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Downtown Derry to See More Façade Improvements Soon

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NUTFIELD NEWS

At their meeting on Aug. 13, the Derry Town Council approved an expansion of the downtown façade improvement program, with a supplemental appropriation from the Derry Commerce Corridor Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, to support the updated and expanded program. At the meeting, Town Administrator, David Caron, presented the request of expanding the façade program saying, "This is Phase II, and we are recommending that the council issue a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to be funded from the Derry Commerce Corridor

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District - so this is not from the tax rate - to provide three different kinds of matching funds for façade improvements throughout the district."

Derry Business owner, Steve Trefethen, came forward during the public hearing noting he was in favor of this program saying, "This has worked well on Broadway and everyone did a very good job with just a very little bit of money. The area does look nicer now." "Maybe the town could hold certain funds to use at its discretion, so we could get some new trees in places or other things like that the town may want to use to help create a downtown

theme. This program is great for the local building owners, as we all fix our own properties, though maybe something that would help with a theme would be a good thing. Just something to consider...but it's a great program and I used a little bit of it, so keep it going -that's my two cents."

Councilor, James Morgan, told Trefethen that, "the new TIF district would take into account things like trees and other related enhancements like Trefethen was expressing" and told him to "watch for that." Morgan said, "there would likely be some movement in this area in the fall as there

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Derry School Board Overviews State Assessment System Testing

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On Aug. 20 Christopher Kellan, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services for the Derry Cooperative School District provided an overview of the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (SAS) from the testing results of Derry district students. These assessments are used to gauge how well students are mastering standards and ultimately how ready students are for college, career education and training.

Students in grades three through 8 take a common assessment in English Language Arts (ELA), reading and math. Students in grades five, eight and 11

take a common assessment in science and students in grade 11 also take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude test).

For more information about the New Hampshire statewide assessment system visit www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/index.htm.

Kellan also presented information from the 2018 New Hampshire statewide assessment system to compare it with 2019 New Hampshire statewide assessment system and he also overviewed the data for grades three through eight for the ELA, reading and math as well as grade five and grade eight science assessments.

Student proficiency data comparisons were made to compare 2018 lev-

els to 2019. District levels from 2018 and 2019 are also compared to the statewide levels for 2018 and 2019.

The data presented is termed as "percent proficient" with each data comparison representing the percent of students who demonstrated proficiency. Proficiency is defined as being proficient at a Level 3 reference point - plus scores from those who scored a "proficiency with distinction" - gauged to be at Level 4.

For the ELA in 2018, Derry students showed lower performance than the state average across grades three through grade eight. Derry third graders scored six percent lower and

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TOP BIDDER Derry Rotary Club member Eddie Leon puts his final bid of \$400 in on a Yamaha scooter at the annual Derry Rotary Auction on Saturday with his son Ethan, eagerly awaiting the outcome. The auction, which was held in the Fireye Inc. parking lot on Tsienneto Road, featured hundreds of unique items being sold to the highest bidder.

Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Class of 2019 Student Survey Shows Diverse Future

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy released their yearly report from the "Class of 2019" titled the "College Admissions and Post-Secondary Attendance Report. Here are some excerpts from that report that overviews future plans for these graduates in

context of today's fast changing and challenging job market environment.

This information was compiled from Pinkerton's June 2019 "Senior Survey" that was taken by each member of the Pinkerton graduating class of 2019. The report details were provided at the Derry Cooperative School District school

board meeting in late August of 2019.

The survey gathered information about a student's expected major, as well as, the length of their chosen educational program, where a student was continuing with higher education studies. The report also indicated the percent-

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age of students who have elected to enter the workforce or one of the branches of military service after graduation from Pinkerton Academy.

Of the 527 or 71% of the senior class, who applied to further their education at post-secondary institutions, a significant number have now stated they are unable to do so immediately after graduation due to the following considerations:

Family Hardship

Some families continue to experience financial hardships and are unable to support and/or fund their child's

education. Some talented students will postpone their higher education aspirations in order to save money to attend later. Many students report not having transportation after high school to pursue college attendance right away.

Financial Aid

Post-secondary institutions are unable to meet the documented need for students to meet the cost of a college education. The loss of certain loan programs and the rising cost of tuition are also affecting a students' ability to attend college.

Two-Year Community, Technical and Apprentice Programs

Two-year programs, technical, trade certificates, and apprentice programs continue to rise in popularity and appeal to many students today. The number of students choosing these options represents 14% of Pinkerton's graduates. These are viable options for many reasons including economics, practicality, convenience, and uncertainty of a career path.

The Community College Systems in NH also offer an appealing dual enrollment program which allows students to enroll at one of the seven community colleges, while be jointly admitted to a pathway program at NH State four-year universities. This becomes more afford-

able by allowing students to take core courses for the first two years at community college prices with all courses guaranteed to transfer, thus cutting the cost of a college degree by at least 25%. These programs support initiatives that also help make college accessible and appeal to those that want to remain at home and/or work full-time while pursuing advanced education coursework or academic credentials.

PACE (Performance Assessment for Competency Education) Program

This program accounted for the successful graduation of 76 adult education stu-

dents who may have otherwise dropped out of high school. These students received an adult education diploma. Additionally, the PACE program met the needs of many students who gained recovery credits through the evening classes. Additionally, 6 students earned their diploma through the Ombudsman Program and 37 students completed the HiSET, which is a high school equivalency program at the Upper Room in Derry instead of dropping out of high school altogether.

Gap Year or Volunteer

An additional 10% of Pinkerton graduates chose a gap year or volunteer program for many different reasons. By deferring college admission, these graduates are also able to pursue employment in hopes of making college more affordable after full-time work for a year.

Pinkerton Academy graduated 744 students as of June 10, 2019 in the Class of 2019. There were 405 graduates from Derry, 108 from Hampstead, 70 from Hooksett, 72 from Chester, 69 from Auburn, 13 from Candia and 7 from other cities.

The Class had 650 students who graduated with a standard diploma, while there were 2 graduates given an honors diploma; 10 individualized diplomas were also awarded. Pinkerton supported 76 adult graduates and 6 Ombudsman graduates. The HiSET program - which does not award a Pinkerton Diploma - had 37

graduates who had attended Pinkerton.

- 513 students reported they are going to attend post-secondary education (69%)

- 2798 applications were submitted to post-secondary institutions by seniors

- 516 various universities and colleges were applied to by the class of 2019

- 287 students report they will attend colleges or universities in NH

- 226 students report they will attend colleges or universities outside of NH

- 297 students report they will attend a public college or university

- 216 students report they will attend a private college or university

Top higher education majors chosen by the "Class of 2019" include STEM: 134, Business: 85, Medical: 79, Education: 36, Social Sciences: 34, Liberal Arts: 28, Fine Arts: 24, Communications: 19, Vocational: 18, Pre-Law: 17, and Agriculture/Animal Science: 13.

In summary Pinkerton's class of 2019 has 392 students or 53% that expect to attend a 4 year college, while 107 students or 14% project themselves to attend a 2 year college and 14 students or 2% are in 1 year "higher-ed" programs.

39 students or 5% of the class have signed up for military services, while 77 students or 10% report this year to be a Gap Year/Volunteer/Other commitment year.

117 students or 16% of the students have decided to directly enter the workforce or to go to work in a trade.

GACIT Hearing to be Held in Londonderry on Sept. 12

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

A GACIT (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) hearing will be held at the Londonderry Town Hall on Thursday, Sept. 12 (7 p.m.), by Councilor Ted Gatsas, current member of the Executive Council of New Hampshire from the 4th district and former Mayor of Manchester and member of the New Hampshire Senate from the 16th district.

The Councilor will be joined in the hearing by the Department of Transporta-

tion's Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, Director of Project Development, Peter Stamnas, and others from the Department of Transportation to discuss the 2021-2030 Ten-Year Transportation Plan, including projects in the Londonderry area.

One of the area's projects is the intersection of Stonehenge Rd. and Rt. 28. During a Town Council meeting held on May 6, Town Manager Kevin Smith informed the council members of a problem that occurred with this project after it was realized that the

cost of adding a traffic light and reshaping the intersection will be much higher than it was anticipated at first.

The town wanted to use the Block Grant Aid (BGA) it received from the state and pay for half of the project, with the Department of Transportation paying for the other half, but the BGA was for \$519,000 and when the final estimation was made, Londonderry was asked to pay \$837,000.

When the issue was brought up to the council, Chair John Farrell, instructed Smith to send a response

to the DOT's contract, crossing off the new number that the town was being asked to pay and inserting the original one. Farrell added that in case the DOT keeps demanding the town to pay \$837,000 for the project, the town should take the issue to its attorney.

Smith was approached by this paper recently and said that at this time, nothing has happened with the project and that he expects the issue to come up in the GACIT hearing. The official announcement about the GACIT hearing called the public to attend.



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School District Sets Chromebook and SAMR Program for Fifth Graders

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Dr. Clifton Dancy, Director of Information Services for the Derry Cooperative School District was at the August School Board meeting to brief members and school officials about the new one-to-one support for 5th graders with Chromebook technology. Dr. Dancy also pointed out that the district's 4th graders would be supported with Chromebooks during school days at a ratio of 2

students per Chromebook.

Dr. Dancy said, "This one-to-one initiative is a bold undertaking. And it can seem like a costly venture for a school district...I would like to remind the board the reasons why we will put technology into the hands of students on a daily basis."

"Our students live in a digital world," said Dancy, "You may know the Sapiens book by Harari, where he notes that for the first time in the history of mankind, someone can say - the world

of 30 years ago is nothing like it is today. Our children are growing up at a time that has been transformed by digital technologies. Digital devices allow students the ability to research the latest findings, access online curricular resources, as well as, enable teacher flexibility in providing multiple ways to represent information and provide choices for student expression and engagement."

Dancy noted, "It is key to support students with 21st Century skills focused on communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity and these digital devices will enhance executive function skills such as organizational actions like calendaring."

Dancy pointed out that after careful analysis, the 5th grade was selected as the key time for the program because of key economic, professional development and cohort group reasons.

Fifth graders will be able to keep the same device for 4 years instead of getting the devices in the upper grades where devices might only be used for one or two years. This will enable the district to purchase 500 chrome books a year instead of several thousand. The program will primarily concentrate on one group of teachers per year and experienced teachers will be able to share their knowledge each year. In the 5th grade, students are still

in self-contained classrooms or two teacher teams and therefore will be able to focus on consistent expectations while becoming familiar in Chromebook actions.

So, for this 2019-20 academic year, every fifth-grade child will receive a Lenovo 300 E non-touch Chromebook, a charger and a sleeve. And each parent will receive a one-to-one Chrome book parent handbook along with a device loaner agreement to be signed and returned each year going forward. Specifically, the take-home agreement will provide students with ability to take home the Chromebook or just leave it in school.

The Chromebook program requires each student and parent to provide care, so the students will be responsible for their device loans and to know where the device is at all times. Students will not be allowed to loan their device or leave it unattended.

The district will assume all financial obligations to repair defects, including if the operating system no longer works, or the screen is black, or the sets of the keys no longer work. And parents will be responsible along with their child to pay for repairs due to damage or negligence.

Teachers involved with this initiative will support the SAMR (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, Redefinition) program model. The SMAR

model supports a method of levels of understanding about how computer technology can be leveraged to impact teaching and learning. The important concept is the level of student engagement with this technology as a means for an integrated education. For example, teachers might measure progression along SAMR levels by looking at who is asking the important questions. As one moves along the program model continuum, computer technology becomes more important in the classroom, but at the same time becomes more invisibly woven into the demands of good teaching and learning.

The school district has certain guidelines that will be set forward in context of the SAMR Program and as integrated with a holistic Google centric Chromebook approach. This will include a focus using Google Classroom, and use of the Google apps suite - while supporting communication through gmail and certain executive functioning skills of organization including calendaring.

To support professional development in the program, there will be a technology fair, "need to know videos" and additional workshops. There will be a parent presentation about the Chrome-

book program for fifth grade parents on Sept. 9. The school district will begin sending Chromebooks home towards the end of the first quarter of the school year.

The School Board had broad discussions during their meeting about the program. School Board Chair, Dan McKenna said, "My concern is for teachers to have the resources and training they need and want for this program. It's a new piece of technology, and a new tool we are giving them. I know some of the teachers are excited and looking forward to using this technology more, though it is a big shift to go from the position where you been teaching with - sort of static resources - to now having the Internet available for every kid. So, there's a classroom management piece for teachers to figure out and also, we need to provide teachers with the professional development support... to maximize the usage of this Chromebook program."

School District Superintendent Dr. Connors-Krikorian said, "Yes, in that regard, we have already been asking the teachers what they need ... and we will continue to insure we ask them that question, as well as, how do we best support you here in the most efficient manner?"

OBITUARY

Barbara A. McKittrick



Barbara A. McKittrick, 65, of Derry, NH, died Saturday Aug. 24, 2019 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry. She was born in New York City, NY on Oct. 7, 1953, a daughter of the late Robert and Henriette (Kothe) McKittrick. She was a

longtime resident of Derry, and was a graduate of Milwaukee Technical High School in Milwaukee, WI. She also attended the New Tribes Missionary Training Center in Michigan. Barbara had worked for many years in the Derry community for Walmart and McDonalds, and most recently at Vintage Grace. She was very involved in the Churches where her father pastored, loved singing in the Choir and working in the children's programs. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Derry, where she was very involved in a number of ministries. Most importantly, Barbara's family came first in her life. In her free time she enjoyed doing crafts.

She is survived by her five siblings, Bancroft McKittrick of Daytona Beach Shores, FL, John McKittrick of 29 Palms, CA, Douglas McKittick of Acworth, GA, Robin Vrieland of Holland, MI, and Laurene Haavisto of Londonderry, NH; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held on Friday Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in First Baptist Church, 44 East Broadway, Derry. Private burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 4 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

Time To Go Back To School

It feels as though we were just observing Memorial Day last week. And yet somehow, here we are, at the final week of summer vacation.

As summer vacation winds down, families all over will be checking their back-to-school lists twice to make sure their young ones are prepared for the academic year ahead.

School starts this week, and the shadows of late summer bring with it the unmistakable message that the season is on the wane. It may be too hot right now to think about winter clothing, and some might rather not think of it, but the time for scarves and hats and boots will be here before we know it.

But as one season fades, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. The collection of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carries with it an excitement about things to come.

From pre-school to college and beyond, it is the time for fresh starts and new adventures. And for those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, the back-to-school advertisements still invoke feelings of anticipation.

All of this brings to mind the song, "School Days," written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards. The best known part of the song is its chorus:

"School days, school days, Dear old Golden Rule days. 'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic Taught to the tune of the

hick'ry stick".

The timeless lyrics bring about memories of long ago, and one can't help but to marvel at how much has changed - some for good, and some not so good.

For parents, the start of the school year brings a whole different set of nostalgic feelings, as it reminds them of the reality that the years which are passing can't be avoided. While their little ones are learning, they are indeed growing up, one school year at a time.

The start of school not only brings back memories for some, but it also brings a word of caution for others. Children will be walking along the edge of roads and in crosswalks, and drivers will need to watch the road even more carefully than usual.

That means paying attention; putting down the phones, pausing the texting, reducing speeds in designated school zones, and watching for school buses signaling their stops. There is no place anyone could be going, nor any time constraint that is more important than a life.

And with an increase in construction and added development in our towns, there will be a lot more cars, trucks, and overall traffic to contend with, as well. This will call for even more caution as young ones make their way to school.

But there's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. So pay attention, and enjoy the ride.

Letters

Thanks for the Coverage

To the editor,

Thanks to Mack Leathurby for accurate reporting of Derry Town Council Meeting Aug 13. The Solar Farm Resolution with supplier Ameresco Solar will help the Town save significant energy expenditures over the coming years, with minimal investment by the Town to get the

project operational. I support Legislative override next month of Governor Sununu's veto of SB265, which expands Net Metering energy generation to 5MW by municipalities like Derry to enable saving more taxpayers' dollars.

Mack's Editorial "Vetoes for Three Gun Safety Bills" was spot-on. Just a few days following two mass shootings in El

Paso and Dayton, this was the chance for N.H. to lead in enacting common-sense rules on background checks and restrictions on carrying weapons on school property. We intend to continue letting our state "leaders" know these laws are supported by a majority of N.H. citizens.

Craig Lazinsky
Derry

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Testing

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Derry fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh graders all scored 10% lower than the statewide average while eighth grade students scored 5% lower than the state wide average.

Kellan pointed out that Derry students did close the gap with the state average significantly in 2019. For ELA in 2019, all grade levels of Derry students except the 8th grade showed better performance than in 2018, though only the fifth grade actually exceeded the state performance (by 3%).

School Board Chair, Dan McKenna said, "We made a bit of a dent in our gap with state average at most of the grade levels in 2019. In four of our grades listed there, we cut the gap by at least half and in fifth grade our students now outperform the state average. I know we want to continue to strive to do better, but I think we can kind of celebrate that success. It's a big shift."

District Superintendent Dr. Connors-Krikorian said, "Yes, we made substantial progress this year."

With regard to the reading scores for 2019, District scores from third

grade to 7th grade all improved significantly while 8th grade students decreased slightly in their scores.

Kellan pointed out, "Looking across cohort levels that have been established, we are seeing an improvement each year across our grade levels."

For math scores - the district scores saw improvements in grades three, four, five, seven and eight from 2018 to 2019 and grades three, four, and five exceeded N.H. statewide average scores in the NH SAS math assessment.

School Board Chair, Dan McKenna said, "This is a good math result this year."

Dr. Connors-Krikorian said, "It's good to see this advancement and increasing scores. Our math program is certainly very language based, so it is good to see this coinciding increase of both math and literacy. It's very encouraging."

The science assessment was made for grades five and eight. Grade five saw a 4% improvement in their science scores in 2019 compared to 2018, which was 2% ahead of the state average scores. The 8th grade saw a 3% decrease in their scores for 2019 compared to 2018 and both

years were 5% lower than the average NH state scores.

With regard to these scores, Kellan overviewed district actions as derived from this testing. District committees will identify target areas in the ELA and reading programs as well as for math and science programs. District and school data teams will use this data to address instructional targets and these actions will be used to inform instructional practices as well as to support interventions. Each school will also set goals at each grade level in ELA and reading programs as well as for math and science programs.

Specifically, the response for the 2019 results are that school leadership in the district will use this data to consider curriculum and instructional practices while continuing collaborative consultation efforts. The district will also review the use of benchmark modules and use this data to increase actions and focus of leadership. And there will be mass coaching to provide instructional support and a literacy specialist available to provide instructional support for district students.

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Local Bees are Essential in Keeping Area Crops Thriving

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Granite State's fruit and vegetable harvest season is nearing peak now, as this year's wet and late spring delayed many farm harvests across New Hampshire. This time of the season is also the time for the local honey production.

For a beekeeper, a honey crop is a good thing and the satisfaction of having bees pollinating all kinds of plants makes our outdoor environment more pleasing and beautiful. If it were not for the bees and other pollinating activities, harvest seasons would be a bust. However, bee pollination and honey production has been hindered over the past years, as the bee population has been impacted by a variety of issues.

According to the Sierra club, and as reported in the Journal of Science, "Scientists have accumulated compelling evidence pointing to a class of insecticides called neonicotinoids that decimate bees. These chemicals are widely used in commercial agriculture but can have lethal effects on bees, though other pesticides are also adding to the toll. And so are invasive parasites and a general decline in the quality of bees' diets."

Most bee pollinator insects are day workers and flower, fruit and vegetable gardens are attractive for bees, so if one must spray their gardens, lawns and fields with insecticides, it is best to do it in the evening especially if the plants are in bloom.

Vanessa Flibotte of J&F

Farms, in Derry says, "The farm's policy is to use industry approved insecticide minimally for certain crops grown at the farm, if necessary. We are very sensitive to the area's bee population and about other pollinators, so if we are invaded with crop destroying insects, we only spray in the evening."

Flibotte who has been working for farm owner Melissa Dulloff and is a friend of the owner says, "J&F Farms gets the honey we sell from a local honey supplier and these products are important to our customers, so we do as much as possible to support local beekeepers and the bee population."

Alden Marshall is the owner and operator of B-Line Apiaries - located in Hudson and the company is known for its bee pollination services and honey. Marshall says, "I have been in the bee business for the past 40 some years and a number of changes have occurred that have had both positive and negative impacts on the bee population and our services."

"With the increased incidence of bee diseases, parasites including mites and beetles, and in some cases lacking a sufficient diet due to inferior forage, bees are under stress and that can weaken or eradicate a colony. When I started, all one had to do was get a hive, install some bees and mostly let them take care of themselves. Today there is more specific effort needed to manage a thriving bee population."

"About 30 years ago I was introduced as a local beekeeper to Andy Mack (Macks Apples in Londonderry). I was asked to put in a few colonies on the property to pollinate some of the Mack's crops and I was thrilled to have that opportunity. Most of the apples were pollinated by a large migrant pollinator - where the bees are bought in during the bloom and then removed to pollinate crops elsewhere. My contribution was mostly of service to other crops grown besides the apples, as my colonies were what we call permanent residents that stayed there all year and still do."

According to Marshall, active beehives should be monitored at least every two weeks or so for a number of possible maladies that can include equipment, bee's health or environmental problems. Sometimes pesticide problems can occur which may create a need to move beehives.

B-line also works with smaller beekeepers to help them start or replace bee populations. Marshall says, "When beekeepers start a new colony or replace one that did not survive for whatever reason, including from pesticide deaths, starvation, disease, bears or weather issues - customers all over New England get bees from our apiary to populate their hives."



Pictured is the staff at B-Line Apiaries creating bee hive packages for beekeepers and pollination services.

Today B-line places hives in stationary locations, and no longer truck hives in and out. Most properties today have integrated crops varieties so a stationary location benefits the bees as they get a more balanced diet to protect the health of the bee population.

New England winters can kill off or weaken bee colonies, so Marshall travels to Georgia for bees produced a couple of months earlier than in N.H. This gives colonies a head start - increasing odds they will be strong enough for our winter, though they may not produce any honey that first year.

Marshall says, "I also make up small nucleus colonies from my 'clima-

tized" colonies in the spring - sold as starters that are considerably more robust."

Local honey is a prize and important conditions must be met for bees to provide an optimized honey crop. These conditions include rain at the right time to provide moisture for the foraging plants, warm sunny days for the bees to fly and nectar producing plants in a two miles radius foraging area.

This year B-Line reports an exceptional honey crop. Marshall says, "It has been at least ten years, since there has been anything like this year's honey production."

Honey harvesting can occur at different times

though Marshall says he prefers to wait until October and collect honey all at once. Most single hives produce one to three boxes of honey in a good year. The hive box at removal is about 45/50 lbs. and can produce about 35 lbs. of honey when extracted.

B-Line also keeps hives on properties where folks want bees and B-Line provides them with some honey in return. The arrangement is to locate no fewer than 4 or 5 hives minimum. Contact B-Line at 603-883-6764 or email b_line@comcast.net, if you have property that would benefit from keeping bees.

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House Where Woman Was Killed Explodes, Collapses Two Week Later

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Fire Department responded to a fire caused from an explosion at 151 Bypass 28 in Derry on Monday, Aug. 26. This being the same address where about two weeks ago, on Aug. 10, 74-year-old, Ellen Munstis, was shot dead. Her husband, Roderick Munstis, charged with the murder of his wife later that day. According to Police, he was the one who called the police following the shooting.

According to the Fire Department's press release, at approximately 1:55 a.m. on Monday, the Communications Center received mul-

tip 911 calls reporting the explosion and a building on fire. The address of the building was corrected in a second press release from 153 Bypass 28 to 151.

Engine's 3, 1, 2, Ladder 4, Medic 1 and Car 1 were dispatched simultaneously from Derry stations and responded the call. A total of 27 firefighters responded and were helped by resources from Windham and Londonderry. The Communications Center updated the responding crews that the Derry Police was also on scene and that it was confirmed by the police that the building was fully involved in the fire.

Engine 3 arrived from the English Range Road Fire

Station in less than two minutes and a half from the time of being alerted and due to the volume of fire, emergency personnel were committed to defensive operations for the duration of the incident. The building sustained significant fire damage and some of it collapsed. It is considered a total loss, according to the Fire Department. The adjacent garage appeared undamaged and there are no known injuries to civilians and no emergency personnel that were injured during the incident.

The Fire Prevention Bureau, Derry Police and the New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the incident.



Fire crews from Derry Londonderry and Windham battled a house fire at 151 Bypass Route 28 early Monday morning. The home was also the scene of a murder earlier in the month.
Courtesy photo

Façade

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is money in the TIF fund to help with that kind of town enhancement." Morgan told Trefethen, "that his input was appreciated."

A question was put forward to Town Administrator Caron by another business owner who asked if the façade improvement funding grant could be used in the event of a tear down and

rebuild. Caron said the program was primarily targeted for existing buildings, though grant rules for tear-downs and rebuilds are covered within the parameters of the program's application approval.

The façade program began in September 2017 when the Town Council recapitalized the Derry Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$250,000. The Rockingham Economic Development Corporation

(REDC) manages this loan fund with guidance from the Derry Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee.

At that time, the council further directed that \$100,000 of this amount be allotted for downtown revitalization and directed staff to return to the Council with proposed rules on this segment of the program. On Dec. 5, 2017 the Council adopted rules for the Downtown Façade Improvement Program,

which provided a 50:50 match, up to \$5,000 per storefront in the Downtown area.

The program was originally set up so the grant maximum was \$20,000 for projects totaling \$200,000 or more. Other projects had a grant maximum of \$5,000.

Downtown business owners had responded enthusiastically to this program and thus the entire \$100,000 funding appropriation had been obligated previously with additional interested businesses put on a waiting list for funding consideration upon approval of expansion of the program. The expanded Derry Commerce Corridor Façade Improvement Program is being targeted to visually improve the downtown area, align with the community's vision, and drive economic development. The program is structured as a 50/50 matching grant for improvements to the exterior of

businesses located in the Derry Commerce Corridor Tax Increment Finance District.

Over \$250,000 in private investment was leveraged from the initial \$100,000 town match. The expanded and approved Phase 2 program will now include the entire Derry Commerce Corridor, stretching from Manchester Road through Crystal Avenue, encompassing portions of Birch, East Broadway and West Broadway. Council leadership supported the following participation levels for the updated appropriations for this expansion program, a 50:50 matching grant for improvements that cost less than \$200,000 with up to a \$5,000/grant and a total of \$100,000 to be appropriated, A 50:50 matching grant for blight removal at \$5,000 with \$50,000 in appropriation, and a \$20,000 grant for facade improvement work costing in excess of \$200,000 with \$100,000 in

appropriation.

The fund balance of the Derry Commerce Corridor TIF will be used to fund the program expansion. As of 6/30/18, the TIF's Fund Balance was accounted to be \$1.29M; and with final accounting now being confirmed - as of 6/30/19, the balance is estimated to have increased to \$2.08M. Hence, the Council's recent approval to move \$15M in assessed valuation back to the general tax base.

Both existing and new businesses in the designated area may apply. Tenants must have the property owner's written approval to apply. The expansion approval for the program is in effect immediately.

Applications are due by June 3, 2020. Façade improvements must be completed by Jan. 1, 2021.

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Derry Synagogue Gets Ready, Welcomes Newcomers for High Holidays

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Jewish High Holidays are quickly approaching and Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry is getting ready for a busy month. On Saturday, Sep. 21 at 8 p.m. they will be doing Selichot and the following week, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, the Rosh HaShanah services will be held. Yom Kippur begins this year on Oct. 8 at 7:15 p.m. and the service continues the next day from 9:30 a.m. and finally, Sukkot will be celebrated starting

Oct. 13, with Simchas Torah coming a week after that, on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

Rabbi Peter Levy says: "Everyone is welcomed and no tickets are required. We do ask at some point if people would make perhaps a contribution so we can be here, and they can come."

Etz Hayim, now located on 1 1/2 Hood Rd. in Derry, was founded in 1992 and after a few years of traveling, found a temporary home in the church next door: "We lived there for 12 years and shared a worship space. We move to our new

building about 10 years ago and our relationship with the church is great." The synagogue and church share a Thanksgiving dinner every year and twice a month, host an Elijah's Table event, providing free, family-friendly dinners to the community.

The synagogue is affiliated with the reform movement, but there are Reconstructionist effects and Rabbi Levy says that the High Holidays services, when the majority of the 80 families of the synagogue arrive, tend to be more conservative and traditional than the

usual Friday or Saturday services, which are a little lighter. That is why, for newcomers, he suggests trying to "get their feet wet" at first: "It might be easier to start once a month, with Friday or Saturday. The High Holidays are intense and people who only come twice a year can get overloaded or scared and then they don't come back until the next year. We don't want them to get overwhelmed and burn out."

The largest crowd the synagogue had for the High Holiday services was 150-

160 people and the evenings are usually bigger than the mornings. Kids are also welcomed of course and the synagogue takes care of them: "On the morning of the first day of the two on Rosh HaShanah and the morning of Yom Kippur, we have babysitting and childcare and arts and crafts projects", says Levy. "Someone reads the kids a story and they come in at the appropriate times for shofar blowing. Like most services, children are welcomed. I think the earlier they start, the more likely they continue. On Fri-

day nights we have a policy that no child is taken out for making noise. I encourage them to bring books and toys and if someone complains, I tell them that if they complain now, they give up the right to complain when they don't see these kids in 10 years. We need to hear the young voices. I would even go so far as saying that maybe this is one of the voices of god."

For more information about the High Holidays or the synagogue's services, visit www.etzhayim.org or call (603) 432-0004.

Trust Fund Makes Statewide Private Well Sampling Initiative Possible

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is sampling 500 randomly selected private wells, evenly distributed, statewide for over 250 chemicals and parameters including volatile organic compounds, metals, radionuclides, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and pesticides. The sampling is being

paid for through a grant from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The sampling program will provide information to homeowners about the quality of their drinking water and when necessary, steps that can be taken to improve water quality.

State officials and scientists will also use this information to evaluate the

occurrence, concentration and sources of certain emerging contaminants in drinking water including perchlorate, 1,4-dioxane, PFAS and pesticides and their breakdown products. Additionally, this sampling program will provide the first statewide assessment of bacteria, nitrate, lead, salt, fluoride, manganese, arsenic, radionuclides and

salt in water obtained from private wells, and it will build upon previous statewide assessments that have been conducted on other contaminants such as arsenic and radon.

The information will provide a holistic snapshot of the quality of water in private wells and identify trends and patterns of the water quality relative to

location of the well, nearby land uses, geology, well type and other factors that can impact water quality.

This information will be used to develop and implement strategies to mitigate and prevent exposures to unsafe levels of contaminants in drinking water obtained from private wells. NHDES will analyze the sampling results working

with stakeholders and the public and publish the results over the next 12 months.

All of the private wells have already been identified for sampling; NHDES is not accepting requests to participate in the study.

For additional information, please contact Brandon Kernen, NHDES at (603) 271-0660.



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Derry Rotary Holds Its Annual Auction and Yard Sale



The Derry Rotary Club held its annual Auction and Yard Sale on Saturday at the Fireye Inc. parking lot on Tsienneto Road. The auction was blessed this year with outstanding weather, and featured hundreds of unique items being sold to the highest bidder. The revenue raised from the event will go to a number of local charities in the area.

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DERRY SPORTS

Mack's Orchard Hosts Annual 5K Cross Country Race



Runners of all ages head out through the orchard at Mack's Apples on Sunday afternoon. At right, winners of the men's and women's group emerge from the wooded Adams Pond path at the end of the race.

Photos by Chris Paul

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NUTFIELD NEWS

As the Moose Hill Orchard gets ready for harvesting this season apple crop, 100 cross-country runner made their way through the orchards on what has become a running tradition.

The Greater Derry Track Club hosted the 23rd annual 5K Mack's Run for the Apples in the Londonderry orchard on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25 with runners from new Hampshire And

Massachusetts participating.

The overall winner of the race was 39-year-old Nathan Huppe, of Dover. He completed the course, which wound through rows of apple trees and through the paths to Adams Pond, in just 16:43 minutes. He was 12 seconds faster than local runner, Christian Smith, 25, of Londonderry, who came in second with a time of 16:55 minutes.

Those two runners were well ahead of the rest of the pack. Third place went to

52-year-old John Carton of Newmarket, finishing at 17:53, Samuel Harrington of Chester, only 14 years old, was fourth overall, at 17:55 minutes, and fifth place went to Londonderry's Noas Schrank, 21, who ran the 5K in 19:08.

The women's race winner, Kimberly Fountain, 19, of Bedford, came in at 10th place overall, and posted a time of 20:03 minutes. Beth Connolly, 37, of Manchester, finished second among the females with a



Nathan Huppe



Kimberly Fountain

time of 21:54 minutes and third and fourth places went to Derry runners Carolyn Morgenstern, 56-years-old, at 23:01 and Eve Klok (12-years-old, 23:20). Linsey Gregoire, also 12-years-old, was the fastest Londonderry runner in the women category and she placed fifth with a

time of 23:40.

The youngest runners were eight-years-old Samantha Harrington (28:00 minutes, 52nd overall) and Mae Klok (29:51, 61st), both of Derry and in the men's division, Simon Manners, nine-years-old from Pelham, who finished

12th overall and first in the 1-12 Male age group with a time of 20:16 minutes.

Carol Mack, who lives on the orchard, ran the race with a time of 34:36 minutes and placed 77th overall. She narrowly beat out her husband Andy Mack Jr., who came in at 34:36.

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Pinkerton Academy Hosting Alumni Golf Tournament Oct. 4

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Pinkerton Academy will be hosting its 27th annual Alumni Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 4, at the Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield (tee time at noon). The tournament serves as a fundraiser for the Campaign for Excellence that is operated by the school.

The campaign uses the money collected every year for a variety of things, such as the purchasing of exercise equipment for the school's field house or sending student to different competitions, including sports tournaments, robotic tournaments and more.

The tournament was held at Hoodcroft Country Club in Derry the first two years, but with that course only having nine holes, the

event quickly became too big for the facility.

Jim Fletcher, who joined the tournament's management team in its fourth year and has been part of the event ever since, explains, "It's a shotgun start tournament, so we have two four-some groups together and each two groups leave the clubhouse and start from a different hole. They play 'best ball', so everybody continues from the best tee shot and later the best position on the green. At Hoodcroft, with nine holes, we could only play 72 golfers this way. But with 18 holes, we can have up to 144 golfers. And we had years with 144."

Actually, Fletcher even remembers an "overbooked" year, where a record number of 152 golfers showed up, "We had to add a third group to some of the holes." Most

years, the amount of players if somewhere around 110-120, some of them are alumni and others parents of current or former students: "Sometimes we even have someone from the faculty, but it's during a school day, so they can't always come", says Fletcher.

He adds that the majority of participants are not recent graduates of Pinkerton Academy, since they are either at college, the military or trying to kick off their careers, "We get a lot of players who left the school in the 1980s or 90s, and we even had some who graduated in the 1950s. I also coached golf in Pinkerton for a few years, so some of the kids who played back then later came back for the tournament."

The cost for each player is \$135 and includes, other than the game itself, a cart,



Participants of last year's Pinkerton Academy's annual Alumni Golf Tournament line up for the scramble start at Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield last year.

lunch and dinner and a piece of apparel (this year it will be a jacket), "We try to do as much as we can to give the people value for their money," commented Fletcher. "Most of the money we raise for the campaign comes from sponsors and

not from the players."

According to Fletcher, last year the tournament was able to raise \$16,000-\$17,000 and there is also a raffle with prizes and a small prize for the winning team, "It's a very nice event and we hope to keep it

going", concludes Fletcher. "As long as people want to participate, we'll keep having it. We encourage everyone to arrive, even if you are someone who lives in the community and wants to support the high school.

With 14 New Players, PA Boys Soccer Squad Ready for Some Growing Pains

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The upcoming Sept. 3 road game at Alvirne High School will mark the beginning of Kerry Boles' 28th season as the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Soccer team coach. In the 2018 fall season, the Astros managed a very respectable 13-5

record and entered the playoffs as the fifth seed, before losing to the fourth seeded Concord 2-1 in double overtime in the quarterfinals.

The soccer program saw 87 players trying out last week for a spot on Boles' team, and the coach, who enjoys a career record of 316-145-25 will have four returning starters this year

(all juniors) in midfielder Michael Curtin, midfielder/forward Will D'Amico, defender/midfielder Andrew Lydick and forward Nate Polyukhovich.

Boles says that the "teams to beat" this year will be Bedford, Hanover, Concord, Londonderry, Exeter and Manchester Central. "It will be impor-

tant for us to remain healthy this season. We will also need the younger players to develop. We have 14 new players who do not have any Varsity experience so it will be vital for them to progress quickly in order to make positive contributions. This will be a work in progress all season long and I'm sure we will have some growing pains along the way, but I

like our potential. With that said, I've been happy thus far regarding our pre-season workouts, our work ethic and the quality of kids on this team. I look forward to another fun season."

Boles also marked many promising newcomers: Harrison McAdams (junior, defender/midfielder), Thomas Richmond (senior, goalkeeper), Dan Humphrey

(junior, midfielder/forward), Gaven Huot (junior, midfielder), Andy MacDonald (junior, defender), Marcus Sconza (junior, defender/midfielder), Sam Adams (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Reilly Beaulieu (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Owen Belanger (sophomore, goalkeeper), Kyle Santangelo (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Jake Spezzaferri (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Kyle Walker (sophomore, defender), Sam Dionne (sophomore, midfielder/forward) and Giovanni Iob (freshman, forward).

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PA Girls Cross Country Team Going for Fifth Straight State Title

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Not only did Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Cross Country team continued its domination of Division I high schools last year, winning the State Championship for the fourth straight

year, but they were also voted as co-Team of the Year with Coe-Brown. So it is no wonder that they enter the 2019 season with one goal in mind: Go for the fifth championship.

"We expect to have another successful year and we will be competing for

another championship", says coach Jonathan Alizio, who is confident about his team's abilities. He will have 16 runners this season and they will all build up towards the Division I Championship on Oct. 26. "Then we also prepare to run well at the New England

Championships", adds the coach, looking forward.

After the Alumni Meet on Thursday, Aug. 29, the season will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3, against Exeter and rivals Londonderry High School. The last meet before the Division I Championship is

against Alvirne and Spaulding on Oct. 8 and between the D1 Championship and the New England's, there will also be a Meet of Champions on Nov. 2.

This year's Varsity team includes: Meghan Cross, Gately Beckman (seniors), Molly McGaffigan, Molly

Repoza, Tess Keating (juniors), Laura Adams, Mackenna Alden, Kristina Packowski, Mariesa Preble, Riley Sweeney, Olivia Welch (sophomores), Sophia Antinerella, Grace Jellow, Emma Plaza, Sarah Rousseau and Faith Mamos (freshmen).

Pinkerton Boys Cross Country Team Counting on Top-5

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's streak of four straight Boys' Cross Country state titles was ended in 2017 by Concord High School, who has taken the championship for the past two years. But with a strong top-5 and a

good competition on the seventh and final spot on the Varsity team, the Astros, led by coaches Michael Clark and Mike Karthas, should be a force to be reckoned with during the upcoming season.

Pinkerton's cross country teams had 23 students trying out for the 21 spots and Clark says that the

team's goal is "To compete for the Division I Championship." Last year, the Astros finished third in Division I, then fifth in the Meet of Champions and 16th overall in the New England Championship. Division I Championship will happen this season on Oct. 26, at Derryfield Park

in Manchester.

"We have a very competitive top five," added Clark. "Luke Brennan is leading the way, followed by the trio of Stephen Connelly, Zach Plaza and Nolan Preble. For that crucial fifth man a good battle between Nathan Steiger and Ethan Charles is shaping up. The varsity sev-

enth man is wide open. Nearly five runners could earn that coveted spot. Presently, Henry Hood holds that position by a mere eight seconds."

The team's roster includes: Nick Caputo, Ethan Forbush, Henry Hood, Mike Packowski, Zach Plaza, Nolan Preble, Matt Price,

Nathan Steiger (seniors), Stephen Connelly, TJ Davis, Nate Letellier (juniors), Luke Brennan, Jack Cameron, Ethan Charles, Travis Henry, Cooper Michaud (sophomores), Jack Alizio, Elias Brodeur, Alex Ciesielski, Ridge Crossman and Theo Davis (freshmen).

With a New Team, PA Girls Soccer Squad is Ready for Work

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

After a more than respectable 11-3-2 regular season record last season, and a dramatic 1-0 playoff win over Goffstown High School that took the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Girls' Soccer team all the way to the state quarterfinals

last year, the new season is about to begin, the Lady Astros once again are setting their sights high.

The team graduated 10 seniors last year's team, but coach Danielle Rappa says, "I still expect to be competitive and do well with a new team." She marks on the calendar Sept. 28, when her team will be hosting rivals

Londonderry High School, who were the state's runner ups last season: "For Pinkerton, the Mack Plaque is always the game that is marked. Pinkerton versus Londonderry is always a close, intense game."

Out of the 75 girls who tried out for the team last week, 19 of them made the Varsity squad and will be

kicking off their season on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m., with a home game against Alvirne High School, followed by a trip to Plaistow, where they will face Timberlane Regional High School on Friday, Sept. 6. The regular season will come to an end with an away game at Windham High School on Oct. 25.

This year's varsity team will include: Goalkeepers Lindsay Blum (freshman) and Mishela Duka (senior); defenders Aana Blaszk (senior), Aisling Corcoran (junior), Adria Forand (junior), Sam Franks (junior), Sam Franks (junior), Macy Graves (junior), Allison Lamphere (sophomore) and Caitlin Seleny (sophomore); midfielders

Emily Hood (freshman), Lauren Morse (junior), Cortney Peltak (junior), Olivia Pavao (junior), Mattie Sullivan (senior) and Sam Sutton (senior); forwards Chayse Dube (sophomore), Kayla Franks (freshman), Sawyer Jackson (sophomore) and Enya Vanasse-Lagueux (junior).

Girl's Volleyball Squad Will Try to Take a Step Forward

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Girls Volleyball team wound up in the middle of the pack last fall season, finishing with a 12-8 record and losing to eventual State Champions Hollis Brookline

in the tournament's quarterfinals.

With a new season starting on Sept. 6, at Manchester Memorial High School, the Lady Astros hope to take a large step forward in a Division, that according to coach Todd Royce, "Any team can beat any team and

that's the beauty of the league."

Royce had 20 girls trying out for the Varsity team and kept 12 of them, with 38 girls in total playing for the program this fall season (Out of 68 that attended tryouts). His expectations? "To be competitive. The girls have

put in a lot of work in the off-season as they always do, so we should continue to be competitive with every team that we compete against. We need to be ready to go every night or we are not going to come away with a victory."

Pinkerton is scheduled to host Londonderry for their

annual Mack Plaque game on Sept. 28, and get the opportunity to revenge their loss to Hollis Brookline when they host the state champs on Oct. 18 (5:30 p.m.). The regular season will conclude with a home game against Windham six days later.

The Varsity team 12 players are: Emma Bernard, Ella Dandrade, Nicole Valcourt (seniors), Reese Asselin, Ellia Cashman, Aubrey Sansing, Kathleen Snyder, Sarah Taylor (juniors), Sierra Edgecomb, Lexa Galler, Lily Heywood and Ella Koelb (sophomore).



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SUITING UP ON NEW TURF The Pinkerton Academy football team hosted St. John’s High School from Shrewsbury, Mass. on the school’s new turf on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 24, for a preseason scrimmage. The two teams practiced a variety of drills to simulate real game situations. The Astros once again hope to be a force against other Division I teams this year after they were runner-ups last year against Bedford High. They will open their new season on Sept. 7 with a road game against Goffstown.

Photos by Chris Paul



With 14 New Players, Boys Soccer Squad May Have Slow Start

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The upcoming Sept. 3 road game at Alvirne High School will mark the beginning of Kerry Boles’ 28th season as the Pinkerton Academy Boys’ Soccer team coach. In the 2018 fall season, the Astros managed a very respectable 13-5 record and entered the play-

offs as the fifth seed, before losing to the fourth seeded Concord 2-1 in double overtime in the quarterfinals. The soccer program saw 87 players trying out last week for a spot on Boles’ team, and the coach, who enjoys a career record of 316-145-25 will have four returning starters this year (all juniors) in midfielder Michael Curtin, midfielder/

forward Will D’Amico, defender/midfielder Andrew Lydick and forward Nate Polyukhovich. Boles says that the “teams to beat” this year will be Bedford, Hanover, Concord, Londonderry, Exeter and Manchester Central. “It will be important for us to remain healthy this season. We will also need the younger players to develop.

We have 14 new players who do not have any Varsity experience so it will be vital for them to progress quickly in order to make positive contributions. This will be a work in progress all season long and I’m sure we will have some growing pains along the way, but I like our potential. With that said, I’ve been happy thus far regarding our pre-season workouts, our work ethic and the quality of kids on this team.

I look forward to another fun season.” Boles also marked many promising newcomers to this year’s squad: Harrison McAdams (junior, defender/midfielder), Thomas Richmond (senior, goalkeeper), Dan Humphrey (junior, midfielder/forward), Gaven Huot (junior, midfielder), Andy MacDonald (junior, defender), Marcus Sconza (junior, defender/midfielder), Sam Adams

(sophomore, defender/midfielder), Reilly Beaulieu (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Owen Belanger (sophomore, goalkeeper), Kyle Santangelo (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Jake Spezzaferri (sophomore, defender/midfielder), Kyle Walker (sophomore, defender), Sam Dionne (sophomore, midfielder/forward) and Giovanni Iob (freshman, forward).

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Rally4RecoveryNH

Opioids, meth and alcohol kill people-recovery saves lives, come celebrate those miracles at Hope for New Hampshire's Sixth Annual Rally4Recovery-NH on Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Veterans Park in Manchester. Hope for New Hampshire Recovery hosts a day of fun and community. Come meet people whose lives have been transformed, talk with folks and agencies from throughout the recovery community, learn about the work that's being done, enjoy music and eat delicious food in the company of people who have found new purpose through recovery. Hope's Rally4Recovery-NH has live music, speakers, displays from local organizations, artwork and a spirit of possibility, change and joy. Whether through 12-Step groups, Dharma Recovery, SMART Recovery, Health Realization, Celebrate Recovery or some other pathway, thousands of New Hampshire citizens have stepped away from addiction and into a freer, happier life. Contact: Dave Cote Hope for NH Recovery at 603.935.7524

Crossroads Co-parenting Workshop:

This four-session series covers how to protect your child's well-being by keeping them out of the middle and allowing them to love both parents, how to open lines of communication and recover from a divorce/separation. It will be held Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Upper Room in Derry with a cost of \$80. Call to register 437-8477 x22

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Sept. 14, 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 11am. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each house-

hold 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

18th Annual Auction

Enjoy dinner with great friends while bidding on an impressive variety of silent and live auction items, including vacation, shopping, party, sports, fine dining, ski, and BBQ packages on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry. A long with a silent auction with over 80 items including gift baskets with gift certificates for museums, theatre, amusement parks, restaurants, beauty salons, spas, wineries, breweries, golf outings, and more fantastic items are coming in each day. Tickets are on sale now on our website www.urteachers.org/2019-tur-auction, \$60 with dinner included. Benefits go to The Upper Room.

Free Movie

Abundant Grace Church is hosting a free movie night on Aug. 30 at 7pm on 127 Rockingham Rd., Derry. The movie is "Breakthrough" Free snacks and refreshments. For more information please call the church at 432-0510, hope to see you there.

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.

Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising 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.

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

HiSET (High School Equivalency Test)

Welcome back to a new school year for new and returning students. Classes will begin Sept. 5 at the Upper Room. For information, call 437-8477 ext. 18.

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun

evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Mondays at 10 a.m. starting Sept. 9, Wednesdays at 1 p.m. starting Sept. 11 and Sundays at 1 p.m. starting Sept. 15 at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register by Sept. 3 or with questions.

Story Hours

The Taylor Library Story Hours for 2-5 year olds are Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories and with a theme based craft each week. A snack will be provided. Call to register by Sept. 3 at 432-7186 and save your space.

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages six months - two years meets Fridays at 10 a.m. starting Sept. 13 at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so call the library at 432-7186 to register by Sept. 3 or with questions.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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.

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.

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.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation/pages/galliens-town-beach.

Walk with Me

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



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