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School Board Outlines Budget Survey Says Keep Schools Open

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The Derry Cooperative School Board met Tuesday Jan. 15 at the West Running Brook Middle School to provide both budget metrics details as well as updates about school district initiatives for the Derry Community. The meeting was well attended by the community with the public hearing about this School Board agenda.

Along with a meeting agenda, the Board also posted a presentation with the survey results regarding school closing polling they conducted for the community.

With 1,210 residents responded to the school

board's survey, over 75 percent were opposed to closing an elementary school. The survey had been open for a two-week period over the past month or so.

Reasons those in survey want to keep schools open include: fear of increased class sizes (87 percent), concerns about student achievement (67 percent), increased behavioral issues of larger schools (65 percent), and loss of key neighborhood schools (58 percent).

Those looking for school district closure initiatives wanted a tax rate decrease (44 percent) or tax savings that could fund other programs including for students. And 30 per-

cent of those against keeping all schools open, thought that closed schools could be leased for additional school or tax income.

About 47 percent said that the closure option they most preferred - if there must be a closure - was to close the SAU building and move staff to another location (47 percent). Stay tuned for the next several Board Meetings as further specific recommendations from the Superintendent and Board officials are expected.

At the meeting, voters also got a presentation that overviewed the school's budget and warrant articles for the next year. The pro-

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Planning To Have Public Hearing for a Redistricting Amendment

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The Derry Planning Board met on Jan. 16 and discussed a proposed amendment to the Town of Derry Zoning Ordinance, Section 165-30, Zoning Map, to move five (5) properties from the Central Business District to the Medium High Density Residential District (MHDR) DR (and to move six (6) properties from the Medium High Density Residential District to the Medium High Density Residential District II (MHDR II).

Specifically, the town is proposing to take 5 Elm Street area properties - 13 Elm, 19 Elm, 15 Elm, 34

Maple and 18 Maple out of the Central Business District and put them in Medium High Density Residential (MHDR) district because certain of those properties are better suited for multi-family usage or fall more likely within the guidance of the Medium High Density Residential District permitting.

For example, included in the proposed amendment is a three family building on Maple Street and a vacant lot on 19 Elm Street, which is the old shoe factory area that the town is looking to redevelop.

There is another vacant lot at the bottom of Maple owned by a doctor who has previously been approved

for townhouse project. The town wants to put the 5 properties back into MHDR zoning with a proposal to move forward to invite redevelopment primarily within the 19 Elm Street area.

Section 165-45 of the Derry Zoning ordinance from June 2017 states the specification for a Medium-High Density Residential District (MHDR). The uses permitted within this district shall be limited to the following: Single family detached dwelling, Two-family dwelling, Multi-family dwelling and Accessory apartments which must also comply with the provisions of Section 165.25. Also

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DEEP FREEZE SLIDE

Anthony Christallo braved the one-degree temperatures on Monday to do a little sledding at Alexandar Carr Park. Predictions had residents expecting about two-feet of snow on Sunday, but by Monday, there was just enough to sled with.

Photo by Chris Paul

New West Running Brook District Proposed by Economic Development

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The concept proposal to develop a new West Running Brook Village District is gaining steam with Derry Town government officials. Both the Planning Board and the Economic Development Advisory Council

(EDAC) have had serious conversations about how to optimize an area that would fit Derry's charm and provide optimized economic support for the town.

Elizabeth Orchard, EDAC Chair - presided over The Economic Development Advisory Committee at their meeting on Jan. 15, where

they took up the discussion about this area. Beverly Donovan is the Economic Development Director for Derry, who provided an overview of zoning and land use for the village concept. Donovan has been tasked to look at the town overall to see where the best opportu-

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Homeowners Request Exit 4A Project Leaders Explain Impact

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Homeowners Bill and Brendena Fleming understand the I93 Exit 4a project could impact anyone in Derry who lives in the wrong area. The Fleming's homestead has been drawn into the project with more questions than answers. So, the Flemings are requesting the Exit 4A project leaders accurately outline proposals for their homestead, so the family can get on with their life understanding the project's impact.

Three years ago, Bill and his wife Brendena purchased their Derry homestead on Tsienneto Road with a vision for their fam-

ily. The property was bought with intention of raising their family of four adopted children, six dogs and a couple of farm animals in a rural lifestyle. The children, ages four to eight, had a difficult life start, though according to Mrs. Fleming they've "made leaps and bounds with their disabilities" since moving to their country-style homestead.

Unfortunately, the Fleming's property is now at the mercy of the Exit 4A Project. After spending about \$110,000 on home improvements, the Flemings were ready to spend budget again this spring to build a barn, a chicken coop and duck house near their pond. Uncertainty

about the project now has put those plans on hold.

Though DOT project Exit 4a communications were made through public hearing announcements, online information and related general notices, project details about their property's impact did not reach the Flemings until late last Fall.

At the Exit 4a Derry Public Meeting in December, they found they could lose 5 -10 feet along three property sides through eminent domain, though that is not likely a big issue. However, the Flemings also found their property map on the meeting walls, marked with a storm water treatment easement for runoff from the inter-



Renovations to Bill and Brendena Fleming home on Tsienneto Road are on hold until they can get a better idea of the impact Exit 4A will have.

Redevelopment

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included would be Commercial Performing and Fine Arts Schools and Studios and Private schools.

The second part of the related rezoning proposal is to move 6 properties to the MHDR II district. When there was a zoning change made back in 2017, 6 properties - 8 Elm street, 42 Hillside Ave., 42.5 Hillside Ave., 44 Hillside Ave., 17.5 Pekin Street, and 54.5 Hillside Ave. were left out of the actual rezoning process.

They were really supposed to be included when

other properties were removed from that district area at the time, though for some reason those particular parcels did not get included. So, this proposal is to clean that issue up and put the properties in the MHDR II district zoning as was the intention of the rezoning effort two years ago.

Section 165-45.1 of the Derry Zoning Ordinance states the Medium-High Density Residential District II (MHDR-II) definitions. The uses permitted within this district shall be

limited to the following: Single family detached dwellings and accessory apartments and those properties must also comply with the provisions of Derry Section 165-45.1 for additional details.

At the last Planning Board meeting this situation was overviewed, and it appeared all board members were in favor of this proposal to move it through the amendment process, so for the next meeting on Feb. 6 the planning board intends to put this proposal on the agenda and schedule a public hearing likely in February.

state. The state also needs to build a culvert to direct water runoff into their pond area with a treatment system.

At the Derry public meeting, the Flemings spoke with officials to find out what the map meant and to understand what was going on. There weren't a whole lot of specifics learned from those discussions however. So, after the meeting they made multiple phone calls though they still were not getting good answers. The Flemings also wrote a letter to DOT and project leaders and copied media organizations too. After a bit of media attention, Mr. Fleming said project leaders have promised to meet with them to outline any details they could flush out.

Christopher Bean, Exit

4A project consultant reports that DOT's hands are tied about creating a storm water treatment system, because the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires it. Bean says the Flemings will be kept in the loop and there will be a public meeting this spring for affected homeowners to receive formal responses to questions.

The Flemings are looking for accurate answers: Will the project remove their trees, and if so, how many? What will the project be doing with the pond on their property? What will the property look like after these changes are made? Will any other existing sections of their property be converted to roadway?

What will the storm water treatment easement look like when done? Will

the water entering their pond harm the animals that utilize that their pond? What impact would the pond easement alteration have on their livestock?

Keith Cota, DOT project manager, said those questions are valid, but DOT doesn't have all the answers yet at this point. Both Cota and Bean have now written personal responses to the Flemings. If the Flemings do build a barn on their property, Cota said "...we won't be needing that entire area." ...so the project team will do their best to work around that.

Cota said the Flemings aren't alone, as other Derry properties are also in the path of drainage easements related to the Exit 4A project, including at 1101 Franklin St., 53 Main St. and 5 Ferland Drive.



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New District

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nities are for economic development.

She discussed this land and re-zoning idea - West Running Brook Village District - and pointed out the town has invested a lot of money here with regard to water, sewer and infrastructure systems. The proposed village area is centered around the Route 28 area including the Fairways and Clam Haven areas while extending down to the Frost Farm area.

According to Donovan, there are available land parcels, where owners are looking to sell or develop further themselves, so the

time is right to consider how to best optimize it. There has been interest from outside investors about this area, though it is not zoned for certain developments at this time. The EDAC and the Planning Board now have a chance to consider what will be the best way to rezone the area as necessary.

The Derry Planning Board has conducted several discussions about this area and in concert with the EDAC have started to examine the highest uses for this area. The idea of developing a village would allow the town to connect high density housing like the Fairways, the schools, area parks including the splash pad, and conservation spaces

along with the trails system. The area also links over to Frost Farm and has forest land with Route 28 going almost right through the middle.

This zone could become a smaller Woodmont or Tuscan Village like area, though in a smaller scale more fitting and charming for Derry.

Gordon Graham, EDAC member wants this area to be well thought out to capture the right spirit using limited mixed zoning. For example, Graham believes Derry does not need additional gas stations and discussed that while some business may be grandfathered, there is no real need to provide further gas station permits here.

Graham's vision is for a village not overly packed with residential buildings and without spaces fronted by large parking lot areas. He pointed out that what makes Derry different from other towns is that downtown building frontage is close to the street, so vehicles go behind the buildings in a friendly manner.

In Derry there are no mixed used zones currently and this would be a first for Derry. So, the EDAC members want to be very deliberate to rezone or develop this area and with a fresh village concept to attract desired community business and residential property lifestyles.

James Morgan, the Town

Council Liaison to the business development. EDAC recommended clarification of zoning rules for the area and pointed out residents have previously been burned by zoning gaps thus enabling less than desirable

And as the EDAC discussed - the process is going to take a while to get the details right - and doing it right is their goal.

OBITUARY

Gail E. Jolin



Gail E. Jolin, 72, of Chester, NH, passed away Saturday Jan. 12, 2019 in Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Queens, NY on Nov. 1, 1946, a daughter of the late Robert and Vivian (Rounds) Mackay. She had been a resident of Chester for the past 20 years, formerly living in Manchester and Londonderry, NH. Gail worked as a Special Education Aide at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. During the 1980's, she was a Londonderry Panthers Cheerleader Coach. She was very active and loved going to the beach, traveling, going on cruises and spending time at their Florida home. Gail was a volunteer for the 2012 and 2016 Democratic Presidential Campaigns. She greeted everyone with a smile. Her biggest joy was her family and the time they spent together.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Ronald E. Jolin of Chester; her three children, Mark R. Mastroberte and his wife Susan of Windham, NH, Regina A. Rivard and her husband Michael of Bedford, NH, and Jonathan S. Jolin and his wife Stephanie of Lebanon, NH; five grandchildren, Samantha Mastroberte, Jillian Mastroberte, Tyler Rivard, Marceline Jolin, and Jameson Jolin; and one brother, Kenneth Mackay. She was predeceased by a brother, Scott Mackay.

Calling hours were held on Friday Jan. 18 from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Manchester Christian Church, 56 Old Bedford Rd, Bedford, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MDS Foundation, 4573 South Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Survey

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posed total budget for 2019-20 is \$86.5 million including federal programs and self-funded food services. This is an increase of approximately \$575,000 over the current year's budget with an increase of \$219,748 for Next Charter School and \$221,419 for bus transportation that adds two more special education buses.

With security technology impacting internet usage today, the district proposed additions of cost effective anti-virus soft-

ware, and security audits for the schools along with a change for school labs to move from out-of-date expensive PCs to more cost-effective Chromebox devices.

Since Pinkerton Academy takes up about 32 percent of the total district budget, Pinkerton officials were at the meeting to overview their budget information; Pinkerton made the case for a tuition increase to \$12,778 per regular education students. Derry forecasts that about 1,630 students will attend Pinkerton next year for general enrollment with

additional students attending special education and HiSet programs.

Last November Pinkerton Headmaster, Timothy Powers provided a memo to town and school officials that stated, "We ...put together a budget fiscally responsible not only for the academy, but also to the towns we serve. Difficult decisions were made to keep to a 1.7 percent operating budget increase."

The annual public meeting for the school deliberative session will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. at the West Running Brook Middle School gym-

nasium.

Tuesday, March 12 is election day in Derry and voters will get to choose three School Board members, each for three-year terms as well as actions for the School District budget and related warrant articles.

Polls will be open in Derry on election day from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voters in districts 1 and 4 will cast ballots at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School while District 2 and 3 voters will vote at West Running Brook Middle School.

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Net Zero Plans to Go Deep for Derry To Net Zero Efficiency

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NUTFIELD NEWS

At the Jan 17 Meeting, the Net Zero Task Force Chair and Members overviewed goals for 2019 and discussed some of the team's previous accomplishments.

A major focus for the Task Force is to drive Derry energy requirements to zero net energy consumption, meaning the total amount of energy used by an entity on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy in place.

The primary effort currently for the Net Zero team is to move forward with the Derry Department of Public Works (DPW) Solar Project that the Town Council approved last year. The Task Force has taken that project to the point of developing a request for proposal (RFP) that will be sent to appropriate solar farm vendors whom they have consulted with previously. The intention here is to facilitate solar farm deployment for the DPW later this year.

Net Zero Chair, Jeff Moulton has presented a Net Zero Task Force report at the Jan. 22 Town Council about this project - as well as Net Zero's goals, milestones and future directions. The Task Force team including Vice Chair Josh Bourdon, who is also a Town Council member were available to support

his efforts.

The 1-Megawatt DPW Solar project has been previously blessed by the Town Council, after the pilot project at the Derry Public Works transfer station location was launched successfully. That pilot installation showcased an 86.4-kilowatt photovoltaic (PV) tracking system that produces over 156 megawatt-hours of electrical power per year, representing about 4% of the Town's total annual electricity usage.

Coincidentally, the Derry Town Manager, David Caron provided an update to the Town Council on Derry's pilot solar production project that the Task Force helped to facilitate for the Town last spring. And now the new 1-Megawatt Solar Project will soon provide the vast majority of the energy the Derry DPW requires.

The Task Force has created an RFP with the intention of implementing the solar farm for the Derry DPW later this year. That project will be deployed at an existing Derry landfill and is expected to cut energy emissions and save the Town money almost immediately.

The Task Force is focused on other projects for 2019, though it is hoped that other Derry Municipal organizations such as schools including Pinkerton Academy, or other organizations and

businesses will leverage the Net Zero Task Force experience to save money and energy emissions by adding additional solar installations in Greater Derry. They are happy to meet or discuss with others to help them get started with a solar energy project.

Other projects that the Task Force is looking to facilitate include charging stations for electric cars in Derry, though the State of NH is involved with setting regulations in this area. NH Senate Bill (SB) 575 requires the State DOT to provide signs for charging stations and provides the Public Utilities Commission the power to set appropriate rate structures.

That bill follows SB 517 which sets up a commission to look at ways to encourage the establishment of a charging station infrastructure, including possible tax credits, or exploring non-general fund financial assistance. Overall it is a good sign for electric vehicles, though organizations such as Net Zero can mostly only monitor State actions at this time.

The Net Zero Task force is putting emphasis on the education tools and forums to help the community realize the benefits of solar and help facilitate additional projects to drive Derry organizations, businesses and residents to Net Zero energy efficiency.

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Students Square Off at Annual South Range Spelling Bee



It took well over eight rounds to decide, but in the end, South Range fifth grader Delilah Ballou, above left, was the crowned with the title of the school's best speller. Fourth grade student Nolan Elliott, above right, was the runner-up when he was stumped by the word 'sepia.' Delilah needed to spell that word as well as 'clavicle' to win the spelling bee. The bee started with ten student, four from the fourth grade and six from fifth. By round eight of the contest, there were only two remaining. Delilah will now go on to the state competition later this year.

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Get Balanced: Derry Parks and Rec Offers Health Benefits with Tai Chi

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Have you ever worried about losing your balance or being embarrassed about not being able to quickly stand up after a fall? This can be a difficult health issue for many people. In the fast-past world, many adults have gotten out of balance, so Derry Parks and Recreation has a solution for you.

Since the beginning of the new Year 2109, the Parks and Recreation Department has opened its doors to anyone interested in researched based fitness classes, community engagement, and preventative health screenings. This year, the Department has launched the new "Better

Balance Health Series" program in collaboration with area businesses to help older adults be better balanced and reduce their risk of falling.

This new program has been developed to increase discussion and provide strategies around falls prevention in the Greater Derry Community. This series has been thoughtfully designed to bring adults the programs, research, and expertise on how to prevent falls for individuals and their loved ones.

Unlike other falls programs, this program encourages anyone to start at any time during this 6-month schedule, so goal setting can begin immediately. In addition to the course, a new mini brochure and resource

guide is available that lists community services and falls prevention strategies that can be used immediately.

During the first week of January over 125 people registered and participated in programming through the Derry Parks & Recreation Department Elder programs (age 50+ or better) at the Veterans Hall located at 31 West Broadway.

They participated in free classes, a first ever winter community social, and a balance challenge. Preventing falls was at the top of the list for many attendees and through the Balance Screening, the department provided a fall's prevention balance assessment with risk pre-

vention strategies to approximately 15-20 adults. However, falls prevention is far from a new topic for the Derry Parks & Recreation Department.

In early 2016, Nicole Ferrante, Recreation Coordinator, participated in a Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance class. Her experience lead her to teach Tai Chi as a part of the researched based falls prevention course to Derry Residents Age 50+.

Tai Chi is a welcome solution for people looking for a healthy, balanced, mindfulness focus in their life. Tai Chi as a health training, concentrates on relieving the physical effects of stress on the body and mind while supporting physically balanced move-

ment.

Ferrante says, "We need to shift the mindset that falling is a natural expectation of aging. Instead, by acknowledging that falls can be prevented, we can champion our own health right here in our Greater Derry Community. Research shows that active participation in early preparedness programs, such as research-based fitness classes as well as educational and support structures, can prevent unexpected and fatal falls. Only once we remove the stigma that this is only about aging, can we make a serious impact on improving the quality of life for our community with balance."

Further she states, "We are removing the excess

information to highlight what we know works and has been established in the community. Our goal is to connect Greater Derry Residents to programs, services, and education that will help them stay and live their best life in their homes as long as possible. By facilitating the programs and services through the Derry Parks & Recreation Department, we can provide our voice and resources to eliminate the guess work on where to go and who can help."

To learn more about falls prevention initiatives, free balance programming, and other adult programs contact the Derry Parks & Recreation Department at (603) 432-6136 or derryrecreation@derrynh.org

Zoning Board Allows Variances for Motorcycle Shop on Manchester Road

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

William & Sarah Basnett dba: Rick's Motorcycle Ent. Inc. have sold motorcycles in Plaistow over the past years. They had a big showroom and a lot of space to also sell accessories and with a service area. However, the current property rented in Plaistow is being sold, so they have decided to make a move.

As the Basnetts reviewed their business plans to choose next steps, they decided a good place to

bring their business would be to Derry. They also thought about how to best set up their business for long term and decided to downsize from their current large building in Plaistow to a smaller space that may also be better located.

And they thought about how to develop additional winter time business, so they are diversifying to sell more products than motorcycles including snowmobiles, ATVs UTVs and accessories excluding anything that is automotive.

When they looked around Derry, they found a

good property on 22 Manchester Road, Derry. This area is an industrial type zone area and not zoned as a place for vehicle or automotive sales - as the Derry Planning Board wants to keep that area clean from used car lot sales. So the Basnetts developed an understanding with the property owner that if they were to move to this location, they would have to go before the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment to request a variance. They have no intention of developing outdoor car lots or even having an outdoor

motorcycle sales lot and wanted the board to know they were a good small business for Derry.

They went before the Board and told their story. A representative of the condo association in the area also went before the board to politely point out that this current zoning and the industrial condos do not allow motor vehicle type business - the board agreed that was the case, though they pointed out the intention of the zoning was to stop used car dealer lots and that a "Mom and Pop" business so well intentioned might be a good fit for the property.

The ZBA members discussed that an inside business that would have small indoor show room, an area for accessory sales and an outback inside shop serv-

ice area might actually be a better choice for business in the area than less desirable business tenants. In an unanimous decision, the ZBA approved the variance, subject to proper permitting and regulations and without car sales - and that variance would terminate if these business owners left the building.

However, in the next variance request session property owner, Pathway Homes was not so lucky with their ZBA variance request decision. They had purchased a distressed property and knocked down an old broken-down home in a low medium residential zone for single family residences. The property was several acres and a new home was being built. The new owner also wanted to subdivide the lot

up to build another home to sell explaining that the property was a hardship case with space for more building.

His neighbors and the ZBA disagreed because the property area was zoned as Low Medium Density Residential Property with lot size restrictions for subdividing.

What the owner wanted to do would be to create the area into a higher density residential property plot where there might also be a traffic safety problem not suitable for the property area located on 13 Hemlock Spring Road. The ZBA unanimously disapproved the variance as the circumstance would not fit zoning or was in their estimation a hardship to the property owner.

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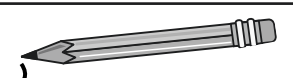
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Greater Derry Arts Council Forms Public Arts Committee

SUBMITTED BY
MICHAEL GENDRON

It is with great excitement that the Greater Derry Arts Council announces that the recently formed Public Arts Committee has become an official committee of the GDAC.

According to Michael Gendron, President of the GDAC, the Public Arts Committee was born quite organically by a group of Derry citizens who sought to bring a wider variety of artistic expression out into the community. Their mission is to create new and exciting interactive artistic outreach to the community

with the added benefit of perhaps improving economic development in Derry by attracting art lovers to our town.

The Chairperson of the committee is Beverly Donovan, the current Derry Economic Development Director and her team (made up of many enthusiastic and motivated local citizens & artists) has already produced some truly fun and innovative art projects. Recently, artists painted upright pianos that people no longer wanted. They then placed the decorative pianos outdoors throughout the town for anyone to sit down and

play. It was so successful that Pinkerton Academy is considering continuing the idea around their campus. A very successful "Pop Up" Artist Show was set up recently in a vacant commercial space located in Hood Commons. Local artists displayed their artwork and over 200 folks attended the art show. The best news to come out of the event was that a commercial real estate broker attending the event is now negotiating a lease agreement for the vacant retail space. They are also working on an exciting mural project that will reflect our 300th Anniversary of Nut-

field celebrations taking place this year.

The committee hopes to produce many more exciting projects but realized that it needed non-profit status to seek grants, donations and/or sponsors to offset the costs of creating "Art for Arts Sake". Marilyn Olbricht of the GDAC recently reached out to Ms. Donovan to consider coming under the auspices of the Arts Council. The GDAC voted to make the Public Arts Committee an official committee at their recent annual meeting which now makes them a vital part of their non-profit corporation. Until now,

the volunteer Trustees of the GDAC generally devoted much of their time managing and maintaining the Derry Opera House located within the Historic Adams Memorial Building in downtown Derry. Logically, their artistic focus has long been theater based art expression featuring many plays, musicals, dance recitals, talent shows and concerts. Mr. Gendron, felt that "having the Public Arts committee on board will provide new and exciting avenues of artistic expression that have long been overlooked and welcoming this new committee into the fold was a nat-

ural course of action that aligns perfectly with our mission to promote the arts in our community".

To learn more or become involved with the Public Arts Committee, email Beverly Donovan at beverlydonovan@derrynh.org. Visit www.derry-operahouse.com and check our events calendar to see all the upcoming performances taking place at the Derry Opera House. To learn more or become involved with the Greater Derry Arts Council and the Derry Opera House, email them at gdac_info@derryarts.org

Get Warmed Up and Ready for the Derry Frost Festival Feb. 8-10

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In Derry, the 20th Annual Frost Festival in February is a cool time to celebrate the spirit of winter. This year's Frost Festival starts on Friday Feb. 8 and continues through Sunday Feb. 10.

Nicole Ferrante, Derry Parks and Recreation Coordinator says this year's family weekend event will feature some fresh surprises. "The Frost Festival highlights the beauty and excitement our community. Through Frost Festival, guests are encouraged to venture outside and discover our parks all year long and even when it gets to cold outside, there are plenty of entertaining indoor activities. This annual event offers a variety of fun happenings for all ages, stages, and abili-

ties at no cost."

New this year, the Festival will be utilizing Hood Pond for their premier ice-skating rink. The Pinkerton Academy Hockey Team will be in attendance at Hood Park as long as weather permits for a meet and greet and to skate with the children. Hood Park is a great community park for families to enjoy some winter fun with ample parking.

Ferrante adds that information specifics for the festival will be updated as conditions allow, so please check updates at www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation

Linda Benson, Frost Festival Leader reports, "This event is for families to get out and enjoy the winter. It has been organized for lots of fun, thanks to efforts by The Frost Festival Committee of Derry

with support from the Derry Parks and Recreation Team, as well as with help from many additional sponsors and volunteers."

Benson and Ferrante provided an overview of some of this year's events that are sure to appeal to families, kids and adults.

Friday night is movie night with ice sculpturing outside the Derry Opera House. This year's Frost Festival Movie will be screened at the Derry Opera House starting at 6 p.m. and features the classic family movie "Big" with Tom Hanks. For more information, visit www.thisismyderry.com

Ferrante noted, "There is also a Family Spaghetti Supper on Friday, Feb 8 that will commence at 5 p.m. and be held at the Pinkerton Academy Senior Café." Tickets are available at the Derry Recre-

ation Department. Families and all ages are encouraged to attend. There is a suggested donation of \$1.00 per person or eat for FREE with a canned food donation at the door.

There will be a special kid's show on Saturday with Wildlife Encounters and puppet show from the Derry Library. Saturday's events also include activities at Midgard Comics such as face painting, games, and balloon art.

Sunday offers plenty of sledding and more winter outdoor fun at Alexander-Carr Park - depending on the weather.

There is also the traditional Frost Ball, Saturday night for adults, 21 plus - at Birchwood Vineyards, that is top event for many Greater Derry Area resi-

dents. Last year the Frost Ball event sold out quickly, so if you are interested, get your ticket soon. Tickets are sold via Facebook.

Traditional Frost Festival events continue on Sunday, so come prepared for activities at Alexander-Carr Park including face painting, sledding, arts and crafts, and the crowning of Frost Festival King and Queen.

Frost Ball ticket prices

include appetizers, dinner, dessert, and entertainment. Groups that want to sit together should purchase tickets as a group for seating purposes.

Ferrante added, "This annual event is one you just don't want to miss this year!"

So, come out to the Frost Festival starting Feb. 8 and spend some cool time with the family!

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DERRY SPORTS

Kane Reaches 1,000 Points, During Battle of Unbeaten Teams

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was a night of mixed feelings at the Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gym on Friday, Jan. 18. On one side, the Lady Astros, who won each of its first eight games this season, by an average of 31.1 points, suffered a 59-46 loss to the perfect three-time champions Bishop Guertin, who proved why they are the reigning state champions.

On the other hand though, that same night will be remembered as the night team star, senior Brooke Kane, became the school's fifth Girls' Varsity Basketball player ever to reach 1,000 career points. Kane, who needed 27 points, finished the game with 28, scoring a late three pointer for the local team.

Last year's Division I MVP joined an exclusive list, with the like of Kris Kinney (1985), Christina Siragusa (2000), Jenny McDade (Class of 2006) and A.J. Guidi (Class of 2010). Kinney, who is the UNH all-time leading scorer, and Kane is committed to play for the Wildcats next year. Kinney was informed by the Nutfield News about the



PA junior Sofia Riccio was forced to leave the game early with a knee injury suffered while going on a fast break and lay-up.

new member of the Astros 1,000-point club commenting, "I am excited to hear about that. It is great for Brooke and for women's basketball. I made great memories at Pinkerton and know how much hard work

she must have put in to get to where she is. It was also great to see her choosing UNH. This is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations".

After the game, when asked about being the fifth Pinkerton girl player to achieve the milestone, Kane shared, "I was excited. I wasn't expecting it because I wasn't really counting how many points I had, I didn't even realize the three-pointer put me at 1,000, I thought I'd have to wait until our next game, but when I found out, it was very exciting."

As mentioned, there was also a game, and it did not go very well for the Astros, who barely scored in the first half (13-7 BG after one quarter, 28-13 at halftime), could not handle the champions press defense and saw Sofia Riccio leave the game early on in the first quarter with a knee injury suffered while going up for lay-up off a fast break.

Kane had eight points in the first half and Madison

Mahoney six, before another run by the visitors made it 48-27 with eight minutes to play, effectively ending the contest. Kane scored 11 points in the third quarter. Mahoney finished with 15 points, while Jesse Ames, Avah Ingalls and Allison Ingalls had one point each.

Three days prior to that game, Pinkerton won a comfortable 58-28 contest at Keene High School.

The Astros began the game bad, trailing 13-8 at the end of the first quarter, but woke up later, leading 28-20 by halftime and using a 19-2 third quarter to enter the last eight minutes with a 47-22 lead. Mahoney scored 17 in that game,

Kane had 13, Jesse Ames eight, Allison Ingalls seven points, Megan King four, Samantha Franks three and Alyssa DiMauro and Mackenzie Dolan two each.

Pinkerton will try to regain its momentum this Friday when they host Goffstown, another unbeaten team in Division I.



Pinkerton Academy senior Brooke Kane hit a major milestone in her basketball career last week while facing Bishop Guertin. She reached 1,000 points after scoring 28 points on the night. Photos by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Academy Hockey Team Beats Rivals Lancers 3-1

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming off their first loss of the season, the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team faced a big test on Wednesday, Jan. 16, when they hosted rivals Londonderry High School at the Ice Den in Hooksett. Suffice it to say, they aced that test.

The Astros, with some help of their fans, had a dominant performance and won 3-0, bringing their season record to an impressive 8-1.

Pinkerton got off to a great start against Lon-



PA junior Jack Normand got a power play goal in the game against the Lancers last week.

donderry, when Brandon Banks scored an unassisted goal, just 3:41 minutes into the game. That was also the only first period but in the second, with Londonderry receiving a total of six penalties, with that help, the Astros were able to score twice more. Hunter Drouin assisted a Jack Normand power play goal, 8:40 minutes into the period and Patrick Last scored thanks to an assist from Ethan Burgess, with less than two and a half minutes remaining in the period.

"It was not our best game of the season", admitted PA coach Sam

Littlefield, "We did not score in the third period and that is not what we wanted, but it is a rivalry game and they always play us hard. We certainly did not bring our A game. We got into a good rhythm in the second, things were clicking, but still I would have liked for more goals. The kids are always ready for this game, so it is not a challenge to prepare them, but we have to keep them focused. We talked about intensity after our first lost and the kids reacted well".

The two teams are scheduled to play each other again this season on Feb. 20 at Londonderry's home ice. The team was also scheduled to visit Exeter High School on Saturday, but the weather postponed that game and it was played on Wednesday, Jan. 23 instead, after the Nutfield News went to print.



Pinkerton Academy senior Brendon Banks was the first goal scorer in the game against Londonderry High School last Wednesday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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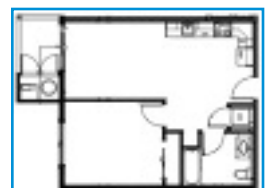
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PA Girls Hockey Team Celebrates Seasons Second Victory



Molly Fahey was the first scorer during the win against Manchester Central. Photo by Chris Paul

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Things are looking much better lately for the new Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team, and on Tuesday, Jan. 15, they got to celebrate their second win in program's history, a one-sided 9-0 in an away game over Manchester Central. Then, their scheduled Saturday match in Keene had to be moved to another date because of the storm.

From the second the puck dropped at the JFK Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday, it was clear who the better team is on the ice. The Lady Astros, com-

ing back from a tough 11-1 loss to Concord just three days prior to this game, needed only 104 second to find the net for the first, and certainly no last, time. Molly Fahey was the first scorer of the day, with Lauren Riviere providing the assist.

It took the Astros just 22 more seconds to make it a 2-0 game, with Celina Singster scoring, thanks to an assist by both Hailey Sauer and Riviere, who finished the game with three assists overall. Jordyn Wasiejko, the team's leading scorer, got her first goal of the game 5:51 minutes in, Kelsey Levesque scored after 7:21 minutes of play,

Spencer St. Pierre joined in with a goal at the 8:01 mark and 14 seconds before the first period ended, Wasiejko made it 6-0. She also had two assists later, for the Julia Samiotes goal in the second period and the Madeline Knight goal that opened the third. The last goal of the day belonged to Brittany DeCosmo. Goalie Alexis Skafas needed only four stops to complete the shut-out.

For the Astros, who opened the season with five straight losses, this was the second win in three games and coach Scott Dunn sounded very encouraged, saying "This feels good, we let players who did not

get a lot of ice time so far to play today and some of them even got a goal. I think we are at a point where almost everybody scored a goal for us this year. It was fun seeing the girls who are new to hockey and are working hard in practice actually go out there and spend some on the ice. The team is absolutely developing".

Astro point getter Wasiejko added, "I think we are doing an amazing job for a first year team. We did not know each other at all and we are having fun. I feel my game is progressing, I work with the other girls on different skills and it is great".

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 14



Brooke Kane
Senior, Girls Basketball

Brooke Kane scored her 1,000 point against Bishop Guertin, becoming the fifth Girls Basketball player to do so at Pinkerton Academy. She epitomizes what the Pinkerton Girls Basketball program is all about.



Jonathan Last
Senior, Boys Ice Hockey

Last is an extremely hard worker. He leads his team on and off the ice. Last motivates his teammates and holds them accountable. He gives everything he has on the ice and shows his teammates hard work pays off.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

PA Boys' Hoops Squad Continues Skid, Drop Two More Contests

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The struggles continue for the Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Basketball team, as they lost two more games last week to have their season record now stand at 0-7.

On Tuesday, the Astros hosted Spaulding and the visitors outside shooters got seven three-pointers in the first quarter and jumped to an early 27-10 lead. Pinkerton's struggles continued in the next eight minutes of basketball and the halftime score was 41-15 in favor of the visitors. The second half evened out

a bit more, with the Astros outscoring the visitors in the third quarter 10-9, but the winner was clear well before the final period with score of 60-30 to end things.

Jay Reynolds, who had seven points in the first and third quarters, finished the game with a total of 19. Brady Day scored six points, Andy MacDonald and Michael Packowski had two each and Nazair DaBreo scored one point. Coach Peter Rosinski said after the game, "Spaulding

came out and did not miss and the ball was not dropping for us. We have to keep working, some of our guys are still overcoming injuries and it messed up our chemistry. That is part of basketball; the kids are working hard and trying. We said at halftime that we want to win a quarter in this game and it happened, against a great shooting team. So that is progress".

On Friday, Jan. 18, the Astros lost again, this time in an away game, 73-37, against Bishop Guertin.

Pinkerton was relatively close after one quarter, trailing 18-10, but could not find answers against the locals' offense, led by Joey Dasilva who scored 11 points. A strong second quarter by BG made it 43-18 at the break and the third quarter's score was 60-25, before a close 13-12 last quarter.

Reynolds was once again PA's leader with 12 points. Astros got seven points from Nick Lombard, six from MacDonald, five from James Flynn, four from Andrew Bolduc, two from Jacob Lear and one from DaBreo. They to Goffstown on Friday, 6:30 p.m., still looking for their first win in this campaign.

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Astro Wrestlers Battle Tough Teams at Springfield Mass. Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

With a week off due to mid-term testing, and no regular season dual meet, the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Wrestling team traveled to western Massachusetts for the Springfield Central Duals on Saturday with plenty of energy. That energy helped them to face some of the powerhouses in New England wrestling and win one of their four duals.

The Astros day began with a tight 42-39 loss to the extremely strong Mt. Anthony High School team from Vermont. Then, Pinkerton lost 47-33 to Shawshen Tech from Massachu-

setts. The Astros' only victory of the meet came from another granite state team, a 52-24 over Keene High School. The team finished the day falling to hosts Springfield Central, 58 to 15.

There were 15 wrestlers representing the Pinkerton team throughout the long day, with most of them participating in four matches. Dom Robinson had three wins and just one loss in the 113 lb. Mark Harrington (130) finished his day with one win and three losses and Walker Stinson (126) was perfect with a 3-0 record.

In the 132 spot, David Hammond won three out of four and in the 138, Marcus

Sconza had the opposite record. In the 152 slot, Tyler MacKiernan had a 3-1 record and Robbie Morin won his only match. Jack MacKiernan had a split record 2-2 at 160 lb., Sterling McLaughlin was perfect with 4-0 in the 182 weight, Ben Colson lost three and won one in the 195, Christian Kuechler had three wins and one loss at 220 and Nick Fortunata's day ended with one win in four matches.

The team resumed its regular season action on Wednesday, Jan. 23, with a home meet against Windham and will be part of the Capital City Classic this Saturday.



Sterling McLaughlin had a perfect 4-0 day on Saturday, Jan. 19 in Springfield, Mass.

Pinkerton Academy Bowlers Win Weekend Home Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Bowling team was the winner of their last Saturday (Jan. 19) meet at Strikers East in Raymond.

The Astros faced the hosts, as well as Dover, Souhegan and Spaulding and took the number one seed for the baker rounds with a two-game standard ten pin total of 1,783 points.

Captain Jason Barton

rolled games of 195 and 149, Matt Gagnon had 158 and 122, Bryant Nourse finished his day with a fine 208 and a 164, Lance Lemieux rolled 172 and a nice 224, Harry Michaud had 186 and 205 and roster member and

captain Meghan Slater got 116 and 123.

Spaulding took the second seed for the day with 1,763, Raymond was third with 1,663, Dover finished fourth with 1,508 and Souhegan fifth with 1,506. Souhegan defeated Dover in the single elimination preliminary baker round.

The Astros defeated the Souhegan Sabers in two games in Round One: 198 to 140 and 150 to 123.

The Astros then had a very exciting Round Two match against the Raymond Rams. Both teams tied the first game at 159, with Pinkerton taking the roll-off 40 pins to Raymond's 24.

The second game came down to the last frames, with Lemieux striking in the ninth and Michaud throwing three strikes in the tenth, helping the team win 195 to 191.

Pinkerton Varsity earned 12 points for the day with its first place finish.

PA Ski Teams Have Strong Performances at Pat's Peak

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Alpine Skiing teams performed quite well on Thursday, Jan. 17, in what was their third competition of the season at Pat's Peak in Henniker. The Girls' team finished the meet tied for first place, while the Boys' team got the second spot overall out of seven schools, including Concord, Nashua North, Nashua South, Timberlane, Merrimack and rivals Londonderry High School.

The girls scored a total of 378 points, same as Concord, who shared first place with them. Londonderry was third with 370 points. PA's fastest fin-

isher was Katelyn Bennett, who took third place and 98 points with a time of 51.40 seconds. Hannah Peterson was fourth overall with 51.42, Danielle Martineau was fifth (51.45) and Elizabeth Veale 14th (1:02.85), scoring 87 points.

Other girls who crossed the finish line were Annabel Veale (19th, 1:04.24), Danielle St. Peter (20th, 1:04.37), Miranda Eckerman (21st, 1:04.81), Maddie Frank (25th, 1:06.76), Caryl Huebner (26th, 1:07.57) and Sydney Pratt (28th, 1:09.35). Emily Gardner did not finish the race.

Concord was the winning team on the boys' side with 392 points, while the Astros scored 376, good for second place. Timberlane

finished third with 364 points. Kenny McCarthy led the PA boys with the third place in the race and a 49.36 time. Owen Sezgin finished sixth (52.60), receiving 95 points, Camden Caswell ninth (56.03, 92 points) and Brandon Simpson tenth (57.34, 91 points). Zack Kahn got the 18th place (1:00.44), Jack Berrigan finished 23rd (1:01.91), James Smith was 27th (1:04.01), Ethan Hatch 28th (1:04.20), Matt Huebner 41st (1:11.65) and Jackson Kuncik 46th (1:16.58).

The next competition for the Astros will be at Crotched Mountain on Friday, Jan. 25 starting at 3 p.m., with Keene hosting the meet.

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Pinkerton Academy Swimmers Split with Exeter and Alvirne



Camelia Hannah has been helping her team greatly this year.



Jackson Neeb has been a major contributor for the boys. *Photos by Chris Paul*

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

With the Winter Swimming season almost over, every event counts right now, as the Division I State Meet are only a couple of weeks away. On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Swimming teams faced Alvirne and Exeter high schools at the Workout

Club in Londonderry, and both the girls' and the boys' team had losses to Exeter, but won their matchups against Alvirne. Pinkerton had Camelia Hannah, Amanda Roberge, Olivia Neville and Maya Hedstrom at second place in the 200-yard Medley Relay (2:07.12). Neville (2:07.50) won the 200-Freestyle, while Jackson Neeb took second place

among the boys (1:59.40) and Tyler Montgomery third (2:12.43). William Poole placed third in the 200-Individual Medley swim (2:29.59). Hedstrom was the winner of the 50-yard Freestyle swim (27.60) and Hannah finished third (27.97), same as Gavin Divilbiss in the 100-yard Butterfly (1:00.12) and Hedstrom herself in the 100-yard Freestyle (1:02.03). Neville was the fastest 500-yard Freestyle swimmer with 5:45.56 and in the boys' swim, Neeb took second place (5:22.47). The Astros had teams at third place in the girls' (Kiley Winer, Meghan Knight, Campbell Lacroix and Ana Bjelogrljic - 1:58.09) and boys' (Anderson Sharp, Lucak Hakme Silva, Montgomery and Neeb - 1:49.19) 200 yard Freestyle Relays. In the 100-yard Backstroke, Divilbiss was second (1:07.04) and James Small third (1:11.84) and Hannah finished third in the 100-yard Breaststroke (1:23.33). The last swims of the meet were the 400-yard Freestyle Relays, with the Astros getting the girls' second place (Neville, Roberge, Hannag and Hedstrom - 4:05.22) and the boys' third (Divilbiss, Neeb, Hakme Silva and Christian Nelson - 3:55.75). Pinkerton has one more meet this season, a home meet this Saturday (Jan. 26, 11:30 p.m.) at the Southern New Hampshire University pool, where they will host four other schools.



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Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 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, or email renewcalvary@gmail.com.

Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry, will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning on Friday March 8, and continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry.

Dinner includes a fried had-dock fish fillet, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and a roll for \$9.50. The children's dinner includes fish sticks, or mac and cheese, with french fries for \$3.50. Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact stevellhom@aol.com.

Democrat Meeting

Derry Democratic Committee will meet on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Tyler Sweeney, State Director of The Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan organization focused on the federal budget and the need for generationally-responsible, national fiscal policy. He will be presenting a budget exercise to work through our own policy priorities from the perspective of a member of Congress. The Derry Democratic Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 W. Broadway, Derry. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Nelson Chair, Derry Democratic Committee at 603-505-5617.

VA Bingo

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize

money. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613.

National Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Using Molds to make resin parts Rich Breton will be on hand to show examples of various molds, including two part molds, and will spend in time with an interactive discussion and a show and tell type format. Mold making/casting is a way to get small detail parts not otherwise available. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. 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.

Managing Difficult Conversations

In this workshop discover and apply different practices in order to move forward in an agreeable manner when these situations arise. This session will expand your ability to convert difficult situations into collaborative solutions, taking place on Jan. 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Gilbert Hood Middle School 5 Hood Rd., Derry. Pre-registration is required for this free workshop. To pre-register please contact Maryellen Taglilatela at the Derry Cooperative School District (603) 432-1210 or mtaglilatela@sau10.org. If you require special accommodations please specify when registering. Please note that the district will be recording this workshop for future viewing. Childcare will not be provided.

Stop Motion Animation Class

This Is An Ongoing Class and Meets Jan. 31, and Feb. 14, and 28 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. This hands-on class teaches the step-by-step process of creating stop motion animation, from the making of flexible characters out of clay, all the way to the completion of a finished scene. Using more modern frame grabbing technology to capture images, students will be able to see their progress each day. Ages 12-18

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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

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

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.

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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