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Council Designates Town Area as New Cultural District

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On Tuesday, March 5, the Derry Town Council met and discussed and during the new business section of the meeting a discussion with taken up with Beverly Donovan, Derry's Economic Development Director on a Cultural District.

Donovan presented the Town Council with information about Town's Resolution #2019-006 for their consideration. That initiative was developed to establish the Derry Cultural District and to designate a portion of the Town specifically for that purpose.

The proposal was advanced by the Greater Derry Arts Council (GDAC) and

the GDAC Public Arts Committee in alignment with the Town Council and the Derry Town Charter.

Derry Town Administrator, David Caron, who was attending the meeting, encouraged the Town Council to approve the Resolution which will provide for an official Cultural District designation that would become a part of the Town's mapping.

Donovan was joined at the Town Council meeting by Michael Gendron, GDAC Trustee and President.

Gendron told the council he was thrilled with the new opportunity for the district that was being presented to them that evening.

Gendron said, "The New

Hampshire State Council of the Arts positions that art has the power to stimulate New Hampshire's economy, cultivate community vitality and enhance life for all residents of the state. The state has a goal to invest in a strong arts ecosystem to create impact for our well-being as residents of the state, so the N.H. is heavily investing in the arts across the entire state."

Governor Sununu recently appointed Commissioner Sarah Stewart to oversee the new Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to leverage NH's unique assets. GDAC has recognized this appointment as an important gesture and agrees that arts and culture

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Town Council, School Board Discuss New State Legislation

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On Thursday, March 7, the Derry Town Council and the Derry School Board held a special joint subcommittee meeting to focus on solving common challenges that affect the community and tax payers.

"Our discussion tonight will be primarily based upon the N.H. legislative voting on areas that involve both the Town and the School district," said James Morgan, Town Council Chairman.

Lynn Perkins, School Board Chair reported, "This is the sixth meeting for collaboration between the School Board and the Town Council and this public

meeting is good for the whole community."

Morgan offered that the joint subcommittee should begin discussion with a review of the bills currently in front of the N.H. State legislature that would impact Derry's schools and the town. Most of these bills would more likely impact the school district than town municipalities.

Perkins started the discussion "I have a couple of legislative bills to discuss I think are key to our schools and community issues. Though one of them has just died." Several Derry area legislative representatives were in attendance and pointed out that certain educational bills that have recently died may have been

superseded by bills to better align support efforts.

Perkins asked school board member Dan McKenna to help discuss the district's priorities within the scope of the current legislation. During a recent board meeting, McKenna had said, "It's important the school board starts taking action to plan accordingly." So, the subcommittee members discussed how important it is to review the State Legislation in context of the school planning and budgets.

The Derry school district has been going through difficult planning sessions over recent months to provide options for school district changes, due to the stress on school budgets impacted by

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Cuttin' Loose

Mary Wolf, Arleen Potter, Keiko MacKinnon were just three of the many attendees dancing to the Macarena at the annual Senior Dance hosted by the National Junior Honor Society at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School last week. See more photos on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Resmini Will Take Over as Dean of Faculty at Pinkerton

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Headmaster Timothy Powers recently announced that Jennifer Resmini, has been named the school's new Dean of Faculty.

Resmini is currently Chair of the Social Studies Department, and in her new position, Resmini will be

responsible for the hiring, evaluation, and supervision of all professional staff as well as the mentor program for new hires and professional development. Resmini will be taking over for Beverly Lannan, who is retiring at the end of the year.

"I have been the recipient of great support during

my time at Pinkerton, as a department head and teacher," said Resmini. "I hope to be able to provide a similar level of support to the faculty as we continue to progress and advance as a school community."

A respected and established member of the faculty, Resmini started teaching

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Reflections Program Awards State Winners in Derry

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This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the National PTA Reflections Program for the Arts. The theme for this year's student artists was "Heroes Around Me". On March 6, the New Hampshire State PTA presented the Reflections exhibit and awards for many of the arts projects that were entered into the N.H. State PTA contest.

The N.H. State Awards ceremony took place at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School in Derry, New Hampshire and began with open time for attendees to browse the art exhibit awards before student awards were handed out. Award presentations were conducted by N.H. PTA Reflection Chair, Sally Bertrand and by Michelle McKinnon, New Hampshire PTA president.

Bertrand has been involved with the Reflections program for many years and has seen the program grow each year, as more PTA units and students were added to the program. This will be Bertrand's last year as Chair and she was visibly excited, as she called out the award winners and



East Derry Memorial second grader Oliver Forbes got a first place trophy for his Literature submission.



West Running Brook eighth grade student Victoria Paradise took first in Photography. Photos by Chris Paul

the young artists presented their works, projects and movements to the audience.

Bertrand said, "Reflections is a wonderful way to encourage young artists and this year was special, as it was the 50th anniversary of this national PTA program. The children in New Hampshire have many talents and the Reflections program is a wonderful way for the children to express themselves. One of the things I like the most about the program is that it gives an opportuni-

ty for recognition to students, who may not excel in academics or sports."

Bertrand also pointed out that the New Hampshire PTA is especially proud to be a part of the national PTA reflections program. The PTA believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in the annual reflections program. In its 50-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation who attend American schools to explore their artistic talents.

This year in New Hampshire, 30 local PTA units

participated, and 247 pieces of artwork were judged at the N.H. State level. The twenty-one 1st place winners in the various arts programs will go on to the national PTA judging and national winners will be announced in May.

The categories in the national and N.H. Reflection program include literature, music composition, visual arts, photography, film production and dance choreography.

Several local students won First-In-State honors. Oliver Forbes, a second grader from East Derry, won first place for his literature story titled "Hero". In the

photography category, Isabella Smith, a second grader from South Londonderry, won first for her photograph titled "Desmond the Therapy Horse". Also, in the photography category Victoria Paradise, a sixth grader from West Running Brook School in Derry, won first prize for her photography titled "The Power of Produce". In the film production category, Riley Pearson, an eighth grader from West Running Brook School in Derry, won first prize for her film titled the "Heroes Inside Us".

Other local students won merit awards including Charlotte Rolfe, a third

grader from South Londonderry for literature, Sarah King, an eighth grader from West Running Brook for music composition, Caitlyn Batts, a fifth grader from South Londonderry for dance choreography, Gabriella Freccero, kindergarten from Moose Hill for visual arts, Leah Kemball-Cook, a fifth grader for visual arts, Katelynn Ortiz, an eighth grader from Gilbert Hood middle school for visual arts, and Riley Pearson, an eighth grader from West running Brook for visual arts,

Michael Cowan, a second grader from East Derry was honored for photography, Brielle Cowan, a fifth grader from East Derry for photography, Jamie Nease, a fifth grader from Matthew Thornton for photography, Leela Smith, an eighth grader from South Londonderry for photography, Emma Hazard, an eighth grader from West Running Brook for photography, Henry Forbes, kindergarten from East Derry for film production, Sarah Pearson, a fifth grader from Derry Village for film production, and Victoria Paradise, a sixth-grader from West Running Brook for film production.

The theme for next year's national PTA reflections will be "Look Within". Interested students may start on their artwork now to compete for next years awards.

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enrollment projections and with considerations of tax burdens on town residents.

In light of these issues, the Derry Cooperative School Board had agreed in mid-February on a grade school population trigger number to set in motion the closing of an elementary school to keep budgets in line. With a current enrollment of 2,024, the School Board set an enrollment threshold for a school closure option at 1,925 students in grades K through 5. This number set by the board set represents 90% student capacity across the Derry Cooperative School District based on an average class size of 21.6 students.

In context of the challenges the school district is facing, subcommittee members discussed how there may be good news on the way, as the New Hampshire House has passed legislative bills in last several weeks designed to help school districts deal with financial shortfalls that have N.H. school districts closing schools, laying off staff and cutting back on services.

Bills were just recently passed in the N.H. House to maintain resource grants designed to lessen the impact of declining enrollments, support stable funding for full-day kindergarten and provide changes to the educational funding formula.

These new bills signal a growing understanding on most political sides about the fiscal woes of N.H. school districts such as Derry is facing in context to tax revenues.

The bills recently passed include HB 177, which would put an end to the phase-out of stabilization grants originally designed to help school district budgets. This would happen by keeping N.H. state aid per student stable, even as enrollment declines over time. If this bill becomes a law as is, stabilization grants will continue at the 2016 levels of support. Under current the state law, grants are now being reduced by 4 percent annually, creating wide-ranging stress across N.H. school districts including Derry.

These bills that can help state school districts will next be reviewed by House Finance Committee mem-

bers and returned to House Reps for a second vote before moving within the legislative process to the Senate. Many N.H. State Reps are recognizing that there are too many towns in dire straits right now, and that responsible legislation is going to have to do something about it.

The House also passed HB 184, and that bill includes full-day kindergarten students as part of regular state education funding, rather than the current reliance on revenue based Keno gambling. Money from Keno would instead go into the Education Trust Fund, for overall

education funding and no longer be tied to full time kindergarten programs.

This bill to untether Kindergarten funding from Keno is controversial as State legislators only recently tied Keno revenue to Kindergarten funding; now that would be changed all together, though others say this allocation will better help school districts with budget planning.

The N.H. House also approved HB 551, creating a new school funding commission to review all facets of education funding, with a direction to look at the 1990s state Supreme Court "Claremont I" and "Clare-

mont II" rulings that established a state responsibility to sufficiently fund education.

HB 709, would replace stabilization grants in 2021 with "fiscal capacity disparity aid" that would principally benefit school districts in low property tax revenue areas.

The Derry Town Council and School District subcommittee also discussed new house bills focused on changing restrictions and cap limitations on net metering for renewable energy sources that are being proposed as veto proof.

Derry's Net Zero Task Force is currently working

with their solar farm project proposal that would benefit from net metering changes such as the bill passed last year that was vetoed by the Governor. With a change in net metering, the schools could also enter into a Net Zero solar farm project that would almost immediately reduce energy costs.

A solar farm deployed with balanced net metering support might also provide an opportunity for high energy users like school district to reach net zero solar energy ownership down the road that will lower the energy costs to near net zero costs.

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in NH, and locally in Derry, is important to our economic stability.

Gendron says, "State leaders feel that the goal for the arts in N.H. is to be a part of town environments to help drive fiscal development across the entire state. And the way to support that goal here in Derry is to create a Cultural District in Derry."

Donovan outlined a map of the district which includes historic areas of Derry's downtown and art community. Both Donovan and Gendron encouraged local residents to get

involved with new programs within the district and encouraged that there will be new types of support as the district's program is rolled out. New district considerations will also be included in the Town's Master Plan that is being worked this year.

The arts council is dedicated to fostering arts in both Derry and surrounding towns. GDAC is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The council's programs include the operation and renovation of the Derry Opera House in downtown Derry and Derryfest, which

is Derry, New Hampshire's beloved annual town fair; Greater Derry's Got Talent is an annual talent show the council produces in conjunction with Derryfest.

GDAC is always looking for volunteers, artists and residents in the community to get involved in their programs and the council was developed to support the goals of the Town Council, including to help enhance economic development in the Town. As such, the GDAC proposed the formal Cultural District of Derry as an aid to the shared effort of preserving, promoting and encouraging arts and culture to strengthen the community and stimulate the local econ-

omy.

There is no fiscal impact to designate the Cultural District currently, although this designation may create opportunities for grant funding in the future.

The Derry Town Council has resolved through its duties granted in the Town Charter to approve Resolution #2019 006 that enables a portion of Derry to become the Derry Cultural District and that resolution is now effective.

Greater Derry Area residents should be aware that additional information and projects for the new Cultural District will be forthcoming and communicated across the community.

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Editorial

Read Across America

March is marked in many local schools as Read Across America month, and celebrates children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2, but month long celebrations are taking place all over. True to the famed children's author, school activities focus on reading.

While Read Across America was created by the National Education Association, no matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children early and often. Whether it's dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read a bedtime story, Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today.

There's not a more important factor in future success than the ability and the desire to read. Most of us take our ability to read for granted and don't remember how we learned, but we use the skill everyday. Research shows that kids who spend time reading recreationally perform better in school, and whether it's by reading traffic signs or employment

applications, college textbooks or exam questions, reading follows us through our lives.

Read Across America isn't just for kids. There is great enjoyment to be had from sitting by a warm fire or relaxing by a pool and letting a good book transport you to another world. If your child's asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home this week, go for it. In the midst of busy, out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you're at it, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another memorable reading experience for your youngster.

There is also great enjoyment to be had from learning something new from and informative nonfiction on your favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, there's nothing quite like getting lost in a good book, these habit starts young.

Across America underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on your phone, you can read on a computer, a paper and best of all, you can read a book. And when you read to a child, you're building memories for both of you. As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick-up a book and read to a child."

Gilbert H. Hood Readies for Legally Blonde Jr. Musical



Gilbert H. Hood Middle School and the Keynotes are in the final stages of rehearsing for the production of Legally Blonde Jr. which will be taking to the stage at their school on March 29 and 30.

The show will feature Emma Cassier as Ella Woods, Greer Danzey as Emmett Forrest, Jacob Lebroda playing Warner Huntington III, Ella Hewes as Paulette, Dakota Gosselin as Prof. Callahan, Bridget Gorrie as Brooke Wyndham, Chloe White as Chutney Wyndham, Ben McCann as Dewey, Luke Blaikie as Kyle and Lorelai Stahl as Vivienne Kensington.

The show is being directed by Katies Gifford with music direction by Ryan Geary. Debbie Anshewitz is the Choreographer.

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Seniors Twist the Day Away at Annual GHHMS Dance Party



Area senior citizens had a chance to cut loose during the National Junior Honor Society's annual Afternoon Dance and Social at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School on Friday, March 8. Attendees were treated to snacks and beverages while they danced the afternoon away with the help of a D.J. and Dance Instructor Sharon Dobbie. The event has been going on for well over a decade, and gives students a chance to brighten the lives of some of their older neighbors with an afternoon of fun.

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social studies at Pinkerton in the fall of 2010. In 2016 she was named chair of the Social Studies Department. In that time, Resmini has also served as chair of the New Faculty Committee, where she has coordinated the training of new faculty and worked with teacher mentors.

Resmini's is a graduate of Rivier University in Nashua with a passion for sports and she was also the coach of the Lady Astros Field hockey teams for several years at Pinkerton; under her skilled coaching efforts, the Lady Astros were a top NHIAA team that went to the State Championships multiple times.

Resmini herself was a top athlete for Pelham High in field hockey, lacrosse, and basketball programs.

"We are excited to have Jen as our next Dean of Faculty and are confident about the direction in which she will lead our exceptional faculty members," said Headmaster Timothy Powers. "After working with faculty as a department head and as a former Pinkerton teacher herself, Jen has the professional experience for this position and also understands the heartbeat of the school. Her history at the Academy and her enthusiasm to bring new ideas to the table is the perfect combination to help her succeed in this new role. I look forward to working more closely with her and know



Jennifer Resmini will take over as Pinkerton Academy's Dean of Faculty next year.

she will make a positive impact across campus."

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OBITUARY

Brian M. Kelley

Brian M. Kelley, 27 of Derry, NH died Thursday March 7, 2019 in Derry. Brian was born on May 9, 1991 in Brookline, MA, the son of Michael and Gail (Mad-dock) Kelley of Derry.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Wednesday March 13, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Catholic prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.



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Joshua Pajunen



Joshua Alan Pajunen, 17, of Derry, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at his home surrounded by loving family. He was born on June 29, 2001 in Derry, the son of John and Allison (Goodwin)

Pajunen. Joshua had an amazing disposition, always happy and quite the flirt, a fun loving, sweet and loving child. Joshua truly was a caretaker, always watching others, taking his cues from how they felt and loving them when they needed it. His dog Chloe can attest to that too. Joshua loved music, mostly country but some classics too; it really was a true passion for him. He also loved computer games and was a pro bowler on his iPad. He loved to hug and snuggle and will be sorely missed.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his Grandfather Alan Cormier of Atkinson, Grandmother Barbara Pajunen of Groveland, his Uncle and Aunt, James and Wendy Goodwin of Nashua, Aunt Devon Cormier of Atkinson, Uncle and Aunt David and Katherine King of Derry, Uncles and Aunt William and Linda Morin of Danville, Uncles and Aunt William and Lisa Marie Pajunen of Danville and 10 beautiful cousins.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Monday, March 11, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Kingston Congregational, 6 Church St. Kingston, NH. Burial will follow in the spring in Forest Hill Cemetery, Derry in the spring.

OBITUARY

Douglas McMaster



Douglas R. McMaster, 46, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday March 6, 2019 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry after suffering a heart attack. He was born in Derry on December 14, 1972, a son of the late Donald McMaster and Linda Taylor. Doug was a lifelong Derry resident and a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1992. He was the owner of McMaster Construction and a key partner, working beside his brothers, in S & S Landscaping, and McMaster Development. Doug was extremely well known in Derry and surrounding communities in the construction field. He was a highly skilled carpenter and could fix anything, and was known as a hard worker, honest, always on time, and had a high level of attention to detail. Doug enjoyed boating, offshore ocean fishing, motorcycles, loved cooking and entertaining, and trips with friends to Mexico and Tennessee. Spending time with family was extremely important to him.

He is survived by his daughter, Brittany Pelletier - McMaster of Hampstead, NH; three brothers, Steven McMaster, and Scott McMaster both of Derry, and Greg McCormack of Effingham, NH; his sister, Tina Hashem of Meredith, NH; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 11 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Assoc./American Stroke Assoc., PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

OBITUARY

Marilyn M. Driscoll-McKay



Marilyn M. Driscoll-McKay, 91, of Derry, NH, died Sunday March 3, 2019, in Aurora Senior Living, Derry. She was born in Wakefield, MA on Aug. 20, 1927, a son of Walter and Inez (Berkholtz)

Cook. Marilyn was a devoted mother and grandmother who loved the Lord. She greatly enjoyed crafts, every holiday or birthday she would always make homemade cards for everyone. She also enjoyed reading, puzzles, embroidery and skiing when she was younger. She loved antiques, her husband would restore antique boxes, rocking chairs, rocking horses and doll houses. Marilyn would stencil these with new designs, bringing them back to their former beauty. She was an extremely helpful person and was known as a 'mother hen,' even in the nursing home. She would volunteer with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Brownies as well as the gift shop of her church and the thrift shop of downtown Derry.

She is survived by son, Richard P. Driscoll, Jr. of Hampstead, NH; daughter, Lori Lyn Ormond of Derry, NH; five grandchildren, Kelly, Katie, Caroline, Ryan and William; brother, Robert Cook and two nephews, Danny and Scott Cook. Marilyn is predeceased by her first husband, Richard P. Driscoll and her son, David Michael Driscoll.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 4 - 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 44 E. Broadway, Derry. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., NH Affiliate PO Box 31160 Hartford, CT 06150-1160.

Planning Board Reviews Multiple Zone Usage for Charging Stations

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Planning Board, with David Granese as Chairman, met on March 6 with an agenda that included a workshop about planning for installations of electric vehicle charging stations for hook up with many next genera-

tion vehicles.

John O'Connor, Planning Board member and State Rep briefly overviewed what the State is doing to support such charging stations. The State has previously allocated resources for such deployments and O'Connor noted that companies like Volkswagen are seeding resources to help further establish charging stations. O'Connor indicated, there are likely funds allocation that may be available to the Town, though he will research specifics for the Planning Board to review at a later session.

The Planning Board discussed what would be appropriate for the rollout of fast charging stations across various Town zones. There is currently a set of electric vehicle charging stations located around the municipal parking lot at Town hall, so members had familiarity with that set up. The Board wanted to evaluate how commercial electric vehicle charging stations would be best allowed in the Town and zoned accordingly.

They wanted to know — how does a charging station also fit in for usage in residential areas? It has been legal for residents to provide their own personal usage vehicle charging stations at their own residence since they first became available.

The Planning Board understands they may have a role to define zoning and set ups for commercial fast-charging stations versus personal charging hookups resi-

dents may use.

There could be scenarios whereby charging stations become commercial business that charge a fee to local residents. So, in that scenario — how would a commercial business charging station fit in a residential zone or should they be allowed at all in residential areas?

Another scenario might be if someone sets up a charging station near a conservation area or the rail trail, so people who visit might plug-in their electric vehicle. The Conservation Commission may even encourage such stations, so visitors to conservation areas may charge their vehicles while visiting.

O'Connor, said, "There have been quite a few presentations at the Statehouse regarding electric charging stations being appropriate for New Hampshire Recreation and State Forest areas." He also pointed out that down the road, there will be many electric cars needing charging at remote locations.

The Planning Board discussed how there were car dealerships in Derry already with electric charging stations in place. It was pointed out that churches, schools and other organizations are often located in residential zones are are interested in set ups. So, does that mean that commercial electric charging stations could be deployed at a church parking lot? ...and how could there be a

charging costs set for usage in those residential areas? Members were concerned that there might be adverse consequences in creating commercial ventures across residential locations.

Planning Board members felt zoning and setup requirements may need to be defined, so an organized rollout for the new technology would be in place. Members of the Planning Board do not support charging stations popping up commercially everywhere in residential locations for various reasons including existing regulations and visual appearances of the hardware. There is also concern how to deploy electric charging stations in parking lots of the condominiums, townhouses and apartment complexes.

The Planning Board wants to set the future for fast charging stations that will meet resident expectations, while insuring that deployments are set up in logically and zoned accordingly. Some members felt support could not be a broad brush in zoning and there may be a need for limits to properly manage residential and commercial situations.

Beverly Donovan, Economic Development Director said, "There is thinking by many in the community that it would good to encourage electric vehicle support."

Donovan herself, has owned an electric vehicle, although she did not pur-

chase a fast-electric charging station because they are very expensive, so she had a basic electric hook up to charge the car overnight.

Donovan said, "A lot at the potential market for electric vehicles will be younger people, who may be living in apartments or condominiums, so for zoning, we'll need to accommodate such types of residents in a practical manner. The net zero task force is also working with the schools, which are often in residential areas, to put in charging stations."

The Planning board discussed that situation is acceptable as schools would likely be exempt from certain zoning issues via RSAs (statutes).

From these discussions, Planning Board members were in general agreement, that more in depth study would be needed to properly plan fast-charging stations for electric vehicles with the idea that electric vehicles are going to become more widespread.

The Planning Board agreed to continue allowing fast-charging stations under current guidelines, though the board members will do further analysis to find the right balance to both encourage fast-charging stations, while providing guidance for such deployments to properly fit in the community areas without creating unacceptable situations.

OBITUARY

Marc Brotman



Marc Orrin Brotman, 61, of Derry, NH, passed away on Saturday Feb. 23, 2019, at his home on his own terms. He was born in Boston, MA on June 12, 1957, son of Alan Brotman and the late Beverly Tankel Brotman. Marc was a hard working man who was very proud of his work as an electrician. For him, it was more of a calling than a job. In addition to his work as an electrician, he also started and operated many other successful businesses during his life. He was a die-hard Patriots fan, loved to travel, tinker on things at home, and maintain his saltwater fish tanks. He enjoyed taking care of his home and yard, and he even built the home that he and his family live in. He had a larger than life personality and could light up a room just by walking in. Marc remained close to many of his childhood friends, having many annual parties where they all would gather and celebrate life and friendship. He also loved the congregation at his temple Ruach Israel in Needham, MA. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend.

Marc is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Anne Brotman of Derry, his son, Leonard Brotman and partner Jacqui Marrone, of Manchester, NH, his father, Alan Brotman of Delray Beach, FL, brother, Lon Brotman of Vernon, CT, two sisters, Nancy Valchuis of Southborough, MA, and Nicole Rodriguez of Boston, MA, and in-laws, Angelo and Marie Russo of Everett, MA, Joseph and Pauline Russo of Medway, MA, Michelle and Charlie Smith of Derry, NH; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

The family sat Shiva on Monday, Feb. 25, from 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6 - 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the family's home in Derry. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Ruach Israel Temple in Needham, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Donate Life New England, 60 First Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or the Ruach Israel Temple, 754 Greendale Ave., Needham, MA 02492. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry assisted the family with arrangements.

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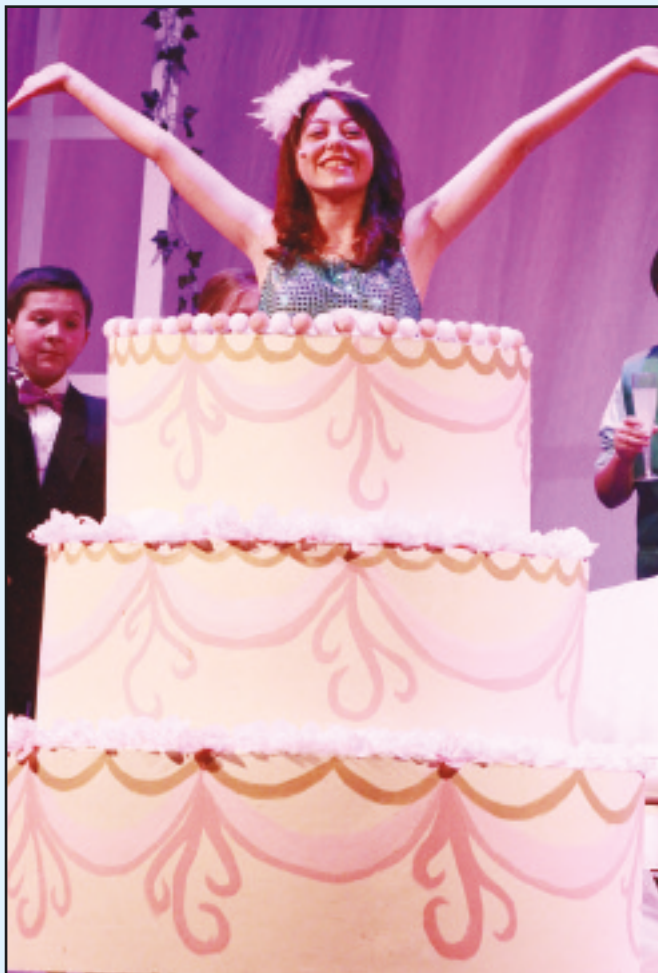
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Kids Coop Theatre Performs Singin' in the Rain Jr.



The Kids Coop Theatre performed their annual Young Directors Showcase last weekend with "Singin' in the Rain Jr." The 32-member cast features children from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Manchester, and Windham. Sandown's Logan Young played the lead role of Don Lockwood, Megan Lautieri, of Derry, played Lina Lamont, Kathy Selden was played by Derry's Bryn Steinmetz, and Cosmo Brown was played by Ryan Carrigan of Derry.
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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Girls Hoops Exits Tourney With a Semis OT Loss

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy had one of the top-two Varsity Girls' Basketball teams this winter season, but that team did not play in Saturday's, Mar. 9 state finals.

Two days prior to the title game, the Lady Astros, who had the number two seed in the postseason, suffered a surprising 43-41 overtime loss to Portsmouth in their semifinals.

Pinkerton had trouble beating Windham last week,

in their home quarterfinals match, while the sixth seed Clippers (16-5) came to the Southern New Hampshire University gym with plenty of momentum after knocking out the third seeded Bedford on the road.

Back in December, Pinkerton traveled to Portsmouth and got an easy 59-22 win, but in their second match-up of the season, things went completely different.

Nothing was working for the Lady Astros in the first half and they scored only 11

points until the break, shooting 1-for-11 from beyond the arc. Portsmouth's offense was not clicking either, but the Clippers had a 7-6 lead at the end of the opening quarter and took a 17-11 lead to the locker room. Senior Brooke Kane had seven of the 11 Pinkerton points at that point.

After the break, things looked much better for the Astros. Portsmouth had a game high seven point lead, with less than two and a half minutes to play in the third quarter, but Pinkerton closed out the quarter with a 9-0 run and entered the final eight minutes of regulation leading 25-23.

The drama continued in the fourth, and a few great moments helped Portsmouth regain the 31-27 lead. A three-pointer by Ava Karlin gave the Clippers a late five-point lead, 35-30, with less than three minutes to play, but Pinkerton refused to give up, and a nice midrange shot by Avah Ingalls put the Astros ahead again, 36-35.

Jesse Ames had a few chances to ice the game, as she was sent to the line three times in the final 72 seconds, but the junior scored only once each of those three times and Portsmouth got their last chance. With 3.4 seconds on the clock, Brittany Graham nailed the

three-pointer, tied the game at 39 and sent it to overtime.

In Overtime, both teams had a hard time scoring, and no baskets were made in the final three minutes. Down 43-41, Pinkerton had the ball with 28 seconds left, but was forced to take a timeout and the last ball got to Ingalls. She had a decent look, but the ball did not hit the rim and the game, and season, was over for the Lady Astros.

Kane, who played the entire 36 minutes, finished the game with 17 points, 13 rebounds, four assists, three steals a block and also, seven turnovers. Madison Mahoney scored nine points, but shot 2-for-9 from the field (including 2-for-7 for three). Ames had seven points (1-for-9 from the field, 0-for-5 for three) and seven rebounds, Ingalls scored four points, Megan King and Allison Ingalls had two points each and Alyssa DiMauro did not score. The Astros shot only 13-for-35 from the field as a team and 4-for-19 for three. They



Junior forward Jesse Ames had a hard time getting through the Portsmouth defense in the Pinkerton Academy semi-final loss. *Photos by Chris Paul*

could not stop Portsmouth's in the paint (26 points) and saw the Clippers big Abbe Laurence score 13 points.

Coach Lani Buskey was asked after the loss about the Clippers' game tying three-

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Senior guard Madison Mahoney looks for an opening in the Portsmouth defense during the Pinkerton Academy semi-final loss last week.

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PA Boys Freshman Hoops Finish Season on High Note

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Freshman basketball team's season did not start very well, but the rest of it, and almost all the way to the finish line, was much better.

The team, coached by Andy Collins, lost four out of its first five games of the season, including a 15 point home defeat against Exeter and three heartbreaking losses to Portsmouth, Dover and Winnacunnet.

A 17-point victory over Spaulding on Jan. 15 marked the turning point of the season and the young Astros went on a five-game winning streak. The second game of that streak saw Pinkerton go on the road and hand Bishop Guertin its only loss of the

season, with a shocking 46-43 Astro victory on Jan. 25. Six days later, PA beat Londonderry with a convincing 62-37 domination.

Pinkerton's first game of the Freshman tournament saw them trail Merrimack by 16 points, with only six minutes left to play. But the Astros closed out the game on an 18-2 run, that was sealed with a game-tying buzzer-beater. The red-and-white team went on to win in overtime, before meeting BG again in the quarterfinals and losing 57-31.

Coach Collins reflected about the season by saying, "The team looked over-matched in some games early on, but stayed on course and got better, individually and as a team. These boys epitomized

teamwork and perseverance and truly never gave up. Even when things were going wrong, they stuck together, never argued and played hard. The way they were able to play together and believe in each other was inspiring. They were truly a joy to coach. I looked forward to every practice and game. Look for this group to be the core of a strong JV and Varsity program in the next two years".

Team member were: Ethan Barrett, Lorenzo Milana, Aidan Kane, Andrew Small, Samuel Baker, Shayne Michaud, Jack McCarthy, Ian Fitzgerald, Andrew Thompson, Anthony DeSalvo, Adam Freiburger, Reilly Beaulieu, Samuel Dionne and Maxwell Lukeman.



The Pinkerton Freshman Team started slow but finished strong this season.

Six PA Gymnasts to Compete in NH State Championships

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Six local gymnasts, who attend Pinkerton Academy, will be competing this Saturday, March 16, at the 2019 Level 4-10 New Hampshire State Championships at Pelham High School. This event is the peak of the Junior Olympic Season.

The six competitors, who

will have the opportunity to qualify to the Regional Championships, are Zoe Demers, Sophia Viger, Ashley McKinnon, Anya Comeau, Haley Rustad and Isabella Scarpetti. They will all compete as part of the New Hampshire Academy of Gymnastics team, under the guidance of head coach Chelsie Burland.

Scarpetti, who led Pinkerton Academy to this

year's Division I state title and finished second on the individual All-Around, will also have the chance to qualify to Nationals.

As part of the team's preparations to this Saturday's competition, Pinkerton withdrew from the New England High School competition, which was held at Hudson High School in Massachusetts last Saturday, Mar. 9.

PA Hockey Team Donates PJs for Birthday Wish

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team's playoff run began and ended last Saturday, Mar. 2, with a shocking quarterfinals loss to Salem High School, but a ceremony that was held prior to the game helped prove once more that it is more than just sport.

JD Normand, who

played for the Astros this season and his mother Debi, presented a young boy named Liam Fitzgerald with his birthday wish, moments before the puck dropped in Hooksett at the game against Salem. Liam's wish was to collect pajamas and give them to less fortunate kids. The entire Pinkerton Academy hockey community donated to that cause, with over 100 pajamas that were given to Liam.

Liam, 13, collected the pajamas as part of the Boston Bruins 12th annual PJ Drive for the Cradles to Crayons organization out of Boston, Massachusetts.

Liam was born with Down Syndrome and was diagnosed with cancer at age three. He had his last chemotherapy treatment in May of 2013 and has attended many Bruins game, where he loves to fist bump the Boston players.

Girls Hoops

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pointer: "It's tough. A bunch of girls were feeling it was their fault, when it really wasn't. It was just a good shot. We had the right defensive strategy." Buskey explained the difference between the two halves,

"We fixed our offense for the second half. We practice against the zone defense, but don't see it a lot and we had to make adjustments at half-time".

The coach said that her message to the team after the game was "to hold their heads high. While it is not the outcome they wanted

and this is going to sting, they should not forget what they accomplished this season. I told Avah Ingalls, who took the last shot that it was the right shot and her next goal is to get herself back here next season. I told Brooke and Madi to remember the careers they just had. That's a hard loss."

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Brady Day Reflects on Incredible Winning Three-Pointer

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Basketball team only managed to win four games this season, but the last one, a 55-54 thriller over Timberlane, will surely be remembered for a long time.

The Astros hosted Timberlane at the Hackler Gym on March 1 and the visitors thought they are about to win their second game of the season, after a lay-up gave them a 54-52 lead, with only a couple of seconds on the clock. The ball went to Brady Day and the Pinkerton junior scored a 65-foot buzzer beater, to end the season

in style.

"I wasn't really thinking", admits Day, "I was in the moment, got the ball and saw there is only a second left. So I throw it up and it went in. I had a couple of buzzer beaters in my life, but nothing like that, from that distance".

The next thing he remembers? "Being tackled to the ground by my teammates and the crowd going crazy. Everyone was talking to me about it and saying how cool of a shot it was. One of the Timberlane parents got it on video. Their kids were all pretty cool about it after the game. They were all saying that it was a

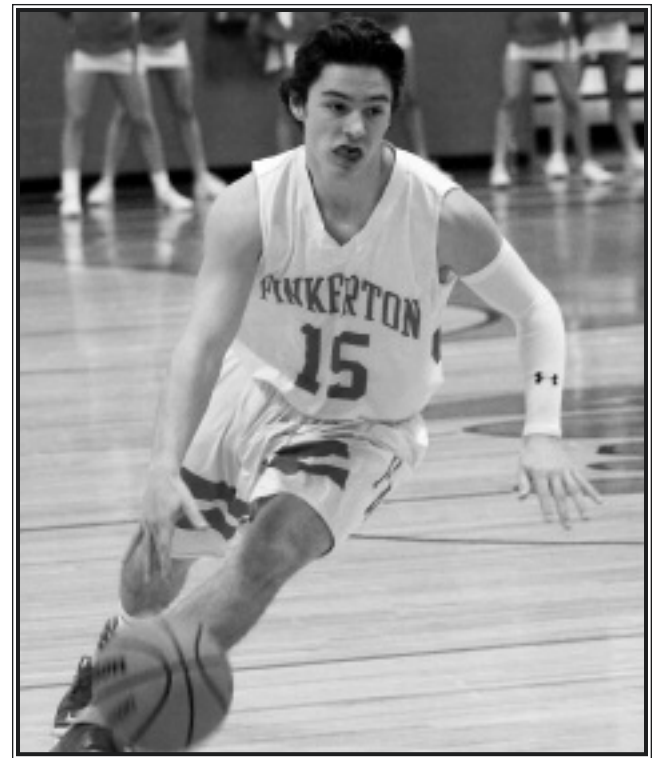
great shot. I was hoping it would get to SportsCenter, but it is just a small town I guess".

That winning shot was not the only special moment for Day during the final week of the season. Three days prior to the Timberlane game, he tied a school record with seven three-pointers in a 55-51 loss at Manchester Central: "I was pretty cold in the first half", he says about that game, "In the second, I was making my shots and did not even know about the record until a few days later my coach told me about it. I was surprised when he told me. I was hoping to beat that record. If I knew

about it sooner... But I am a junior, so I have another year to try".

Looking back at his team 4-14 season, Day knows: "It was definitely a rebuilding year. We have a lot of young guys and a lot of good players coming up from JV. Hopefully next year we can get a couple of more wins and do some damage in the playoffs".

Next month, the three-sport athlete who plays on the football team as well, will play his first game of the season with the baseball team. "It should be a good year. We have a lot of guys coming back and we should go pretty far and do a good job this year".



Brady Day ended season on a high note with incredible three-point shot. Photo by Chris Paul

Kane Named Gatorade New Hampshire Player of the Year

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Basketball season ended one game too early for Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity team, as the Lady Astros lost an overtime semifinals game to Portsmouth on Thursday, March 7. However, that loss did not stop team star, senior Brooke Kane, from receiving a big honor and being named the 2018-19 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

Kane is the first player ever from Pinkerton Academy to win this prestigious award and is now a finalist for the National Player of the Year award. She is also just one of five Pinkerton

Academy female players to reach the 1,000 career point mark. She did this back on Jan. 18 against the Division One State Championship Bishop Guertin team.

The winner will be announced later this month. Last year's winner for New Hampshire was Angelique Ngalakulondi from Proctor Academy.

Kane, who will play basketball at the University of New Hampshire next year, helped lead the Lady Astros to a 17-1 regular season record and the second seed in the postseason. She averaged 20.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game during the season and became the fifth female player in Pinkerton's history to sur-

pass 1,000 points in her high school career.

Kane also earned the Division I Player of the Year award for the second year in a row when the All-State teams were announced over the weekend.

Kane's teammate, senior Madison Mahoney, was selected for Second Team All-State.



Pinkerton Academy senior forward Brooke Kane had an excellent season capped by being named the Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year recently. Photo by Chris Paul

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I've a smile on my face, I'll walk down the lane, with a happy refrain, just singin' ...singin' in the rain.

This time-honored musical is classic fun. The story takes place at the end of the silent movie era, where speaking roles present new challenges for the actors and actresses. The characters need to make a sudden transition from a silent movie production to appear in one of the first musical talking pictures ever made.

This musical is constantly ranked as one of the

best movies and stage productions of all time for its story, characters and the songs. So, welcome springtime rains to New Hampshire as the Pinkerton Players make a big splash with this spectacular, romantic, musical comedy.

There will be wonderful singin' and dancin' and, yes, it really will rain onstage. ...you have to see this wonder! So make a splash yourself to see the Pinkerton players wade through the rain, in what is arguably the greatest musical ever made. You may have seen the movie, but have you seen it live?

Songs include: Singin' In the Rain, Fit as a Fiddle, You Stepped Out of a Dream, Would You, Make 'em Laugh, Moses Supposes, Good Morning, What's Wrong With Me?

The show will be per-



The Pinkerton players practice their foot work in preperation for opening night, Friday, March 22.

Courtesy Photo

formed Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m.

The Artistic team is Director, Rachael Longo and Choreographer, Darcie Champagne and Music Director, Candace Gatzoulis.

The lead roles include Michael Hughes (senior) as Don Lockwood, a silent film star with humble roots as a musician, dancer and stunt man. Madison Hawkes (senior) is Lina Lamont, his uninspiring leading lady, who has a comically grating speaking and singing voice that becomes a bad dream in her "talkie" movie role. The movie they are making was originally going to be a silent film, but silent movie times changed suddenly to "talkies" and Lina's disastrous squeaky singing attempts are about to become catastrophic for the movie company.

However, Don Lockwood's best friend,

Cosmo Brown played by Adam Furgal (junior), comes up with the idea to overdub Lina's voice with the fantastic voice of a talented singer named Kathy Sieden, played by Sara Chemi (senior).

The musical evolves into a hysterical comedy, when the movie becomes a premiere night smash and the opening night audience clamors for Lina to sing live. Don and Cosmo quickly improvise to meet the audience demands by getting Lina to lip-synch while Kathy sings into a second microphone, while hidden behind the theatre curtain. The comedy story that evolves from this point is hilarious and indeed, one

reason this musical has won so much praise and is such a timeless classic!

The design team is made up of Lighting Designer: Tayva Young, Set Designer: Jim Webber, Costume Designer: Laurel O'Connor, Sound Designer: Dana Beaulieu and Stage Manager: Kate Stariknok.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Poor Houses and Town Farms

On Friday, April 5, the Chester Historical Society presents at 7 p.m. Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers, at Stevens Hall, Chester. From its earliest settlements New Hampshire has struggled with issues surrounding the treatment of its poor. Steve Taylor was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is a lifelong student of the state's rural culture. This is a very difficult program to get booked because of its popularity and took the historical society 2 years. For more information see www.nhhumanities.org/events/poor-houses-and-town-farms-hard-row-paupers-17

NH Veterans' Fundraiser

The Derry VFW and Auxiliary is hosting a dinner & show fundraiser on March 30 at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry, to benefit the New Hampshire Veterans' Cemetery. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The show (Amazing Sensations) begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person with limited seating. Please contact the VFW at (603) 432-9702 for further details and to purchase your tickets.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, April 13, 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, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Building Respect Among Culturally Diverse Groups

Talk With An Expert About Building Respect Among Culturally Diverse Groups on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry) will host a discussion with James B. Farmer, Esq., entitled "Bridges: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity." During his 30-year career as a federal prosecutor in Boston, Farmer served, variously, as U.S. Attorney (Interim), Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, and Chief of the National Security Unit ("NSU"). As NSU Chief, Farmer supervised the office's anti-terrorism efforts, including the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing investigation and trial. Throughout his tenure as NSU Chief, Farmer met regularly with Arab, Muslim, and Sikh community leaders as part of BRIDGES (Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity), a group formed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks to facilitate quiet communication between federal, state, and local government officials in Massachusetts and the leaders of these communities, who were concerned about their communities' civil rights and felt under intense public scrutiny. Notably, Farmer was the United States Attorney (Interim) during the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Farmer will talk about both the group's challenges and its successes in maintaining vibrant lines of communication during often-trying circumstances. He will also discuss the somewhat unusual decision to have senior anti-terrorism prosecutors participate as part of this ongoing conversation. The lecture series is free and open to all. For more information, please or visit the synagogue's website at www.etzhayim.org

So You Think You Can Cook, Londonderry?

St Peter's Episcopal Church, at the corner of

Mammoth Rd., and Peabody Row, will be hosting its very popular Annual Chili and Chowder Cookoff on Saturday, March 30, at the spacious church. Cooks should sign in and set up by 4:15 p.m., and Taster's Choice will be from 4:30 - 6 p.m. There will be Celebrity Judges, Pinatas, a Gift Raffle and More. St Peter's is asking \$10 for General Admission/Tasting, and \$5 for ages 10 and under. This year, half of the proceeds from the Cookoff will benefit St Peter's Community Outreach. The other half of the event's proceeds will go to Hero Pups, a NH non profit which specially trains shelter and rescue pups to serve as Companion and Service Animals to Veterans and First Responders who have been traumatized as a result of their extraordinary service. Please join us at St Peter's on March 30, at 4:30 p.m. for this outstanding event. To register, please visit stpeterslondonderry.org or call Lee at 781-801-8161.

Kids Fish Derby

The Derry Lions will once again be sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond in Derry. The event is on May 4, commencing with registrations at 7:30 a.m. followed by fishing beginning at 8 a.m. until noon. Fishing is free for kids up to age 15. Donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the 400 fish stocked by the Lions. Trophies will be presented in various categories of fish including largest and smallest. The first 100 children to sign up will receive a participant ribbon. Light refreshments will be available to purchase at the snack bar. The fish derby is a service project to benefit the kids of greater Derry. The Derry Lions have sponsored this event for several decades. We have even had some second generations participate with their parents.

New T-Ball Program

The Derry Parks & Recreation Department is now offering T-ball to children ages

3 through 6. Registration is open for Derry Residents and will open to Non-Residents as of March 18. Registration will close April 5 or Until Full Depending on Enrollment Numbers; don't wait or you might be too late! Cost is \$25 for Derry Residents and \$45 for Non-Residents. Recreation Staff will need to see a copy of a Birth Certificate at time of Registration. Children Registered must be ages 3-6 as of May 1, 2019 to participate. For additional information that cannot be found on the above links, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office during business hours at : (603) 432-6136.

'W.A.S.P' Movie Night

Help celebrate Women's Aviation Month with this spirited and sassy documentary about Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m., at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. Free to all! For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org

Easter Celebration

Join us at the at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, on the Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m., prior to Easter weekend for a fun-filled family event. Crafts, stories, treats, outdoor activities (weather permitting) and surprises. For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org

Yoga Session for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes. These classes are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m.. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Next session beginning the week of April 1. Registration for new students begins March 19. Payment is required at time of registration. For more details call the Senior

Center at 432-8554.

Antiques Appraisal

The 2nd Annual Londonderry Antiques Appraisal Day will be held on Sunday, May 19, start gathering your finds! It was a giant success last year so we're doing it again! Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to our second annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. Reidy has over 30 years of experience and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an estate appraisal and disposition planning business. Stay tuned for updates!

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

Vaping Deterrent Workshop

Do you know someone who is looking to give up vaping? This workshop will show teens how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. On Thursday, April 4, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Participants will gain strength by being with other people also trying to quit. This event costs \$25. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 15. Will also be held May 2, and June 6.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

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.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

A weekly support program for young parents ages 13 to 23 will meet every Wednesday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Childcare available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 12.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry, will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry from now continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried haddock 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 stevleh-hom@aol.com.

Co-Parenting Workshop

A workshop series for co-parenting after divorce or separation will be held on March 18, 25 and April 1, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to protect your child's well-being by keeping the children out of the middle, allowing children to love both parents, and working on communication and recovery. This workshop costs \$50 (book included) scholarships available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 22.

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.



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