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad bounding into this, the final week of the Division I regular season, with a four-game undefeated streak rolling on.

It took not one but two extra periods for coach Danielle St. Pierre's Lady Astros to deal the Merrimack High Lady Toma-

hawks a 2-1 defeat in Merrimack last Tuesday, Oct. 9. Sam Franks became the PA hero by netting her second goal of the game just two minutes into the second overtime. She had helped her academy crew knot the score at 1-1 by scoring her first tally in the second period. Macy Graves and Julia Preston registered assists on the PA markers. Goalie Reagan Kolinski contributed a handful of saves to the dramatic Pinkerton success as

the locals advanced their D-I record to an excellent 8-3-2.

And the Lady Astros' record moved up to 9-3-2 on Friday, Oct. 12 as the locals nipped Dover's Green Wave group by a 1-0 margin back in Derry.

This week the academy side took on a regular season-ending slate of two contests which had it all the way out in Keene against the host Lady Blackbirds on Tuesday - after Nutfield News press

time - followed by a home match against Windham High School's Lady Jaguars this coming Friday.

Keene went an extremely poor 2-11-1 in its first 14 matches of the season and had gone 1-2-1 in its last four matches stepping into this week. The Lady Blackbirds started the 2018 campaign with no less than eight consecutive losses.

Windham has had something of an up and down season, going 1-4 recently.

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Derry School Kids Enjoy Annual One-Mile Races at Pinkerton

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Fourth and fifth grade students from all five of Derry's elementary schools joined with some of their peers from Saint Catherine's School of Manchester for the annual Young People's Run on the campus of Pinkerton Academy last Saturday, Oct. 13.

Some 160 runners competed in the exciting yearly event, with the Derry youngsters having prepared by participating in a five-week running program which culminated with the one-mile Young People's Run.

The top five finishers in the fourth grade girls' division

were winner Ryen Pedone of Saint Catherine's (time of 6 minutes, 54.32 seconds), runner-up Mackenzie Webster-Adams, Clare McGuinness of Saint Catherine's, Taya Brown of the Barka Elementary School, and Adrian Souza of Saint Catherine's.

In the fourth grade boys' division the top handful of finishers included winner Sean Phelps of East Derry Memorial (6:59.09), runner-up Brayden Forgang from Derry Village, Brandon Weiner of Derry Village, and Chase Thomas and Keith Townsend of Saint Catherine's.

The top five fifth grade girl finishers included winner Anna Diaz (6:44.45)



Anna Diaz, Maddie Houghton, Rececca King, Lauren Souza and Sarah Rzasa where the top fifth grade finishers at Young People's Run. *Courtesy photos*

and runner-up Maddie Houghton of Saint Catherine's, Rececca King of Derry Village, Lauren

Souza of Saint Catherine's, and Sarah Rzasa of Derry Village.

In the fifth grade boys'



The fifth grade boys' division's top five included, from left, Thomas Languigne, Michael Boudros, Jeremy Campos, Parker Brown, and Sean Hayes.

class, East Derry runners Thomas Languigne (6:31.04), Michael Boudros, and Jeremy Campos went 1-2-

3, Barka student Parker Brown placed fourth, and East Derry's Sean Hayes finished fifth.

PA Girls' Volleyball Nears End of Regular Season Struggling

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

As it strode into this, the final week of the 2018 Division I regular season, the Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad was having to deal with the fact that it had gone 1-3 in its previous four matches

and seen its record slip to 9-7.

Coach Todd Royce's Lady Astros were still full of fight and battling at every turn, but the victories just weren't coming as they had previously.

The locals went 1-1 last week, defeating a scuffling Merrimack High

crew in Derry on Wednesday, Oct. 10 before having to make the trip to Hollis two days later to battle the three-time defending state champion and undefeated Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers. And the hosts still had an unblemished record when the final buzzer blared in

that one.

In the 3-0 shutout of Merrimack, the hosts bagged straight set wins of 25-20, 25-17, and 25-10 to win going away.

The formidable PA performance featured 21 digs and 13 kills by Amelia Graves, 31 assists from Ella Dandrade, 11

service points with three aces from Lily Haywood, 10 service points and three aces from Kiley Davis, 21 digs from Reese Asselin, eight kills courtesy of Emma Bernard, and three blocks from Bekah Stallings.

On Friday the 12th coach Royce's roster didn't

make staying undefeated easy for the Hollis-Brookline juggernaut, but remain undefeated it did.

The Lady Cavs battled their way to straight set wins of 25-23, 25-19, and 25-22 despite the fact that PA got 19 digs and seven kills from Graves, 23 assists from Dandrade, 17 digs and six service points from Asselin, 14 digs and three aces from Leya Wang, and two blocks apiece from Stallings and Brooke Kane.

The local spikers' schedule for this last week of the regular campaign included a home match against a woeful Keene High contingent (1-13 in its first 14 matches) on Wednesday the 17th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a road trip to Windham to battle a Lady Jaguars' group which came into the week having won five straight matches.

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Film Showing

On Oct. 28, at 4 p.m., It's Criminal will be shown at Etz Hayim Synagogue at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. The award-winning documentary will be followed by a discussion led by the film's director, Signe Taylor. The 80-minute documentary shares the life-changing journeys of incarcerated women and Dartmouth College students working together to write and perform an original play that explores the often painful and troubled paths that landed the women behind bars, and shares some of their fragile visions for the future. The movie delves into privilege, poverty, and injustice, and asks viewers to think about who is in prison and why. In addition to exploring disparities, It's Criminal also captures how the students and prisoners struggled and ultimately succeeded in overcoming their fears and prejudices to form hard-won bonds of friendship, showing that empathy is a powerful force that can help bridge the divide. The documentary has been screened at film festivals across the country and has won a number of awards. The program is free, although donations to the synagogue to enable it to continue with this and other programming are gratefully accepted.

Farm Day

Open Farm Day here at Patch Wood Farm, in Sandown on Oct. 20, from noon - 4 p.m. Our Hooves, Paws and Claws 4H Club will have a raffle table, bake sale, petting zoo and pony rides to support their club and the horse rescue efforts of Patch Wood Farm. They will also showcase their dog obedience skills at 1:30 p.m. I have attached our flyer with all our activities for that day

Candy Cane Fair

Saint Thomas Aquinas parish will be having their Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held in the

Aquinas Center. Free admission and parking. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale table, a white elephant sale along with over 50 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. Please join us.

Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 9058 and Girl Scout Cadette & Senior Troop 23938 will be holding a Winter Coat Drive for adult and children the weekend of October 27 and 28. Give your gently used, ready-to-wear (and clean) coats new life by donating them to those in need. The Knights and Girl Scouts will be collecting coats from 4 - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday Oct. 28, in the downstairs hall at Saint Anne's Church, 26 Emerson Ave, Hampstead.

Basketball Tryouts

Travel Basketball Program Tryout dates have been confirmed and will take place at: West Running Brook (WRB) Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 20. Tryout times/schedule: Boys grades 3 - 4 at 8 a.m.; Boys grades 5 - 6 at 10 a.m.; Girls grades 5 - 6 at 12 p.m.; Girls grades 3 - 5 at 2 p.m. Additional Information: A Parent/guardian must be present at tryouts; Please show up at your designated tryout time; Additional tryout times are available on a case by case basis and only if teams are not filled during the designated Saturday tryout time; Tryout participants must complete the attached tryout waiver and bring it to tryouts. Please note that this is not an official team registration form; Unlike the Recreational Basketball program, this is a competitive basketball program which follows the rules of the Manchester Suburban Basketball League <https://leagueathletics.com/Default.aspx?org=MSBLNHCOM>; Trying out for the Travel Basketball team does not guarantee you a spot on the team. Questions? Call the Derry Parks & Recreation office at

(603) 432-6136. Read more www.derrynh.org/node/116413

Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth

On Nov. 7 the Amoskeag Mills Questers will present "Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth, 1895-1913" hosted by Dr. David "Lou" Ferland, Portsmouth, N.H. Chief of Police (Retired), Executive Director- U.S. Police Canine Assoc., and Adjunct Professor SNHU. He will be appearing in a historic police uniform, Dr. Ferland will present a visual history of crime and law enforcement through the facts and lore of Portsmouth, NH. The event is free and open to the public and begins at 10 a.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Contact Meredith Hatch 434-8673 for more information.

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Democrat Meeting

The Derry Democratic Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. We will be meeting on Oct. 25 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marrion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. This is our last meeting before the election Nov. 6. Let's make sure we are all doing all we can to help our candidates. All are welcome.

My Big Fat Monster Wedding

Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus (RNH) has an upcoming musical stage production, My Big Fat Monster Wedding. Set for

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Free Meals

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Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Derry Municipal Center. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to register new voters, receive name, address, and party changes from voters, approve applications for voter registration, and approve changes to the voter checklist. This is the last opportunity to register to vote or make changes before the Nov. 6 general election. Voters can register to vote or make changes to their registration at the polls on election day. Applications to register to vote or to make changes to a registration may also be completed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours. Voters can check their registrations on the voter checklist in the Public Research Room on the first floor of the Municipal Center or at the Derry Public Library or online at <https://app.sos.nh.gov>

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.

Tiny Tots

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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 soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

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

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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

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Walk with Me

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

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