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Council to Hold Public Hearing for West Running Brook District

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The Town Council met on July 29 to consider actions regarding the Planning Board's approval of amendments to create a new district in Derry, with specialized mixed zoning that will be called the West Running Brook District. The proposal was moved from the Planning Board for Town Council public hearing actions and for final approval from the council.

Town Council Chair, Neil Wetherbee announced a public hearing would be scheduled during an upcoming Town Council meeting on Aug. 13 start-

ing at 7 p.m. At that time any challenges or questions about the district will be heard.

The Derry Planning board approved specific amendments at their meeting on July 24 to establish this West Running Brook District, which will offer unique zoning intended to stimulate growth for Derry.

Brian Chirichiello, who is the Town Council liaison to the Planning Board, provided a brief overview of the Planning Board meeting approval process for the new district amendments that are now in the hands of the council. Chirichiello said, "It was workshop number 5 or 6 for the Planning Board.

And in the end, the vote by the board was 5 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention to approve it (the new district). So on to the Council, it goes."

Town officials began working on details for this new district months ago with a focus on what the new area would do for Derry to stimulate appropriate economic growth and land usage for this area. After much analysis and workshop discussions by Town Planning Director, George Sioras, Economic Development Director, Beverly Donovan, and the Town's Planning Board, zoning amendments were approved for the town

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Six Unit Subdivision Plan Given Approval for Mill Road Location

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Nikko Land LLC requested the Town's approval for a subdivision plan at the recent Derry Planning Board meeting on July 25.

The purpose of this plan is for the development of a six-lot subdivision located in a Low Density Residential zoned district, that is to be set up as per the 3-acre minimum zoning guideline. Four of the lots will have frontage on 45 Mill Road and two lots will have frontage on Alyssa Drive.

Specifically, the Planning Board meeting was set up for approvals for both the plan and for two separate waivers that Nikko Land LLC would require for developing this subdivision.

All town departments had previously reviewed and signed off on the plan prior to the meeting.

For this subdivision to move forward, state permits that are now pending from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) would also need approvals.

George Sioras, Planning Director — overviewed Planning Department notes for the board — pointing out that the planning staff recommends approval of waiver #1 which concerns altering the property lines at right angles under Land Development Control Regulations (LDCR) — Section 170-25. A.2.

Planning department staff also recommended that the board conduct further discussion on waiver #2

concerning high intensity soil mapping that falls under the Town's LDCR— Section 170-25.8. Planning Department staff would like to see some area of each proposed lot show the high intensity soil mapping for the septic location and the wetland on this parcel.

Overall the Planning Department recommended normal board support for a conditional approval of the subdivision application.

Tim Peloquin, of Promised Land Survey LLC, in Derry represented the developer, Nikko Land LLC at the hearing. Peloquin pointed out that the developers had previously been granted a variance for the lots at Alyssa drive for some of the driveway area and road area that are a part

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STANLEY CUP VISIT Dom Romano, left, and Jack Crowell were two of the many eager fans that got to check out the Stanley Cup at Pinkerton Academy on Monday afternoon, Aug. 5. The cup was brought to the school by Zach Sanford of the St. Louis Blues, who attended the school, and was on the last Division One winning hockey team Pinkerton has had. Each member of the Championship Team gets to spend a day with it, and this how Sanford chose to enjoy that opportunity. See story on page 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Sends Letter to Governor, and Legislators on Budget Dispute

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After New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu vetoed the state budget at the end of June, he began looking for support from N.H. town officials across the state. N.H. lawmakers

anticipated the Governor's veto and have approved a resolution extending current spending levels for an additional three months, which will be ending on October 1.

Faced with a challenge for a budget compromise, town officials from across

the state — including Derry — to come to Concord for a closed session to discuss the state budget on Friday July 19. That meeting was set up as N.H. legislative leaders continued efforts to find a budget compromise.

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Letter to Gov.

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Sununu has pointed out his veto is to protest a roll-back of proposed business tax cuts, and what Sununu calls “irresponsible long-term spending.” Previous N.H. legislatures, with Sununu’s support, provided multiple business tax cuts over the past two years. The cuts hit municipal and school budgets hard. Derry schools have proposed school closures over the past year. Sununu says the business profits tax rate should not be increased to 7.9% from its present 7.7% and that appears to be sticking point for a compromise.

Councilor Jim Morgan, who represented the Town of Derry at the Governor’s presentation provided feedback from that meeting to the council during a special July 29 meeting. Morgan reported, “I think the meeting was excellent. It was the first time a gov-

ernor has called municipalities to Concord since Jeanne Shaheen. We understand exactly where the governor is coming from, and the importance of not having a structural deficit.”

According to Concord Monitor story written by Ethan DeWitt - on the day of the Governor’s meeting - a group of several dozen mayors, city councilors and select board members wrote a letter detailing their concerns with the governor’s budget veto and aired them at this meeting. Some spoke out accusing Sununu of prioritizing low tax rates for businesses over low tax rates for residents.

One of those expressing concerns that aligned with those of Derry was Jim Donchess, Mayor of Nashua, who compared the Governors proposed budget with the one he had vetoed. He said, “The difference for Nashua is about \$5 million over two

years in school aid and five million dollars means a lot for Nashua.”

Councilor Morgan briefed the council about the meeting specifics and about additional feedback from the N.H. Legislative leaders; all council members aligned to produce a letter written to the Governor and Legislative leaders regarding Derry’s position on the state budget issue.

“The Town of Derry appreciated the invitation to come to Concord on July 19 for the Governor’s overview of his common ground compromise proposal for the State’s budget. The Town Council is also in the receipt of a letter from the Senate President and the House Speaker on this topic. While we are in appreciation of these letters, the Town Council is facing serious budget issues with our school district and significant tax burdens on our property tax payers.”

“We request this budget

stalemate be resolved expeditiously. We understand that all agree to return millions of dollars to cities and towns and school districts. We applaud this effort and urge state leaders to continue to assist with property tax relief. We would also encourage the Governor and the legislature to reinstate sustainable revenue sharing to fund State obligations such as general revenue-sharing, police, fire and teacher retirement contributions and fully fund meals and rooms tax revenue sharing as currently required by law.”

“Derry property taxpayers have absorbed over \$4.5 million in additional costs annually as a result of the legislature’s actions, which do not include the impacts resulting from the reduction in various education funding programs. Since the elimination of these obligations, the legislature has transformed traditional and statutory rev-

enue sharing into a profit-sharing plan - whereby states obligations to municipalities are partially funded, if funds are available. Money coming back to our community that is not sustainable creates great concern as the town operates under a tax cap and cannot easily recapture revenue that is unavailable in future years.”

“We understand that disagreement exists whether the proposed budget produces a structural deficit going forward. We recognize the difficult challenges that a structural deficit presents moving forward and we urge all sides to this debate to find common ground to realistically identify and address this matter immediately”.

“The Town Council is also concerned with the optics in raising business profits taxes as Derry is in the process of working with developers and investors in our community. Whereby Derry already

has high property taxes, additional business taxes could present a picture to our potential new businesses - that this is a trend within the State of moving higher on taxes in general. This optic is of great concern, as we attempt to develop land and increase our tax base to offset our property taxes without relying on additional state revenues.”

“The Town Council respectfully requests that you reach a compromise and end this budget disagreement for the people of Derry and New Hampshire. Don’t turn New Hampshire into Washington D.C., where compromise is seen as unacceptable. We again wish to thank you for the communications, but at the same time we believe the true and just services for the citizens of New Hampshire would be in compromise.

Respectfully - submitted by the seven Town Councilors of Derry.”

West Running Brook

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to combine multi-use retail/housing with specifically permitted businesses to create a new district that will be located around the Route 28, Rockingham Road area.

The zoned area for the

new district includes the famous Robert Frost Farm land, West Running Brook Middle School, and other adjacent lot areas including property portions on Island Pond Road, Rockingham Road and Humphrey Road. The zoning proposed for

the district was organized to support new economic opportunities for developing property areas that will harmonize with the history and natural landscape of this area. More specifically, the idea for the new district is to boost a mix of land uses, including small-scale retail/commercial business, recreation, resi-

dential, and conservation areas that would be integrated together to create a neighborhood or village-style district zone.

Uses stated in the approved Planning Board amendments include performing and fine arts businesses - schools and studios, banking, conference centers, day care sites,

hotels, inn-pub businesses, indoor recreational sites, medical offices, manufacturing, movie/recording studios, restaurants, professional offices and more with integration for various types of residential housing.

Housing development would be restricted primarily to multi-family residential, and small-scale village-style building development. It is the intention for this district to be supported with interconnected paths and side-

walks, streetscapes that will provide access for bicycles and pedestrians. The goal is to establish a “village like” atmosphere, so district residents can easily get around to specific businesses without a lot of added traffic congestion.

The public hearing at the Town Council meeting on Aug. 13 is open to the public for community feedback - as the Town Council sets up for final approvals of the new district.



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Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament Set for Aug. 23-25

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Just a few months after the tennis courts at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA) complex were named after beloved coach Skip Burbine, they will be hosting the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis

Tournament on Aug. 23-25.

Skip Burbine, who passed away in October of 2018, left a lasting impression on area sports. He was a passionate sports enthusiast throughout his life and coached both the girls and boys tennis team at Londonderry High School.

The 2010 LHS Boy's

Tennis Team, which he coached, were first state championship in school history, as well as the 2014 girl's singles championship. Skip's son and daughter, Alex and Cassie, were both number one tennis players while playing for the Lancers.

The tournament will begin on Friday, Aug. 23

and conclude on Sunday, Aug. 25 and each participant is guaranteed at least two matches.

The event will feature three different categories: Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, with a single elimination format and consolation knockout rounds. Cost to register is \$25 per player

or \$50 per team.

The benefits from the tournament will go to the Ocular Melanoma Foundation, the Granite State Kids Non-Profit Tennis Organization, the Skip Burbine Memorial Scholarship Fund and other local charities.

Players who wish to register can make check to

"Skip Burbine Foundation" with the desired entry and the names being registered for the Tournament, and mail it to 2 McEnroe Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053.

For questions and details, the organizers ask the public to connect Patrice at 603-247-8510 or email caps4@comcast.net.

Subdivision

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of the subdivision design.

Peloquin stated, "The overall land parcel is 32 acres. A large section of about 12.5 acres for one of the units is intended to preserve an old saw mill site with the intention of creating a nice lot with appropriate

conservation for this area that will have a home built for the developer's son. The owner intends to continue with the preservation of the area."

A public hearing was motioned, and several abutters and local residents came forward with questions about the development. James Cristofelds, who is an abutter, expressed his view

and stated, "My main concern is property taxes — because it is already through the roof — and this development will bring in several four hundred thousand dollar homes that will raise the value of my home, but probably raise my property tax. Is there any way to avoid this development or is this set-in stone?"

Planning Board Chair, John O'Connell responded, "The developer owns this property, so as long as they meet all the criteria of what's in the ordinance, then this board has to look at it from a positive perspective."

Residents, Mr. and Mrs. Lane who are abutters to the project lots, came forward to also express concerns about the project. Mr. Lane stated, "This is a very wet area and we have to deal with lots of water every spring and this year has been particularly wet." The Lane's then pointed out on the subdivision design map, an area where they wanted to ensure flooding was not going to become an even bigger problem for them as site abutters.

Tim Peloquin —representing the developer— listened to the problem about

flooding as conveyed to him by the residents and reported that this issue would be taken into consideration to incorporate a culvert or other such design solution. Peloquin pointed out that the developer and the design would also be subject to the town's engineering inspections and that they would take care in their work to not

create a bigger problem with regard to the area becoming flooded.

After much consideration and input from the Planning Board and in consideration of the public input, the developers were approved for their plan subject to town processes, engineering and inspections. The first waiver request from the board for

an adjustment to the property line was also granted and though the second waiver for the high intensity soil mapping was a bit more contentious, the developers were granted that waiver too as the site designer reported they would stay on top of this issue. The project is now conditionally approved to move forward.

OBITUARY

Deborah Driscoll

Deborah A. Driscoll, 55, of Derry, NH, died Saturday Aug. 3, 2019, in her home. She was born in Somerville, MA on Jan. 22, 1964, a daughter of James MacGilvray and Utta Herrmann. Deborah was a big fan of Mammamia! and listening to ABBA. She would spend her spare time in her garden and even started taking cooking classes to gain more skills in the kitchen. Deborah spent her working career in the nursing field caring for others, but the ones that she loved above all else were her grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Benjamin Albert of Atkinson, NH, Nicholas Nicastro and wife Christina of Wakefield, NH and Christopher Albert and wife Laura of Chester, NH; daughter, Andrea Collins of Newburyport MA; three brothers, Christopher MacGilvray of Gloucester, MA, James MacGilvray of West Newbury, MA, and David MacGilvray of Peabody, MA; sister, Lisa Perez of Danvers, MA; grandchildren, Kaleb Albert, Vincenzo Nicastro, Giacomo Nicastro and Ender Albert and her beloved dog, Jimmy. Deborah is predeceased by her daughter Katherine Hunt and two sisters, Paula Moyers and Tracy MacGilvray.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In lieu of memorial contributions please make a donation in her daughter Katherine Hunt's name to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (suicidepreventionlifeline.org/donate).

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Derry Rider Seriously Injured in Bike Trail Crash

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Jacob Normandin of Derry was seriously injured on Sunday, Aug. 4, in a trail bike crash in Chester. The 21-year-old rider was hurt while doing a "wheelie" (lifting the front wheel of his bike while riding), after he struck a stump.

Around 6 p.m., according to the press release, a New Hampshire Fish and Game Conservation Officer responded to a reported single trail bike crash on a private property off Lane Rd. in Chester.

After investigating the

accident, it was determined that Normandin was thrown over the handle bars of his trail bike when he hit the stump. He was operating the trail bike, with permission, on the private property and was highly experienced with operating a trail bike, but his lack of knowledge regarding trail obstructions was a contributing factor to the accident.

Normandin sustained serious non-life-threatening

injuries resulting from the crash and a Derry Ambulance transported him to Parkland Medical Center in Derry. Derry, Chester's Fire and EMS personnel, and Chester Police Department assisted NH Fish and Game with the crash scene. Following the incident, Fish and Game asked to remind all riders to operate within their capabilities and to keep all tires on the ground for optimal safety.

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Editorial

What is Favoritism, Cronyism, and Nepotism?

As favoritism is the broadest of these related terms, we'll start with its definition. Basically favoritism is just what it sounds like; it's favoring a person not because he or she is doing the best job, but rather because of some extraneous feature-membership in a favored group, personal likes and dislikes, etc. Favoritism can be demonstrated in hiring, honoring, or awarding contracts. A related idea is patronage, giving public service jobs to those who may have helped elect the person who has the power of appointment.

Cronyism is a more specific form of favoritism, referring to partiality towards friends and associates. As the old saying goes, "It's not what you know, but who you know." Cronyism occurs within a network of insiders-the "good old' boys," who confer favors on one another.

Nepotism is an even narrower form of favoritism. Coming from the Italian word for nephew, it covers favoritism to members of the family. Both nepotism and cronyism are often at work when political parties recruit candidates for public office.

What do favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism have to do with ethics?

One of the most basic themes in ethics is fairness, stated this way by Aristotle: "Equals should be treated equally and unequal's unequally." Favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism all interfere with fairness because they give undue advantage to someone who does not necessarily merit this treatment.

In the public sphere, favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism also undermine the common good. When someone is granted a position because of connections rather than because he or she has the best credentials

and experience, the service that person renders to the public may be inferior.

Also, because favoritism is often covert (few elected officials are foolish enough to show open partiality to friends, and family), this practice undercuts the transparency that should be part of governmental hiring and contracting processes.

So what's the problem?

The appearance of favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism weakens morale in government service, not to mention public faith in the integrity of government.

Reasonable people will differ about the appointment of friends and family in high-level positions, but public officials should be aware that such choices could give the appearance of unfairness. Others may restrict the hiring of relatives or friends in more general conflict-of-interest rules.

Public officials should also note that dilemmas involving favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism extend beyond hiring and contracting practices to the more general problem of influence. Golfing partners, people who come over for Sunday dinner, members of the same congregation, all are likely to exert a greater influence over an official than a stranger. Council members, and legislators, must make special efforts to ensure that they hear all sides of an issue rather than just relying on the views of the people they know. Further, many conscientious lawmakers have discovered that they must change their patterns of socializing when their work involves many decisions affecting friends and associates. At the least, they may choose to recuse themselves from votes and state the reason why, where social relationships may exert undue influence.

GREENWorks: Do's and Don'ts of Cyanobacteria

SUBMISSION FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Summer in New Hampshire. Millions of residents and visitors across the state enjoy our beautiful beaches, lakes and rivers throughout the season. Although the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) closely monitors the quality of our lakes and ponds, you should look for cyanobacteria blooms before diving into the water. The water quality of lakes in New Hampshire is generally excellent, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

What are cyanobacteria? Cyanobacteria are naturally occurring bacteria in most of our lakes. Warm weather may promote the growth of cyanobacteria, which grow in colonies to form "blooms." Ingesting toxic cyanobacteria may cause serious health issues for humans, pets and livestock.

Identifying cyanobacteria: A cyanobacterial bloom may appear as blue-green scums, clouds, flecks or globs. Cyanobacteria can also form green mats in the sediment and attach to rocks and other lake substrates at the shoreline. Another indi-

cator of cyanobacteria is a green hue of the water itself. Cyanobacteria are most prevalent in the late summer months due to a combination of warm weather, rainfall, stormwater runoff and available nutrients. These conditions are favorable for the growth of cyanobacteria.

Do's and Don'ts of Cyanobacteria:

• **DO** inspect the water for bloom and scum before swimming or allowing children and pets to swim. Cyanobacteria can appear and disappear over the course of a day, so make sure to check the alerts and the water.

• **DO** alert NHDES of any cyanobacteria observations at (603) 848-8094. If you can, please take a picture of the bloom or scum. NHDES will sample and post an advisory if cyanobacteria are excessive.

• **DO** check the NHDES website before heading for a swim at the lake. Beach advisories and cyanobacteria alerts are updated regularly on the NH Beach Advisories Map www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed_BeachMaps/.

• **DO** rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible if

anyone or a pet comes in contact with bloom or scum. Take the appropriate medical steps if necessary.

• **DON'T** swim or wade in the water if cyanobacteria are detected. Cyanobacteria are harmful to people of all ages and pets, too!

• **DON'T** drink the water! Direct ingestion of the bacteria may cause several symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, fever and skin rashes and irritation. In addition, the state advises against using any lake water for consumption, since conventional in-home water treatment systems do not ensure the elimination of cyanobacteria toxins if present.

• **DON'T** use lake water for cooking, bathing or irrigation during bloom events. Boiling lake water with toxic cyanobacteria can potentially increase its toxicity.

For more information about cyanobacteria, please visit www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/wmb/documents/wmb-10.pdf. For updates on beach advisories and cyanobacteria alerts, visit www.des.nh.gov.

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Derry Garden Club Awards Scholarship Recipient

The Derry Garden Club's is proud to announce the recipient of their Scholarship. Kathy Lane-Chair has announced that this year's scholarship recipient is Derry resident Caroline Choiniere. Carolyn is a 2019 graduate of Pinkerton Academy and has distin-

guished herself as an excellent student. She has a passion for plants and gardening and has her own large "nursery" in her home consisting of 70-to-80 cacti and succulents. She professes a fascination with horticulture and will be attending the University of

Maine in the fall to study botany. Caroline's ultimate goal is to own a plant nursery and share her love of plants and gardening with her community. She certainly typifies the Derry Garden Club's goal to "promote an interest in home and garden".

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Derry Libraries Host Marshmallow Roast in East Derry



The Derry Public Library and Taylor Library combined efforts on Thursday night, Aug. 1 for a Marshmallow Roast. Families attending heard stories, danced, and sang songs with the help of Derry Children's Library Department Head Ray Fontaine, Taylor Head Librarian Linda Merrill and Assistant Librarian Fran Mears. After that, children and their families enjoyed roasting marshmallows over an open fire pit. This was the second time the event was put on, but this year the weather was much more cooperative.

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School Board Reviews Spring Reading and Math Test Results

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At the July 16 Derry Cooperative School Board meeting, the School Board reviewed springtime testing information regarding the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) program, with regard to the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) processes, that also include a Universal Screening Test process.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Austin Garofalo, prepared a presentation with the most recent metrics and outlined a discussion of the test results. Test evaluation metrics and follow up discussions are conducted up to three times a year, as per a contract with Edmentum Exact Path's individualized learning paths program.

Garofalo said, "We use

this data throughout the school year as a means to inform our instruction. For this past spring, we now have the data for both reading and math scores."

Reading and math scores for this testing are measured using RIT (Rausch Unit) score metrics. A RIT score is an estimation of a student's instructional level and also measures student progress or growth in school. It is important to understand that MAP testing is aligned to one point in time.

Garofalo said, "NWEA norms depend on when we actually take the test. We moved up the NWEA tests to April, because we wanted to move our time for taking the New Hampshire State assessment to spring, so we get a little more instruction time under our belt. The grade

level report gives us the normative data set by NWEA nationally. For example - for grade 1, the NWEA norm includes millions of students throughout the nation."

The MAPS reading evaluation, grades 1-7 for students in Derry were at or above the NWEA norm in context of national RIT metrics. Grade two was slightly below the norm and there was no eighth grade metric due to N.H. eighth grade science testing. None of the scores for reading were indicated with red color flagging of being below a 1 RIT average - which according to Garofalo is a good sign. Overall the school grade levels 1-8 tested with an average of 57.8% of the students being at or above the norm RIT scores on a national basis.

Garofalo said, "For read-

ing and math growth, what NWEA does is for each individual student - they have a projected growth that is compared according to what that student has done in the past or as an estimate if the student has only taken one MAP test."

In terms of reading growth - grades 1st and 2nd were below growth averages nationally (more than 1 RIT unit) and 3rd grade was slightly below the national growth average (at less than 1 RIT unit), while 4th grade was right at the growth average. Overall 50% of those students in grades 1-5 averaged at or above the average growth for reading skills on a national basis. Grades 5-8 will not be ready for a growth rate test metric comparison until next year's cycle of testing.

The board discussed ideas to further improve the

reading growth metrics and the NWEA process in the future. Garofalo then presented the math test metrics.

Mathematics, grade one tested below the norm (more than 1 RIT unit), grades two and three tested slightly below the norm (less than 1 RIT unit) while grades four and five tested above the norm with their RIT scores. The 6th grade tested below the norm, while the 7th grade test above the norm for their RIT scores. There was no 8th grade RIT score metric due to N.H. state 8th grade science testing.

Overall students grades 1-7 averaged below the average norm for math skills on a national basis with 48.2% of students in these grades scoring at or above the national average for the RIT score.

In terms of math growth

first grade was significantly below growth averages nationally (more than 1 RIT unit) and 2-4 grade were exactly at the national mathematics growth average.

Overall 49% of those students in grades 1-4 averaged at or above average growth for math skills on a national basis. Grades 5-8 will not be ready for a growth rate test comparison until next year's cycle of NWEA testing.

The board discussed actions that could be taken to improve math scores in the future. Garofalo said, "We will use these NWEA metrics and NH state testing results to further identify needs such as for specific grade levels and we will address them to see where we can have some impact in both reading and mathematics."

Smokey Bear 75th Birthday Party Will Be at Franconia Notch Aug. 15

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Smokey Bear has been helping to prevent forest fires in N.H. and all of America for 75 years. It therefore, is an appropriate time to salute the old bear for his efforts across America teaching all of us how to prevent wildfires, with a big birthday bash on Thursday Aug. 15.

The National celebration day in N.H. is going to be a grand time for everyone young or old to come to this FREE birthday party event at Franconia Notch State Park - Exit 34B off of Route 93. Festivities will feature

historic displays and lots of fun things to do.

Party time will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and during this time, everyone can ride the Cannon Mountain Tram with Smokey the Bear (12 and under ride free). There will also be games and displays, along with a Touch a Truck, Wildland Fire Engine area.

Don't miss the Smoky Bear Hot Air Balloon that will be set up for free tethered rides (weather permitting). The balloon event will go on from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and also from 1:30 - 3 p.m. N.H. is one of only two locations on the east coast for the

tethered Smokey Bear Hot Air Balloon rides on Smokey Bear's birthday.

At 11 a.m., check out some good eatin' at the family affordable cookout for lunch. There will be live music going down from The Fiddling Thomsons from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m., there will be a special recognition for NH Garden Club Poster Contest Winners including the overall state-winning poster designed by a resident from Derry.

Blanche Garone, who is the youth co-chair for the Derry Garden Club says, "We

are very proud of Eve Debecker of Derry - who won the N.H. state contest with her Garden Club Smokey Bear Poster design. Her poster design went on to the national competition as part of the National Smokey Bear 75th birthday celebration."

After the contest recog-

nition, there will be speeches to honor Smokey Bear and then a Smokey Bear cake cutting birthday salute.

Live music will be happening again from The Fiddling Thomsons from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The balloon rides will continue from 1:30 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Derry Garden Club Turns 83-Years-Old

CAILEN BRADY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Garden Club (DGC) is a non-profit, passionate organization, fueled by the one goal, to promote an interest in home and garden, while protecting plants, trees, wildlife, and all nature to further beautification of our town. They are responsible for maintaining the Children's Garden at the Robert Frost Homestead and a decorative garden at Marion Ger-

rish Community Center, both located in Derry. As an organization, the club is always looking to expand, add new members, and spread the love and the interest of gardening throughout the community.

Lolly Flemming, a Derry Garden Club member says, "Our mission is to promote the love of gardening and we have an educational garden located at the Boys and Girls Club in Derry, where over one hundred children participate in planting vegetables

and flowers each year!"

The Derry Garden Club is more than excited to announce that they will be celebrating their 83rd birthday on September 6th of this year. The celebration will be hosted at the Boys and Girls Club facility in Derry, NH. At the celebration past Presidents of the club will be honored and presented with roses. The day will begin at 10 am, with a presentation on how to create your own photograph album using

Shutterfly's album. Derry Garden Club's very own, Susan Davis, will direct this presentation. Davis is a winner of four awards regarding her own album scrapbooks.

The presentation is open to the public and the DGC would be extremely happy to see some new faces! Following the presentation will be a short business meeting, and then a light luncheon to follow. The Derry Garden Club asks those interested to bring their own place settings.

For more information, visit www.derrygardenclub.org or call (603) 396-0053. The day is a fun and free event open to all in the community. Remember the Derry Garden Club is always open and looking for new members!

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Eversource Gives Up On Northern Pass After Supreme Court Decision

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Eversource has decided Northern Pass “has no path forward” after the New Hampshire Supreme Court unanimously decided to uphold the Site Evaluation Committee’s decision denying the \$1.6 billion project.

The company filed a document with the Securities and Exchange Commission recently notifying investors it would not go forward with the project.

“After evaluating all potential options following last week’s decision by the New Hampshire Supreme Court on Northern Pass, it is clear there is no path forward for the project,” said media relations manager William Hinkle. “Consequently, we submitted a filing late Thursday with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission reflecting our

conclusion that Northern Pass has unfortunately been brought to an end.”

The 8-K form says the company is taking a charge of \$240 million after applying reimbursement agreements and tax benefits of \$115 million.

The charge is approximately 64 cents a share, the company said in the statement.

The project was first proposed in 2011 and was denied by the SEC in 2018 saying project officials failed to prove the high-voltage, 192-mile transmission line would not unduly impact the orderly development of the region, one of four criteria needed to approve a major utility project.

The state Supreme Court’s decision came two months after oral arguments and essentially ended the proposed transmission line to ferry Hydro-Quebec

power to southern New England.

At the time, the decision disappointed Eversource whose spokesman restated the region’s need for renewable energy, but was cheered by those who fought the project for nearly a decade claiming it would permanently scar the state’s majestic landscape.

“We are deeply disappointed that the New Hampshire Supreme Court reached this decision, but we are grateful for their consideration and deliberation in this case,” Eversource said in a statement earlier this month. “We will closely review the Supreme Court’s decision and evaluate all potential options for moving forward.”

But Thursday, the company filed the paperwork with federal regulators bringing the entire project to a close.

“We remain grateful to our energy partner, Hydro-Québec, for their longstanding commitment to supplying New England with clean, reliable hydropower. We also wish to thank project supporters, including New Hampshire’s business community, our union partner the IBEW and many others, with whom we worked closely over the years to bring this project’s benefits to our customers,” Hinkle said.

After the court’s decision, Gov. Chris Sununu, said it was time to move on and focus on other clean energy projects that would lower electric rates.

The SEC voted 7-0 Feb. 1, 2018 to deny Eversource’s application saying the company and its experts failed to provide sufficient and credible evidence for the committee to make an informed decision on the project’s impact on property values,

local businesses, tourism and changes in land use.

The committee reaffirmed its decision on the same 7-0 vote in May 2018 after Eversource asked the SEC to reconsider. After that decision, Northern Pass filed its appeal to the Supreme Court.

In filing its appeal, Eversource claimed the SEC statutes and rules on orderly development are vague and open-ended allowing arbitrary decisions and the SEC failed to clarify or offer guidance on the standards.

It also said the SEC should have continued to deliberate the case instead of stopping once it found the project failed one of the four criteria, and because it stopped deliberations, regulators failed to consider key components which would have addressed the issues raised in the SEC’s ruling. The appeal also said the committee failed to follow

statutes and its own rules.

But the state Supreme Court sided with the Site Evaluation Committee.

The project was opposed by environmentalists and conservationists, small business owners, residents along the route, local municipal and planning officials and all but two of the host communities.

The project had the support of large businesses and business organizations, unions and economic development officials.

Northern Pass was originally selected to provide Massachusetts with 1,200 megawatts of Hydro-Quebec energy under that state’s clean power act, but when the SEC denied the project, Massachusetts officials turned to a proposed transmission line through Maine, which is now before that state’s utility and environmental regulators.



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Track Club Closes Out Another Summer of Kids Fun Runs



IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 45th year of the annual Kids Summer Fun Run finished another season on Monday, Aug. 5, when the overall winners of the event, organized by the Greater Derry Track Club at the Londonderry High School track, were announced and received a

nice gym bag, and medals as their prize.
In the 9-year-olds category, Skylar Marzolf of Derry was the winner and Emily Bugenhagen, also of Derry, finished second overall. Patrick Ramsey and Brayden Gearin of Londonderry took the first and second place in the boys' category and Rowan Nichols of

Derry placed third.
Isabella Schreiner of Londonderry won the 10-year-old girls' category and Gemma Murray of Londonderry finished second. Samuel Schreiner was first among the boys and Josiah DelSignore of Londonderry took second. Meara Horan of Londonderry won the 11-year-olds girls' competition,

while Eve Klok and Kali Marzolf of Derry went second and third.
The 12-year-olds girls' winner was Lilliana Cawthorne of Londonderry, with Sophie Dandawa of Derry finishing second and Linsey Gregoire of Londonderry third. In the boys' category, it was 1-2-3 for the Derry kids, with Matthew Morri-

son winning and Ross Pare and Jacob Hall behind him.
In the 13-year-olds competitions, Michaela Horan of the Derry won among the girls and Bailey Yager of Derry among the boys. Killian Daron of Londonderry took third place in the boys' runs.
The final runs of the season took place after the

prizes were already handed to the winners, and did not add to the summer competition.
In total, 685 kids participated in this year's Fun Runs and food pantries at St. Jude's and St. Thomas Aquinas received over 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items, donated by the participants.



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DERRY SPORTS

Emotional Sanford Brings Stanley Cup to Pinkerton Academy

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Less than two months after helping the St. Louis Blues to their first ever Stanley Cup championship, former Pinkerton Academy student, Zach Sanford, arrived with "The Cup" to the school on Monday, Aug. 5, and was received by hundreds of enthusiastic fans, many of them wearing Blues shirts, despite St. Louis beating the local Boston Bruins in the finals game 7, with Sanford scoring the final goal for the new champions.

At the event, Sanford said, "It's awesome, especially coming back to Pinkerton, which was a huge part of my life. I met a lot of my best friends here. It's great coming back and sharing this with these people. I kind of settled down in the past month and it became a reality and this morning they showed up with the cup and it was right back to feeling like a dream. I'm excited to hang up here and spend the day with the cup and friends and family".

After recently avoiding arbitration and signing a

two-year contract to stay with the Blues, Sanford spoke about the response he got following his win over the Bruins: "There were a lot of jokes of 'happy for you, but still hate you', but it's been awesome coming home. Everyone has been so happy for me and our team. Obviously there are a lot of Bruins fans that weren't very happy, but to feel this support when I get home is awesome. Now I'll go to camp and hopefully have another good season and maybe repeat, so we could be back here next summer."

Sanford's mother, Cindy, said: "It's been a pretty good showing, and the fans really love hockey. And I saw some Blues jerseys. Everybody is proud of him. He is someone from their area that made it so far. Kids are looking up to him and it's so nice. I'm proud of Zach because he has been giving it back, he wants to share it and let everybody know that you can live the dream."

The proud mother recalled: "We were so sad when he wasn't playing, but we understood. He had a

couple of bad games in the beginning of the playoffs. I was wishing the season would end and then when Oskar got suspended for a day I knew Zach will be in. I prayed to his dada and grandparents and everybody and said 'this is it, this is your chance kid' and he did it. He pulled it off and it was amazing. And I thought 'now the suspension is over', but they moved him up after his good game. He was very emotional after Game 7. Down on the Bruins ice, where he grew up, idolizing the team, he was shaking his head and saying 'did this really just happened?'"

Casey Kesserling, who coached Sanford during his three years at Pinkerton (Before Sanford moved after his junior year to play for Islanders Hockey Club in the Eastern Junior Hockey League), admitted: "At that age I couldn't know for sure that he is going to play in the NHL, but I knew he will play Division I. He was a special player. We had good teams and players when he was here and it was a lot of fun to coach him. Guys like him make coach-

es good. This event is giving back to the people who helped you along the way. He was so much better than a lot of kids on our team when he was a junior that they were almost fans of his. He didn't have an ego, worked hard every day and was a huge part of why we won the State Championship in 2012."

Kesserling assistant coach in that team, Jim Fletcher, praised Sanford: "Zach was a very good student. He is an outstanding player. He played three years for us and clearly it was time for him to go and become better, there was no question. He was hurt for a while and his dad passed away last year unfortunately. He knows how special this is. I talked to him and told him that there are players who play for 20 years and never win a Stanley Cup. He is 24 and already won one. I have been a life-long Bruins fan, but if we have to loss, it's good that it's to Zach. It's special for



Stanley Cup champion, Zach Sanford, a member of the St. Louis Blues, and former Pinkerton Academy student brought the cup to his old school on Monday, Aug. 5 for fans to see. Photo by Chris Paul

him, but also for the school Pinkerton Academy's and the kids that play here. Headmaster, Dr. Timothy It's incredible." continued on page 12

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Ex-Astro Sam Mitchell Works on Coming Back from Injury

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was the first half of the first game of the season. The Colby-Sawyer College Women Soccer team was hosting Plattsburgh State University from New York at the Kelsey Soccer Field in New London on Sept. 1, 2018 and the home team's goalie, junior Sam Mitchell, tried to save a ball. Her little finger got dislocated.

Only 40 minutes into her third season defending the Chargers' goal, Mitchell, a former standout at Pinkerton Academy, who helped the Lady Astros win the program's first State Championship back in 2015 and was First Team All-State, knew that something bad happened. "I needed two screws just to get my finger back to its place and that was it for me as a goalie for that season", she tells the Nutfield News.

However, that was not it

for her a soccer player last year. It took her about a month and a half to come-back, but on Oct. 17, on the 84th minute and with her team losing 4-0 in an away game against Saint Joseph's in Maine, Mitchell entered the game as a field player. Barely three minutes later, she received a cross from teammate Abbie Sansoucy and headed the ball into the back of the net.

"I've never scored a goal in high school", she said. "So we lost that game 4-1, but personally it felt really great to be back on the field, because this was my first game after the operation. It was fun being on the field again and helping my team. I know I helped them by cheering from the sidelines, but it's not the same. I wanted to be with them."

Mitchell says she wanted to come back and play in the field to work on her leg skills, "It's always good for a goalkeeper." Three days

after her first goal, the leg skills were in use when she tried to cross a ball into the box in a 12-2 victory over Anna Maria College, but instead saw the ball changing direction and going in. A bit of luck that Mitchell will take every day.

Now she is working on the real comeback, to standing between the posts. She played 17 games in her freshman season and 11 as a sophomore, where she was the starting goalkeeper for the Chargers 10 times and posted a fantastic goal-against average of 0.82, saving 86 percent of the shots in her direction, both career highs.

Without her in goal, the team went 7-8 last year and Mitchell is expecting the new challenge that begins with two games in Franklin, Mass. (Dean College) on Aug. 30 and 31, against Rhode Island College and Fitchburg State University. "Coming back will take a lot

of discipline and hard work", she knows, "I'll have to keep my head in the game and remain focused, even if I make some mistakes in practice. I know I'll have some bad games, like everyone else, but I need to quickly put these behind me."

Last year, when she was injured, Mitchell was replaced by a senior goalkeeper. This year, as a senior herself, she will have to lead, as the team will also have two freshman goalies: "I need to set the bar for them. Make them understand that they can reach the same places that I did."

This will be Colby-Sawyer's second season as part of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) after switching from the North Atlantic Conference: "It's still new to us", says Mitchell. "But now we already know that we can play against these rivals and I want us to make the tournament's finals. We will



During her days at Pinkerton Academy, Sam Mitchell made hundreds of saves, and helped her team win a state championship.
Photo by Chris Paul

have to work hard for this. Personally, I want to be a strong wall in goal, lead my defense and have at least the same numbers as I had in my sophomore year. I am very excited about the new season. This is my last chance to play with this great team."

Paul Thompson Gearing Up for Another Season in Springfield

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

After a long career that included short stints with two National Hockey League teams, it looks like the Derry native and Pinkerton Academy former player, Paul Thompson, is feeling comfortable these

days not too far away, in Springfield, Mass., where he is getting ready for another season with the local American Hockey League team, the Thunderbirds.

The 30-year-old Thompson, who attended Pinkerton Academy for two years and played baseball, football and ice hockey for

the Astros, later transferred to play for the New Hampshire Junior Monarchs of the Eastern Junior Hockey League. There, he scored 51 goals in 50 games and was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

After going undrafted, Thompson attended the University of New

Hampshire and later played for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, the Wheeling Nailers, the Springfield Falcons, the Albany Devils and the Chicago Wolves, had three NHL appearances with the New Jersey Devils in the 2015-16 season and 21 with the Florida Panthers in the following season.

He first joined the Thunderbirds, Florida's AHL affiliate, for parts of its inaugural season in 2016-

17, scoring 19 goals and adding 23 assists for a total of 42 points in 51 games. Last October, Thompson was named the second captain in the franchise's history. He finished the season second overall on the team (And 43rd in the league) with 53 points, scoring 26 goals (29th overall) and providing 27 assists in 72 games. The team finished seventh in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference and did not

make the playoff, after going 33 and 29 for a total of 80 points, seven points away from a postseason spot.

The new season for Springfield and Thompson begins on Oct. 5, with a home game against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, followed by another home game the next day, against the Charlotte Checkers. In the meantime, Thompson can also focus on his hockey camp that kicked off on July 30.

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Former PA Baseball Star Murphy Seeking Pro Team

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Joey Murphy, who graduated Pinkerton Academy a little over four years ago, is looking to continue his baseball career with a professional team. Last Monday (Jul 29) Murphy posted a series of tweet on his Twitter account (@murphh10) including two highlight reels

from his college career and invited teams to contact him at Murphy.joey@aol.com.

The tweets were shared by many people and Murphy, who plays shortstop and second base, can now hope to find a team that will be impressed and offer to sign him. As a senior for Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Murphy was selected in May as the 2019 Great

Northeast Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the Year and GNAC First Team. He was also part of the GNAC All-Tournament team.

The selection was voted on by the league's nine head coaches and Murphy won after a tremendous personal season that saw him hitting .421 with 45 runs scored, 21 runs batted in, 11 doubles and 36 stolen bases (second

overall in Division III this season) for the Monks.

The team also did well, winning their first GNAC since 2014 after beating Johnson & Wales University (RI) in the finals with a thrilling 8-7 extra-inning victory after going 33-12 for the season. Saint Joseph's played three games in the NCAA Regional Tournament and got one

win, 11-0 over Baruch College, with Murphy going 3-for-4 in that game, including two triples, a stolen base and an RBI.

On his tweet, Murphy added some of his achievements, including playing professionally for Ottawa Champions in the CanAm League, being voted as a Division III Baseball All-American and graduating

from Saint Joseph's College this year as the school all-time stolen bases leader with 74.

Murphy, who played three years of Varsity baseball for the Astros and helped the team make at least the state's Division I semifinals in each of those years, finished his college career with 152 games, .363 batting average, 192 hits and 80 RBIs.

GDTC Still In The Mix For the State's Grand Prix Title

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race which will be hosted by Londonderry on Aug. 17, as part of the town's Old Home Day celebration, and will also serve as this year's sixth race in the New Hampshire Grand Prix series, a club road running series that has

12 teams from different parts of the state competing in it, including the Greater Derry Track Club.

The local road running club is currently in third place with 582 points, with three races to go in the 2019 series.

After the Londonderry race, the final two will be the Granite State 10-mile run in Concord on Sep. 22

and the CHaD 1/2 Marathon in Hanover on Oct. 20. The Gate City Strider from Nashua are currently leading the 2019 series with 767 points and the Upper Valley Running Club of Lebanon are in second place with 654 points. Last year, the Striders finished first with 1,453 points and the Greater Derry team was

second with 1,061 points, ahead of the Upper Valley team (901). Greater Derry Track Club won the series two years ago.

Joshua Perks of the Greater Derry Track Club is leading the individual Male category for the season with 34 personal points. In the Female category, Patricia Crothers is ranked third with 21

points. Andrew Erickson and Luke Brennan hold the second and third places in the 29 & Under Male category and Sadie Farnsworth is fourth among the females. Tivan Casavant is third in the 30-39 Female group and Scott Abercrombie is leading by two points in the 60-69 Male group, while Connie Nolan leads the women.

The New Hampshire Grand Prix is an annual road running racing series for the state's running clubs and they compete against each other throughout the spring and summer, all the way to the beginning of the fall. Runners who complete every race during the season are granted the coveted "Granite Runner" status.

Pinkerton's Fall Season Tryouts Beginning Next Week

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The athletic fall season is right around the corner and Pinkerton Academy's different teams will hold their tryouts in the next few weeks, with the season's first formal games and competitions scheduled for the first week of September and a few scrimmages happening prior to that.

The Astros have a total of 10 teams in this fall season and the first tryouts will be held by the Bass Fishing team on Monday, Aug. 12 (2:30 p.m.) at Taylor Mill in Derry. Later in the week, on Friday, Aug. 16, at 7 to 10 a.m., the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Sophomore Football teams will begin their three-day tryouts, while the Freshman Football team's tryouts will

start on Aug. 20.

The majority of the teams will start their tryouts on Monday, Aug. 19: The boys' and girls' Cross Country Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, the girls' Field Hockey Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman teams, the Co-ed Golf Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, the boys' Soccer Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, the girls' Soccer

Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman teams, the Spirit (Cheerleading) Varsity and Junior Varsity teams and the girls' Volleyball Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman teams. The boys'

Soccer Freshman team begins tryouts the next day, Aug. 20.

Student-athletes are required to have a physical prior to participating in any tryout, practice, scrimmage

or game. The school will hold an informational meeting for all incoming freshman athletes and their parents on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Stockbridge Theatre.

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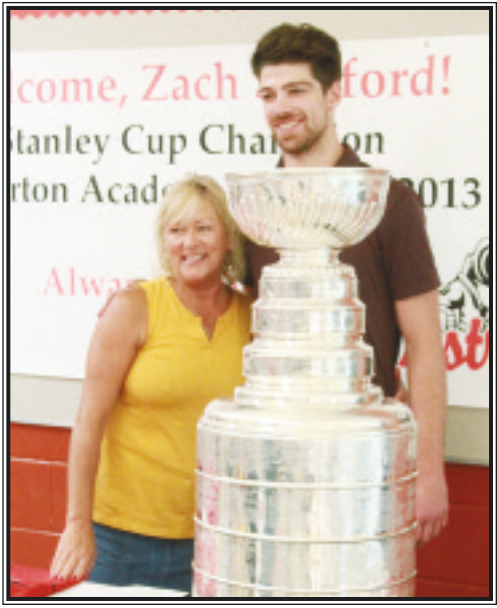
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Powers, who was the school's Athletic Director when Zach played for PA, said about the event, "It's awesome. Not every day

that someone plays at that kind of level and wins the Stanley Cup. It's great that Zach brought the cup here. He gets it for a day, can take it wherever he wants and he decided to come here and share it with the

community. It says a lot about him as a person. We always cheer for our teams, but if the Bruins lost to Zach on the other team, that's fine. I'll take a hometown kid winning over the hometown team any day."

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Derry Rotary Annual Auction

The Derry Rotary Club to hold their annual auction on Saturday, Aug. 29 in the parking lot of Fireye on Tsienneto Rd., Derry. We will have new items, used items, gift certificates, etc. for auction, as well as a yard sale area. Please contact 603-432-9063 to donate.

A Bissel Yiddish

Learn some Yiddish on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. Our instructors will be native Yiddish speaker Shirley Lelchuk (former Yiddish teacher at Temple Beth Abraham - Nashua, NH) and Dr. Alan Green (Raymond Street Klezmer Band member, mohel, and retired OB/GYN). Please BYOB ("Bring your own Brunch"). BYOB may be dairy, vegetarian, vegan or fish (but no shellfish); no meat (including poultry and pork. It's fun, it's hip, it's interesting. Please RSVP to d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org, or reply to our Event Page on Etz's Facebook page, so we have a head count.

Free Radio Control Air Show

The New Hampshire Flying Tigers will hold a Radio Control Air Show supporting the Wounded Warriors Project on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday Aug. 18). Held at the Flying Tigers airfield accessed next to the Total Air Supply building on B-Street in Derry, the free event will offer demonstrations of warbirds, helicopters, aerobatics, drones and scale planes all day. Food and refreshments will be available and the public is invited to not only watch the aircraft but also to try flying a radio control aircraft. For information, visit <http://nhflyingtigers.com> or call ABC RC and Hobbies at 458-6481.

Ice Cream Social

The Upper Room will have an Ice Cream Social and Open House on Aug. 14 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Join us for a family fun

event right in our own backyard. Ice cream with all the topping, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Music, and family fun Outdoor games. To learn more about The Upper Room, please visit URteachers.org.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Aug. 10, 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

Rotary Car Show

The Londonderry Rotary Club with the North-Eastern chapter of the Pontiac Car Club will hold its Classic Car Show for its 24th year. It will be held at Londonderry Square, 55 Nashua Rd., Rte 102 on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. for registration to 2 p.m. for the Awards Presentation. Rain date will be Sunday Aug. 25. The groups are also still looking for vehicle entries. Registration fee for an exhibitor/entrant is \$10 per vehicle in advance or \$15 per vehicle at the Day of Show. Public viewing entry is \$3 for adults and \$7 for family. Children under 12 years are admitted free. The day will include a DJ, photographer, food vendors, and a 50/50 raffle. For more information contact event chairperson, Bill Basler at 603-432-1166 or email scoop442@aol.com.

1, 2, 3 Explore

We have so much to explore! Join us for interactive sensory play activities designed to stimulate toddlers' grow-

ing minds on Friday, Aug. 9, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at the Derry Public Library. Recommended for toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 with their caregivers. No registration required.

Stories and Snowcones

Join us for some great stories and songs, followed by a snow cone treat on Friday, Aug. 9, from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m., at the Derry Public Library. There is nothing better on a hot summer day. All ages. No registration required.

Teen End of Summer Party

Join us to celebrate summer, pick out prizes, connect with friends, have some sweet treats and draw the raffle prize winner on Friday, Aug. 9, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., at the Derry Public Library. Raffle winners must be present in order to redeem prizes.

Book Sale

Friends of the Library summer book sale on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Derry Public Library.

Psychometry

Learn about picking up Spirit Messages from Physical Objects on Tuesdays, Aug. 13 & 20, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Church of Spiritual Life, NSAC, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The cost of the event is \$10 each night. For more info: www.ChurchSpiritualLifeNH.org and our FaceBook page www.facebook.com/CSLDerry

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. The Salvation Army will have a Summer Lunch Program from July 9 - Aug. 22. Dinner at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry on Aug. 11 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 432-2130. Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East

Broadway, Derry on Aug. 17 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 434-4767. Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS"), 1-1.2 Hood Rd., Derry on Aug 18 from 5 - 6:15 p.m. For more information call 432-0004. Dinner at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry on Aug 23 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 434-0628. Lunch at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Aug 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information call 432-3333. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen is serving free hot meals 5 days a week.

Past Life Regression Workshop

Join us in a session of Past Life Regression on Sunday, Aug. 25, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Church of Spiritual Life, NSAC, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The cost of the event is \$15. For more info: www.ChurchSpiritualLifeNH.org and our FaceBook page www.facebook.com/CSLDerry

Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens, discuss concerns, learn strategies and get support at the Upper Room on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Drop-ins welcome.

IPS

The Upper Room offers Teen Information for Parenting Success for young parents ages 13-23, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

DGC Birthday

The DGC will celebrate its 83 birthday on Sept. 6 at the Boys and Girls Club in Derry, NH. The day's program will be a presentation on how to create your own photograph album using Shutterfly's website. Susan Davis, a member of the DGC and winner of four awards for her scrapbooks, will do the presentation. The public is welcome. The program begins at 10 a.m. with the business meeting and light luncheon to follow. Please bring your own place setting. Call 396-0053 or go to our website www.derrygardenclub.org for more information. We are

always looking for new members; please join us!

ETZ Hayim Youth Education Program

Registration for all the ETZ Hayim Synagogue Youth Education programs will be held on Tues, Sept. 3 from 6 - 8 p.m., The classes for the 2019-2020 school year: One Sunday per month, beginning Sun, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - noon: Sunday Camp - (Ages 4-6) - Jewish music, crafts, games; Each Tues, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. - Continued learning for students ages 7 to 16: Aleph and Bet (7, 8) - Beginner Hebrew, holidays, Gimel and Dalet (9-11) - Reading Hebrew, prayers, Torah and ethics, B'nai Mitzvah (12,13) - Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, and Confirmation (13+) - Advanced Jewish education. Also, please join us for our first Family focused Shabbat to be held on Friday, Sept. 6 with a craft project at 6 p.m. and service at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

PlaneFest

Join us Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for vintage aircraft, Young Eagles flights, seminars, events, and a geography bee. There's something for everyone at this annual event, you'll be able to inspect a wide array of home-built and vintage planes and speak to the owners who lovingly restore and maintain them. If you're age 8 to 17, you can enjoy a FREE flight with a local pilot via the Young Eagles program. (Come early as it's first come, first served and capacity is limited.) We also have aviation seminars and workshops, a drone workshop where participants will take their own picture from above, great food trucks, info about the Londonderry Rail Trail due to run right to our front door in 2021, and so much more. Middle school students can compete in the Aviation Museum's first-ever Airline Geography Bee, using our collection of vintage air sickness bags from around the globe to demonstrate their knowledge. The Aviation Museum of NH is located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org.

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Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament

Held on the Aug. 22 - 25 weekend, at the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Courts, Sargent Road, Londonderry. The tournament will hold Men's, Women's and mixed Doubles tournaments. This Tournament is to benefit Ocular Melanoma Foundation, Granite State Kids Non-Profit Tennis Organization, Skip Burbine Memorial Scholarship Fund and other Local Charities. To register, please either make a check out to "Skip Burbine Foundation" with entry names in memo and mail to 2 McEnroe Drive, Londonderry, NH, 03053, or use the site Venmo @burbine22 with entry names in the subject line, or use the site PayPal burbine22@gmail.com with entry name in PayPal subject description. For more information email burbine22@gmail.com or you can call either 603-553-1526, 603-247-8510, or 603204-0829.

18th Annual Auction

The Upper Room holds its 18th Annual Auction on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m., at the Tupelo Music Hall, Derry. Don't miss our highly anticipated cruise-themed charity event of the year! Bid on dozens of silent and live auction items, including gift baskets, travel packages and fun experiences. Dinner is included. Tickets are on sale now at TupeloMusicHall.com

Gallien's Town Beach

Gallien's Town Beach will be open throughout the summer from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (weather permitting) beginning now. This facility is for Derry residents only and proof of residency is required at each visit. Passes are typically only available for purchase at the Recreation Office. To register for a beach pass you will need: Proof of residency for each pass recipient is required to enter and/or to receive a beach pass (including minors). A completed adult and/or minor, a waiver per person for each person requesting a pass. Payment in the form of Check or Cash (exact change appreciated). For more information go to Gallien's Town Beach including park hours, admission fees, and lost pass policies www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation/pages/galliens-town-beach.



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