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Derry School District Presented With Competency Based Education Projects

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Fifth Grade Teacher Emily Burns was at the recent Derry Cooperative School District meeting sponsored by Ernest P. Barka Elementary School Principal, Dan LaFleur to provide an update about the district's program around Competency Based Education (CBE) that is part of a N.H. state initiative.

Burns pointed out that she has been a CBE teacher leader for the past several years and has set up a CBE type program with some of her fifth graders at Barka Elementary School called Genius Hour. This is a program, teacher Burns,

organized for student participation on each Friday for several months that ended in January. Burns found a way to help fit Genius Hour into the curriculum for most of her students, so as not to interfere with other school efforts.

The N.H. Department of Education has taken a leadership role in the U.S. and across the state with CBE initiatives. Education research supports using CBE as a unique method for developing certain student skills. CBE is a process that focuses on self-driven learning, strong teacher-student relationships, flexible support and skills development for the 21st Century.

The CBE approach allows students to advance, based on their ability to master a skill primarily at their own pace. This method is tailored to meet different learning abilities and can lead to efficient student learning outcomes.

Teacher Burns over-viewed that the Genius Hour program for her fifth graders was developed to be like Google's developmental practices for their employees, where the company gives employees workday time to research their own ideas that they are passionate about. So, Genius Hour was a time for her students to follow up their passionate ideas, learning topics that are sig-

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Planning Board Approves Lane Road Subdivision Project Plans

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The Town Planning Board, met on March 20 with a concise agenda. Chairman, Dave Granese led the meeting that was also attended by Planning Department AICP, George Sioras.

The Board began business and scheduled a public hearing to amend the Town of Derry zoning ordinance, Article VI, District Provisions, section 165- 32. A.1, to allow medical offices in that zoning as permitted use. The board has scheduled this hearing for their meeting on April 17.

The next business was to schedule a public hearing to amend the town of Derry

zoning Ordinance, Article 5, Districts, section 165 – 30, Zoning Map to extend the Office Business District which will also be heard on April 17.

Next up was a public hearing about a site development plan that was being continued from a February meeting. This plan was designated by Linda Rutter and the Katherine B. Brooks Rev. Trust for a location on 52 and 32 Lane Road in Derry.

The applicants were represented by Tim Peloquin, of Promised Land Survey, LLC for the purpose of presenting their plan for a two-lot subdivision and a lot line adjustment between properties located in the Low-Medium Residential District

of Derry.

All town departments have reviewed and signed off on the site plan and proper waivers were set forward by Promised Land Survey. The plan has proper state permits including NHDES state subdivision approval. The planning board had conducted a site walk of the area as per discussion from the initial meeting.

Peloquin addressed the board to report nothing had changed regarding the site plan documentation from the initial meeting in February. The plan is for subdivision of an approximately 39-acre parcel to include an approximate 2.7-acre lot, and another 3-acre parcel within the remaining parcel.

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Derry Town Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores presents 99-year-old Dorothy 'Dot' Stone with the Boston Post Cane last week at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center.

Photo by Chris Paul

Boston Post Cane Presented to Dorothy "Dot" Stone

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Friday, March 29 members of the Derry Town Council and Historic Commission made their way to the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry to present 99-year-old Dorothy 'Dot' Stone with the Boston Post Cane, as the town's most senior resident.

Stone who currently resides at the

Center, has lived almost her entire life in Derry. She and her husband were the founders of American Stonehenge in Salem, N.H.

Dot had two children, five grand children and eight great grand children, many of which attended the ceremony.

The function room at Pleasant Valley was filled with family, friends and

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Rainbow Girls Provide Leadership and Community Service

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The International Order of the Rainbow Girls at St. Mark's Masonic Lodge #44 in Derry is a sisterhood and a Masonic youth service organization which teaches leadership training through community service. Young women, ages 11 - 21, also learn about the value of charity and service through their work and involvement with their Assembly and in Greater Derry Community projects

In March, St. Marks Lodge Rainbow Girls held a special ceremony to initiate new girls into the Order of Rainbow Girls in a special Assembly Ritual. During the ceremony the girls were provided an overview of their group's meaning and conducted a spoken ritual that dates back to the 1922 founding of the Rainbow Girls.

The Rainbow Girls from St. Mark's Lodge, who were involved in the ceremony included Broche Thomson, Amanda Thom-

son, Lilianna Nelson, Talia Bar Noy, Cynthia Sprince, Catie Brown, and Shelly Gullet. The Mother Advisor of the group is Dania-Lys Cyr.

Catie Brown who has been involved with the Rainbow Girls for over 12 years, is the Worthy Advisor (which is like a President of the group). Her role is to preside at the group meetings and initiation rituals as well as plan activities during her term. This is the highest office in a Rainbow Girl Assembly.

Brown said, "The initiation ceremony is to bring new girls into the our group. This ritual is about bringing a team together as a whole and about supporting service to our community and more. Rainbow Girl initiation is the first step towards what is "the rainbow journey."

"Our mission with Rainbow Girls is about getting girls ready for real life today. So, we teach leadership and communications, public speaking, working



Rainbow Girls Broche Thomson, Lilianna Nelson, Talia Bar Noy, Cynthia Sprince, Catie Brown, and Shelly Gullet.

together as a team and the path to becoming a leader. Being a leader is really important, and my role as Worthy Adviser is about providing real life examples to show what leaders can do. Being a leader is not about controlling everything, it's about helping our group to work together to boost the team up. The initiation ritual ceremony is also about the girls moving into the ranks of the group and learning how to follow and listen as well."

Shelly Gullet, one of the Rainbow Girl leaders says, "The initiation ceremony is a culmination of what can

be years of dedicated work. It's the hardest ritual and the longest ceremony we do as a part of becoming a Rainbow Girl. This is the night for the girls to show off their understanding of the Rainbow Girl's ritual after becoming a part of the group."

St. Mark's Masonic Lodge Assembly and the Rainbow Girls in Derry are all about serving the community. They organize various community efforts and events including support for the soup kitchen in Derry, efforts to support the library as well as many other events and services.

Brown says, "Each Worthy Adviser chooses a specific charity to support, contribute services, donate to and work with."

The International Order of the Rainbow Girls was founded in 1922 by William Mark Sexson, a Christian minister and an active member of the Masonic Lodge. Rev. Sexton spent his life supporting fraternal organizations, and his ministry and he became aware of a need for a youth organization for young women that were from a Masonic member homes. Today membership is open to any girl regardless of their Masonic affiliation.

Like a beautiful rainbow, there are seven colors that comprise and represent separate teachings, that each Rainbow Girl Assem-

bly member receives on her journey toward the "pot of gold."

The color red stands for all forms of love, representing the importance of religion in all forms based on love and forgiveness, yellow is about nature's importance in our daily life, green stands for immortality or the understanding of death as a part of life. Blue represents fidelity, which is an emphasis on being honest and reliable, indigo represents patriotism that encourages citizenship for our country, and violet represents service to others which brings all the colors together.

The Rainbow Girl's sisterhood helps prepare today's young women to be tomorrow's leaders. A few famous former Rainbow Girls include Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenberg, actresses Lee Meriwether, Ruth Buzzi, and Dawn Wells; Bobby Gaunt, the first woman President and CEO of Ford Motor Company of Canada and U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe.

If you are interested in the Rainbow Girls or to visit the Masonic Temple at St Mark's Lodge Assembly for one of their many community events, you can contact them at 603 432-9711. Or stop by their Lodge at 58 E. Broadway, Derry N.H. during their open times.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Contarino



Kathleen Contarino, 66 of Derry NH, passed away on Friday March 22, 2019, at Parkland Medical Center with her Loving family by her side. Kathleen was born in Methuen, MA on December 20, 1952, a daughter of the late Leo J. and Irene (Andrews) Berthold.

In Kathleen's active years she is remembered mostly as a wonderful stay at home mom, past Auxilliary President of the VFW Post 1617 in Derry. She loved running horseshoe tournaments while her family enjoyed camping adventures. Most importantly she loved accounting and was extremely valuable and dedicated to her husband's business at K & L Automotive in Derry.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Larry with 49 wonderful years of marriage. In addition, they have four children, Tina Richardson and her husband Robert of Derry, Larry Contarino and his wife Melissa of Litchfield, Derek Contarino and his wife Athena of Danville and Nathan Contarino of Manchester, 10 grandchildren, one brother, Robert Berthold of Derry, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Sunday March 31, 2019 at 2pm at the VFW Post 1617, 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. All are welcome to attend.

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Subdivision

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There will be approximately 19 acres of the parcel allocated as a conservation area being worked with the conservation commission.

There will be approximately three acres added to the Brook's property as a part of the lot line adjustment. The site design creates an approximately 60-foot driveway area for a lot where a new home is to be built.

After Peloquin's overview of the project, the planning board called a public hearing for this project.

Lauren Thompson, who

owns abutting property appeared for public discussion with the board. She wanted assurance there would be a buffer area aligned between the properties; Peloquin confirmed this to her approval. Thompson expressed she did not understand why so much of the tree area had already been cut down as a part of the driveway area project.

Peloquin explained that the driveway area line was determined with considerations for her property line, the site owner's line and another abutter's property; he also explained that the topography of the area, and where the trees were cut is the most suitable place for

the driveway area, drainage and utility runs.

Thompson had sent a letter dated March 14 to the Planning Board regarding the plan which Chairman Granese read into the meeting record.

In the letter, Thompson expressed concerns that the company cutting trees in the area of the driveway had found the ground to be very wet, and she was concerned the driveway could not be properly constructed on wet grounds or that it might have to be moved.

Also, Thompson was concerned if the plan was going to support a current cul-de-sac area or if there was going to be large road

expansion in this area to provide access to this driveway.

Mike Fowler communicated in a document for the Town of Derry, that the area plan would require a proper cul-de-sac roadway for such Town vehicles as snow plows and trucks to be able to move about properly. Fowler pointed out that it would be unlikely for the road area to be upgraded from a class VI to a class V road, as that would not likely be appropriate due to rigid guidelines for the property area.

Sioras pointed out that the town will want to keep the current cul-de-sac similar to current plans for supporting Town vehicles. He

said that since there is a pond and wetlands in conservation area, this would not likely support development for heavier road expansion.

The board discussed with Thompson and Peloquin modifications to the driveway area and Thompson was in agreement that her concerns would be addressed in this way. The public hearing was closed, and the board moved into discussion to further comment on the plan. The board agreed the driveway would need to follow the topographic guidelines and meet approval with abutters as outlined in an updated plan.

The board made a unani-

mous conditional approval of the site plan, subject to appropriate legal processes, inspections, sign offs, conservation commission easement documentation, well locations, state and local permits.

The board also added conditions for the removing the tree cover, centering the road with topographical alignment and for the Rutter's to take responsibility for proper maintenance of shrubs in the new area as per the public hearing discussion. The modifications will be reflected in the updated plan documentation, so the plan is moving forward toward the construction process.

Competency

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nificant to each of them at an individual level.

Genius Hour is a problem-based learning activity that has students acquiring knowledge and wisdom through self-driven learning. Research shows that students are more engaged when they are in charge of their learning themselves as this method really helps students to think more about solving problems while they're learning.

Students in Burn's class were given the freedom to learn what they wanted to within certain guidelines. The teachers involved in CBE programs typically steer their students towards projects they are passionate about as that motivates them to learn on a path that will help motivate them to become experts in that

area.

Burns said, "During the first several months of the school year we worked with the students to help them understand what self-driven learning is about. And we had the students brainstorm about what they're most passionate about. So, the students were told to prepare a list of possible areas they would be motivated to learn more about."

The students were given a timeline to come up with the specific list of topics, while documenting ideas for the teachers to know about. The students monitored progress through tracking sheets and used their Chromebook computers for project research. And as the students began working on their projects, many provided presentations to the class about their specific

self-driven learning projects.

Burns said her 5th graders researched such topics such as galaxies, how and why volcanoes erupt, dinosaurs, the history of cartoons, feeding homeless people, dog training, pollution, interviewing teachers/ documentary creation, ASPCA fundraisers, history of video games, and narrative stories.

Some of the kids made videos that were presented to the school board. One of the videos was about two students who demonstrated how and why volcanoes explode. Another student video showed an example of galaxies in a model that illustrated how the planets and stars fit within a galaxy. Another group created a documentary of interviews of different

school teachers to document information about teaching.

Once of Burn's students, Tabitha Flattes was at the school board meeting and provided a presentation about heart anatomy from her self-driven learning project. Tabitha said she wanted to go outside the box and research areas about the human anatomy. So, she researched human heart anatomy and had a great learning experience. In her presentation, she provided research she had discovered about the most important areas of the heart including details about the superior vena cava, the right atrium, the interior vena cava and the left atrium of a human heart.

Tabitha told those at the school board meeting, "My favorite part of Genius Hour was being able to

present my research. It was amazing to be able to share what I learned about the heart because it is one of the most important organs in the human body."

Burns told the board, "I liked seeing all of the students talk about an area that they were very passionate about. The students would come to me to share the information they were discovering, and just seeing them so excited about learning was great."

New School District Chairman, Dan McKenna asked Burns, "What would make this program better?"

Burns reported that some students had scheduling conflicts and weren't able to participate, so the program would be better with more students involved.

Superintendent, Dr. Maryann Connors-Krikorian said, "The Genius Hour program and the student projects were quite engaging. And Tabatha, you did an awesome job on your presentation for all of us here at the meeting."

The presentation to the school board provided the district and the public with a good example of the impressive work teacher Burn's fifth graders are doing in their self-driven learning projects. School Board members and the Superintendent discussed that Tabitha's project and the other student projects presented were quite impressive. Derry's future for education projects is seeing an evolution and these fifth graders are helping to drive it.

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Editorial

Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases and personal reasons that we bring to those posts, along with our experience and expertise.

With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible. That means business must take place in public session. There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, even with the ease of watching them on public access TV or on line in the privacy of their homes. But whether or not anyone is watching, elected and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye.

We're not talking about decisions those are made in public session. But the background leading to those decisions, the conversations and debates, the questions and the arguments, are rarely part of what the public gets to see.

This lack of information is what

starts rumors, of unethical behavior, rumors that can take on a life of their own especially when the bloggers get involved.

Did it go out to bid? Why did they win the bid? Is a councilor or other official seen in discussion with developers? Our towns are too small for anyone to expect such meetings to go unnoticed. Are they legal? Sure. But is that the only point we need to worry about? Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct. Meeting in small groups so as not to invoke a quorum may technically not violate the law, but it smells of circumventing the law. So is that ethical?

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and finally end up distrusting the decision makers. We're all adults here. The public's business should be conducted in public.

Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials have something to hide.

To the residences that read this be respectful but ask a lot of questions. And get back up documents to verify what is being told to you to be true.

Letters

NH Voters Restoring Democracy

To the editor,

Open letter to Governor Sununu and the NH State Senate, which four years ago voted unanimously to put the will of their constituents first by passing SB 136, a bill calling for an amendment to the US Constitution to end the corrupting influence of excessive and secret money in politics:

Senators:

Your constituents thank you for the unanimous vote four years ago. You will have an opportunity to call for a US Constitutional

Amendment again when HB 504 comes to the Senate for a vote soon. This bill includes a call for a public hearing so that you can hear directly from your constituents, and for an end to the partisan gerrymandering which NH voters are looking at with growing concern. The Supreme Court case now being heard involves gerrymandering by both political parties. This has truly become a non-partisan concern!

NH Republican, Democratic, and Undeclared voters all believe that legislation to get "Big Money" out of politics and to end gerrymandering is very important, and we are asking for your help.

We do not want either party to draw up redistricting maps in 2021 unilaterally and behind closed doors; we want transparency. We are calling for an independent redistricting commission to draw up the plans transparently and to present them to our General Court for approval. We call on all NH State Senators to join the NH House in passing HB 504.

Governor Sununu: We respectfully ask that you sign this bill.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

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'Dot' Stone is surrounded by family members after she was presented with the Boston Post Cane

Boston Post Cane

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the Boston Post sent out 700 well-wishers for the presentation which had a very party-like atmosphere, complete with a D.J.

Derry Heritage Commission Chairperson Karen Blandford-Anderson began the event by welcoming everyone and explaining the history of the Boston Post Cane.

She shared that the tradition has been going on since 1909 when the publisher of

the Boston Post sent out 700 canes to ton throughout New England, with the intention of having them presented to the town's oldest citizen.

Since then, the town of Derry has presented the cane to dozens of residents, one of which, Marjorie Stone, happened to be a cousin of Dorothy.

Blandford-Anderson expressed how excited she was that this could happen

as the town of Derry gets ready to celebrate its 300th Anniversary

The actual presentation of the cane was done by longtime Derry Town Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores, who let attendees know how she had known Dot throughout the years.

The actual cane was presented to Stone during the official presentation, but that cane will later be replaced with a replica. The Boston Post Cane is on display in a case at the Derry Municipal Center.

Derry Village Rotary Installs Restored Fountain for Founders Day



On Friday and Sunday of last weekend members of the Derry Village Rotary prepared a foundation, and installed the historic fountain that had been re-painted by member Steve Dente over the winter. The foundation was poured on Friday morning, and the Fountain was transported and installed early on Sunday morning. The official unveiling will be held on Founders Day weekend Sunday, April 14 at 4 p.m. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Founders Weekend Kicks Off the Nutfield Tricentennial Celebration

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Three hundred years ago this year, the eventual New Hampshire towns of Derry, Londonderry, Windham, and the Derryfield part of Manchester were first established as a territory called Nutfield.

Region-wide events and activities all summer long will celebrate this Nutfield 300th tricentennial anniversary, starting with Founders Weekend on April 12–14.

Led by the Derry Heritage Commission and First Parish Church, Founders Weekend includes participation by all four Nutfield towns.

This weekend-long celebration occurs exactly 300 years after Nutfield's founding by Rev. James MacGregor and sixteen Scots-Irish families from Northern Ireland. It also takes place exactly where they first settled, in East Derry's National Register historic Upper Village.

The Weekend features two tracks in parallel, with many common events and activities between them:

- Heritage Weekend is based at First Parish Church with its 1769 Meetinghouse, and offers a variety of family fun and history learning activities, tours, and more, free to the general public.

- The Nutfield Families Reunion and Conference is based right across the street at the restored Upper Village Hall. This advance-registration event offers rich opportunities for early family descendants and researchers to share family history information, research methods and tips, catch up with other family members, and meet relatives they may never have known before.

The social highlight of the weekend is the semi-formal Nutfield Gala, hosted by the Greater Derry Arts Council and taking place Saturday evening in the Derry Opera House downtown.

Also downtown is a special event Sunday afternoon: the dedication of the MacGregor Horse Fountain recently restored by the Derry Village Rotary.

See all the details for Heritage Weekend on the

Program Page: www.nutfieldhistory.org/300th/founders-weekend/program

Heritage Weekend

The free-to-the-public events on Saturday are perfect for stopping by for a few minutes or staying all day.

These include live pottery and flax/linen artisan demos, informative displays, a First Potato and Early Settler Selfie Station, brief talks on many local history topics, display and discussion tables by all the area's history museums, Meetinghouse Preservation info and tours, a food service, and more.

Special kids crafts and activities include crafting tartans, thistles, and bagpipes, Irish puzzles and coloring, and traditional games like ring toss.

Also featured will be the unveiling of the freshly-restored Steeple of the 1769 Meetinghouse at First Parish, part of an ongoing \$2M preservation effort. Tours and displays will explain the Meetinghouse's history, importance to the community, detailed construction, and challenging restoration process.

Guided Cemetery Tours of the adjacent Forest Hill

Cemetery – the resting place of Rev. MacGregor and the Early Settlers and still in use by the town – will be led by expert TJ Cullinane and are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, First Parish Church hosts two special worship services, a morning service with returning past Pastors and historic touches, and an afternoon Ecumenical Worship Service with participation by numerous historic and modern houses of worship from the entire Nutfield area.

A light reception will follow each service.

Sunday afternoon expands the Nutfield 300th experience to the history museums and societies in Derry, Londonderry, and Windham, who all have special open houses for Founders Weekend.

Nutfield Families Conference

The Nutfield Families Reunion and Conference starts with check-in and casual tours Friday afternoon, and a Welcome Dinner at nearby Derry Fody's Tavern that evening.

The program includes hour-long Keynote talks by experts in the field on Saturday and – perhaps most

valuable – a physical home base for the whole weekend where each family can meet and share information. Also included are access to experts and their research materials all weekend in Genealogy Headquarters, plus a conference bag with gift items and special literature. Lunch is provided Saturday and Sunday, and snacks and refreshments are available both days.

Conference attendees are also encouraged to visit all the Heritage Weekend activities right across the street, including the demos and tours and Meetinghouse Steeple on Saturday, and the historic worship services Sunday.

As a special Conference highlight, the adjacent, historic Taylor Library also has special Founders Weekend open hours to assist researchers with their specialized local history collection: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Nutfield Gala

The tricentennial celebration will kick into high gear with the Saturday evening Nutfield Gala.

Hosted by the Greater Derry Arts Council and happening in the restored Opera House in

downtown Derry, the evening includes hearty

appetizers with beer and wine from local establishments, music and dancing, the first public reading of a special Nutfield poem by Derry poet laureate Bob Crawford, and history and art displays throughout the whole building including the open Derry History Museum.

Tickets are only \$50 and everyone is welcome; see more info on the Nutfield Gala page: www.eventbrite.com/e/300th-nutfield-gala-tickets-58336173064

Macgregor Family Horse Fountain Dedication

Sunday at 4 p.m. in MacGregor Park downtown, the Derry Village Rotary Club will dedicate the beautiful result of their efforts to restore this circa 1900 downtown icon.

Just the Beginning

Founders Weekend is just the first of Nutfield 300th celebration events happening through all the towns from April through September. Read more at: nutfield300th.org.

Event Locations:

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Derry Team Qualifies for Destination Imagination Global Finals

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Four teams from Derry participated last Saturday (Mar. 30) in the Destination Imagination New Hampshire State Finals on Nashua High School South, with one of those teams qualifying for the Global Finals.

The 7 Gods of DI team of Derry's Ernest P Barka Elementary School finished in the second place in the On Target Challenge (The Technical Challenge category) and received the ticket for the next round. The Global Finals will be held in Kansas City, MO on May 22-25.

The kids, who in the Regional Meet on Mar. 16 received a Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award for its exceptional spirit, teamwork, volunteerism and sportsmanship, delivered another great performance in the State Meet and took the second spot in the Elementary Level in their category, behind the Bedford DI team.

The 7 Gods of DI, one of 36 New Hampshire teams that qualified from the State Meet (90 teams

and a total of over 600 students on three age groups competed in the finals), will now try to raise around \$10,000 in order to make the trip to the Global Finals, where they would compete against teams from 15 countries from around the world and 47 other states in America.

Three other teams from Derry, who reached the State Finals, were not able to finish in the top spots of their categories this time and did not receive the ticket to the Global Finals. The Imaginators, of Derry Village Elementary School, performed in the Medical Mystery Challenge (Scientific), on Elementary Level. In the same challenge, on Middle Level, competed The Miracle Workers team, whose members attend West Running Brook Middle School. The Hidden Imaginators, of South Range School, placed fifth in the Escape Artists Challenge (Service Learning), on the Elementary Level.

Over 200 teams from New Hampshire participated in the Destination Imagination competition this year. The students, who

compete on Elementary Level, Middle Level or Secondary Level in this academic tournament, select their challenge at the beginning of the year. There are six different challenges: Technical, Scientific, Structural, Fine Arts, Improvisational and Service Learning. The different challenges are based on the STEAM principals: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math, as well as social entrepreneurship.

The teams combine what they learn in school with their team research and are asked to leverage the team dynamic to drive innovation. All ideas and solutions must be generated by the team, without any outside interference. The students spend five months crafting solutions to challenges and teams were appraised creativity, problem-solving and collaboration abilities, as well as "think on their feet" problem-solving skills. In this process, teams learn how to combine soft skills, such as critical thinking, communication and collaboration with hard knowledge skills.



The Hidden Imaginators, of South Range Elementary School of Derry, placed fifth in the Escape Artists Challenge.
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Astro Boys Lacrosse Squad Looks to Defend Its State Title

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Ten months after knocking off Bishop Guertin and capturing their 11th state title, Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team opens on Tuesday (Apr. 9, 6 p.m.) its quest to defend that title. The Astros' season opener will see them travel to Nashua North and of course, expectations are extremely high again for Brian O'Reilly's team.

Pinkerton played in each of the last six state finals, all of them against Bishop Guertin. The Astros won in two of those meetings, including the 2018 finals.

The Astros will host BG on Tuesday, April 16 (5 p.m.) for another great matchup between the top two teams in Division I.

They will also host their rivalry game against Londonderry, on May 3 and play a total of 18

games before the postseason. The regular season ends on May 24 with a road game against Andover.

The team's first three games of the season (and seven of the first eight) will be away games, as the Pinkerton Astros' home field is still being renovated to an artificial turf surface.

The Astros posted a 19-2 record last season, the second best record in the division behind Bishop Guertin, who reached the final undefeated before falling to Pinkerton. O'Reilly is bringing back 11 starters from the championship team and also has three returning lettermen. A total of 84 students attended tryouts with 31 of them making the Varsity roster.

This year's captains will be the three seniors, attacker Ryan Auger and midfielders Gennaro Marra and Jacob McAdams.

Auger, who had been recruited to Division I Bryant University, is a two-time All-American and should lead the team in scoring and points. Marra and McAdams, as well as Mason Drouin, Dom Zirn, Tom McGarrahan and Jonathan Holland were all voted for last season's All-State team.

For O'Reilly, this will be the 37th season as coach, and he holds an amazing 551-158 career record, "With many key returners, our expectations are to again compete for a championship", he says, "Our strength lies in defense, with all of last year's starters back, and faceoffs. Our offense will need to develop depth in several areas."

The 2019 roster includes: Seniors - Owen McCormack (attack), Ryan Auger (attack), Gennaro Marra (midfield), Jacon McAdams (midfield), Jake Seccareccio (defense),

Tommy McGarrahan (LSM), Cameron Gagnon (defense), Jack Sweeney (goalie); juniors - Joe Marra (midfield), Mason Drouin (midfield), Brendan Anthony (attack), Connor McCormack (attack), Jack Ludden (midfield), Jeff Potvin (attack), Dom Zirn (defense), Andrew Hassler (goalie), Jonathan Holland (defense); sophomores - Declan Turner (LSM), Kiyoshi Dustin (LSM), Hunter Drouin (midfield), Aidan Price (midfield), Mason Barbone (attack), Jake Manning (defense), Jackson Morrisette (midfield), Logan Robinson (defense), Patrick Last (midfield), Anthony Samiotes (defense), Trent LeDuc (defense); freshmen - Liam Prescott (attack), Colby Gagnon (midfield), Riley Spellman (midfield).



Pinkerton senior attacker Ryan Auger is one of the team captains on the Astros Lacrosse team. *File photo*

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Astro Boys Aim for Third Straight Outdoor Track Title

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The last Super Bowl Sunday ended in a big celebration not only for football fans across New England, but also for the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Track and Field team, who won the Indoor State Meet at Dartmouth College thanks to the anchor leg in the final relay run of the competition.

Now, entering the Outdoor season, the Astros, led by coach Carol Quarles are looking for their third straight outdoor title. There were 88 students at the team's tryouts last week, and 82 of them will be competing this next few weeks, hoping to bring another title.

Coach Quarles said those numbers were normal, although there were some years with up to 125 kids who tried out.

"I have asked the boys about their goals for the year and had a wide assortment of answers," says Quarles, "Most of them want to improve their times. Many want to qualify for States. Their overall expectation is to win the Division I championship."

Adam Spencer, who finished fourth in the 55-Meter Hurdles run at the New England's competition is one of the best hurdlers in the state and he and Conor Seleny hope to be a dynamic dual in the 110-Meter

Hurdles and the 300-Meter Hurdles. Returning sprinters John Brooks, Avery Battle and Patrick Cotnoir will be joined by Ryan Dane, Colton Boursier and newcomers JeanFranco Cholidis and Jake MacInnis.

The Long Jump should have some exciting results, with six athletes that may go over 20 feet, Dane (the Indoor state champion), Cotnoir, Boursier, Battle, Joron Harrell and Brooks. Harrell and Matt Small (Indoor champion in High Jump) will try to lead in the Triple Jump. Returning distance runner Joe Gagnon (1,600 and 3,200) and mid-distance runners Jeff Mize, Ethan Desmaris and Zach

Plaza aim high too.

The team will not have any home meets this season, as work to switch to artificial turf continues on the field at Pinkerton. The Track and Field athletes had to find other facilities, such as the Londonderry High School track, for their preseason training.

The spring roster includes: Zachary Aham, Adrien Anderson, Camdyn Bacon, John Brooks, JeanFranco Cholidis, Jonathan Cooper, Ethan Desmaris, Joseph Gagnon, Conrad Gende, Steven Groulx, Joron Harrell, Ryan Iller, Charles Lavoie, Alexander Michaud, Jeffrey Mize, Ryan Dane, Thomas Davis, Jonathan Parada-Almeida, Benjamin Fleming, Sean

Riley Pariseau, Nicholas Patrikas, Joshua Rebane, Matthew Small, Adam Spencer, Aiden Thomas (seniors), Avery Battle, Colton Boursier, Jackson Cappello, Nicholas Caputo, Joseph DeMartino, Ethan Forbush, Henry Hood, Jake MacInnis, Vernon McPhee III, Gabriel Northrup, Zachary Plaza, Nolan Preble, Matthew Price, Benjamin Qualters, Conor Seleny, Jake Spinale, Nathan Steiger, David Swenson, Joseph Walsh, Antoni Zajac (juniors), Jeremy Binda, Joseph Bunakavich IV, Jayson Choy, Patrick Cotnoir, William D'Amico, Ryan Dane, Thomas Davis, Benjamin Fleming, Sean

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Girls Track and Field Squad Ready for Spring Season

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It has been little over a year since the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Track and Field team won the Indoor state championship, the second in school's history and first since 1981 and the team is now wishing for more of the same.

The Astros gave another good fight in this year's Indoor State Meet, but finished far from a second straight title. They hope to change that in the Outdoor season that begins for them on Tuesday (Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)

with the Tri-Meet against Dover and Manchester Central High Schools.

"Our goal is to compete for the top of the division this year", declares coach Michael Karthas, "We expect our athletes and coaches to work hard and make the season a success."

The Division I Championship will be held at the University of New Hampshire on Friday, May 24 and Karthas also marks the Merrimack Invitational on May 9, and Londonderry Invitational on May 18, as the highlights of this year's schedule.

The team will not have any home meets this season, as work to switch to artificial turf continues on the field at Pinkerton. The Track and Field athletes had to find other facilities, such as the Londonderry High School track, for their preseason training.

This year's roster includes: Laurel Breen, Madeline Burke, Sabrina Connolly, Grace Daniele, Hannah Frazier, Gabrielle Gagne, Grace Gill, Amelia Graves, Elizabeth Hayes, Heidi Helf, Megan O'Brien, Alexis Peet, Grace Richer, Hannah Robidoux, Meag-



The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Track and Field team met in the gym recently to begin working toward the start of the new season.

Photo by Idan Vinitsky

han Robidoux, Lauren Tellier (seniors), Jocelyn Bourassa, Olivia Brunelle, Adrianna Buccieri, Mikaela Budina, Meghan Cross, Sarah DeVito, Miranda Eckerman, Monique Gingras, Emily Lesburt, Khali McLean, Katelyn Melendy, Victoria Pater, Morgan Sweeney, Shannon Thayer,

Zoe Vogel (juniors), Katie Boucher, Faith Brown, Aleksandra Carney, Arunima Chaturvedi, Katherine Cooley, Marisa Douglas, Samantha Franks, Macy Graves, Grace Peet, Annika Pinyochon, Gianna Verity, Isabella Woods (sophomores), Elana Aparicio, Makenna Alden, Madison

Connors, Paige Douglas, Sierra Edgecomb, Jaclyn Gilligan, Hailee Langill, Hailey Laskiewicz, Payton Nacos, Alyssa Rzasa, Manuela Saa, Jodie Searles, Jillian Severance, Jadyn Smith, Kylie Souza, Riley Sweeney, Ashli Veillette, Olivia Welch (freshman).

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PA Volleyball Boys Team Looks for Third Straight Final

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One of the most successful spring season teams in Pinkerton Academy over the last couple of years is the Boys' Varsity Volleyball team. The Astros were stopped in the finals twice in the last two seasons, by Timberlane Regional High

School, losing both games three sets to none. The PA team enters the new season with dreams of finally lifting the Division I title trophy.

Pinkerton finished last season with an impressive 14-4 record and coach Colin Walker knows, "Our expectations are to make the tournament and win the last game of the year."

Pinkerton's way there will not be an easy one with four of their first five games of the season against teams that should be competing for the state championship this year.

They begin against Salem on the road on Tuesday, April 9 and four days after they host Souhegan on April 12, they have another home game,

this one against last year's champions Timberlane, before traveling to Windham High School on April 18 and playing Salem again, this time at home, on April 22. They also host rivals Londonderry High School on May 3 and finish the regular season at Mascenic Regional High School on May 28.

The Varsity team will

likely carry ten players, eight of them returning from last season and coach Walker also expect to expand the roster as the season goes on. The returners are: Sean Galusha (senior captain, middle hitter, Second Team All-State last season), Hunter Hazard (senior, outside hitter, First Team All-State last sea-

son), Andy Bolduc (junior, middle hitter), Josh Palmer (junior, setter), Wl Mills (sophomore, outside hitter), Brandon Lee (junior, libero/outside hitter), Chris Walder (junior, outside/right side hitter), Dan Collins (sophomore, rightside/middle hitter). Newcomers are: Kevin Phelps (junior, rightside/middle hitter), Lucas Lizotte (sophomore, setter).

Astro Softball Team Ready for New Challenge This Spring

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

After posting an 11-7 record last spring, and advancing to the tournament's quarterfinals,

where the eventual champion Concord High School stopped their run with a 3-1 victory, the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Softball team opens a new season

and is ready for a new challenge.

There were 55 athletes taking part in last week's tryouts, and after finalizing her roster, coach

Kristen Abbott says, "Like most seasons, we will use the preseason to figure out how everything will piece together, but this is a group of hardworking ladies, who are committed to giving it their all."

Abbott adds, "We are expecting to be a competitive team to face, and plan on taking it game by game. As usual, our match-up against Londonderry is always a big game for the fans to come see." The rivals faced each other last week in an exhibition game and will play their regular season match on May 3, on the Pinkerton varsity field.



Alyssa Ouellette

The Lady Astros' softball squad's season opener is scheduled for on April

8, at home, against neighbors Alvirne High School. The team will host last year's runner ups Spaulding on May 13, before concluding their regular season on May 24, with a home game against Winnacunnet High School.

The 2019 roster includes: Jackie Cerri, Amanda Lindquist, Alyssa Ouellette (seniors), Alyssa DiMauro, Mattie Sullivan, Danielle St. Peter (juniors), Sofia Camilleri, Ellie Cashman, Anna Dunton, Emma Hodgkins, Hannah Sundberg (sophomores), Lily Mason, Olivia Mason (freshmen).

Pinkerton Boys Look to Make Another Attempt at Tennis Title

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The 2018 Tennis season ended in heartbreak for the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity team, again. For the fifth time in school's history, the Astros reached the state finals and for the fifth time, they came up short. Pinkerton, who beat Bedford 5-4 in a regular season meet, lost to the Bulldogs in the final 5-4.

After that extremely close chance at the title, and with plenty of motivation the team is hoping to

bring the school its first Boys' Tennis state title. Coach Brian Hashem and his 13 Varsity players (out of 21 who tried out over three days between March 18 and 20) open their new season this Friday, April 5, with a home meet against the 2016 and 2017 runner-ups, Derryfield School.

Only ten days after the season opener, Pinkerton will be traveling to the most exciting match of the season, the rematch against Bedford High School. The team will face local rivals Londonderry in a home match at Pinkerton

on May 3. The regular season ends with a road meet in Manchester against Central on May 17 and if everything goes according to the plan, the Astros will have a good playoff run.

Pinkerton's Varsity 2019 roster includes: Seb Tonini, John Marineau, Henry Andrews, Jeff Marquis, Alex Tveter, Robbie Morin, Colin Algozzine, Matt Gilbert (seniors), Colby Day, Mike Nogaj (juniors), Anthony Walters, Thomas Sears, Brenden Connolly (shopomores).

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AstroMania Takes Over Hackler Gymnasium Saturday Night



Professional Wrestling fans filled the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy on Saturday night to enjoy the fights and support the Pinkerton Class of 2019.
Photos by Chris Paul and Idan Vinitsky

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy has seen many events over the years, from State Championship meets to dramatic sporting games. But on Saturday, March 30, a ring, standing in the middle of the court, gave the 200 fans the feeling that this is going to be something else, something new. And it sure was.

Pinkerton Academy's Class of 2019 partnered with the Liberty States Wrestling organization and brought professional wrestling to Derry. The

event was a fundraiser for the students and allowed fans to meet the wrestlers, speak to them, take some selfies, buy some pro-wrestling action figures and other memorabilia and enjoy the two-hour show.

The show had seven matches, including a tag team match, a women wrestler match and many other classics that kept the fans involved. This Saturday on April 6, Liberty States Wrestling will be performing at the Madison Square Garden in New York City, as part of the Ring of Honor & New Japan Pro-Wrestling G1 Supercard show.

One of the wrestlers, "Wild Thing" Bryce Clayton, graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2013 and sounded very

excited during the event, "It is mindboggling. It has been so long since the last time I have been in Pinkerton. I do not live in Derry anymore, I live in Florida now, and to be back here, and enter the ring, is such a wired feeling. I never thought I would see a ring here, in the middle of the school's gym. I remember joking around about it a few years ago and saying that there is no way that this is going to happen. But I got a call, about four or five months ago, and now we are here".

Prior to the show, another Pinkerton Academy alumni, Matt Taven, hosted a special Meet & Greet. Taven, whose real name is Matthew Marinelli, has been competing in Ring of

Honor since 2012. He was born in Derry, graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2003 and was also happy to be back in his hometown: "I was just a kid from a small town in New Hampshire that loved wrestling and always had this dream. To come back here, years later and one week before going to Madison Square Garden, is special. It is hard not to smile and enjoy this moment. I became nostalgic. I saw the place where I used to go to gym class. To see this place and think about all the hard work that I put in is fun. You do not get a lot of chances to 'smell the roses', but I guess that this is as close as I get to enjoying the moment as possible."



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Derry Head Start Art Show

This annual art show at Derry Head Start (9 Crystal Ave, Derry), you have two opportunities to attend - Wednesday April 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Thursday April 11 from noon - 1:30 p.m. The children have been working very hard on completing amazing works of art and can not wait to show case them! We hope you are able to join us!

PA Egg Hunt

Pinkerton Academy Easter egg hunt is inviting families from around the area to attend. This event will occur on Saturday April 13, from 10 a.m. - noon, and will include festive crafts, games and the major Easter egg hunt. As well as the opportunity to see and take pictures with the Easter bunny!

Aviation Fun

The museum will have extended hours during spring school vacation week open on Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Families are invited to visit and check out all our exhibits, including the new "Rob Holland Experience," which uses virtual reality to show visitors what it's like to be a world champion aerobatics pilot.

Q & A with Ted Kitchens

Airport of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, director Ted Kitchens, will hold a Q&A on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

Vintage Movie Night

Roman Novarro in 'The Flying Fleet' (1929) Classic aviation drama filmed on location at U.S. Navy bases; silent with live music will be shown on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum. Cost for Londonderry, residents \$5 for members, \$10 for members-yet-to-be.

Revival: Reimagined

Join us for an inclusive day of welcome on May 4, with music, spirituality, and exploration. In the afternoon (1:00

p.m.), we are excited to hear the Rev. Tricia Lyons (Missioner for Evangelism and Community Engagement in the Diocese of Washington DC and author of 'Teaching Faith With Harry Potter') as our featured speaker to learn how to share our faith, engage our communities, to make a difference and find deeper peace and meaning in our lives. In the evening (6:00 p.m.), we will gather for song and celebration and close our day with a festive Eucharist as God's people. Come for all of the day or some. This is a free event that includes dinner and refreshments throughout the day. This event is a collaboration between two Episcopal Churches in Southern New Hampshire, St. Christopher's in Hampstead and St. Peter's in Londonderry, and is funded by a grant given by the Mission Resource Council of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire. It is open, free of charge to the public, and includes dinner. Our focus area is Southern New Hampshire.

Giant Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions Giant Yard Sale is on April 27, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE! At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common. Donate your goods to the Lions! April 15 thru the Friday before the sale at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. Please, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's. Sell your own Goods by renting spaces, by call Tom in advance at 603-548-5011. Proceeds for donated goods and rented spaces to benefit: Lions Local Charities including Local Eye Care.

Free Symphony String Concert

On May 1, at 7 p.m., to commemorate the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism ("Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah"), Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Windham, is hosting an evening concert featuring the New Hampshire Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet. In addition to a memorial candle

lighting and prayers of remembrance, the Quartet will present music composed by those who perished in or survived the camps: Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3, Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet; and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett. The concert is generously supported by Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry, NH, Etz Hayim's William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Although the event is Free, we would appreciate those who plan to attend to, if possible, RSVP on Etz Hayim Synagogue's Facebook page.

5th Annual Derry Author Fest!

Taking place on April 6, from 10 - 4 p.m., Derry Author Fest is a free conference for aspiring writers and is comprised of talks from authors and industry professionals. This year's theme is "A Touch of Technique" and will cover a lot of ground particularly focusing on writing process, querying, narrative and publishing. It will feature such inspiring speakers as NYT best selling writer Anita Diamant, author of The Red Tent and The Boston Girl, Lorin Rees of the Rees Literary Agency, Jenna Russell of the Boston Globe and more. This is the perfect event for those who have a manuscript tucked away, for those who have been toying with that picture book idea, and for those who are ready to start submitting their work. Books will be on sale throughout the day thanks to Gibson's book store of Concord. Find out more information and register at www.derryauthorfest.wordpress.com. Questions? Contact Erin Robinson erinr@derryp1.org or call 603-432-6140.

Community Garden

Broadview Farm Community Garden, sponsored by Derry Conservation Commission, is now taking requests for plots for people who want to grow their own fresh vegetables but lack the space. The plots are 10'x20', and are free to Derry residents. There are three ways

to reserve a plot: 1. Online at www.derrynh.org Click Government->Conservation Commission->Town Owned Conservation Properties->Broadview Farm. Scroll down to the link to the online form. 2. Send an email to broadviewgardening@gmail.com 3. Call Will Lowenthal @ 978-239-8025. In addition, we have created a Facebook page entitled "Broadview Farm Community Garden." "Like" the page and get updates and announcements.

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

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.

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 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.

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

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, May 2, 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 on 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.

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 stevellhom@aol.com.



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