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School District Special Education Study Reveals Consistent Themes

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At their Aug. 20 board meeting, the Derry School Board went over the School District's Special Education System Study final report. It was developed by Maryclare J. Heffernan, M. ED and Education Consultant.

Dr. Mary-Ann Connors-Krikorian, Superintendent of Schools, requested this study for the purpose of understanding the effectiveness of the current special education models and practices, concerning the delivery of Specially Designed Instruction to the district's students with an Individual Education Program (IEP).

The Essential Question

developed to guide the study was: "How is the special education model in the school district delivering specially designed instruction to students with an IEP?" Information and data was gathered from focus groups and visits to schools, while quantitative information was gathered through a review of student assessment outcomes, demographics and a review of IEPs.

Several consistent themes emerged from the district administrators, educators, para-educators and parent/guardians and School Board members throughout the Special Education Study. The following includes condensed excerpts and themes from the report's summary section.

The Derry Cooperative School District staff, in all positions and at all levels; describe their work commitment and relationship with colleagues and students as a significant strength. Every group considered themselves as problem solvers and creative thinkers to meet ever changing and important student needs, even when resources desired were not available. They consistently described their relationships as strong and student centered.

Parents expressed appreciation for this commitment, caring and dedication of the district's educators with numerous examples of individual attention and efforts beyond expectations.

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Couple Settle In as Leaders of Derry's Salvation Army

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Two months after Lt. Katie Mayes left the Greater Derry Salvation Army and was transferred to Sidney, Ohio, the branch's new officers, Sojourney and Tyler Adcox are enjoying every moment in their new community.

They arrived to Derry on Jul. 1, the day after Mayes left town and since then have been very busy, "Our hope is to increase the family ministries here in town", says Tyler in a phone interview. "We noticed that there is a need to do this and we want to reach out to the families. It is important to us that people will know that kids are welcomed here and that there is no need to keep them quiet. Our kids are

very loud."

The couple moved into town with Henry, almost three years old and Samuel, who was born seven months ago: "The community here was very welcoming, great and lovely", says Sojourney. "We feel really safe here and there is always something going on for the kids. So many activities."

She grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, one of nine siblings: "I always attended the Nazarene Church and that led me to Eastern Nazarene College. I studied Elementary Education, went back home after graduation and worked at a preschool."

She also met Tyler during her college days and they were married in Ohio, five years ago and moved to

New York, to study for two years at The Salvation Army College for Officer Training, where they had religion classes, bible classes, Christmas Kettles and more. Upon graduating from that college, they became officers of the Salvation Army and were placed in Derry.

They have never lived in New Hampshire before, but for Tyler, moving here was a blessing: "I grew up in a small town in Maine and Derry kind of reminds me that place. It is very comforting for me to be in a small town again. It is perfect for our family and exactly what we have been looking for."

In May, shortly before Mayes left the Derry branch, and the Adcox family arrived, the Salvation Army
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REACHING OUT Recent Derry graduate Jaime Robertson was working to finish her Girl Scout Gold Award project on Saturday morning at the Marion Garrish Community Center. She developed the REACH Project that would help supply needy folks in the area with much-needed essentials such as clothing and toiletries. See more on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derryfest's 30th Spotlights Nutfield's 300th This Year

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Derryfest is coming. This year's Nutfield 300th final celebration will be held on the last day of summer, as a part of Derryfest, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at MacGregor Park on East Broadway.

This will be the 30th year

for Derryfest - and to honor this year's 300th anniversary of the original Nutfield settlement, Derryfest is adding historical touches during the daylong celebration. There will be special live musical and dance performances, and more to put a fitting wrap on the anniversary celebration of the Nutfield area founding.

Mike Gendron is the

President of The Greater Derry Arts Council and the Derryfest organizational leader. Gendron is enthusiastic about this year's Derryfest as a unique event. As Gendron points out, "This is a special 30th anniversary for Derryfest and in honor of those 30 years for the event, Hannaford Supermarkets is

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Town Looks for Input from Younger Residents For Master Plan

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Every community in the state has a distinctive set of values that echo that community's unique history and people. Those community values creates a need for proper planning. A town's Master Plan presents an opportunity for a town and its planning staff to document such values and create a guided vision to confirm that a town's zoning, planning codes and land use designations reflect its goals.

This year the Town of Derry has embarked on updating its Master Plan from 2010. The process to update the plan will provide a roadmap for moving the town forward into the future.

George Sioras is Derry's Planning Director and Planning Board advisor who has been overseeing the Master Plan process. Sioras and Planning Department staff including Liz Robidoux have been working with the Lexington, Mass. based - Community Circle team in association with Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, Barret Planning

Group, LLC, and BETA Group to support the Master Plan process.

NH State Law (RSA 674:2 I) provides that the purpose of the Master Plan is to set down as clearly and practically as possible the best and most appropriate future development of the area under the jurisdiction of the planning board, to aid the board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire, and to guide the board in the performance of its other duties in a manner that achieves the principles of smart growth, sound planning, and wise resource protection.

The Master Planning process in Derry kicked off about 9 months ago - last Nov. 28 and the process to prepare and provide the completed plan for the public and Town officials typically takes 12 months. The master planning process for Derry has involved multiple public meetings, numerous surveys, and a comprehensive data document that has summarized the existing conditions of the town that are relevant

for Master Plan considerations.

The end result of the updated Master plan will be a dynamic, living document that will provide the basis for decision making for the next decade.

As the Master Planning process goes into its final phase of development, The Town of Derry is seeking input from younger residents,

from ages 18-35 to support appropriate information for the update process. The planning team is looking for experiences, opinions, and knowledge of Derry - from this population segment - that will be vital to ensuring the Master Plan reflects the needs of Derry's younger population. From topics like housing to entertainment, the Master Plan team wants to hear from you!

"We are trying to reach out to different groups," Sioras has said about the Master Plan process. "You get a different vibe in each of these groups." Sioras reports this survey information will be compiled as one of the vital parts of the plan update process.

The Derry Younger Residents Survey is a quick online "SurveyMonkey" process, meaning that the survey is brief, focused and provides easy input from any modern mobile device or computer. There are seven questions that are checkbox types in the

survey that also provides space for additional comments. There is also an eighth question that invites comments to the following question - If you could do one thing to improve Derry, what would it be?

Residents who are aged 18-35 and are considering taking the survey can get to the web address for the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DerrySurvey

Most of the survey takers will find they can do the survey in just a few minutes time and you will be providing vital input for Derry's future.

OBITUARY

Barbara Jean Benedict



Barbara Jean Benedict, 57, of Derry, NH, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Aug. 26, 2019. Barbara was born July 25, 1962 in Lowell, MA and was a daughter of the late Clyde and Doris (Hildebrant) Benedict. Barbara lived in Pinellas Park, FL for 10 years, prior to returning to Derry, where she lived most of her life.

Barbara spent most of her working life in the retail grocery business, having worked for Market Basket and Hannaford Bros., locally and with Publix, in Florida. Among many activities, Barbara loved fishing, but will forever be remembered for the cherished time she got to spend with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Members of the family include her children, Jessica Anne Benedict, Eric Forgang and Chauncey Noelle McGovern. Five grandchildren, Taylor, Adriana, Michael, Avery and Breydon and four great-grandchildren, Kash, Kaiden, Kennady and Keegan. Her sister, Patricia Moore, brothers, Scott, Chuck, Don and David Benedict, a beloved niece, Shannon, as wells as many other nieces, nephews.

Calling hours were on Thursday Aug. 29, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St. Derry, a Celebration of Life was held on Friday Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Crossing Life Church, 122 N. Lowell Road, Windham, NH.

OBITUARY

Martha "Marty" Anne Rogers



Martha "Marty" Anne Rogers, 64, of Derry, NH, passed away Monday Aug. 26, 2019 in Parkland Medical Center, Derry. She was born in Syracuse, NY on Jan. 23, 1955, a daughter of John and Eva (Paquette) Giltz. Marty was extremely creative, spent her time painting, sketching, playing the guitar, singing and writing poetry. She also enjoyed playing pool, cooking and absolutely loved watching Bob Ross. Marty loved her dog, Ming, he was her constant companion and brought joy and warmth into her heart. Above everything Marty simply loved life and all those she shared hers with.

She is survived by her beloved partner of 20 years, Bob Glasier; former spouse, Fred Rogers; daughter, Destini Rogers; son, Bruce Rogers and wife Holly Rogers; two grandchildren, Emily and Nick; four sisters, Edith, Eva, Susan and Mary; several nieces and nephews; mother in law, Maureen Glasier and her beloved dog, Ming and cat, Ben. Martha is predeceased by her brothers, John and Richard Giltz.

There will be no services at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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Conservation Commission Discusses Fall Hazardous Collection Event

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The Conservation Commission met on Aug. 26 for one of their regular meetings. James Degnan, Commission Chair, communicated that the commission wants the public to know about the upcoming household hazardous collection day logistics.

Degnan said, "There are two of these household hazardous collection days each year. For the second one of this year, Derry residents will be allowed to go to Londonderry on Nov. 23, - so this is close to Thanksgiving holiday - from 9 a.m. to noon. The location is behind the central fire station in Londonderry at Nelson Fields off of Sargent Rd. If

you have any questions about what you can or cannot bring, the e-mail address is Rkerry@LondonderryNH.org or Derry residents may call the Department of Public Works in Londonderry at 432-1100 x137."

Residents should mark their calendars for this event as there are only two times during the year that household hazardous waste is collected in Derry and Londonderry. The towns of Derry and Londonderry have a reciprocal partnership regarding household hazardous waste collection. Household hazardous waste collection days are held in each town and are open to residents of both towns. They are held in May of each year in Derry at West Running Brook Middle

School and at Nelson Fields in Londonderry in the Fall.

It can be complicated to know exactly what hazardous waste can be collected, in addition to where to bring it, and when to bring it there. And Derry residents are reminded not to throw away toxic products with their regular trash! Putting toxic waste in the trash may cause fires, while at the landfill they contaminate soil and groundwater. The idea is to bring toxic products to fall hazardous collection area at Nelson Fields - off Sargent Rd. - during the collection times of 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 23.

Hazardous products from the yard that are acceptable to bring include fertilizers with pesticides, fungicides, insect sprays,

lighter fluids, pest strips and traps, pesticides, poisons and pool chemicals. Residents can also dispose of stuff from the garage including acids, anti-freeze, car waxes and polish, creosote, driveway sealer, flea powder, gasoline, radiator flush, and roofing tar.

Products that are acceptable to bring from the house include bathroom cleaners, disinfectants, furniture polish, metal polish, mothballs, oven cleaner, photo chemicals, rug cleaners, and thermometers.

Finally from the workbench the collection pile will accept brush cleaners, corrosives, oil based paint and stain, rust preventatives, solvents, turpentine, wood preservatives, and would strippers.

The Derry and Londonderry Department of Public Works prohibit the disposal of batteries, latex paints, explosives, radioactive sub-

stances, infectious waste, and no asbestos on this hazardous disposal waste day.

Alkaline batteries produced since 1996 are safe to dispose of in the household trash but can also be recycled. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation is a non-profit organization that collects these and other kinds of batteries at no charge to consumers. New Hampshire residents with explosives that are no longer wanted are recommended to contact New Hampshire State Police.

More information about those items is available from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and from the town's public works department.

Up-to-date information about hazardous waste disposal is also available from the NHDES website at www.des.nh.gov/index.htm. This website contains an A

to Z listing of environmental topics of concern to New Hampshire residents, including the responsible way to dispose of sharps (needles) used by people with certain medical conditions. If a hypodermic needle of unknown origin is found, Derry Police advise that it not be touched and that you call their dispatch number at (603) 845-5601. A police officer will retrieve the syringe and dispose of it properly.

There are some useful tips about dealing with toxic products to consider. Follow and use the safety instructions on the label and give product leftovers to friends and neighbors if they might use them. Keep the product intact in its original container and do not mix toxic products. Be sure to use toxic products in well-ventilated areas while keeping them away from heat, sparks and flames

Two Drivers Seriously Injured in Rockingham Road Collision

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Two drivers were seriously injured on Wednesday, Aug. 28, after a head-on collision in Derry.

According to the Derry Fire Department, shortly before noon, the Derry Fire Communications Center received multiple calls regarding a collision between two motor vehicles in the area of 189 Rockingham Road. Both drivers were injured and trapped in their vehicles following the accident.

Within 10 minutes, an engine and a ladder company extricated the two drivers and they were transported to the Elliot Hospital for treatment. According to the Fire



One of the two motor vehicles involved in a head-on collision on Rockingham Road last week. Drivers of both cars were taken to Elliot Hospital. *Courtesy photo*

Department's press release, both of them were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the collision and their vehicle's airbags had deployed.

The injuries suffered by the two operators did not

appear to be life threatening according to the report, but the trauma center was alerted, based on the serious mechanism of injury. The Derry Police Department is investigating the collision.

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Editorial

Never Forget

Seventeen years this Wednesday marks the day since the hijacking of four planes changed the lives of every American. This year it falls on Patriots Day.

As the generation that remembers what they were doing when they heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor is leaving us. Those of us who remember where we were when we heard that President Kennedy had been shot are getting on in years. But most Americans easily recall what we were doing on that ordinary day when almost everything we took for granted was lost.

Most of us will hold forever the images of the twin towers collapsing on themselves and on those trapped within. Most of us still marvel at the bravery of the firefighters and police and ordinary citizens who became unplanned participants in a disaster of epic proportions.

But most of us no longer think about the many emergency personnel who responded to the collapsed towers and who are ill some still not getting treatment because insurance companies fail to link their illness to the poisons in the air at the tower site. And most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about the security of our borders not the demonized undocumented workers from Mexico, but cargo containers unin-

spected in our largest ports.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, Americans came together. Political party, religion, personality - all disappeared, as strangers become neighbors and offered help and comfort in the midst of the questions that no one can still answer - why, how come, how is this possible.

Unity was the operative word after Sept. 11, 2001. Still we are a nation that is bitterly disunited and divided.

A lot of things have change over the years, and a lot remain the same. We understood the importance of coming together as one nation. We must remember that today.

Unity is not a sign of weakness. No firefighter asked whether the workers on the top floors of the towers were Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, Arab or Jew. None of that mattered. Human beings rushed into the unknown to help out other human beings. They were doing their jobs. And they were emblematic of the humanity we all share - and the opposite of the lack of humanity exhibited by the terrorists.

No one wants to remember tragedy, but this year, on Sept. 11, we urge you to think about what we lost that day, and what is important for us to remember in the future.

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donating an Immense quantity of free cupcakes to the party for kids and adults to share. At 3 p.m. during that Saturday, the cupcakes will be ready for a special anniversary tribute for this occasion and as a part of our salute to the Nutfield 300th Anniversary celebration."

Derryfest will see a return from many regular vendors who have helped make previous festivals memorable, along with several new ones. There will also be stands and areas set up for community organizations, food booths, creative businesses, artisans, entertainment, games, crafts and with several new wrinkles.

There will be a special Nutfield historical booth to provide some fascinating information and artifacts about the area's history. And another booth supported by the Friends of the Meetinghouse will also offer related historic information, displays and souvenirs; the original meetinghouse in East Derry was developed by the Nutfield founders and their descendants and this year has seen a remarkable restoration of the site area that is worth checking out.

There are reports about a special Nutfield 300th commemorative coin for Derry that will be available for stashing away for future speculation along with commemorative coins representing other towns that sprang out of Nutfield including Londonderry and Windham.

The Nutfield spotlight will likely also take a look at how flax was used to make world famous linen that was made in the area's early days - when Derry was a part of Londonderry. To make money, almost every home in the area planted flax seed to grow in their yards and most every house would have looms to make linen cloth - this skill was brought over by the Nutfield founders. Londonderry linen was sold all over New England and even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson wore clothes made from Londonderry Linen.



There will be plenty of games for youngsters to play once again at this year's Derryfest Celebration

The lineup of entertainment featured on the MacGregor Park stage throughout the day will also add focus to the Nutfield 300th theme and history. For example, the acclaimed Irish band Ulster Landing that hails from Boston - will be playing Celtic Folk music by means of fiddle, harp, bouzouki, and uilleann (Irish) pipes in a style that will put a smile on your face and a hop in your step. This band is going to call out the spirit of the Scots-Irish settlers who founded Nutfield. Their musical selections are filled with specialized versions of Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, and Cornwall folk music that is fitting for this party ...and as the band says, "We will have a great time doing it and we hope the audience will too."

Following this band's performance, a new Nutfield 300th time capsule will be assembled and filled for a future generation to know about this celebration. Paul Lindemann, historian and a key Nutfield 300th organizer will provide the community with reflections about the history of the Greater Derry area, as well as, thoughts about traditions that have evolved since the founding of the Nutfield settlement 300 years ago.

The daylong Derryfest Since it began, Derryfest has been funded by booth sales and the generous donations from sponsorships and this year some of Derry's top business and organizations are again proud sponsors of this event.

The day's event lineup and sponsors are listed on the Derryfest website. Check them out at: www.derryfest.org/index.html.

The daylong Derryfest

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Derry Girls Scout Project Touches Many with REACH Program



Jaime Robertson hosted her Girl Scout Gold Award project on Saturday Aug. 31 at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. Robertson along with her mentor Christine Lehoullier set up a program called REACH, which stands for Respect, Encouragement, Assist, Care and Hope. The two women along with friends and family members collected and gave away clothing, toiletries and school supplies and homemade sandwiches to people and families in need. Robertson notified a number of organizations in the area to get the word out including the Salvation Army, Sonshine Soup Kitchen, the Upper Room and schools in Derry. It was a combined effort with the First Parish Church in East Derry. Pictured are the volunteers helping to set up. Jamie and her mentor are picture at top center. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Police Investigate Theft of Vehicle From Home of Murder

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The Derry Police Department is investigating the theft of a motor vehicle that is believed to have been stolen from 151 Bypass 28. The stolen car is a 2005 white Mercury Montego with New Hampshire Registration 4617439.

The property on 151 Bypass 28 was the location of a homicide investigation that occurred earlier this month. On Aug. 10, 79-year-old Roderick Munstis called 911 from his home for help and when police officers arrived there, they located the 74-year-old Ellen Munstis, his wife, dead after suf-

fering multiple gunshot wounds in her chest. Last week, a Rockingham County Superior Court judge ordered a competency evaluation on Roderick Munstis, saying the suspect may have been experiencing delusional thinking at the time of the murder.

The Derry Police says there is no indication that the stolen vehicle, which was last seen on or about Aug. 21, 11 days after Ellen Munstis' death, is connected to the homicide in any way. On Aug. 26, five days after the car was stolen from the property and a little over two weeks after the murder, first responders rushed again to 151 Bypass 28, to fight a

fire.

The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and the Derry Police Department are still jointly investigating the fire. The fire was caused from an explosion and completely destroyed the house, which was considered "total loss" according to the Derry Fire Department's press release.

The Derry Police Department is asking anyone with information on the stolen vehicle to call (603) 432-6111 and anyone with information about the fire to contact the department at the same number or the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, Arson Hotline, at 1-800-400-3526.



The Derry Police Department is investigating the theft of this motor vehicle that is believed to have been stolen from where a murder was committed at 151 Bypass 28.

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model (Readers Workshop) lacks early skill development components in direct phonemic awareness and phonics instruction. Classroom teachers, Reading Specialists and Special Educators cite needs to add explicit instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics as well as writing - from the child's first school days until mastery. Educators agree that aspects of the Readers Workshop are valuable particularly in the areas

of fluency, vocabulary and comprehension; however, some foundational reading instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics is currently missing for students with an IEP and for other struggling readers.

There is perception throughout the district there are not enough staffing and material resources to meet the range of needs of the Derry District students. All categories of staff express frustration at staffing patterns decreases and feel they are not able to provide adequate time and support to students in their tight sched-

ule.

Special education staffers say they lack the range of interventions and instructional programs needed to meet individual student learning needs. There are currently no specific math and writing interventions in place and there is a lack of both classroom and individual technology for staff and students to use for teaching and learning.

Individuals in various roles describe a need to over justify with a number of support resources and frequent returns for certain student specific services. There

is a feeling that budget consideration trumps professional judgment of those making services requests. Some expressed concerns throughout the study about the challenging process of requesting and gaining approval for new staff and or resources. A number of parents describe the feeling that staff won't recommend a new service or program for their student if it isn't already available in district.

NH state assessment results for students in the Derry Cooperative School District lagged behind a number of similar size NH school districts in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math for all students though the district closed the gap a bit this year. For students with an educational disability according to publicly available 2017-2018 reports, the Derry District's current 2018-2019 NH SAS results show improvement in all grades in ELA and in 4 grades in Math. The 2019 comparison data with other districts is not currently available.

With regard to data informed decision making, there is a practice design needed to routinely use data at the district, building and grade levels to better inform instructional, personnel, professional learning and resource decisions. The use of data to inform decisions varies from school to school and does not appear in a commonly used practice design - district wide.

Educators would like more ongoing professional development in areas including instructional practice, providing interventions and providing specially designed instruction. There is also development needed to understand specific disabilities, executive function, implementation of programs, understanding and managing student behaviors and social emotional issues and more.

Para-educators are an important district resource and they describe needs for more new hire orientation, and ongoing training to better support students with an IEP. They desire consistent communication with their

professional supervisors, but they have no time to meet and share information other than lunch breaks and a shortened day stresses their effective impact.

The District has a wide range of professional expertise that have contributions to make beyond their current daily curriculum, instruction and assessment practices. They could help in identifying and providing professional development, coaching/ mentoring, and creating problem solving models.

The increasing number and needs of preschool students with educational disabilities is putting strain on the current staffing patterns and program space of the DEEP program.

The School Board also got certain recommendations from the report that were discussed for implementation where possible.

The complete study report can be downloaded from the Derry Cooperative School District at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o4Ox89y4hpmYYXWIIIGsnZDhwdhCKnrUi>

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Mark Giles raises champion Shiba Inu dogs at his Nozomi Farm in Derry N.H. His dog Diamond was selected for a national TV competition for the AKC (American Kennel Club) Agility Premier Cup on ESPN. This dog vs. dog competition is an action-packed event held also as a celebration of International Dog Day on August 24th.

Giles' Shiba Inu dog breed was brought to America from Japan about 60 years ago and today they are the most popular breed in their homeland. The AKC says, "Shibas are fast becoming popular in the U.S. with their white markings combined with their coloring (red, red sesame, or black and tan) and their alert expression and smooth stride that makes them almost fox like. Shibas are sturdy, muscular dogs with a bold, confident personality to match."

The competition at this AKC Premier Cup event was fierce and Diamond — being a Shiba Inu — is not as large as some of his competition. Not to worry though — as Diamond is a gem, and he made it through the full competition to the final round by placing 6th after the previous 2 rounds and close behind the top dog, Bliss in the 12" jump class.

This agility event itself is a real challenge with lots of obstacles for a dog and handler to navigate. The sport itself is set up to ensure the agility course for the dogs is not easy, so only the "best of the best" dogs competed at the Premier Cup. These are the dogs that competed in agility events across the nation over the past year and were the top performers. And the agility event is dog sport where both strategy and skill is key.

This first ever AKC Agility Premier Cup was historic with prize money and a trophy for the most



Mark Giles with his Shiba Inu run the A-Frame obstacle at the Agility Premier Cup race *Courtesy photo*

athletic teams. The event started with 60 competitors and then moved to the final 30 competitors across different obstacle course height classes. Winning the event takes a combination of speed and talent — along with the dog's ability to trust its handler. The most common obstacle on the agility course is a jump raised from 4 to 24 inches depending on different classifications for the dogs. The weave poles

lineup is one of the more difficult challenges and this obstacle shows a dog's agility with quick turns. The most fun part of the challenge for the dogs is likely the tunnels that are long, curved and skinny enough to make things tricky for a dog's sprint. The dog walk challenge is an exciting obstacle that is a high platform ramped on both sides and is 36 feet long; this obstacle requires balance

and coordination and the dog must touch the yellow end of the platform to have a clean run. The A-frame ramp has a big angle height and requires a dog to also touch the yellow end of the platform on its way down the ramp.

The teeter totter requires finesse and balance for dog to make it through — as the dog must bring the initial high end of the teeter to touch the ground before the dog can move on.

The championship course for this cup event included 21 obstacles — 12 jumps, 4 tunnels, 1 Teeter, 1 dog walk, 1 A-frame and 1 weave pole line. The dog with the fastest speed wins the cup, though a dog loses points if the dog commits a fault on one of the obstacles and that is deducted from his time.

Derry's Mark Giles and his dog Diamond competed in the 12" jump class. The ESPN commentators said they loved this team — and Diamond didn't disappoint,

as he made a clean run in a fast 50.40 seconds. AKC dog expert and ESPN commentator, Kelly O'Donnell said, "Mark is doing a great job with Diamond — he is one of the happiest competitors and his dogs are great. Shibas are a non-typical breed in agility, so to see Mark here is just fantastic and to see him in the finals is even better."

In the end The Shiba Dog, Diamond from Derry, won fourth place in his class, so Diamond is officially one of the top dog athletes in America. N.H. had 2 dogs entered in the AKC Agility Premier Cup competition. Amber McCune's, Kaboom, is a Border Collie is from Bedford and like Diamond, he also competed for the \$1500 prize, and the legacy of having his name inscribed on a big AKC Agility Premier Cup trophy. Kaboom also won 4th place in the 24" jump class and so N.H. has 2 of the most agile athletic dogs in America today.

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Greater Derry's Got Talent at the Opera House Saturday Sept. 15

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Greater Derry's Got Talent (GDGT) is getting ready to "rock" the Derry Opera House with some interesting acts and a fun show on Sept. 15, at 1 p.m., doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

The auditions for this talent contest have already been held, with 19 acts qualified for the talent show

finale. There are two separate talent categories and the judges will select first and second place winners from these two categories. The adult group is comprised of talent that is 16 years old and older and the youth category is for those 15 years old and under.

There are a variety of different acts ready for the GDGT finale - with talent ages ranging from 7 years old to 81 years old. Audi-

tions brought out many performers that should be entertaining for the finale. For example, the oldest talent in the competition may attract votes with a rousing vaudevillian style music piece that will feature an attention-grabbing piano and singing performance and the youngest talent has a really cute routine for the audience to consider.

The producers of the show - Mark Berglund and

Mary McCarthy Hoegan - have been busy behind the scenes staging the final showcase set ups and supporting auditions that took place the last week of August at the Dance Progressions studio in Londonderry.

The contest has attracted two celebrity Master of Ceremonies (MCs) from Derry for the show. Miss Greater Derry, Morgan Torre and Miss Greater

Derry Outstanding Teen, Kaila Lumpkin will be welcoming and introducing the talent act performances.

A panel of three judges that include Kayla Nelson, Dale Byrd and myself, Mack Leathurby will select the winners of the adult and youth categories.

All the Greater Derry's Got Talent winners will be invited to perform on the main stage at Derryfest the following week - Saturday,

Sept. 21. The top prize for both the adult and youth categories is \$100 and the runner up will win \$50. One additional act will be selected using audience votes with an audience pick prize of \$50.

Tickets are available at the door of the Opera House at \$15 for adults - \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are free for kids 5 years old and under.

Salvation Army

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was informed by the state of New Hampshire that the property they had recently purchased will be seized for a project on Exit 4A on I-93. This, after many years of trying to purchase the property they now reside in.

Nothing has happened yet, but Tyler and Sojourney know that this is something that they will have to deal

with the move at some point. Tyler says: "There are a lot of things in the air with 4A right now, but eventually we will have to find a new building for all our activities and worship services. It is in the future and we don't know how much in the future or how fast will it happen, so this is a challenge."

In the meantime, they are organizing this year's Christmas Kettles operation and are making sure they

have enough manpower organized for the holiday season. They are also busy preparing for the 10th annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off held at MacGregor Park on Sept. 28. The couple are inviting people who wish to cook or have a booth, "We are looking for vendors to help make this event a success," says Tyler. The cook-off will be held at MacGregor Park between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and people who

want to either cook or have a booth can stop at the Salvation Army's offices at 18 Folsom Rd. and pick up a registration packet.

The Salvation Army recently had the "Back Pack program," where the Police Department, Fire Department and other donated essential products for kids who are going back to school these days. The kids received a full back pack for the school year.



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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Astro Football Looks For Another Playoff Run

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Football team needed a big win in its ninth and final regular season last year to make the 2018 playoffs, but once they got that win and made the postseason, the Astros, again, knew how to rise to the occasion.

They got a dramatic quarterfinals road win over rivals Londonderry High School and enjoyed a fantastic semifinals victory in Salem to make the state finals for the twelfth time in 15 years. There, they fell 28-14 to an undefeated Bedford Bulldogs team.

The Astros start their 2019 season at Goffstown on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 1:30 p.m. and their home opener, on the new turf, will be Friday night, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.) against Manchester Memorial. They will host Londonderry for the annual Mack Plaque game on Sept. 27 at (7 p.m. and face Salem in a road game eight days later. Their final game of the regular season will be on Nov. 1 for a Division I finals rematch against Bedford, in Derry.

A total of 126 athletes

tried out for Brian O'Reilly's team this summer. The coach is entering his 43rd year with a 312-117 record (9-3 last year) and his coaching staff includes Bryon Murphy, Michael Gooden, Jason Gagnon, Jon Rich, Kevin Morrison, Kevin Davies, Eric Dugas, Wes Davies, Ron Cooper and Riley Cahill.

The team will enjoy a strong defense (The Astros will play a 4-3 defense). The offense will play the Wing T formation. The captains for this season are senior Jake MacInnis and juniors Tom Macdonald and Trent Leduc and other returning starters and lettermen are seniors Brady Day, Marcus Terrio, Dominic Zirn, Brandon Roy, quarterback Jeff Potvin, Will Brown and Aiden Fox and juniors Evan Wilson, Logan Robinson, Brady Durazzano and Max Delangie.

Top newcomers are seniors Connor Colburn, Robert Leake, Michael Zabriskie, Connor McCormack and Rocco Mulrennan, juniors Hayden Shattuck (quarterback), Gavin Auger, Andrew Guilmette, Nathan Burris, Matthew Sigman, Jackson Davis, Sean Forkey and Zach Lizotte, sophomores



Jeff Potvin, left, and Evan Wilson will try and help the Astro football squad to a title.



Evan Soares, David Clark, Kack Mackiernan and George Nigro and freshmen Jacob Albert and Cole Yennaco.

The rest of the roster: Blake Billingsley, Logan Brown, Dan Jacques, Gabriel Northup, Cameron Sylvester and Matthew Tingos (seniors), Brenden Connolly, Declan Conroy, Patrick Cotnoir, Shea Delaney, Ben Fairbank,

Ryan Gorman, Mason Jalbert, Jake Manning, Pedro Rodriguez and Jake Scarelli (juniors), Ben Adams, Picasso Bates, John Bergeron, Braydon Bourque, Nathan Campos, Elijah Chantasiri, Riley Cox, Anthony DeSalvo, David

Dow, Aiden Garone, Logan Gokey, Gavin Kattar, Caden Kelly, Brady Lang, Jacob Marchand, Drew Minzner, Bryan Parker, Logan Pezzuto, Jason Santuccio, Anthony Terrenzio, Don Terrio and Edward Van De Veen (sophomores).

The Junior Varsity starts the season this Thursday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m., at home against Goffstown. The freshmen team plays its season opener next Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m., at Manchester against

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Three Sports Athlete Brady Day Gets Kansas State Scholarship

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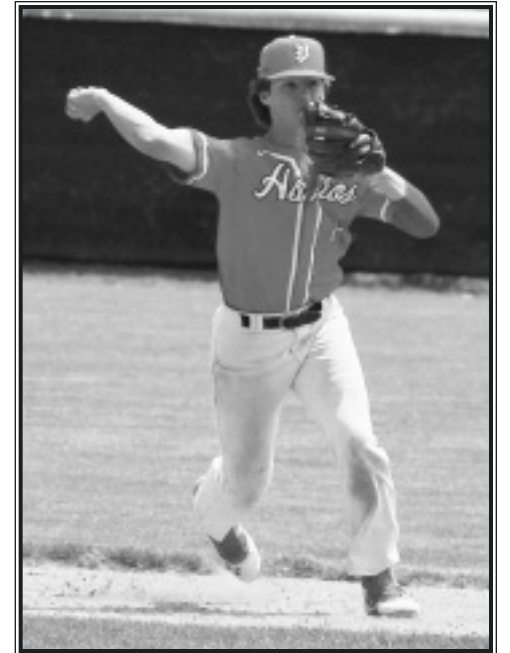
Brady Day, a senior at Pinkerton Academy, will kick off his football season with the Astros with a Saturday, Sept. 7, road game against Goffstown High School. After the football season is over, the half-back/corner will switch to the school's Varsity basketball team, where last season, he tied the school's record for three pointers in a game, seven, and then finished the season with an insane 65-foot buzzer beater against Timberlane Regional High School.

After basketball, Day will move to his final sport of the year with the Astros Varsity Baseball team. The upcoming spring season will be important for the First Team All-State shortstop, since he recently earned a baseball scholarship from Kansas State.

The Wildcats will be coached, starting next season, by Pete Hughes, who played football and baseball for Davidson in the late 1980s. The Division I team plays in the Big 12 Conference and won it six times, including in 2013, when they also made their fourth and last NCAA

Tournament appearances so far. 12 Wildcats have played at least one Major League Baseball game in the past, including Ted Power, who played 13 seasons in the league and three players who are still active.

The team spotted Day in a tournament in Georgia and the two sides reached out to each other from there. "I am excited about playing the sport I love at such a competitive level", says Day, who is looking forward to next year. His plan is to use his final baseball season with Pinkerton "to work on my game as a whole to make me the most complete player I can be."



Brady Day, a three sport athlete at Pinkerton Academy, recently earned a baseball scholarship from Kansas State.
Photos by Chris Paul

PA Field Hockey Team Does Not Shy Away From Expectations

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Field Hockey team had almost a full year to forget last year's heartbreaking semifinals loss. The Lady Astros came into the final four meeting against Winnacunnet High School after eight straight wins and as the number two seed. They had the lead with only 71 seconds left on the clock, but conceded an equalizer and after a double overtime, lost in corner penalties to the team that went on to win the finals.

Going into a new season and with an experienced and hungry team, Pinkerton now hopes to win more games and put their hands on the state title, for the first time since 2012. Coach Katie Van Nostrand selected last week 15 girls for her Varsity team, out of 67 who attended try-outs and she knows: "Expectations are to return as one of the top teams in the state and continue to work well together and work hard with the example being set by the senior class." There are 10 seniors on the team this year.

The regular season

begins for the red-and-white team on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. with an away game against Merrimack and they will have to wait 10 more days for their home opener, against Manchester Central, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. Last year's runner ups, Windham, will play in Derry six days later and after the Mack Plaque game against Londonderry on Sept. 28, Pinkerton will face Winnacunnet on Oct. 2. The season ends on Oct. 19 with a home game against Exeter.

The varsity team's roster includes: Khaliyah Ellis (senior, goalkeeper), Marley

Mailloux (senior, midfielder), Mari Shea (senior, midfielder), Lily Auger (senior, midfielder/defender), Kate Bennett (senior, forward), Sarah Collins (senior, defender), Lauren Lisauskas (senior, forward), Maddy Curley (senior, forward), Holly Cardoza (senior, forward), Jess Johnson (senior, forward), Abby Jowett (junior, ALL), Emma Johnston (junior, forward/midfielder), Justine Doyle (junior, midfielder), Eliza Taylor (junior, defender), Quinn Mailloux (sophomore, forward).



Pinkerton Academy senior forward Lauren Lisauskas, at right will try and help her team get beyond the semi-final this year after losing to Winnacunnet at that stage last season.

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Pinkerton Astro Spirit Squad Out to Retain Regional Title

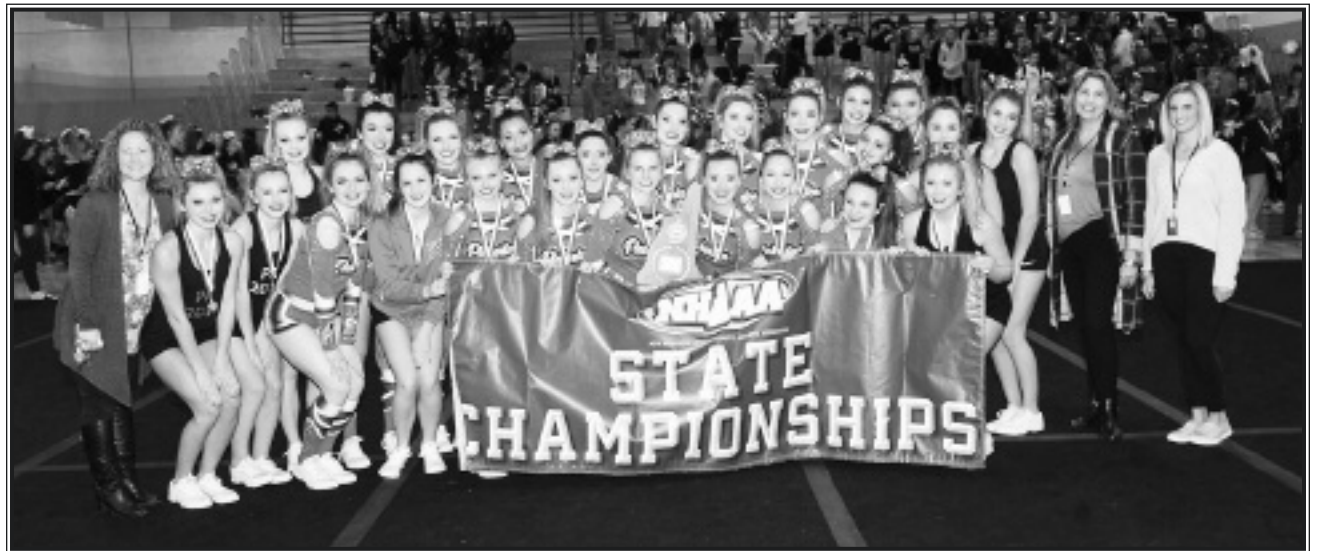
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Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Spirit team won every competition but one last fall season and ended up with the biggest prize: The New England Grand Champions, after not only winning the regional Division I title, but doing so with the highest score across all divisions.

"We had a very successful season last year," says coach Michelle McCarty, who saw about 50 girls trying out for spots on the school's two teams. "We ended up taking 24 on the Varsity team and 18 on the Junior Varsity team. Supremely talented year chasing after the spots for each team."

Pinkerton, who has two sets of sisters on the roster this year, will host this year's State Tournament on Nov. 10 and McCarty is excited about the upcoming season, "We have a lot of young talented athletes come on board. The young talent coupled with the experience and depth of the juniors and seniors on the team should prove to be a solid contender at the state level. First and foremost, we want to build the new family. We have a strong culture at Pinkerton and a long standing tradition of excellence."

McCarty added, "For now, it is time to teach all of our newbies the ropes, bond as a team and start in on our new adventures together. The energy and



Last year's state champions display their winning banner at Pinkerton Academy.

Courtesy photo

buzz this group has going is really exciting. They truly love and respect one another and this program so much. The veterans take the babies under their

wings, and the little guys embrace the new relationships being formed as well as the workload in front of them. Our first game is around the corner, so we are in preparation of that. We take games really seriously and respect our role in the school as ambassadors. We are the front line

and we make sure to do our job."

The team's roster includes: Hunter Mullane, Genna Dellisola, Julia Saab, Ashley Hebert, Jenna Desrochers, Hailey Blackman (seniors), Haylee Apostoloff, Alanna Murphy, Garyn Hobbs, Harper Lewis, Talen LeToile,

Angela Haddon, Chloe Sanders (juniors), Madison Baker, Amanda Bryson, Skylar Neilson, Abby Lajoie, Brooke Drouin, Rachel Swanson (sophomores), Haleigh Bowler, Brielle Bryson, Grace Blackman, Erika Wojnilowicz and Maddelana St. Onge (freshmen).

Pinkerton Golfers Look for Strong Season, Tournament

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Golf team will play in its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Sep. 3, when they will face Bedford and Spaulding for a three-team event. Three days later, in Manchester, they will battle Memorial, Hanover and Dover.

The team, coached by Jeff Sojka, held three days of tryouts at Hoodcroft Country Club, starting Aug. 19 and will have 10 kids competing throughout the season for eight Varsity spots. A total of 23 athletes

tried out for the team that finished last season with a 16-4 record and the fifth spot in the season ending State Championship.

Sojka says that is team is waiting to meet Bedford, the defending champions from 2018: "They will be a great measuring stick." Other than that: "The Mack Plaque match always has extra meaning for my golfers." Pinkerton will see rivals Londonderry on Sept. 16. "I'm looking forward to a strong regular season and a good showing in the tournament," added the coach.

The teams for this sea-

son includes: Varsity - Philip Daniele (senior), Cameron Leppert (senior), Kyle Raspuzzi (senior), Nicholas Tufts (senior) and Chris Walder (senior). Varsity/Junior Varsity - Jeremy Burke (sophomore), Robert DeFeo (sophomore), Maxwell Lukeman (sophomore), Julianna Megan (freshman) and Tylor Pappalardo (sophomore). Junior Varsity - Mahima Bhattacharjee (junior), Nicholas Burinskas (sophomore), Ethan Doherty (sophomore), Trevor Huuskonen (junior), Lydia Tufts (sophomore) and Joseph Weisenburger IV (freshman).

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Local Resident Opens New Martial Arts and Fitness Center



Nermin Zilic, left and Jon Paul are experienced martial Arts instructors who have just open a facility in Auburn.

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

A new Martial Arts and Fitness Center, run by a Londonderry graduate, and wrestling standout, Jon Paul, has opened its doors across the border in Auburn. The facility, owned and operated by Jon Paul, the son of the owners of this newspaper, and his partner, Nermin Zilic, offers several fitness programs to help folks get back in shape. Classes offered by the facility are: Circuit Training, Cardio Kickboxing, Fitness Boxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and Muay Thai. Classes are held Sunday through Friday. Paul explained that he and Zilic worked together at the Rockingham County Jail as Correctional Officers, and both have

wanted to open a martial arts gym for a long time. "It just felt like the right time to do it, and getting lucky to have found someone just as interested in starting up a gym and achieving a dream of ours was something I couldn't pass up." Paul has been doing martial arts for 12 years now and his background includes wrestling, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Judo, MMA, Muay Thai, and boxing. His partner Zilic has been doing martial arts now for 21 years and his background is the same as Paul's, but including karate. Both have also fought in the cage for MMA. At the moment, classes are for 14-years-olds and up, but the center hopes to open a kids' class, "We really want to start a kids program up once we see the demand is there. We also want to start doing self defense clinics monthly to show that what we teach will work in certain situations," said Paul. "We want to bring in new people every day and show them that martial arts aren't as scary as people make them sound and that you can start practicing at any age. It's never too late to begin." Paul recently finished in first place in his weight class at a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu tournament in Derry on the weekend of Aug. 17, hosted by Grappling Industries. He fought in the Gi, brown belt, 230 pound category, despite being only 190lbs. He faced Joshua Spaulding three times and three minutes into the final fight, was able to beat his opponent with an armbar. Limitless Pride is offering a 20 percent discount to current and former members of the military, law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs. "We really want to show how martial arts is a good thing for self-defense and we want to be able to help people with any goal they have whether it be to lose weight, eventually compete, or just learn the techniques. Everyone is welcome and can go at their own pace and try to improve himself or herself everyday. We try to have a positive and laid back atmosphere to make yourself feel comfortable being there and we hope to see more and more people come in and try it out so they can see how much fun and addicting it can be." concludes Paul. The facility is located at 5 Priscilla Lane in Auburn, for more information on the programs offered call 603-552-0194.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

2019 Memorial Day events

Derry's Memorial Day Parade will start at 11 a.m. The parade route begins at Hood Commons on Crystal Ave., turns left onto East Broadway and will end at MacGregor Park (next to the Derry Public Library) where a ceremony and observances will take place. For more information go to derry.nh.us.

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

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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 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

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.

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 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!

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 pack-

ages and fun experiences. Dinner is included. Tickets are on sale now at TupeloMusicHall.com

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.

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.

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.

Women's Writing Group

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

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

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