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Town Looks at Recreation Areas and Program in Study

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Derry's recreational facilities have been prioritized as a town focus during 2019, so Derry Parks and Recreation along with a team from the University of New Hampshire presented a public forum on Wednesday Nov. 13. This public forum was set up to discuss the current status and future for Derry's different parks and recreation programs – while the Town continues different efforts to collect public feedback to optimize activities.

Over the past year, town officials have hosted workshops, planning sessions and other avenues to talk about town recreational activities and to see what

areas need the most attention.

Town Administrator, David Caron, gained approval from Derry Town councilors over the summer to sponsor a study of all of the Town's recreation facilities, programs and areas – leveraging current Town resources to prioritize and to align with a study by a University of New Hampshire team.

This study is being done at a cost of approximately \$15,000 and is considered a priority. The program analysis includes a look at all the town's recreational areas to help determine what it might cost to overhaul those programs needing the most attention. Last January, Derry Town Councilors also approved a bonding effort

with several projects, including recreation, earmarked for potential funding.

The UNH team involved with the study is made up of faculty members and graduate students who have been coming to Derry to tour facilities, talk to all stakeholders including youth coaches, sports league representatives, town staff, senior groups, and other groups that utilize recreational buildings, programs, and fields.

The specific purpose of the study is to determine current and future facility and program needs – by engaging community partners, organizations, athletic leagues and residents through various feedback sessions.

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Two Gravestones Returned to Forest Hill After Many Years

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry's is full of interesting episodes. And Derry's Town Historian, Rick Holmes, is a remarkable resource for many curious historical stories. A few years ago, Holmes even pointed out his hypothesis, with supporting facts, that Derry is the site for the first armed resistance against King George's Army of Redcoats. This army preceded our American Revolution, fully six years before Paul Revere's ride.

Holmes revealed a fascinating mystery that goes back to the very early historic days of Derry. Holmes told us, "The story for me

actually began in 1993 when I was doing volunteer work at the Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry." Forest Hill Cemetery is an important place in the Nutfield area (including Derry, Londonderry, Windham, and Derryfield). Nutfield's first cemetery is on grounds near the First Parish Church. This is the location where the first meetinghouse in Nutfield was built in 1719. This area marked the beginning of the Scots-Irish migration to N.H.

Holmes continued to say, "Back around 1914 a cemetery worker removed and buried 100s of foot stones to make it easier to mow the graveyard. About 1990, Tony Bruno, the man in

charge of the cemetery, was digging a grave and found a large cache of 18th and 19th century footstones. Bruno called me and for the next seven years I began to help restore the footstones to their rightful place. Dealing with so many stones and their inscriptions gave me a good education of gravestone iconography of our Town."

Around that time, Holmes also found out that Boston's Museum of Art had a collection of gravestones including a specific one from Derry. Holmes traced that stone as likely to have been salvaged by Daniel Farber, a famous cemetery photographer of more than

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ECLIPSING THE OTHERS Pinkerton Academy's VEX team Eclipse members Kam Levesque, Austin Bobay, Duncan Korkosz helped their team take one of the top awards at the robotics completion at the school on Saturday, Nov. 16. See more photos on page 5.
Photo by Chris Paul

Derry School District Supports Blizzard Bag Program Again

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Blizzard Bag Days program is back again this year. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Derry School District must confirm an 80% student participation rate in the program to count that day officially.

The district will again utilize the Blizzard Bag Days program for students to keep up with their school calendar attendance up to 5 times during the current school year.

The Blizzard Bag Days initiative enables Derry district students to optimize their time out of the class-

room due to snow, inclement weather or other emergency days, as school days, to minimize the days that might be added at the end of the school year. The New Hampshire Department of Education deems a Blizzard Bag Day as a school day when students

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Improper Cigarette Disposal Causes Fire on Broadway

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NUTFIELD NEWS

A firefighter was injured due to icy conditions and a resident had to be evaluated by Emergency Medical Services (before declining further treatment and transport), after a fire broke out at 95 East Broadway in Derry on Sunday, Nov. 17, leaving one of the building's units "uninhabitable", according to a Derry Fire Department press release.

According to the report, at approximately 9:22 a.m.,

the Derry Fire Communications Center received Master Box Alarm Activation and Engine's 1, 2 and 3, as well as, Ladder 4 and Car 1, were all dispatched simultaneously from their stations to the fire scene.

Car 1, the Command Vehicle, arrived at 95 East Broadway in 2:55 minutes from the time of dispatch and Engine 1 arrived shortly after. When the units arrived, fire was showing from a window on the second floor and occupants of the building were seen in

the windows and doors of both the second and the third floors.

Audible and visual fire alarms were activated and the remaining Derry Fire Units were also requested to the scene. Medic 1 and an administrative member were added to the force that was handling the situation. Since the building was occupied, a Working Fire Assignment was requested as well, and mutual aid resources arrived. A fire attack was initiated by the firefighters and additional

fire companies simultaneously performed search and rescue missions to try and locate people in danger. Multiple civilians were assisted and removed from the structure by these fire companies.

The unit that was eventually deemed uninhabitable received extensive fire and smoke damage and the Red Cross was requested to the scene, to assist the two adults that occupied that unit. Common areas and several other units received smoke and water damage

and the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau determined that the cause of the fire was improper disposal of cigarettes.

A press release issued stated that, "The Derry Fire Department would like to remind the community that smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths in the United States." "Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can."

In total, 31 firefighters,

from Derry, Windham, Auburn and Londonderry responded to the scene, while resources from Hudson, Chester, Salem and Hampstead provided station coverage. During the incident, the Derry Fire Communications Center had to handle multiple other emergency requests, including medical incidents and Alarm Activations. Mutual Aid Companies and Call Back Staffing handled the emergencies happening during the time of the fire.

Liberty House Helps Veterans Throughout the Holidays

GRACE MAGUIRE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Since 1943, Liberty House in Manchester, has been providing support and services to many of the states veterans.

The house itself was passed down from Annette Paczosa, in honor of her brother Harold, who passed away in a U-boat hit in 1943. Don Duhamel, a retired air force sergeant, helped to make Liberty House what it is today.

Liberty House creates a safe and substance-free transition house for veterans of all backgrounds, giving them the resources and help they may need to get back on their feet. A team of devoted and supportive workers at Liberty House take care of the residents to assure stability and provide them with the necessary things in life.

Liberty House takes

care of two different groups of veterans. One group of residents live in the main house and the other group are community veterans. Community veterans are able to come and go as they please to pick up clothes, food, and even bus passes. Residents remain in the house for around 6-8 months to complete the Liberty House's four-step program; Sobriety and Recovery, Mental and Physical Wellness, Meaningful Work, and Quality Housing

Those steps start with recovery and end with getting them back on their feet and self-sufficient. Liberty House provides their veterans with the mental and physical help they may need, and connects them with a primary doctor if they didn't originally have one. Employment is the next goal. Liberty House supports veterans in obtain-

ing a good job, jobs that they can find fulfilling and grow in. These steps are there to assure that veterans are getting the best treatment and aid available.

To help with making sure veterans get the best assistance possible, Catholic Charities of New Hampshire has merged with Liberty House. On Nov. 7, the two businesses came together to create better resources and better support systems for veterans and their families. This has benefited both programs and made them stronger. Catholic Charities has a very similar mission of aiding and strengthening people in need living in New Hampshire. The merger with Liberty House provides Catholic Charities with veteran-specific sector, which had been missing from their program until now. In return, Catholic Charities has pro-

vided a new home for Liberty House. Around June of next year, Liberty House hopes to be in their new bigger main house. It will provide a more mobile-friendly location, having an elevator in the house, and more room for their workers and residents to live and work more comfortably. Similar to Liberty House, Catholic Charities does not take money from either state or federal governments. All of the money they receive goes back to helping the people they serve.

More recently, Liberty House held a fundraiser on Nov. 9. There were marvelous speakers that ranged from generals, sergeants, and Medal of Honor recipients and was well attended. With the holidays around the corner, Liberty House has been very busy with their veterans and another fundraiser approaching. An auction is planned for

December 14th to raise funds to help both, male and female, army and navy veterans. All the money raised in the auction will go right back into Liberty House and its programs. It will take place in Nashua at the Boston Billiard.

No matter the time of year, Liberty house is always collecting donations of clothes, money, and food, and even more so as the cold season approaches. Canned foods and individually wrapped foods like chicken, tuna, and granola bars are appreciated. A common favorite of residents and community veterans is canned chili. Alongside those, canned pasta and toilet paper are also very useful to the house. Gift cards to grocery stores are also great donations to this organization and allow flexibility in the foods and necessities they may need. Liberty House is full of workers, however

volunteers are always welcome to help sort through clothing and organize the food pantry. All help and donations are greatly appreciated and given to the veterans in need.

Liberty House was given by the Paczosa family to be a home for veterans and since 1943 it has stayed that way and has only grown stronger. Workers and the community have helped to provide employment and shelter to veterans in need. Liberty House keeps moving forward, merging with Catholic Charities and creating a better life for veterans and their families. The motivations and goals will stay the same, providing services and support to veterans with the help of the community, to assist those men and women who bravely served to protect our freedom and keep our country safe.

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Derry Simplifies Alcohol Drinking Ordinances with Fines Increased Up to \$200

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

David Caron, Derry Town Administrator, who has just signed on with the town to continue as Town Administrator for another 5-year term, was at the Town Council meeting Nov. 5 to support town staff revisions to the Derry Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. At the Public hearing proposed changes to update this code were presented. As the Town is reviewing all ordinances at this time, this ordinance was marked for revision as town officials decided to consolidate existing language and increase fine for open alcohol location violations.

Caron pointed out, "The Town has adopted regula-

tions on the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Town property and private parking lots since the 70's. The existing language in the code documentation provides for separate articles on parks and other town property and private parking lots. As the Town is reviewing all its ordinances, efficiencies and clarity will be achieved by adopting the recommended revisions."

Police Chief, Ed Garone, was at the council meeting to present the revision of the code to the councilors. Garone stated, "This basically is an ordinance that was written back in the early 70s and is in need of an overall at this time. The revision basically increases the fine from

\$100 to \$200. This deals with the possession of open containers and consumption of alcoholic beverages while on town owned properties and in certain public areas. This update is mostly a housekeeping project and the biggest difference in the revision is the doubling of the fine. I encourage the passing of the revision because it is a simplification that is needed."

The update defines specific town owned and public properties and further defines such areas as private parking lots maintained for its customers (for example Hood Plaza), as places where fines could be set and alcohol is not allowed in open containers. Chapter 12 of the

Derry's town E-code ordinances presently includes two Articles about alcohol usage, one for parks and library grounds and a second for public lands and private parking lots. However, these ordinances are a bit out of date as the first Article currently does not list all town property currently classified as parks or libraries, and both articles share the same structure. Further in the revised ordinance, the Chief of Police may grant permits for exceptions to the ordinance. This means that such events as Derry After Dark could be permitted by the Chief of Police to enable open containers and alcohol consumption within certain guidelines for that event.

Derry's Town staff is

also recommending consolidation of the language of the code by incorporating all town facilities under the definition of public lands and private parking lots into one Article. As per Police Chief Garone's indication, current trends across the state advocate that violations of this type should be increased from \$100 to \$200 to fall in line with other municipalities.

At the public hearing, no one from the town came forward with comments or opposition to the revision, so the council move into discussion about the revision. There was some discussion that there are times, when kids were hanging out near certain parking lots and the police chief pointed out that the police do take

notice and at this time, there have been no problems with such things as alcohol at these areas.

Town Administrator Caron pointed out that if this recommendation for this revision is approved, there is likely to be a positive fiscal impact on town finances as the maximum fine is increased. However, illegal activity regarding this ordinance has not been demanding or become a huge issue.

The council approved the updates to the code and this revision with max fines of \$200 for improper alcohol usage at certain locations will go into effect 30 days from Nov. 5, the date on which the meeting was held and this update to the code was approved.

Blizzard Bags

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are engaged in at-home learning opportunities that align with school and state standards. However, the School District must have a minimum of 80% participation by students.

Derry School District officials will announce Blizzard Bag Days when there are inclement weather challenges that impede safe travel, even when area power outage maps show a majority of Derry residents still have power. The District makes decisions regarding Blizzard Bag Days when area maps show power outages monitored both the night before an impending storm and very early the morning of a projected weather event disruption.

The program will go into effect with notice communicated typically before

or around 4:45 a.m. - when the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Connors-Kirkorian, finalizes collaboration with the Pinkerton Academy Headmaster and all other available resources. In order to determine if weather conditions call for a delayed opening or school day cancellation, resources that will be used include the Derry School District Maintenance Department, Derry Police Department, First Student, Derry Public Works, and actions of other local school districts. Additional state and local resources will be consulted contingent upon the timing and severity of the impending storm.

When a Blizzard Bag Day is called for, students will be expected to complete their online Blizzard Bag assignments as set up for their grade levels. Each

assignment for that day will include a Google Form for students to submit online that will demonstrate their participation and support needed program participation.

The link to the Google Form will be sent to parents/guardians for students in Preschool through Grade 3 - as part of a specific teacher's Blizzard Bag email. Students in Grades 4 through Grade 8 will be able to access their Google Form via their Google Classrooms file connec-

tions.

If families and students choose, they can also print hard copies of Blizzard Bag materials in lieu of submitting their assignment work online. There are assignments documents and access for printing materials on the Derry Cooperative School District's website at www.sau10.org under the Blizzard Bag section. Parents should have contacted their child's school principal or secretary through either a letter or email by November 21st,

if they do not have access to a computer. In these instances a hard copy of a child's Blizzard Bag will be printed for the program work.

Teachers will be available online during a Blizzard Bag Day event during regular school hours to answer questions and assist students with assignments. Students will be expected to submit their work online or return completed Blizzard Bag assignments to school within 48 hours of the Blizzard Bag Day. Since these

completed assignments determine the District's attendance, the work should be turned in for student credit within a maximum of two school days following the Blizzard Bag Day.

A student's final Report Card will contain a Blizzard Bag assessment - either Attempted or Not Attempted. If students or parents have additional questions, they can contact their specific teacher or Assistant Superintendent, Christopher Kellan, at 432-1215 or mail to: ckellan@sau10.org

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Editorial

It is the Little Things

At this time of year, of giving thanks, it is the little things that first come to mind, simple things we take for granted - a roof over our heads, food in the refrigerator, clothes in the closet, a computer and cell phone to keep us in touch with the world around us.

There's more that we don't usually give a thought to as well - the freedom to live and travel where we want, to worship or not as we choose, to express our political views publicly - as well as in the privacy of the voting booth.

We may not have the money we think we need or the job we want or the house we desire, but we have a say in how our communities are governed. Yes, that's right a say.

We have our families, whether sharing our homes or grown but still close in spirit and thought, if not in location. And we have our friends, who fill our lives with caring and laughter.

But especially at this time of year, we are called to look beyond our homes, to consider those who don't have the comforts we take for granted, and to help in any way we can, whether with donations to food pantries, whose needs are increasing by the month, or to neighbors living

alone and perhaps homebound, who often go without human contact for days on end. Baking a batch of cookies? How about taking some to the solitary senior down the road? That visit just might make your day - and someone else's as well. These are things that make an amazing community charity, caring and compassion for each other in our village / town.

It's easy to focus on what we don't have, or to think only of the negatives that bombard us. Let's focus instead on all the good that has come our way - and realize that takes us back to appreciating the people who play such important roles in our lives.

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Gravestones

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16000 gravestones throughout New England.

Holmes learned quite a bit about Farber's efforts with historical gravestone artifacts. Farber even made useful charts about time of day and seasons for best daylight for photo shoots of historic gravestones. Holmes learned Farber would sometimes "rescue" stones he felt were in danger of being damaged or were suffering from neglect. Holmes further learned that it was likely that Farber had taken certain stones and that at some point they ended in the Boston Museum of Art.

Holmes tells us, "In 1993 I sent the Boston Museum a "passionate" request for the Derry gravestone to be returned with no strings attached. And the Museum sent me - via special delivery - a carefully wrapped package where I found two gravestones, not just the one stone I had requested. The Derry stone was from Forest Hill, as it was listed in an 1895 inventory, in my record files. That stone is a truly great example of early 19th century carving."

"However, the second stone I received was a mystery. Fortunately, I found hidden within the package's wrapping the name of Marshfield, Mass and verified with their town administrator that this stone belonged to them - so it was reclaimed and returned to their Cedar Grave Cemetery."

"A few years later as Heritage Commission Chair, I was on the prowl around local antique shops looking for things for the Derry History Museum. At a certain shop, I found a beautifully carved stone with a familiar family name. I checked the stone out and found it came from the Forest Hill Cemetery and this stone was missing from a recent stone list inventory - meaning it had been stolen fairly recently."

The store dealer offered to sell the stone at what he said was a "bargain price" and I made him a counterof-



Two head stones were recently put back in their rightful place in the historic Forest Hill Cemetery.

fer — telling him the current punishment for stealing a grave stone was three months in jail or a \$10,000 fine. The dealer decided to "donate" the stone back to the museum."

"The two stones were safely stored at my house - with Heritage Commission permission - as my health prevented me from placing them back in their rightful place. I knew in time that an able-bodied volunteer would come forward to put them back where they should be sited. Last month, Thomas "TJ" Cullinane respectfully placed them in their respective family plots at Forest

Hill Cemetery, complete with a blessing by Rev. Doctor Deborah Roof.

The stones were for two children - Emiline Stowell and George Humphrey. Thanks to TJ, Pastor Roof and others, these two babies now have a monument to say that Emily and George were here on this earth and to show us that their parents - two centuries ago - felt so much grief over the loss of their angels that they spent considerable money to remember them with beautifully carved grave stones - rather than just burying them in an unmarked grave.

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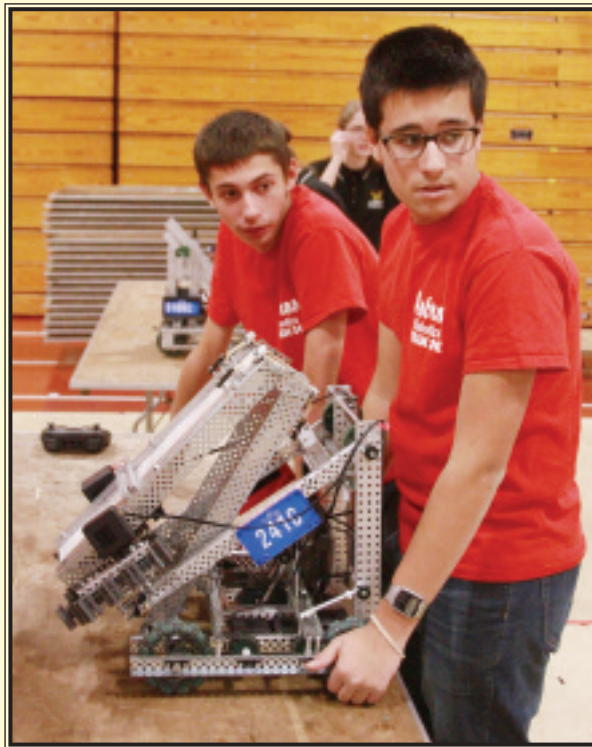
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Pinkerton Academy Robotics Club Hosts VEX Competition



The Pinkerton Academy VEX Robotics club had six of the 30 teams competing at the VRC Turkey Day Classic hosted at the school, with four of those PA teams making it into the semifinal rounds at the Hackler Gymnasium on Saturday. The 30 teams from Vermont and New Hampshire attending the event were trying to win one of the five spots up for grabs at the VEX Regional Tournament, which will take place in February at Manchester Community College.

Three Pinkerton Academy teams snagged the top three awards in the event. Team Blitz was the overall tournament winner; they were the first seed throughout the playoffs and dominated with their high hat scoring robot. Team Eclipse won the Design award. The Design Award is presented to the team that demonstrates an

organized and professional approach to the design process, project and time management and team organization. Team Absolute Zero, won the top award given at a competition, the Excellence Award. The Excellence Award is the highest award presented in the VEX Robotics Competition. This award is presented to a team that exemplifies overall excellence in creating a high quality VEX Robotics program. This team is a strong contender in numerous award categories. Excellence winners must have a well documented engineering notebook and place in the top eight of the tournament finals.

This was the second of the VEX Tournaments, and Pinkerton now has four of their six teams qualified for the regional final.

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Drug Take Back Day: 135 N.H. Police Departments Participated

LISA D'AMBROSIO
NUTFIELD NEWS

DEA and local partners collect thousands of pounds of unwanted medications and vaping products during the 18th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

In October of this year, at least 135 police departments across New Hampshire participated in the 18th nationwide prescription drug take back program, which included the Police Departments of Derry and Londonderry.

The DEA National RX Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. According to the 2018 National Survey

on Drug Use and Health, 9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. "Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - a record amount of prescription drugs" stated the National DEA.

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide a safe,

confidential way to discharge unwanted, unused or expired prescription medication, as well as any controlled substance from your home. This year's National Take Back Day had participation of 4,896 Law Enforcement Units with 6,174 collection sites available. The total weight collected was 882,919 lbs of unwanted drugs.

"DEA's Take Back Day events have been extremely successful in not only removing potentially dangerous unused drugs from our nation's medicine cabinets, but also in raising awareness of their links to addiction and overdose deaths," said DEA Acting Administrator, Uttam Dhillon. "In an effort to combat another emerging public health threat - particularly to our nation's youth -

we're proud to have extended the same opportunity to those looking to dispose of harmful vaping products."

Thanks to the New Hampshire youth organization called "Making It Happen" (MIH), for the first time, New Hampshire collection sites have made the decision to accept vaping devices. "Making It Happen" is a youth based organization that has been serving the Manchester area for over 21 years. Their mission is to create a coordinated community response among individuals, organizations, businesses and communities to promote behaviors that measurably improve the overall drug prevention, health and well-being of our youth, with a focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention.

The MIH organization

proposed a motion to the DEA to accept vaping devices at the collection sites during this year's Take Back Day. The "Making It Happen" proposal and the ongoing outbreak of a vaping-related illness, that have been connected to 34 deaths across the country and has injured one person in New Hampshire, the DEA agreed that would accept vaping devices.

The public has embraced Take Back Day events because they provide easy, no-cost opportunities to remove medicines languishing in the home that are highly susceptible to misuse, abuse and theft. The public's demand for safe and secure drug disposal has also resulted in a significant increase in year-round drug drop off opportunities at law enforce-

ment facilities, local pharmacies and elsewhere, making drug disposal even more convenient. Londonderry Police Department has a Permanent Drug Take Back Bin located at the Police Station.

The next scheduled DEA's National Drug Take Back Day is April 25, 2020.

If you missed this year's Take Back Day you can contact the local Law Enforcement Department and arrange a no questions asked, personal drop off or go to apps@deadiversion.usdoj.gov for a federal government list of authorized collectors for drug disposal.

If you or a loved one is suffering from addiction and need help please contact The Doorway, a new Hampshire hub for addiction-related services and crisis at thedorway.nh.gov.

OBITUARY

Hector J. Lemieux



Hector J. Lemieux, 85, of Derry, NH, passed away on Saturday Nov. 16, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Notre Dame, Du Lac, Canada on June 10, 1934, a son of the late Emile and Agnes (Perron)

Lemieux. Hector had been a resident of Derry since 1991, formerly living in Methuen, MA. He worked as a cabinet maker for Andrew Wilson. He is survived by his beloved wife, Yvonnelle (Paradis) Lemieux; one son, Francis Lemieux; four daughters, Yvonne Perkins, Madeleine Lemieux, Linda Maxwell, and Julie Lemieux; 23 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; as well as his siblings, Leonard, Rodriquez, Paul, Therese, Colette, and Georgette; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by several siblings, Maurice, George, Charles, Phillip, Robert, Alice, Emilienne, Sylvaine, Marie, and Martha. Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Catholic prayer service will follow at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

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sions.

Over the next several weeks, data will be compiled from all the various formats explored and a comprehensive report will be produced to assist the Town with future facility development, expansion and subsequent programming and service needs.

The study is also taking inventory of existing facilities, programming, services, and operations in order to determine if they are meeting needs properly. Overall, the goal is to create a long-term master plan and a

vision specific to Derry Parks and Recreation where the town can grow to collectively better serve and meet the needs of the community.

The Town's Master Plan - that is currently under final review - has also called for specific efforts to optimize Parks and Recreation Department programs, parks and resources.

Currently Town recreational facilities include the Recreation Trail, the Derry Rail Trail, hiking trails, kayaking on lakes and ponds, diverse amount of Athletic fields, Alexander-Carr Park Lodge and a lot more.

Specific areas that are being considered for enhancement include what to do with the existing lodge at Alexander-Carr Park, and the addition of the new LED lighting at the playing fields

at Don Ball Park. Hood Park off Rollins Streets is also on the list of prioritized concerns.

The study is expected to be completed by year's end or shortly there after, Town Administrator Caron has said. The Town is also supporting a survey for public feedback from residents of greater Derry to understand what programs and facilities are currently meeting needs and to prioritize where Derry can make improvements.

To insure your voice is represented during the study, please take this new community survey that will provide your feedback for the study. The survey link can be found on Town's website or directly at this address: www.derrynh.org/home/news/derry-parks-recreation-public-forum-

and-community-survey

Paper copies of the survey are also available at these Derry, NH Locations:

- Derry Parks & Recreation Department, 31 West Broadway
- Taylor Library, 49 East Derry Road
- Derry Superintendent Office, 18 South Main Street
- Marion Gerrish Community Center {Meals on Wheels}, 39 West Broadway
- Derry Municipal Center (Town Hall), 14 Manning Street
- Derry Public Library, 64 East Broadway

The deadline to complete the survey is Dec. 1.

If you have questions or comments, please call 603-432-6136 or email der-ryrecreation@derrynh.org.

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Jaime Robinson Earns Girl Scout Gold Award for REACH

Derry teen's project provided needed clothing and other items to those in need. Addressing the seemingly intractable problem of homelessness, Jaime Robinson of Derry took on the challenge to provide those in need with clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and more. Her project, called REACH (Respect, Encourage, Assist, Care, Hope) has earned her the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest possible honor for a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador, and is the mark of the truly remarkable.

Robinson, 19, was inspired by the CityReach project in Boston, an annual effort that her church gets involved in to provide for those in need. Advisor Christine Lehoullier of the First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry said that when they went to Boston, Robinson wanted to do something similar in her hometown. "The passion in her eyes was amazing," said Lehoullier. "I told my congregation that I saw the passion in her eyes and I jumped on board."

Robinson said she took the CityReach tour in Boston on a cold night with mentors who were or are homeless so she could see the plight of the homeless

first hand. "I have some friends who are homeless," she said. "I have a friend who house hops. So I've experienced it in that way. It's happened twice now with different people. It hits home when you see other people having this issue."

"Jaime is a very caring person," said Chris Cox, Jaime's Girl Scout troop leader and aunt. "She really cares a lot about people and wants to help. She was excited when she thought about this Reach project in Boston."

Once the decision was made to help and emulate the Boston drive, Robinson began to reach out to people for donations, had to secure a location for the donations to be made available for those in need, and to advertise the date items would be available for people to "shop" for what they need. On the Saturday of Labor Day, everything was arranged at the Marion Gerish Community Center in Derry. They not only gave out clothing, school supplies, and other goods, they also provided bag lunches to those who came.

"It wasn't as busy as expected but it was a good start-off day," said Lehoullier. "These things start off slowly. CityReach said don't expect a huge crowd. It takes time to build trust. But they said to keep doing it because people want to see that you do it regularly. The people that did come were so grateful. One woman was in tears – she had two grandsons that



Jaime Robinson earned her Gold Award recently, she's pictured sorting clothing at her REACH event.

needed clothing. She called her daughter to come down with her little one. We helped some people that day!"

Robinson had to overcome many challenges and gained new skills by solving those problems. "I think time was my biggest obstacle," she said, noting that she was already starting college as she finished her Gold Award project. "I did realize it would be a lot to take on, but didn't know how much work it was going to be. I'd done some of the work there (in Boston). This is a lot for one little church to do."

She also had to figure out what to do with the donations left over after the distribution event. "I had

just spent months collecting all of this and people were so willing to just give it all away when I wanted it saved for next year. My team and I came up with a solution to give it to other local charities that have the same mission that we do. In the end, I am happy that people are still getting help by my items even if it's not the way I saw it happening."

The church plans to make this REACH collection and donation event an annual one, perhaps even semi-annual, extending Robinson's project into the future for years to come.

Robinson herself has grown in her confidence and competence. "At first I didn't

think I could do a project like this. Now that it's over I want to do more projects like this," she said. "I also lacked confidence in talking to new people about my ideas. To do the project I had to talk to new people. Now I can go up to new people and share my ideas with them. With a project this big I took risks to get the project going. One big one was going to a new place at a late date and asking if we could use their building. The community was a big part of this project. I had to learn how to communicate with them and have a relationship with them so that people trust me."

"She's a very passionate young lady!" said Lehoullier. "If she sticks with this, she's capable of great things!"

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains will honor Robinson and 11 other Gold Award Girl Scouts at its Young Women of Distinction ceremonies in November.

Robinson is now a freshman at Rivier University in Nashua, where she is studying to be a middle school or high school math teacher. She is a true G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ who is prepared for success through the Girl Scout Leadership experience.

Gold Award Girl Scouts

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About the Girl Scout Gold Award

- Gold Award Girl Scouts on average spend one to two years on their project.

- A Gold Award project must be sustainable after the girl's involvement ends.

- The average age of Gold Award Girl Scouts is 17.

- Since 1916, more than 1 million girls have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent.

- Gold Award Girl Scouts who join the armed forces enter one rank higher than other recruits.

- University research indicates that noting you are a Gold Award Girl Scout on a college application is influential in the admissions decision-making process.

- 12 young women have earned their Gold Award in the 2018-19 membership year in New Hampshire and Vermont as part of Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains.

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Annual Pantry Plunge to Take Place Dec. 14 at Beaver Lake

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Welcome to the fun and frigid world of cold-water swimming. It's that time of the season for the Third Annual Pantry Plunge which is held to help meet hunger challenges some folks in our community are facing. Cold-water swimmers and bathers will be going to Gallien's Beach at 39 Pond Road on Beaver Lake in Derry on Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon. This time frame will hopefully take some bite off the lake ice effect! Last year's event saw the sun come smiling down on the participants.

This event is a benefit for the FBC Community Food Pantry. Nancy Francis has been leading the event since it started and she is a member of the food pantry board of directors. Francis says those who signed up to take the "plunge" the first year were newcomers to this cold weather activity, but now there

are several seasoned veterans that have become cold weather enthusiasts for the event.

Francis manages to get fellow employees from the Derry Blue Seal Feed store to form a team each year. The Blue Seal team are strong advocates for the event - just check out their store in Derry and you will get the idea. Francis is proud of the store's plunge team for their good sportsmanship, their contributions for a good cause and for their courage to take on the icy waters of Beaver Lake.

Spectators and participants at the event now look forward to seeing different costumes people wear when they arrive at the lake. Last year there was a Beaver Lake Beaver that took the plunge as part of the competition and even some younger kids were there to take the icy splash. Previous Pantry Plunge events have seen teams representing local businesses turning out



The number of hearty soles braving the cold waters at Beaver Lake for the annual Pantry Plunge has grown every year.
Photos by Chris Paul

for the event while others may take a solo dip.

"As the Pantry Plunge approaches its third year, I see this event as our growing community response to the growing community problem of hunger in our area,"

Francis says.

"We may not have the time to volunteer on a daily or weekly basis, but once a year at the Pantry Plunge, we can take the best of ourselves, our most giving, our most courageous selves and

make a difference that will last throughout the year."

Francis urges folks in the community - "Get your friends and family together and form a team! Those that do not want to plunge - give them the opportunity to support your actions by sponsoring you! Everyone plays a vital part in making the Pantry Plunge a success! My co-workers, Team Blue Seal Derry, have participated as a team since the plunge event began. You can't miss us, as we will all be wearing our Blue Seal gear - but don't worry the store remains open and is staffed by supportive employees from our Milford store. See - the Pantry Plunge is a TEAM effort!"

Actually, the hobby of cold-water plunging is historical and it can actually be a good thing for certain people to face their fears of the cold. Ice plunges have been around for centuries and have become very famous

events in chilly climates such as Russia and Finland.

There has even been courageous people who have been crossing the notoriously frosty, 21-mile-long English Channel without wet suits since at least the 1800s. The Coney Island Polar Bear Club hosted its first icy U.S. ocean dip in 1903.

Francis wants everyone in the Greater Derry Area community to know, "We have a new website this year, pantryplunge.org. The website is setup with the pledge sheet/waiver form, photos of the last 2 Plunges and lots of important information including a place to donate."

"Look for us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Wave to us at the Greater Derry Track Club's Turkey Trot while we march in the Derry Holiday Parade! We're 'Freezin' For A Reason' and we want you to be a part of it! Pledge or Plunge? It's up to you!"



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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Athletes Gather During National Letter of Intent Day

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy had 15 senior athletes participating in the school's fall National Letter of Intent (NLI) day last Thursday, Nov. 14 as they committed to play for different colleges or universities in Division I or Division II, after they graduate.

The celebration was held at the school's Academy Lecture Hall and the student-athletes had the opportunity to sign their letters and take a photo with the Pinkerton Academy banner and their new school's banner.

Athletic Director Brian O'Reilly told the participating athletes and their family members who attended the event, "Congratulations.

This is the culmination of something you and your parents probably thought of, since you were little kids. That maybe someday you'll be playing in college."

It's unique," added O'Reilly. "Not everybody gets to move on and play in Division I or Division II schools. Not everyone gets to sign a Letter of Intent. Regardless of whether that's a lot of money or little money, it's the honor aspect of somebody who wants you, somebody who has seen you play your sport and has recognized your excellence in that sport, and you should be proud of that. You should be, as students, thankful to your parents... They were there for all your games, early on."

The participating athletes were: Mason Drouin

(Boys Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Nathan Laliberte (Boys Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Jonathan Holland (Boys Lacrosse, St. Anselm, Division II), Connor McCormack (Boys Lacrosse, Franklin Pierce, Division II), Lily Auger (Girls Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Lauren Lisauskas (Girls Lacrosse, Georgetown University, Division I), Madison Daziel (Girls Lacrosse, Winthrop University, Division I), Hailey Peredna (Girls Lacrosse, UMass Lowell, Division I), Zoe Howe (Girls Lacrosse, Mount Olive, Division II), Marley Mailloux (Field Hockey, Providence College, Division I), Mari Shea (Field Hockey, UNH,



The Pinkerton Academy Athletic Department gathered 15 student athletes on Thursday, Nov. 14 to recognize the fact that they had signed their letters of intent with a number of Division I and II Universities. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Division I), Sarah Collins (Baseball, Kansas State, Division I), Alyssa O'Reilly also added that there will be another signing day later in the year, and

hopes that anyone they may have missed will let them know so they will be recognized at that time.

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Astro Alumni See Success at College Level in State Schools

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

As another collegiate season is coming to an end, and many former Pinkerton Academy athletes performed well in different New Hampshire universities and colleges this fall.

Olivia Mathieu - Keene State College - Volleyball: The Owls had a very successful season, winning 23 games and losing only nine. Their journey ended earlier this month, with a Nov. 5 loss to UMass-Boston, 3-1 in the Little East Tournament quarterfinals. Mathieu, a senior libero for the team, played in all 32 games. She scored 110 service points (tied for team second-best) and led the Owls with 659 digs. Her 1,307 career digs are fifth best ever for the school.

Lex Bowers - Plymouth State - Volleyball: The former Astro, who led Pinkerton to the 2014 Division I State Finals, completed her career for the Panthers on Nov. 9, with a 3-1 loss in the Little East Tournament Final to UMass Boston. Plymouth entered the tournament as the number 3 seed and finished the season with a great 32-5 record. Bowers, who played as an outside hitter, appeared in each of her team's 37 games and finished fifth in service points (125) and second in kills (319) and digs (350).

Kayden Baillargeon -

Plymouth State - Football: After playing in five games as a freshman, the defensive back upgraded his numbers this season and had 33 tackles and another 11 assists for the Panthers, who went 6-4 (after starting 5-1) in a decent season. Baillargeon's total of 44 tackles was fifth most among the team and he was also tied for first in interceptions, with two. His best performance was a six-tackle, one-interception (which he returned for 29 yards) game, when Plymouth beat Fitchburg State 42-0 on Oct. 5.

Samuel Lanternier and Nicolas Sevilla-Connelly - UNH - Cross Country: The two seniors finished their Cross Country careers with the Wildcats on Friday, Nov. 15, when they competed in the NCAA Division I Northeast Region Cross Country Championships at Amherst, NY. The UNH team finished 21st overall, out of 37 teams. Individually, Sevilla-Connelly placed 48th overall, with a time of 29:53.0 for the 10K run, while Lanternier was 113rd, with a time of 30:52.0. Earlier this fall, Sevilla-Connelly set his new Personal Best in a 5K Cross Country run (15:06.8) and Lanternier did so in an 8K Cross Country run (26:15.0).

Maison D'Amelio - UNH - Cross Country: The sophomore participated in six cross country competi-

tion this season. She placed eighth in the Women's Sub Varsity 3K run in the CCSU (Central Connecticut State University) Mini Meet in New Britain, CT, with a time of 10:55.1 and on Oct. 12, finished 33rd in the 5K Sub Varsity run, in the NEICAAA Championship Meet, with a time of 19:45.0.

Whitney O'Brien and Jess Shatford - Colby Sawyer - Field Hockey: The Chargers went 8-9-0 this season and did not make the tournament. After playing in six games as a freshman, O'Brien had 16 appearances this season and she scored her first two career goals, in a 6-0 win against Albertus Magnus (where she also had her first career assist) and a 3-1 victory over Farmington. Shatford, who played in each of her team's 19 games as a freshman, was limited to 11 this year, including six as a starter.

Sam Mitchell - Colby Sawyer - Soccer: After returning from a long injury, the former Pinkerton Academy standout goalkeeper defended the Chargers goal 16 times this fall, as a senior, while her team went 8-10-1. She conceded 26 goals and made a career high of 92 saves. A 15-saves game on Sep. 17 was not enough to help her team, who lost 5-0 at Plattsburgh State. Her career Save Percentage, .775, is sixth-best ever for the school.

Zach Aham - Franklin Pierce - Cross Country: The Ravens finished fourth in the NCAA Championship East Regional, which was held in Philadelphia on Nov. 9 and are waiting to see if the NCAA Committee will grant them one of the remaining tickets to the NCAA Championship, which is scheduled to take place in Sacramento, CA, on Nov. 23. Aham, a freshman, finished 66th Overall in Philadelphia, crossing the finish line after 34:25.4 minutes (10K). On Oct. 27 he placed 57th in the Northeast-10 Championship in NY, thanks to a time of 29:40.8 (8K).

Alex Rust and Max Fairbank - New England College - Soccer: The freshmen duo kicked off their careers with the Pilgrims this fall, as the team went 8-11 and suffered a heavy 6-1

loss to Eastern Nazarene College in the NECC Semifinals on Nov. 7. Rust, a midfielder, played in 16 games, starting 14 of them. He scored the game winner in a 1-0 win over Regis on Sep. 17 and another goal in a 4-0 victory over Rivier, five days later. Fairbank, a goalkeeper, played four times for a total of 225 minutes. He conceded four goals, had his first career shutout in a 2-0 win at Dean College on Oct. 19 and made a total of 11 saves.

Benjamin Lindsey - Rivier University - Cross Country: The freshman helped his team beat Pine Manor College in a dual meet in September, running a time of 41:20.73 (8K) and placing seventh. This was also part of the Travis Fuller Invitational, held in Massachusetts and Lindsey finished 42nd overall.

Taylor Marchman - SNHU - Field Hockey: The freshman's career with the Penmen began with 14 games, including three in the starting lineup, and three goals, all within 10 days in September. She scored in an 8-1 win over Saint Michael's, a 5-1 win over Mercy and a 6-1 victory at Pace. The team went 17-5, lost to Saint Anselm in the Northeast-10 Championship Final and lost to Kutztown in the NCAA Tournament's First Round.

Reanna Romano - SNHU - Soccer: Romano, a junior, was a back-to-back State Champion with the Astros. She played 16 times this season for the Penmen, 13 as a starter. The Team went 10-6-1 and lost 1-0 at Bentley in the Northeast-10 quarterfinals, on Nov. 10.

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Pinkerton Freshman Football Squad Gets Ready for Next Step

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

It has been an up and down season for the Pinkerton Academy Football program and the school’s freshman team finished it with a record of six wins and three losses, exactly the same record that the Varsity team had.

The young Astros, who will be looking to gain a roster spot on the Varsity team in the next few years, were coached by Eric Dugas this season and placed fourth at



Thinking Spring

With the spring sports season in the not to distant future, construction crews were putting the finishing touches on Pinkerton Academy’s latest artificial turf field last weekend. Millions of rubber pellets were being dispersed on the new Softball/Field Hockey field on Saturday so that it will be ready for the school’s softball team in the spring.

Photo by Chris Paul

the end of the season Freshman Tournament, which was hosted by Londonderry High School on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Looking back, Dugas thinks that his team’s best performance of the season came at home against Salem, as the Astros blanked the Blue Devils and won 36-0. Fullback/linebacker Matt Feole ran for three touchdowns that day and added an interception as well as a kicked extra point to his excellent game. “It was a total team effort from the offensive line to the defensive line, through the special teams”, said Dugas.

“We had some strong wins and heartbreaking losses”, the coach added about the entire season. “The student-athletes fought all year long and kept getting better and better with each week. Some key injuries to the offensive line helped bring the team together as non-linemen would step up and fill into position they hadn’t played before.”

The team roster: Joey Barnhart, Joseph Gallo, Mason Sinclair, Adonys Caballero, Nathan Macaulay, Aiden Pal, Tyler LeBlanc, Cameron Morrow, Harrison Vaillancourt, Patrick Waldron, Kaycee Dennis, Mene Badom, Matthew Feole, John Hill, Seamus McGaffigan, Jacob Noe, Cody Roberts, Daniel Zabriskie, Jackson Collins, Ronald MacDonald, Jayden Santiago, Herbert Fuller, Isaac Camacho, Riley Murphy, Ryan Lynch, Gavin Tascon, Braydon Lopez, Chase Mardones, Anthony Scaccia, Ethan Brady, Donovan Estime, Shane Leake, Owen Fortunata, Samuel Davis, Aiden Jaskal, Colton April, Mason Lolinski, Ryan Gordon, Takeru Ito, Casey Watson, Tyler Lovely.

Pinkerton Freshman Girls Field Hockey Season Recap

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a season that saw Pinkerton Academy’s Varsity Field Hockey team finishing with the best record in Division I, the Astros’ program continued to work on the future as well and the school’s Freshman Field Hockey team had a season record of 3-1-3.

their first three games of the season and tying in their fourth, this was Pinkerton’s first victory and it came after a back and forth game, against an aggressive opponent. “Our team demonstrated persistence and didn’t give up”, recalled coach Kathryn Kreatz.

“During our practices, we worked on basic and intermediate drills, strength training and conditioning”, added Kreatz. “The girls demonstrated these skills in our games and we saw improvement in our last four games of the season. They were a phenomenal team with their spirit, dedication, and overall love for the sport.”

The team’s roster: Brianna Chap, Lauren Danforth, Emma Dennehy, Clare Devito, Maria Gannon, Reagan Gennaro, Abigail Harding, Lilyanne Jean, Brooke Johnson, Sophie Kuc, Emma Lampro, Carissa Lannen, Briar Lewis, Emma MacDougall, Kennedy Michaud, Neav O’Leary, Kathryn Pappas, Mariya Perry, Olivia Richard, Julia Roy, Reilly Sanborn, Isabelle Toupin and Adeline Zarakotas.

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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.

Toy Sale

A used toy sale will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas Church: 26 Crystal Ave., Derry on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. - noon. All toys are in great shape and affordably priced. Come see the huge selection of dolls, play sets, ride ons, puzzles, games, and much more! You don't want to miss this awesome event! Cash and carry, BYObags.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Dec. 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. Now open second Wednesday every month 6:30pm-8pm. 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.

PTA Holiday Fair

Derry Village School PTA will hold its Holiday Fair on Saturday Nov. 23, from 9-3 p.m. Join Our PTA Volunteers and Santa as we welcome the Holiday Season with a day full of fun at Derry Village School. Crafts, Vendors, Games, Raffles, Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale.

Preschool Story-time

A Story program for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Have a lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, nursery rhymes, early literacy, and pre-school activities at the Derry Library on Monday, Nov. 25, from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Minecraft Monday (Group 1)

On Monday, Nov. 25, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. or from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. come to the Derry Library and work together with friends in our Realm and hone your "craft. ages 8-11.

Bedtime Stories

An evening story-time that puts the emphasis on fun will be held at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 6:30 - 7 p.m. Stories, flannel boards, games, and crafts are included in this bedtime activity. PJs and blankies welcome. Recommended for ages 2-7.

Infant Story-time

All infants and their caregivers are welcome at this lap-sit story-time for babies (birth through 12 months) at the Derry Library on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10 - 10:30 a.m. Learn finger-plays, songs, and nursery rhymes to share with your baby as she/he sits in your lap. Connect with other parents and caregivers.

Library Closure

The Derry Library will be closed for the Holiday on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Step Into Music

A lively music and dance program for young children (ages 3-5 years old) and their caregiver will be held at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10 - 10:45 a.m. Celebrate early childhood with songs, stories, games, and movement.

Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows: Thanksgiving Nov. 28 Closed, Nov. 29 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Nov. 30 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Christmas Dec. 24 Closed, Dec. 25 Closed, Dec. 26 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., New Year's Dec. 31 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Jan. 1, Closed. Residents should make the necessary arrangements to dispose of your trash. Please contact Joan Hamel, Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station @ 432-4650 for further information.

The Polar Express is coming

Back to the Taylor Library this December. Let's have fun. Registration will begin, Thursday Nov. 21, at noon. Children must be 3 years or older to register. (space is limited to 12 children per night). Polar express will be done on 3 nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, and 12. Call the Library, 432-7186, or visit to register.

Spartans Basketball

The NH Spartans AAU program will be hosting boys and girls youth basketball tryouts for grades 2nd through 8th. Tryouts will be held on Dec. 7 and 14 from 10 - 11 a.m. for 2nd through 6th grade and 11 a.m. - noon for 7th and 8th grade. All tryouts will be held at the Derry Sports Zone located at 7 A St., Derry, NH. The NH Spartans are the largest AAU program in New England.

Used Toys Needed

St.Gianna's Toy Sale is having its annual used sale on Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - noon at St.Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Please donate any gently used toys in still-playable condition to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. Simply drop your bagged donation on the driveway anytime that is convenient. All proceeds go directly to St.Thomas Church's Outreach programs and St. Gianna's Place-a home for pregnant women in crisis.

Nutfield Holiday Parade

Derry's Nutfield Holiday Parade and Celebration will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30. This will be an all day event that will include The Holiday Parade, Festival of Trees, The Downtown Holiday Stroll, the Official Tree Lighting Ceremony, Pictures with Santa and Kid's Arts and Crafts. Sponsorships are available with heavier visibility and more advertising than ever. Please see the information attached here. You can either send the information back to us at 29 W. Broadway, Derry. or email me to indicate which level you

would like to participate in. If you have had a float or have walked in the parade in the past, please be sure to register through the following link as soon as possible. derry-chamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/annual-holiday-parade-nutfield-holiday-parade-2351. If you have any questions, you may also feel free to call me directly at 603.505.0562.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Lunch on Nov. 24 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28 from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-2120 for more information; Dinner on Nov. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information. Don't forget Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves free hot meals 5 days a week in Derry. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Hazardous Waste Day

The Town of Londonderry is hosting its Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Nelson Fields (LAFA) off Sargent Rd., (Behind the Central Fire Station). Residents who have Household Hazardous Material such as Pesticides or Herbicides, Oil Base Paints, Paint Remover or Thinner, Solvents/Degreasers, Household cleaners, Pool Chemicals, old Gasoline or Anti-freeze will be able to dispose of these items. For further information please contact Robert Kerry, Department of Public Works in Londonderry at 432-1100 ext. 137 or visit the Town of Londonderry website at www.londonderrynh.org/environmental-services-solid-waste.

7th Annual LHS Craft Fair

On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 - 3 p.m., at the Londonderry High School caf/lobby. Over 90 tables filled with a wide variety of items, raffle, cookie walk and kid's corner. Hosted

by Student Council. Proceeds from the fair benefit the Student Council, the St. Jude's food pantry, the LHS Backpack Program, and also helps the HS Heal the World Club, the GSA, LMS Recycling Club, and any other club who is interested in selling something to raise money for their cause. Contact Person: Heather Bouchard hbouchard@londonderry.org.

Snow & Ice Policy

The Department wishes to remind residents of the Town's Ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the street. The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from Nov. 15 - April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed. Vehicles towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling or plowing snow into the street creates a very dangerous situation that can cause accidents. Any person violating this ordinance will be subject to a fine. Location of Mailboxes: As a friendly reminder, all mailboxes and newspaper boxes are allowed to be located within the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk. The removal of snow around mailboxes and maintenance of the mailbox and post are the responsibility of the owner. Residents are asked not to place any permanent or temporary structures, sprinkler heads or landscape items within the Town's right-of-way. The Town does not repair mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations. In addition, stakes, delineators or rocks placed at the edge of pavement can not be guaranteed for protection during the winter season.

Ticket Raffle

Raffle for Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins tickets on Sunday Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. - Two Seats, Sec. 128, Row 9. 1 for \$20; 6 for \$100. Make checks payable to: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry 03038 or pay by PayPal to payments@etzhayim.org. We will e-mail your stubs. For more information contact Laurie at patriots@etzhayim.org. Drawing is Dec. 15.

Winter Parking Ban

The Town of Derry seeks to remind residents of the Winter Parking Ban in effect from Nov. 15 - April 1. The Town Ordinance prohibits parking on all street and all municipal parking lots between midnight - 6 a.m. Violators are subject to ticketing and/or towing of their vehicle. Any questions may be direct to the DPW Office at (603) 432-6144.

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., Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Tiny Tots

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

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.

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.

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.

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Festival of Trees From 2 - 5 p.m.



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Pictures with Santa From 3 - 5 p.m.

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Entertainment - Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Held at Pocket Park in Downtown Derry on the corner of Manning & Broadway.

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