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Derry Middle School Looks to Fill Guidance Counseling Needs

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As the Derry Cooperative School District conducts its budget meetings and workshops for FY 2020-2021, a request for full time guidance counselor's position stood out for budget consideration discussions. Middle school students are living at a time with a lot of different challenges and in highly stressful situations and appropriate counseling support is required to support many different student needs.

The position discussed for a full-time middle school guidance counselor role is for West Running

Brook Middle School (WRB). Hood Middle School has 3 dedicated full-time guidance counselors, while West Running Brook only has 2.5 counselors - 2 full time and 1 part time. With about 200 students at each middle school, there is a case that both middle schools are under resourced given the many challenges for the "tweens" and teens that attend middle school. At the meeting, it was formally requested that West Running Brook budget a .5 position, so they are on par with Hood to have 3 full time positions.

Ginger Drexel, West Running Brook Principal, and Guidance Counselors, Cherri Haidaichuk and Phil

Baroody, were at the meeting to outline the needs for more counseling support at the middle school.

Drexel addressed the school budget group, "The reason for this request is that we have found the needs of our student body, at this time, require a deeper level of attention and service from our guidance department. The request is based on the years and standards previously set for guidance counselors to student ratio in determining support for the things that we're seeing on a regular basis."

"And needs of our students continue to grow based on dynamics in the

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Derry Finance Department Reviews First Quarter Revenues

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At the November 19th Town Council meeting Mark Fleischer, Accounting Manager for the Town of Derry, presented an overview of the town's financial status for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020, which began July 1st and ended on September 30th.

Fleischer pointed out that the financial status information comes from a report put together by Derry's Chief Financial Officer, Susan Hickey. Fleischer said, "The status to date — September 30th — is now 25% through the fiscal year. In a perfect world, revenue would be 25% of budget and expenditures would be 25% of budget. Of course, that does not always

happen due to timing of bills and revenues. In the General Fund, the revenue and expenditures are at 19% and 31% of budget respectively. Cable revenue and expenditures are currently at 0% and 16%, respectively. Wastewater revenue and expenditures are at 4% and 21%, respectively."

"Water revenue and expenditures are at 1% and 182% respectively. The reason why water expenditure is up so high is a result of the encumbrances on the funds from the big water project that is going down Ryan's Hill towards Windham."

The way this project is working is that the town is fronting the cash flow for the project to be reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire. Dave Caron, Town Administrator pointed out,

"We have already received one reimbursement check for about 1/3 of \$1 million and the turnaround happened in about three weeks, so the State has been prompt in reimbursing the town."

"As expenses are made we are paying them," Fleischer said, "we are then sending them off to the State right away. They want to keep the project flow going fast, so they will turn around the reimbursements fast."

Fleischer continued with an overview of first quarter revenue highlights for the town. "Finance is high due to disability payments," he said, "as they are received promptly from our insurance company. Fire is high due to receipt of intergovernmental payments for contracted ambulance and dispatch

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EARLY ARRIVAL Santa made an early stop at the annual Derry Village School Holiday Craft Fair before the holiday got into full swing. Milo DiDomenico and his grandmother Amy DiDomenico got a fist bump from the big guy while they enjoyed shopping and all the many activities at the fair. More photos page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Historic Upper Village Hall Ready for Events and Groups

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The Upper Village Hall in historic East Derry has played a prominent role in Derry's history since 1875. In the 145 years since its official opening - The Upper Village Hall has served as a town hall, a fire station, a

grange hall, a veterans' hall, a library, a Boys club, home for theatrical organizations and the home of the Red Star Twirlers. The East Derry Village Improvement Society (EDVIS) is a group of Derry residents who are committed to supporting Derry's Upper Village Hall. This Society is a recog-

nized nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 1902 by area residents to preserve and support the local history and culture. Supported by membership and donations, the Society has had a long-standing relationship with the Upper Village Hall as

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community, as well as, things that are occurring amongst the kids themselves, to the different things they now encounter on a daily basis."

Middle school students are characterized by rapid physical growth, curiosity about their world and an emerging self-identity. School counselors have an impact on these years by implementing appropriate programs and by collaborating with school staff and parents to create a safe, respectful learning environment whereby adolescents can maximize personal and academic achievement.

Middle school coun-

selors are expected to enhance the overall learning process and promote academic career and social/emotional development. School counseling programs are often central for students to achieve optimal personal growth in the face of many challenges, as well as, acquire positive social skills and values, set informed career goals and realize full academic potential to become productive, contributing members of the community.

Guidance counselors now face a list of challenges in a complex environment that is today's middle school life. And there is often a need to go well beyond the responsibilities many of us have associated with school

counselors in previous times. Middle school is significantly more challenged, multifaceted and difficult than even a decade ago. Here are some of the challenges that these counselors must deal with -overviewed by WRB Guidance Counselors: Cherri Haidaichuk and Phil Baroody.

Mental-health issues including depression appear to be on the rise - likely rooted in the anxiety of today's fast paced setting with problems of information overload. These concerns are likely impacting student relationships and school counselors really need to identify students having these needs and provide them with short-term or long-term support to meet

these challenges.

There's a lot of stress on students these days to perform well, whether that be academically or through activities and sports. In the past, that might have been dismissed by some, but today there is lot more awareness of stress, depression, anxiety and bipolar diagnoses, so school counselors need to know how to connect students with the right resources to help them.

Although bullying is hardly a new concern, technology and social media have amplified such behavior in a major way. School counselors need to identify students who've been bullied and identify the bullying behavior in context of legal and cultural issues. Social

media has now brought along the subset of cyber-bullying, which is the cause of dynamic and sometimes hidden matters.

There are now more instant ways to bully other students in a public setting, thanks to the virtual aspect of social-media platforms that are now extremely widespread. This presents difficult challenge for counselors, students and parents to deal with that will likely be viewed from many different emotional viewpoints.

Suicide has also become a progression from bullying, so it is important to focus on bullying prevention and bullying intervention to deal with suicide situations. School counselors must be cognizant and aware of any

students who might be exhibiting any behaviors that might indicate self-harm and respond to those immediately - connecting with parents and guardians to make sure they're aware of the situation and connecting students and parents with community resources that can provide support around self-harm feelings and ideas.

Family issues, burnout, life balance, planning for the future, immigration, inequity and gender issues are also situations on the rise at middle schools giving counselor even more challenges. School districts must support these students and face these issues where appropriate.

Upper Village Hall

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the primary guardian for its care and management.

Heather Lombard and her husband Ernie were asked a year ago if they would "take a peek" at the hall to see if they had interest in becoming members of the Upper Village Hall Board of Directors. Heather remembers that day well, "We fell in love with the building the second we walked in the front door. We both had the same reaction. Wow! ...This place is beautiful and has so much potential. We walked around just envisioning all the things that could be done and immediately started creating a "wish list" in our heads. A year later Ernie is now the President of the

Board and I am the Upper Village Hall Events Coordinator." "So many times I have met people at the hall for the first time and they have had that same reaction - Wow! Or I hear - Do you know I have lived here all my life and I have never been in this building and I am so glad I finally did."

In 2009, a group of dedicated citizens purchased The Upper Village Hall from the Town of Derry for \$1 to save it from being razed, and since then, the group - with community assistance - have worked hard to lovingly restore the Upper Hall to its original glory. Thanks to the many local volunteers who have donated services, materials, and hundreds of hours of labor, the Upper Hall has

been serving as a community gathering spot for many different functions since that time. Among different events and organization efforts these days, there is a Tae Kwan Do business renting the main hall for classes held multiple times a week and the Hall is also the home for the Derry Wolverine Cheerleaders for their practices as well.

The Upper Village Hall is also rented out for birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers, rehearsal dinners, graduations, Celebration of Life services and Christmas parties as well as other Holiday gatherings.

Lombard says, "Being the Event Coordinator, I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people here in Derry, East Derry and from the surrounding communities. I

have received some great feedback and wonderful ideas on ways to keep the space appealing, as well as a most functional rental space."

Lombard reports that several items on the group's wish list have been crossed off over the past year. The large foyer area, main hall and bathrooms have all been painted and acoustical panels were installed on the walls of the main hall to fix an echo. The sound of this great room is now significantly improved, and this acoustical treatment has made a tremendous difference for speakers and musical events that take place in the room.

The Upper Village Hall is currently in the process of getting a new fire sprinkler system installed on all three levels of the building that will allow it to cater to larger events that will attract additional revenue.

This will also allow the Hall to lease the 3,000 square foot basement for additional functions and activities.

Lombard says, "We are in the process of applying for grants and coming up with fundraising ideas, so we can continue efforts to make the hall what we know it can be. The board welcomes any individuals or groups who may have interest in helping out with the ongoing improvements of the hall. We are always looking for new faces. If you are interested, please reach out to us."

Some of the next items on the wish list include refinishing the wood floors, to make the main hall look absolutely beautiful. In addition, the group is looking to improve storage areas and to upgrade their kitchen facilities in the Hall. The renovation plan also includes filling the

front foyer with pictures and memorabilia from years past, so visitors are able to see and enjoy the history of the building as they first walk in.

Lombard is in the process of updating their website and creating a new Facebook space. The website address is www.uppervillagehall.org

Groups and organizations interested to look at the large basement space or to book an event can reach Heather Lombard at the main number - 434-6723.

Lombard says, "The Hall is a great place to hold your next family reunion, community supper, meeting or social event. Please contact us with questions about The Upper Village Hall and for a quick response, send us an email to uppervillagehallrentals@comcast.net. We are excited to continue moving forward!"

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Wild Turkey Population Thriving in Southern New Hampshire

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Thanksgiving time is upon us and it's time to talk turkey. Many residents of Derry, Londonderry and Chester and southern NH may have observed that the wild turkey population has been growing steadily over the past several years.

Today the population of wild turkeys in our state is estimated at upwards of 25,000 birds with evidence pointing closer to 40,000 turkeys. Turkeys are present in every county in New Hampshire, though severe winter weather conditions and lack of appropriate habitat limit the population of wild turkeys in northernmost New Hampshire.

Wild turkeys totally disappeared from New Hampshire 150 years ago, because of habitat loss from extensive land clearing during the 1800's. Also there was no fish and game team to regu-

late hunting seasons and that resulted in overhunting of the native turkey population.

NH Fish and Game began to reintroduce wild turkeys again in 1969-70, and although initial efforts failed - actions to restore the turkey population continued. The actual recovery in the state began with a successful reintroduction of 25 turkeys in Walpole by NH Fish and Game in 1975, and the wild turkey population has been thriving ever since that time.

Wild turkeys prefer relatively open hardwood and mixed evergreen/hardwood forests though turkeys also can be found in wooded lots close to human population centers. Despite their large size, wild turkeys - unlike their domestic relatives - are agile fliers and will roost in trees.

Wild turkeys are very social birds and are omnivorous eaters. Wild Turkeys forage around for acorns, nuts, seeds, berries, fruits,

grasses, roots, insects and even small reptiles and amphibians. Wild turkeys will often feed in cow pastures and they favor checking out croplands after harvest - to scavenge seed and fruits that are now on the ground. Wild turkeys in our area of NH like to hang out around fruit orchards and apples are one of their favorite foods.

Turkeys are sometimes attracted to birdfeeders and occasionally turkeys can behave aggressively towards humans especially in areas where natural woodland habitats are scarce or where there are people feeding them. They have been known to chase humans - although attacks can be usually avoided by giving turkeys a respectful amount of space.

It is important people do not feed turkeys, unless there is 15 or more inches of soft powder snow on the ground for a period of 10 or more days. Doing so is

not only wasteful and unnecessary, but it reinforces bad habits that can lead to misbehaviors from flocks towards people and pets.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department looks to the public to report sightings of wild turkeys online at www.wildnh.com/surveys/turkey.html starting January 1. The department asks that you do not report multiple sightings of the same flock. The state's Wild Turkey Winter Flock Survey will run through March 31. During the winter of 2018, turkey watchers presented 1,372 flock reports, totaling reports of 20,224 turkeys. Reports increased from the previous year's survey totals of 998 flocks and 19,298 turkeys.

"The reporting increase across New Hampshire can be attributed to a probable increase in the turkey population and relatively easy winters over the past couple of years where turkeys could

take advantage of bare ground and abundant acorns," said Fish and Game Turkey Biologist Ted Walski. Walski is the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department turkey project leader and he has worked some 47 years to help restore turkeys to New Hampshire.

The online turkey survey/reporting system is set up to fill gaps in Fish and Game's existing winter flock data collection efforts, adding to the NH Department's understanding of the abundance and circulation of turkeys during New Hampshire's challenging winter months.

Knowledge of the status of wintering wild turkeys is particularly important in New Hampshire, where severe winter weather and limited natural food supplies can present serious challenges for turkeys. "This reporting system allows the public in NH to contribute useful information to help

our understanding of winter turkey status in an inexpensive, efficient, and hopefully, enjoyable way," said Walski.

The online survey asks participants to report the number of turkeys in each flock, where they were seen, the type of habitat the birds were observed in, and if possible to report what the turkeys were feeding on. NH Fish and Game biologists are also asking local residents to report any signs of two viruses, Lymphoproliferative Disease Virus (LPDV) and Avian Pox Virus, which have appeared in New Hampshire's turkeys in recent years.

Learn more at www.wildnh.com/wildlife/turkey-virus.html. "The viruses are not too widespread yet, but we are keeping a close watch," said Walski. "Look for warty protuberances in the head and eye area."

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and keep an eye open for our local Turkey flocks.

"Fugitive Of The Week" Found Hiding in Derry Apartment

State fugitive, Daren Keith Gragg, Sr., 43, was arrested at a family member's apartment on Pembroke Drive in Derry recently. Gragg was being sought on a State of New Hampshire Parole Warrant as a result of being found guilty and sentenced in connection with multiple firearm related offenses. Additionally, Gragg has an outstanding arrest warrant for stalking issued out of the Manchester Police Department.

Gragg had been featured as the "Fugitive of the Week" on July 3, 2019, and as a result of this feature, the U.S. Marshals Service was contacted with information from a tipster by NH State Parole

Officers. This information pointed investigators to a relative's apartment in Derry. Members of the N.H. Joint Fugitive Task Force went to this apartment, where they were able to gain access and locate and arrest Gragg hiding behind a bedroom door.

Gragg was transported to the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord for processing, and holding pending his hearing in front of the N.H. State Parole Board.

This arrest was made with the cooperative support of several members of the U.S. Marshals - N.H. Joint Fugitive Task Force including, members from the Hillsborough & Rockingham

County Sheriff's Offices, the Federal Protective Service, officers from the Derry Police Department, along with deputy U.S. Marshals.

Since the inception of the New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force in 2002, these partnerships have resulted in over 7,751 arrests. These

arrests have ranged in seriousness from murder, assault, unregistered sex offenders, probation and parole violations and numerous other serious offenses. Nationally the United States Marshals Service fugitive programs are carried out with local law enforcement in 94 district

offices, 85 local fugitive task forces, eight regional task forces, as well as a growing network of offices in foreign countries.

The "Fugitive of the Week" program continues to be a very successful tool that has resulted in the location and arrest of numerous fugi-

tives since its implementation in 2007. Additionally, the "Fugitive of the Week" is distributed statewide to all law enforcement officers.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at www.usmarshals.gov.



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Editorial

The New Thanksgiving

Black Friday is Nov. 29, and with all the over-commercialization it is threatening to supplant the tradition of Thanksgiving for millions of workers and their families across America. As a result of all the Black Friday sales, Thanksgiving is no longer the traditional holiday when families take time off from work to be together, but has become merely the day before Black Friday.

Ads promoting the nationwide shopping day appear weeks in advance, with jolly Santa's and busy elves reminding consumers of the incredible deals available to them on a vast array of products.

The onslaught of advertising seems to suggest to consumers that they shouldn't waste precious moments with family and friends when they can be planning their shopping schedules. It doesn't stop with Friday as the advertising blitz continues through the weekend, with Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday also beaconing consumers. Thanksgiving is becoming the forgotten holiday. Even before the last piece of Halloween candy is eaten, stores frantically transition to promoting the Christmas shopping season.

However, while the campaign for Black Friday rolls ahead, some companies and individuals are taking a much different approach. There are firms boycotting Black Friday and suggesting

that both their employees and customers forgo shopping so they can spend time with family members. The businesses are planning to close stores and give their employees paid time off for the holiday. The effort is having an impact and causing some consumers to reconsider what they want to do during the holiday. This radical approach could help return the nation to a simpler, yet profoundly more meaningful, period when family togetherness was fostered over intense shopping preparation.

It wasn't that long ago, before the age of cell phones and the internet, when families enjoyed the holiday preparing a 20-pound turkey for the traditional meal, watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and later football on television. Instead of camping out in front of a store on the holiday, family members could spend moments in front of a fireplace, with a crackling blaze and the warm glow of the hearth becoming the focus of attention.

The joyful sounds of families gathered together on Thanksgiving, laughing as they recount humorous stories and enjoy one last slice of pumpkin pie could return to more households across the country. Employees would have more time with their families and regain the chance to make memories that could last a lifetime. Now that would be something, for which to be truly thankful.

Pinkerton Academy wins Inaugural 'Meals Ready to Eat' Challenge

The Culinary Arts team from Pinkerton Academy won the inaugural MRE Challenge last night at Salem High School, taking home the coveted Granite Skillet. The team cooking competition organized by the New Hampshire Department of Education and the New Hampshire Army National Guard teamed high school culinary students from six New Hampshire high school CTE programs and Guardsmen to create gourmet dishes using the ingredients from military-issue MREs (Meals Ready to Eat.) The 2,000 calorie packs are meant to keep troops fed in the field, but are not known for their culinary excellence.

Competing schools included Pinkerton, Alvirne, Nashua, Milford, Salem, and the Manchester School of Technology.

Guardsmen have been working with the student chefs for months to familiarize them with MREs, but none of the competitors knew in advance which meals would serve as their ingredients. The teams also had to incorporate a secret ingredient, plantains, that was revealed to them during their 45-minute cooking time. The Pinkerton team's winning dish was plantain ratatouille with garlic bread.

"What an impressive display of culinary talent," said



Pinkerton Academy Culinary Arts students Lily Mendes, Austin Patrick Spanks and Matthew Wolcott put the finishing touches on their dish with the assistance of Staff Sgt. Ben Courchesne, a recruiter with the New Hampshire Army National Guard, as they compete for the top prize in the inaugural MRE Challenge on Nov. 20 at the Salem High School's Career and Technical Education Center.

New Hampshire Adjutant Gen. David Mikolaities. "The students were focused and disciplined, a great reflection on their respective teachers and schools. They are well led. Equally impressive was the student-led video production crew. We look forward to making this an annual event."

The 2019 MRE Challenge involved students across several CTE programs. Pinkerton's marketing team took first place in the poster contest. MST Marketing students won the logo design competition and MST's Culinary Arts team won the appetizer cooking competition. Teams from the school's

Video Production programs also created commercials to promote the event. Salem High School's Video Production students live-steamed the event online and to an audience in the Salem High School auditorium.

"Our first MRE Challenge was a huge success, and I want to thank the Guard and our CTE centers for working together across several programs to create such a great learning environment for these students," said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "We're hoping to expand this to more schools next year when Pinkerton puts the Granite Skillet back up for grabs."

Rail Trail Alliance Gets Help from Hannaford Reusable Bag Program

Derry Rail Trail Alliance (DRTA) celebrates its selection as a Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program Beneficiary for the month of December.

The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program was launched in April of 2014, and is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work.

The DRTA was selected as the December beneficiary

of the program by store leadership at the Hannaford located on Hampton Drive in Londonderry.

The Rail Trail group will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at that location during December.

"We are thrilled to have been chosen by the Hannaford Store Employees in the company's Londonderry location as their Charity of Choice for December," said Mark Connors, President of

Derry Rail Trail Alliance. "All trail users are anxious to see the Rail Trail connected from Derry to Londonderry and the proceeds from this effort will help to make that happen!"

Residents can learn more about Derry Rail Trail Alliance by visiting our Facebook page or website - www.derryrailtrail.org. For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit hannaford.bags4mycause.com

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Derry Village School Hosts Annual Holiday Craft Fair



The annual Derry Village School Holiday Craft Fair took place on Saturday, Nov. 23 giving attendees plenty of choices for holiday activities to choose from. There were gift baskets being raffled off, games, grab bags, a gym full of crafters for shopping, a chili contest, and a chance to visit with Santa.

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Upper Room Receives \$30,000 from the Late Marica & Jack Briggs

The Upper Room recently announced it has been awarded a \$30,000 gift on behalf of its late board members Marica and Jack Briggs.

On Saturday Nov. 16, close friends, family, board and staff of the Upper Room gathered to dedicate a bench to The Upper Room, in honor of Marica Briggs who passed this past September. The bench is placed right next to the matching bench of her late husband Jack Briggs. To those who had the privilege of knowing Jack and Marica, they were a beautiful couple, who spent more than 30 years supporting the efforts of The Upper Room and so many other worthy organizations. A former PSNH Executive (Jack) and Derry school teacher (Marica) raised their children Matt and Kate here in Derry. They were deeply embedded in community, church, and with great friends and family they would spend time with, and travel with.

At Saturday's ceremony, both Matt and Kate Briggs shared funny details of the private assets/quirks their parents had, that made their marriage work. These were tender, funny, and sweet pieces of history that the brother and sister duo shared of their parents. What was most poignantly evident was their passion for women who were forced with making a choice about a pregnancy. Jack and Marica were charged with finding

"a cause" when their own daughter Kate, was making personal statements about the support she would be offering to individuals making similar decisions. At one point, a discussion was had and Kate asked "So what are you doing to help?" Very shortly after Jack and Marica became involved with one of our late founders Anna Willis and her partner Claire Hamilton (of Florida). They began to see how services were needed, and they began a more than 3 decades commitment to The Upper Room, the TIPS program and the agency as a whole.

Serving on the board, as leaders, supporters, and idea makers, Marica and Jack offered their time, their love, their resources and ideas. They supported the second Executive Director Kimberly Bavaro in her decisions to kick-start the Annual Auction which has grown over the years to an amazing event. They were tender teachers, helping staff understand their own worth, and providing guidance when they felt it was needed. "I remember when I had to do a speech at graduation, and was not familiar with how I sounded on a microphone, Jack came up to me after the ceremony and offered to do a public speaking workshop for all employees so we could have our voices heard," shared current Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg



Matt and Kate Briggs, left, with Upper Room Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg. *Courtesy photo*

Marcia and Jack played a key role in the annual celebration of the TIPS program for many years dressing up as Santa Claus and Mrs. for the annual party. Children were gleeful and their parents as well, as Santa arrived with Mrs. Claus to read stories, and to offer children their first chance at a tradition that was embraced for many years in the program. As well, Marica and Jack were always available for agency and board functions, offering support, food, and their love and attention at these events. Former Executive Director Kimberly Bavaro mentioned "You always felt like you were the only one in the world when speaking with Jack and Marica, they listened, and made sure you knew they were paying attention". This sentiment runs deep within the culture of The Upper Room, with some senior staff being on board for up to 26 years,

many have felt the deep impact the Briggs family made on a day to day basis. With its teen center named the "Briggs Center" more than 10 years ago, the board and staff dedicated spaces within its walls to honor board members, and the

Briggs Center was dedicated to the love and care Marica and Jack Briggs showered upon The Upper Room.

As a final act of her gifting, Marica placed a small note to her children, just days before her passing, with a message that indicated a gift to TUR (The Upper Room, and the names of her two small grandchildren). She wanted to be sure that Kate and Matt knew there was a gift she had been planning on giving and that these were her final wishes. Guests teared up at the presentation of this story, and its implications that a long term, lifetime intention had been being put aside for the agency, and its work. All guests were completely amazed when Kate and Matt shared the gift their parents had left to The Upper Room,

to continue its work with teen families to assure they have guidance and support at a pivotal point in their lives. "This donation is the largest donation we have ever received from anyone in this capacity", shares Guggisberg "and we will make sure we take the time and prudence to honor this gift, to honor the people who made this happen, and to use this in the fashion they hoped it would be used, to support young families. I will share that the staff, and board of directors are very grateful for the decades of support the Briggs Family has offered, and for this final gift of the heart, we are blessed".

To learn more about The Upper Room, please visit URteachers.org.

Finance

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services. Town Clerk is high due to an increase in civil forfeitures. Code enforcement is high due to an increase in building permits. And Cable is low due to receiving first quarterly payments in October, however, the payments haven't come in yet, but are expected any day."

Fleischer next over-viewed expenditure highlights, "Departments are trending individually between 13% and 71%. The Town Clerk elections expenditure is low due to lack of voting activity at this time of year. Information Technology is high due to annual software support payments being due at the start of the fiscal year. Human Services is high due to the reservation of funds to be paid quarterly

to outside supportive agencies. Assessing is high due to the reservation of contractual fees due to Whitney Consulting, the Town's outside assessing contractors. Highways and Streets are high due to the reservation of funds for roadway maintenance projects. The Transfer Station is high due to reservations for contractual services. A year ago the town was at 29% for first quarter expenditures."

Other fund metrics will be given at the second quarter financial review after all year-end accounting transfers are completed between the town and the Trustees of Trust funds. This was scheduled to begin by the end of October.

Fleischer related, "So as the year goes on, we will see more activity that will put things into a more complete context. The second quarter

will probably look a lot different than the first quarter."

The Finance Department points out to the public that management of Derry's financial resources is conducted in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, Federal, State, and Local Laws, as well as, the Town Charter.

All activity of the Finance Department is done with the acknowledgement of the Town's stewardship responsibility to the public for efficiently utilizing the resources entrusted to it. That mission is primarily achieved through strict accounting practices, frequent comprehensive reporting, and effective budgeting and budgetary controls, while cooperating and coordinating with all Town Departments to ensure efficient, overall financial management.

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Water Forum Experts Point Out Water Contamination Concerns

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Though N.H. has a suitable supply of quality water for drinking, there are significant potable water challenges that Southern N.H. residents face. Water is indeed a big issue here in the "Granite State" and certain areas in Southern NH are

struggling in terms of water supply, water pressure and water quality contamination.

Some towns – including neighboring Merrimack – have closed down certain public drinking water sources due to contaminations found in their public water supply. In Merrimack, Perfluoroalkanoyle fluorides (known as PFAFs or PFAs)

were discovered in their water sources with levels of more than 800 ppt (parts per trillion) – which is a dangerous level for people, pets, and animals in the area.

The chemical bond of PFAF substances take decades to break down and are now being found at high levels in a few rivers, lakes, streams, aquifers, municipal waters and private wells all over NH and in other areas of the U.S.

The state's water supply is also being further set up to supply more water throughout our region to areas that need it. The Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection project that is spreading across Derry is under way to help overcome water shortages in neighboring town areas. However, there is evidence of challenges that are raising concerns about the quality of water in our region and groups of experts in NH have been providing information to support public awareness about these concerns.

The Southern N.H. Water Forum – was hosted by the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce at the Brookstone Park event center in Derry on November 14th to consider the status of NH water resources. The forum included overviews from experts including Mindi Messmer, who is a professional geologist and a former NH State Rep – from the Rye, NH area – who is also a co-founder of New Hampshire Water Alliance.

Messmer advocates for stronger state and regional policy to protect the environment, drinking water and the public health. Messmer noted recent studies have uncovered cluster regions in NH, where children are being diagnosed with unusually high pediatric cancer disease. There are also now reports that indicate that NH has the highest pediatric cancer rate in the country.

She pointed out that abnormally high rates of cancer in NH – including bladder, breast and esophageal – may potentially be linked to contaminated water. Messmer said as a state legislator, she promoted legislative bills that would gather and segment public health data to help better identify health challenges that are appearing in local environments.

When it comes to industrially produced groups of compounds such as PFAFs Messmer noted it's a national issue. She also pointed out that many people do not realize that common products such as Teflon pans and Scotch-Guard are sources for those compounds that can adversely affect people. PFAFs are also found in food packaging materials, in landfills, even in the foam used by firefighters for fighting fuel-based fires, she said. Health impacts can include elevated cholesterol levels, thyroid issues, and links to certain cancers.

Messmer heralded the

state legislature's efforts to pass SB 309 last year. That bill represents a mechanism of protection for water quality in the state with an emphasis on updated standards and protections for NH residents – especially prenatal and for early childhood ages. This was a bill, Gov. Chris Sununu signed in July 2018.

"Children are significantly more vulnerable to environmental exposures," Messmer said. "And we know we can prevent environmental exposures, including a focus on water quality."

Another expert at the forum, Marie Degulis is a certified water specialist and representative of business development for Secondwind Water Systems Inc. Degulis has designed water treatment systems for homeowners and also trains professionals about water challenges in their buildings. "PFAFs and what they do to humans is a 'really heavy' topic," Degulis said at the forum.

The certified water expert overviewed that there is more information still to be discovered and more locations where PFAFs will be found to be a problem. She positioned different examples of how water treatment systems including reverse osmosis filtering can handle problem materials in water, from PFAFs, to

arsenic, radon, iron and other minerals.

"It's all about learning as much as possible, Degulis said, and to find ways to keep water clean and healthy, whether in a large supply source or a smaller home." She also pointed out that technology has evolved too, making water treatment and filter systems available in many size choices, capacities and prices to properly support anyone needing help.

Jim Ricker, Vice-President/Director of Northern New England Services, and with Wilcox and Barton Inc was also on hand at the forum to provide an overview about NH water supplies. Ricker pointed out that about 50% of state residents get water from private wells including community wells. Ricker said, "NH groundwater sources that provide much of our drinking water are a precious resource." Ricker further identified potential and acknowledged contamination causes that include closed down chemical manufacturing businesses, underground storage tanks, gas stations, landfills, auto storage yards, illegal dumping and even farms and apple orchards where pesticides and other less than bio-friendly chemicals have been or are still being used.

OBITUARY

Anastacia Tey de Batista



Anastacia Tey de Batista, known by her middle name "Delbys" or simply "Mamá," passed away in her home in Derry, New Hampshire at the age of 96. She was surrounded by her sons, Diego and Anthony Batista, and her daughter-in-law of 43 years, Elisanta (Castro) Batista.

Nothing mattered more to Delbys than family and caring for children. She was born in Baracoa, Cuba on April 15, 1923, and was number five of eight children. She had a hand in caring for many nieces and nephews and their children in Cuba. In 1965, she left her beloved homeland with her son, Diego, to New York City to be reunited with her late husband, Diego Gaspar Batista Martinez. They were married for almost 60 years at the time of his death of cancer in 2005.

Once in the United States, she raised two sons in Willingboro, New Jersey and Downingtown, Pennsylvania. She cared for numerous children in her home, and would eventually help raise four grandchildren, who lived with her and/or spent their entire summer vacations with her. She is fondly remembered as a doting grandmother who cheered the loudest at school events, consoled kids with her amazing Cuban food, and made sure to pass on her stories, language and culture from Cuba.

In addition to her sons and daughter-in-law in Derry, New Hampshire, she is survived by three siblings – and their families in Cuba and the U.S. – Nidia Tey de Pineda of Union City, New Jersey; Jose Tey of Painesville, Ohio; and Ada Tey of Manchester, New Hampshire. She leaves behind seven grandchildren, Elisa Batista, Nidia Batista, Diego Batista, Nelsy Batista, Anthony Batista, Grace Batista, and Alexander Batista. She is also survived by three great grandchildren, Aristotle Moulitsas-Batista, Elisandra Moulitsas-Batista, and Sailis Batista.

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Derry Police Look To Make The Holiday Brighter for Families



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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Football Coach Looks Back at Tough Season

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Long time Pinkerton Academy Varsity Football Head Coach Brian O'Reilly reflected recently on what he said is one of the most adversity he had faced in a season in recent memory. This year's squad went 6-4 but managed to make their way into the Division I play-off's, only to be knocked out in the first round by rivals and the eventual DI champions, Londonderry High School.

Coach O'Reilly's initial thoughts on the past season were on the fact that they had to deal with so many injuries throughout the entire season. "One of the most injury plagued seasons we've ever had, to the point

where it started to get ridiculous, especially on the offensive line," said head coach Brian O'Reilly. It didn't help that the team lost several seniors and lost one of their top linemen Max Delangie who didn't play at all this year. "One injury after another started, our captain Tom McDonald at center went down with an injury and he didn't finish out the year later, and our backup center Matt Sigman wounded up getting hurt. We lost him for the rest of the year. It just never stopped," O'Reilly said.

With all the injuries and being 2-3 at one-point O'Reilly and his squad didn't give up and continued to battle. "It didn't look good, we were 2-3 at one point, after a really bad 12-0 loss to

Salem. It didn't seem like we were going anywhere but rather than give up they did the complete opposite," O'Reilly said. "They pushed we got kids replacing other kids and made a nice run in the end, so all an all considering everything it was a pretty good season I was impressed with the way the team bounced back from adversity."

Other than the injuries a problem the team had was turnovers. O'Reilly said the team turned the ball over 22 times this past season. "We had young running backs, young skilled position people that could never get a finger on it." The turnovers started snowballing as the first few games went on for the Astros. "Right from the very first game we turned



Jeff Potvin, left, and Jake McGinnis, had strong seasons despite their injuries.

the ball over four times, then we turned the ball over four times in the second game, and three times in the third game." O'Reilly went on to

say.

Even with all the injuries, the turnovers, the tough losses Coach O'Reilly still saw a lot of positives

with his squad and he's not worried about next season at all. "I saw underclassmen step up, I saw there's a talent

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Greater Derry Track Club Holds 46th Annual Turkey Trot

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The longtime tradition of the Greater Derry Track Club Turkey Trot race will continue for the 46th time on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28, at Beaver Lake for the annual 5K run scheduled to take place at 9 a.m.

Race Director Sean Coyle says that organizers are expecting about 1,200 runners this year: "We are the oldest Turkey Trot in New Hampshire and one of the largest. We are a race for runners of all abilities. We try and give our runners the best possible start to their holiday. We have lots of volunteers and some great

refreshments for after the run. The Greater Derry Turkey Trot is a family tradition and our club is very proud to be part of that."

The race has been part of Thanksgiving Day since 1973 and will start at 9 a.m. that Thursday, at Gallien's Town Beach on Beaver Lake in Derry. Last year, nearly 700 runners bravely fought the freezing temperatures and they will be hoping for better weather this time around. The youngest runners in 2018 were just eight years old and the oldest one, John Loker, was 75 and needed less than half an hour to complete the course. The 2018 male winner was Aushir Smith of Topsfield,

Mass. and Morgan Lingor was the first female to finish, she came all the way from New York.

You can pre-registration online for \$20 (free for kids 12 and under – 200 entries available) or race day registration (including the day before the race) for \$25 (\$10 for kids). In addition, each runner is requested to donate a non-perishable canned good or dry food item. The food donations will then be sent to pantries in the Greater Derry area, to help people in need.

Participants can pick up their race packets starting Wednesday (Nov. 27), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the race site. There is also an option



to make the pick up before the race, on Thursday morning (7-8:30 a.m.). The first 1,200 entrants will receive a long sleeve shirt with a four-color logo design and after

the race runners can enjoy food, beverages and music and the award ceremony for the first three overall and first three local (Derry and Londonderry) male and

female finishers.

Parking is available at Pinkerton Academy, where buses will shuttle the runners to and from the race site between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Pinkerton Bowling Gets Rolling in Tough Battle in Raymond

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the Pinkerton Academy varsity and junior varsity bowling teams competed in the Boyden Memorial Kick-Off Jamboree to start their season.

The Kick-Off classic started the first ever season for high school bowling program back in 2009. The competition continued until

2015. The New Hampshire State USBC association for ten pin bowling brought the jamboree back last year.

The Astros varsity bowling team consists of sophomore Colby Wong, Junior Matthieu Gagnon, sophomore Lance Lemieux, sophomore Harry Michaud, and senior Bryant Nourse, and they battled against 10 other teams at the event to get the season rolling. The JV team came along as well and has

the following members; junior Johnathan Scott, junior Jarod Wong, junior Michael Barnard, junior Michael Fiandaca, and junior Connor Grimard.

To start the tournament, Pinkerton was sitting in the top four spot as they beat last year's powerhouse Keene High School and took two games from them.

As they went on to play the Merrimack Tomahawks it was a nail biter in the first

game, but Merrimack pushed through and took the first game 206-196.

The Astros responded back and had a great run, but

once again Merrimack pulled through with a string of strikes to get past Pinkerton and take the second game 211-208. Merri-

mack high school went on to win the tournament with Raymond being the runner-ups.

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level there we're going to be fine next year, but that's next year we are going to have a solid offensive line we essentially have everyone back." Coach also did something this season that is unheard of, but he feels it was worth it for the upcoming season. "We played a

couple of freshmen in the backfield which is unheard of but that will pay dividends next year." O'Reilly continued.

There were some players that got a head nod from coach throughout the year, and will be missed as they graduate this spring. "You have to go with the kids who take you there the people that led us through most of

the year Jake McGinnis, our captain, and Jeff Potvin at quarterback did a really nice job for us." For the underclassmen O'Reilly see's promise in them and knows they'll make the most of their opportunities next season. "The younger ones will get their headlines next year," Coach O'Reilly finished up saying.



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Brooke Kane and Wildcats Gets Started as a Wildcat

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Former Pinkerton girls' basketball star Brooke Kane had her first break out game in her new chapter of life as a Division One athlete playing for the University of New Hampshire Wildcats. Her stats don't exactly blow up the box score, but it shows her progression with her new team and playing in a whole new atmosphere. The former PA star player and Gatorade Player of the Year put up 10 points on a 3-10 shooting from the field, one steal, one block, two rebounds, and made one 3-

pointer against Wheaton College in an 89-44 win on Wednesday Nov. 20th.

The freshman Wildcat Kane, and her teammates didn't have such an easy start as the college basketball season got rolling. The UNH squad had their first game on Nov. 5, against the Division 1 Champions Baylor University Lady Bears and was on the wrong side of a very lopsided score. Kane played a total of 13 minutes and within the time she managed to score three points on a 1-2 field goal shooting, and one rebound. Baylor showed UNH why they're the

defending champs, as Baylor won the game by a dominating score of 97-29. The Lady Bears set a scoring record in the first half of that game 51-3.

Her former high school coach Lani Buskey couldn't be prouder of Kane so for this season. "I'm really proud of Brooke, she has huge expectations for herself, she wants it so badly and she works so hard for it," said Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Head Coach Lani Buskey. Buskey is close with Kane and was right by her side during her time of selecting colleges. "We talked a lot when she

was making her decision, she knew going to UNH would be a huge challenge for her, but she was excited," Buskey added. "I spent four years at PA teaching her how to be patient, so teaching her the patience required gave her the confidence to truly find her greatness on the court." She thinks the moment Brooke fully finds her confidence, UNH is going to be very happy with her. "Once Brooke gets comfortable in their system, you are going to see her thrive. She's well on her way, and I can't wait to watch her journey." Buskey went on to say.



Former Pinkerton girls' basketball star Brooke Kane is now playing for the University of New Hampshire.

Pinkerton Alumni Zach Sanford Starts Third Year in NHL

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy alumni hockey star, and second round NHL draft pick Zach Sanford is off to a good start in the 2019-2020 season with the St. Louis Blues.

Sanford, who is coming off his best season yet, adding a Stanley Cup Championship to his resume in only the third season of his career.

In his championship season he played 60 games,

scored eight goals, tallied 12 assists, 20 points, 77 shots on goal, and his face-off percentage was 61.54.

Finishing last season, he faced off against his hometown hero Boston Bruins during the Stanley cup finals and scored a goal to make a commanding 4-0 lead in game seven on July 12th. Scoring a goal against your hometown team is everything a young athlete dreams of and Sanford made that dream reality that night. It was an incredible season going seven games and

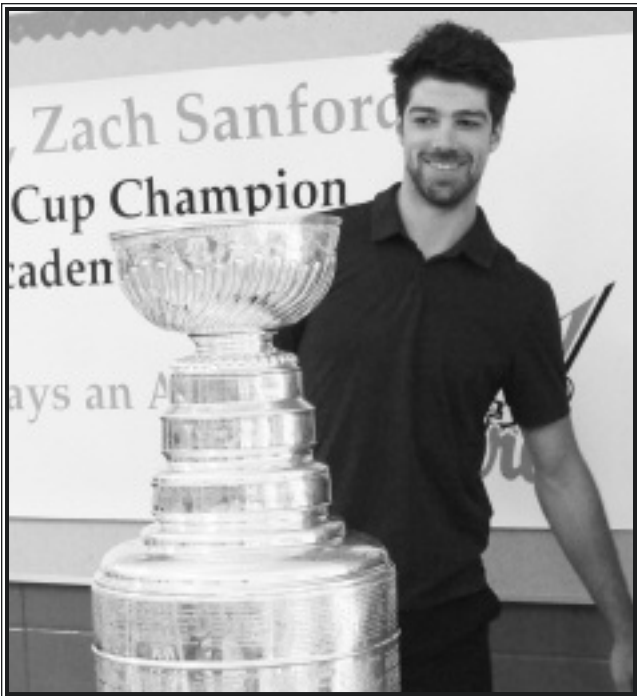
Sanford made the most of every opportunity he had during that series.

Sanford was brought up from the minors during the playoffs last year to cover for an injured player, and wound up finishing up in the Stanley Cup series against Boston.

So far this season Sanford has played in 19 games as a Blue and has recorded just two goals. Other than that, he has six assists, eight points, and 21 shots on goal. His last goal

was scored on Nov. 21st against the Calgary Flames in a 5-0 win. The Blues currently sit in the number one spot in the Central Division with a 14-5 record.

Over the summer, Sanford remembered his roots, and brought the Stanley Cup trophy to Pinkerton Academy for people to enjoy, and to reminisce with some of his teammates that helped win the Division I title over Manchester Memorial during his days at Pinkerton in 2012.



Pinkerton Academy alumni Zach Sanford is pictured at PA with the Stanley Cup this summer.

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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.

Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows: 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.

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 facili-

ty to check on holiday times. 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

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.

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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.

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.

Derry Lions

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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.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the

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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

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