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Council Accepts Agreement, Removes Old Right of Way

Mack Leathurby

Works, Mike Fowler, recommended formal acceptance of a right-of-way dedicated to the Town of Derry and aligned to an agreement with Windham.

On November 6, 2019, the Derry Planning Board recommended acceptance to the Town Council of a 2016, and all area construction was inspected by the Department of Public Works.

a large subdivision known Derry would require Derry

has approximately 100 nance of the road area, lots, with all but two lots such as snow plowing and located within the Town of salting. However, given the At the Tuesday, Dec. 3, Windham. The Town of inconvenient access for Town Council Meeting, Derry is accepting half of a DPW equipment, this Derry Director of Public cul-de-sac located within agreement has aligned Derry, which provides road such responsibilities with frontage for #26 and #29 Nathan Road, though the connecting streets to Nathan Road are completely within Windham.

development is located predominantly in Windham, there is also access portion of Nathan Road as through Derry. An Intera Class V road. The board municipal Agreement has originally recorded the been in place between plan, on September 19, Derry and Windham since 2013, placing maintenance responsibilities Windham.

Typically, acceptance Nathan Road is part of of such an agreement by as Spruce Pond Estates, it DPW to provide mainte-

the Town of Windham for winter maintenance in perpetuity. Town roadway maintenance costs are estimated at \$6,000 per While this subdivision mile/per year. Now the cost for this area is mitigated by the Inter-municipal Agreement, which releases Derry from winter maintenance. Derry's costs will include future long-term capital costs such as pavement rehabilitation.

While the Derry Town Council formally accepted right-of-way aligned with Windham, another older right of way

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State Regulations will Delay Derry Solar Energy Project

MACK LEATHURBY **NUTFIELD NEWS**

plans go off track, even at the last minute. In this case, the potential to save Derry taxpayers money and supply cost effective clean energy power, is now on hold.

final negotiations and was close to a vendor contract commitment that would have moved the project into high gear for installation.

jected to provide deeper tax the cost of power drawn savings for residents down from the utility. Those credthe road, but the project is its can be used when the solar with optimized cost Dec. 4, to present requests near the Windham-Derry there is to be a unique now on hold, due to issues solar system is not out-

current Net Metering legislation. Specifically there are Sometimes the best-laid certain New Hampshire regulations and metrics that of the Net Zero Task Force impede optimized cost sav-Derry's solar project that has ings for larger solar energy projects.

Net Metering is a system in which solar panels or other renewable energy gen-The project was nearing erators are connected to a public-utility power grid. The surplus power, if any is produced, is transferred onto the grid. Customers can gain credits from taking advan-The initiative is still pro- tage of net metering to offset

inherent within the State's putting power, such as when the sun sets or is blocked by clouds.

> Jeff Moulton, Chairman and Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works were at the Tuesday, Dec. 3, Derry Town Council Meeting. They briefed the council and the public about this solar energy project in Derry that is still under consideration. The project deployment near term will be located at the old Derry landfill. The bottom line is that current NH regulations on the books impede municipalities, such as Derry, from deploying



HOLIDAY DECOR Edith Nunn, a member of the Derry Garden Club, arranges her centerpiece being created at the Holiday Greens Workshop held at the Boys and Girls Club in East Derry. The annual event invites members to gather and create festive displays with elements brought to the club from members yards. See additional photos on page 5.

Planning Board Approves Waiver Requests for Two Plans

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Derry Planning Board Chairman, John O'Connor, told Tim Peloquin, of Promised Land Survey, engineering business sup-"You are two for two, Tim."

Peloquin was at the Board meeting on Thursday,

different property projects, Lane Road in Derry. after reviews of the two different property plans.

ported the plans for a subdilocated at 83 Frost Road continued on page 2 for two of his clients. Both border, as well as another

clients were granted accept- subdivision waiver request ance approval waivers for for a property located on 64

The property on Lane Road is a parcel of about Peloquin's survey and two acres that is being subdivided in two parts to include construction for new vision of property to be residential home. This project also requires a waiver, as

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Energy

how Net Metering credits Neil Wetherbee. "Everyare calculated and aligned to one on this council is comthe state's electrical utility mitted to ways to save taxresources such as Eversource.

process over the past several years. The NH Executive

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spring of next year.

"We really wanted to see this project happen," said payer money. Unfortunately, because of the regulations There have been multi- and legislation, as it currentple attempts to change the ly sits, that wasn't possible Net Metering regulations at this time. I'm hopeful we through the legislative can work around that, and it seems there's commitment from the governor's office Branch has blocked even bi- for some wiggle room for partisan legislative bills to municipalities trying to save change current regulations taxpayer dollars on the local and better support larger level. So, hopefully as the solar energy deployments. fourth largest community in Governor Sununu vetoed New Hampshire, we can updated Net Metering Leg- lend our voice to support islation last summer and this and lend our project that legislation cannot come data to make that case to up again until late winter or whoever needs to hear it in may be overridden or

order to get those regulations changed."

Wetherbee further statsavings, which is related to Town Council Chairman ed, "And if it's not going to Joshua Bourdon is the counsave the taxpayers money, we're willing to put the brakes on any project, and we are not committed to this project at all cost. Putting this on a hold is best for the taxpayers now and we are doing the right thing here; hopefully this project will happen in the near future to make this a tax saving arrangement.'

Moulton and Fowler both pointed out that they would continue the project and look for changes in legislation next year as it is an election year and there may be new support. The Net Metering Bill from last year

altered in a compromise to push forward in that man- want to be fiscally responsiwith the Governor.

Town Council member, cil liaison with the Net Metering Task Force and Bourdon stated his thoughts about the project status.

"When we formed this committee, one of our top priorities was to save taxpayers money," said Bourdon. "...we will continue

ner until this project makes sense. The existing solar project we have working already is doing well and it is not costing the town any money and it is powering the transfer station."

Bourdon further stated, "We are not the only community interested in these types of projects. We want to lower our taxes and we

ble through green energy. We also have other options, but we can make a much bigger difference here, with a little bit of help. I'd love to see our legislators and our next Governor, whether it be Gov. Sununu or someone else, really pay attention to what we're trying to do here in Derry. We're trying to help the taxpayers out."

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boundary change to include additional land area around the property location.

JoAnn Curran, the property owner of 64 Lane Road, requested a waiver for a twolot subdivision. Curran's existing home is also located on this property. The new single-family home to be built will also include additional acreage that will be comprised of land adjacent to the Curran's property.

Planning Board Director, George Sioras, pointed out that, "All town departments have signed off on the single-family development. Chairman, James Degnan, of the Derry Conservation Commission, has also signed off on the plans."

Peloquin overviewed the project concerning the subdivision of Curran's property saying, "The property had a variance granted on September 16, 2018 for a shorten frontage. The desire of Ms. Curran was simply to divide it into two lots, including one very large lot at the rear of the property and she would stay in her current home."

> Chairman O'Connor

pointed out that the variance was also granted as the property is slightly short of two acres and is actually 1.91 acres, as well as, a

50-foot dividing boundary, which will extract area from the 2-acre property. Peloquin noted that the additional acreage to be added to the new residence would be created from additional acreage that has been reviewed via a Conservation Commission walk-through. The intention of this added acreage is not to further subdivide the property, as there are wetlands and conservation area land adjacent to this new parcel that will be cared for appropriately under the ordinance.

No one came forward with any objections during the public hearing segment of this review hearing. Upon further discussion of the plan, the Planning Board granted acceptance of this plan.

Peloquin is also working with Steve McMaster, of McMaster Development, for a development plan project located on 83 Frost Road that will require a new waiver. Sioras overviewed the request saying, "The Planning Board approved a variance for this 2-lot subdivision back on May 15 of 2019. The waiver request is for the boundary monuments and underground utilities. Department head signatures are set, and there are no state permits that are applicable at this time. Approval of this waiver request is recommended."

Peloquin explained there had been changes needed in the original plan, which is why a waiver is now being requested for updating boundary markers and utilities access. It turns out that the development will require an overhead electric utility connection, instead of underground support, which was not determined at the time the variance was granted last spring.

At the public hearing for this waiver, a Windham resident who lives near the area, requested that the markers for the boundaries be clearly laid out with granite markers, which Peloquin said would be supported appropriately.

After deliberation, the Planning Board granted the waiver from this acceptance review for this property and the project will move forward as requested.



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Elementary Students Demonstrate Advanced STEM Program

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Elementary (EDMES) Principal, Bill Fox, was at a recent School Board meeting. At this year to add play sand onto meeting there was a presentation of the school's Volunteer of the Year and a First Lego League STEM (Science. Engineering, Math) presentation by a student team from the school. EDMES Assistant Principal, Carrie Sindoni, first introduced Candi Westgard, as the activities or various other school's Volunteer of the

Sindoni said, "Candi serves as the Vice President of the East Derry PTA. She and her husband Drew and her two daughters, Ava and Erica, are a fixture at our PTA events. We truly would not be able to support all of our events without her assistance."

"Candi and her family

can be seen working at various events including the playground cleanup, Fall East Derry Memorial Festival and Colorathon. School Drew even loaded up his truck one weekend at the beginning of the school our sand table and sand box. This year Candi spearheaded our Colorathon fundraiser that Technology, raised almost \$10,000 for our PTA. This allows us to enable students to have access to a variety of programs throughout the year whether they be STEM technological access needs that these funds allow."

Sindoni summed up, "For these reasons, we are happy to present our volunteer of the year award to Candi Westgard. We truly appreciate all she does for the East Derry Memorial Elementary School."

After the reward was presented to Mrs. West-Principle



East Derry Memorial Elementary School named Candi Westgard as the Volunteer of the Year. Courtesy photo

overviewed that some of his students had prepared a special presentation for the school board.

Principal Fox also pointed out that with the funds raised by the PTA the school could support this type of STEM program. He said the idea for this presentation began several years ago when the idea came up for First Lego Fox League program competiof the only elementary provide a presentation of schools in the state to offer their solution to that probproject meeting to support critical thinking, engineerthe First Lego League pro-

This initiative involves kids put in a lot of hard work coding and constructing different Lego effects, engineering setups and creating proper environments for their project.

Dave Cavino and Matt Sorso, student parents, supervise the program and they provided an overview of the project. They coach 11 EDMES kids in the First Lego League contests that are part of global Lego program.

The way the league works is that a competition is set up with different contest aspects that include developing a project mission to earn points. Teams have to come up with a

tion. EDMES is now one unique problem and then areas. ing and teamwork to be successful.

> explore new skills and ideas. Then there is innovation for teams to use creativity and persistence to final core value is inclusion for teams to respect each they work together.

The kids showed the dogs are color blind. school board members and the public a program pres- League project that was entation they had set up. presented was very impres-The kids had programmed sive for the school board small Lego crane in a sim- advanced certain things to different values.

The problem they set up was to solve how blind this type of weekly student lem. The contest requires people might pick up their guide dog's poop to keep a city environment clean. Their solution included First Lego Leagues are having service dogs set up programming Lego and also about multifaceted with disposable poop bags. robot device setups and the core values. One value is The kids even set up a discovery — where teams buzzer, so that a blind person would hear a triggered sound when their service dog pooped.

The team paid a lot of solve problems. Next there attention to detail to ensure is impact where teams the idea was practical and apply what they learn to they utilized certain types improve the world and the of elastic designs they felt were viable for use with service dogs. The kids outother and embrace their lined other possible soludifferences. Teamwork is tions including certain stressed in the league as wheelchair innovations, the kids are taught that service dog and stoplight they are stronger when safety, and even worked out how to overcome that

Overall the team's Lego a Lego robot to drive a and the kids demonstrated engineering ulated building develop- ideas. Superintendent of ment environment. There Schools, Dr. Connorswere additional actions Krikorian said, "We want programmed in the envi- you to know how proud we ronment including a are of you and want to wheelchair swing as well thank your parents and as setting up an operational school administrators for elevator that would move your support of these core

Right of Way

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was alleviated. Specifically, a formal request was presented to the council to release a previously dedicated right-of-way off Juniper Road, where a planned subdivision was never constructed. That land also had been placed in a conservation easement, thus negating the need to maintain rights over this land.

Petitioners Christopher Donato and Linda Keighley are property owners of a residence on 35R Juniper formal request asking the that right-of-way

Town of Derry to release a never completely con-230-foot by 50-foot wide right-of-way dedicated located between dwellings 35L/R Juniper which was never built. and 33L/R Juniper.

Derry's regulations provide a mechanism by which a municipality may discharge a formerly dedicated public right-of-way. Derry department leads reviewed this request and provided a report to the Town Administrator with their recommendation to grant the request.

The right-of-way for this portion of Juniper Road was originally set up Road and they submitted a in a 1978 plan. However,

structed as this section was conceived in anticipation two of a future subdivision,

> So, there is no current need to neither retain the right-of-way nor provide a secondary access. Juniper Road is now a fully developed subdivision with several condex's and the such a request.

development has direct access to Old Auburn Road and Chester Road via Hickory Drive and Cole Road.

The Town Council has been asked to release these types of "paper streets" at the request of an abutter on previous occasions so the council again supported







== Editorial

Live Local, Shop Local, and Give Local

The holidays have snuck up on us small as a pair of earrings or a pottery again. Hanukkah arrives Dec. 22, and Christmas is not far behind. Some of our readers had their holiday shopping done before the turkey hit their family dining tables on Thanksgiving. However, many of us are still wondering what to buy and where to do our holiday shopping. Days are flying by on the advent calendar.

If you're still mulling over big ticket items or you've pared down to the bare minimum, there's a world of choices out there for where to go to get those presents for everyone on your list checked off.

In keeping with the "locavore" movement of eating food grown locally, we'd like to suggest you consider doing all of your holiday shopping close to home and this does not include shopping online.

The local shops may not have the flashy, "low, low" prices of big box stores. However, there are friendly people to help you should you have a question you want answered. Another added plus is you will not have to drive far to get there.

Supporting your local retailers is a gift that keeps on giving. By doing so, you're helping a local business stay open, as well as, helping the town's tax base. There is also the benefit of expert associates available to answer questions and offer valuable recommendations.

Shopping locally also helps to support local artists. We're surrounded by plenty of artists and crafters whose work, is available for purchase. These local artists have made creations that make unique and thoughtful gifts. It may be something as large as a painting or as mug. There's a certain pleasure these days in buying something with a label certifying that it was made in your hometown.

The local newspaper is also a local business. We depend on advertising to be able to produce our newspapers for the benefit of the community each week. So, please tell the shops, and restaurants you frequent to advertise because you want to help keep your local newspaper around. Thank you.

Businesses close to home help contribute to the local communities where we live and work. This is much better than adding to the coffers of multinational conglomerates that have little interest in your town or family.

If you're planning on dining out for a special holiday meal, consider a local restaurant or getting a platter to-go and bringing it home or to the family Christmas party. Chances are you'd be sure to miss your unique culinary getaways if they had to close due to lack of business. So help them remain open by celebrating the mom and pop restaurants as opposed to the big chain-restaurants.

Shopping local makes for warm, special memories and a healthy local economy. When spending your money locally, you may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes.

This holiday season, Nutfield Publishing urges you to support your local artists, bakers, and shop owners and share special gifts and memories found locally with your loved ones.



Donations Continue Subaru Enthusiast of New England members of the Mtn Roo, Subie Snails, Subies of Massachusetts and Subaru Ambassadors generously donated 274 toys during "The Great New England Toy Run" to Derry Police Officers Blake Martineau, Dan McCarthy, Casey Noyes, and Sergeant James Belanger for the department's Toys for Tots drive on Saturday, Dec. 7. Courtesy photo

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed for Kettle Campaign

MACK LEATHURBY

Ringers around town? It's the Salvation Army this holiday season by helping them raise money for our community. Ring a bell or donate what you can, but please consider giving time or contributions to their cause.

Greater Derry is looking for volunteers from Derry, Londonderry and Windham to support their efforts as bell ringers who can help them with their annual Christmas kettle fundraising campaign.

On Sunday, December 7, the Salvation Army had the privilege of having the Derry Fire Department and the Boy Scouts come out and bell ring at places around Greater Derry and they need some more ringers for this Christmas season to help them help others.

'We're a little bit behind on our kettle drive goal, so we're looking to recruit more ringers to help us raise are also needed to help the more money. It is for a good cause and bell ringing is also good for holiday spirit, as of items to be donated: well as, to help those in need canned soup, fruit, and vegwho live in our community," Salvation Army Lt. Tyler beans, tuna, condiments,

The Salvation Army is looking for people who can Have you seen the Bell volunteer a few nights and weekends. Adoox tells us that time again to support there are currently open spots available with some flexible time slots for volunteers. Folks who can volunteer to help should call the Salvation Army office at goal is to raise about The Salvation Army of \$165,000 and they've already raised about \$40,000 so far. The holiday campaign lasts until Christmas Eve.

> Every third Tuesday of every month, the Greater Derry Salvation Army supports Food Pantry provisions with non-perishable foods from 9am -11am for Derry, Londonderry and Windham residents. Every Tuesday, the Army tries to have fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and pastries from 9am-11am. Those who come for these dates should please bring a photo i.d. and proof of residence.

> Pantry food and toiletries cause and the army is looking for the following types etables, breakfast items,

toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, soap, baby wipes, diapers, razors, and deodorant. These items can be dropped off at The Salvation Army location at 18 Folsom Road, Derry, NH 03038 on Monday through Thursday from 9am-3pm.

The Salvation Army is 434-7790. Adox says their an international movement, and an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. The message of the Salvation Army is based on the Bible as its ministry is motivated by the love of God with a mission to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

> The Salvation Army is always looking for people who are interested in joining their army efforts to serve those living on the margins of life. If you are interested in any of their programs or services, please call their office at 434-7790 for more information on how to become a part of The Salvation Army.

Derry's Salvation Army leaders Mr. and Mrs. Adcox say, "Thank you for your love and support and Merry Christmas!"



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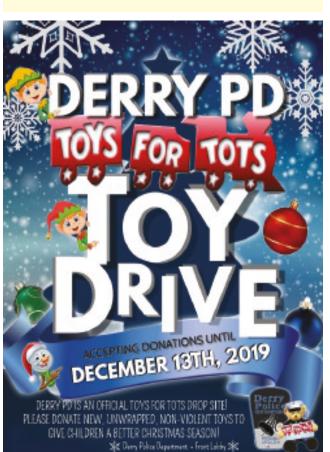
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Playing it Safe During December's Toy Safety Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ NUTFIELD NEWS

Now that most of us have run out of ways to use up all of that leftover turkey, it's safe to say that the holiday season has officially begun! It's time for lights, egg-nogg, and carols! And before you know it, it will be time for good old Santa Claus to jump out of his sleigh and down through the chimneys with lots of toys, all for the little ones' Christmas joys.

While new toys will bring just about any child joy for years to come (or however long it takes until the novelty from the latest fad wears off), there is also the chance that certain toys could cause just the oppo-

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission of the United approximately States. 240,000 children were treated for injuries caused

this number seems awfully high, the number of injuries seems to have come down from the year before.

The majority of these injuries seems to affect the head or face of children, and the type of toys identified as the most risky were riding toys, such as scootskateboards, motorized cars. Riding toys continued to be associated with more trips to the emergency department for treatment, said the CPSC. The largest contributer to child injury were "toys, not specified," meaning it could have been any number of toys that caused a child harm.

It's heartbreaking to think that a toy, left from a visit from Santa Claus, could lead to a visit to the doctor's office, and possibly even mean that the rest of Christmas vacation need be spent healing from an

by toys in 2016. Though injury, but that doesn't thinking, for your Decem- or toy packaging (recycling while their children play, to have to be the case.

> Aside from being the most wonderful time of the year, December is also National Toy and Gift Safety Month. As you shop for your little loved ones, or help them prepare a list for Old Saint Nick, keeping these safety tips in mind could save you a trip to the emergency room.

> If you plan on decorating your holiday parties with balloons, or happen to have any December birthdays coming up, keep in mind that young children can choke on popped or deflated balloons. According to Child and Family Services, it is best to keep deflated balloons away from children younger than eight years old, and for fragments of popped balloons to be discarded immediately to prevent young children from ingesting them.

> > Along that same line of

ber baby's birthday party, avoid handing out goodie bags with super balls or toys with small parts if age of three, as small children could choke on any of these things.

Toys that contain highpowered magnets are dangerous and should be kept out of reach of children when not in use, and should only be used with the help of an adult.

Riding toys such as scooters, roller blades, or anything else with wheels should only be given to children meeting the age, height, and weight criteria, and children should always be supervised and made to wear helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads when using the toys. Play it Safe During December's Toy Safety Month! Parents should also be mindful of the terrain these toys are used on, and keep an eye out for potholes, hills, and other location-specific hazards, particularly those relating to any possible vehicle traffic.

Once your little one excitedly opens his or her gift, there are a few precautions offered by Child and Family Services. First, be sure to immediately dis-

when possible) before they can become a choking hazard. Second, keep toys that supervised by parents, or specifically done by paradapters could potentially chargers lack any mechanism to prevent overheating. It is important to pay ventblindness.org

this Toy Safety Month. According to the site, there are three rules of toys meant for their age group. The younger crowd toys safely. And finally, moms and dads should

circumvent any possible issues.

They also advise that are appropriate for older before purchasing a toy, your little one is under the children out of sight, mind, parents would be wise to reach, etc from younger read all warnings and siblings. Finally, any bat- instructions on the box, tery charging should be consider if the toy is right for their child or children's ability and age, void purents, as chargers and chasing toys with sharp edges, purchase toys that cause burn hazards to are able to withstand young children, and some impact and not break into hazardous pieces, Look for the letters, "ATSM," as this indicates the product meets attention to all warnings the safety standards set by and instruction labels. Pre- the American Society for also Testing and Materials offers some helpful advice International, and finally, in keeping tiny tots, with avoid toys that shoot or their eyes all aglow, safe include parts that fall off (and that BB guns are NOT toys).

> When it comes to matthumb for keeping kids ters of safety, it may not be safe while playing with all fun and games, but it's toys. The first, only buying not all business, either. There are things to keep in mind, but when all is said sometimes is in a rush to and done, parents know grow up and may be excit- their children, and toy safeed by a toy marketed to big ty comes down to common kids, but if he or she is not sense, for the most part. old enough, it's not worth Perhaps the best way to the risk. Second, parents ensure toy safety is to should demonstrate to their make playtime a family kids how to play with their activity, making parents available to prevent any sort of toy injury from takdents do happen, but in this case, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of treatment.

> > For more information and resources on toy safety, visit child-familyservices.org/decemberisnational-safe-toys-andgifts -month/ or preventblindness.org/safe-toychecklist

card any plastic wrapping always keep an eye out ing place. Of course, acci-



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Hero Pups Unites Puppies with Local Veterans in Need

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it organization, located in all over the greater Derry – Londonderry area. They work to place veterans and first responders, who are struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and other service related challenges with an individually trained service pup. Laura Barker, the founder of Hero Pups, is helping both ends of the leash with her extraordinary services. By adopting whenever possible, it's a win win.

"My son is a Wounded Warrior, shot in Afghanistan. While we were going through the process for his surgeries, I was able to see first hand a therapy dog coming into the hospital and really making a difference. It was just like an "ah-ha moment" for me and I knew everything in seemed like there wasn't any good at all. I knew I wanted to be a part of this." Laura explains on how she

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Outstanding Women for Hero Pups is a nonprof- 2018. She is passionate about using her enhanced Stratham, but they service background with dog rescue and training working dogs to help this program on many levels. Hero Pups is a 100% volunteer run facility. They operate in a donated space and the community provides donated services from landscaping, snow removal and building maintenance. Barker said, "You won't find fancy, bone shaped doggie swimming pools, or brand new towels for the shelter and rescue pups training puppies here, but the pups are 100% happy and taken care of. I would rather spend each dollar that was given to us straight back to what's important, which is making sure our mission is complete."

The organization does not charge the Heroes for their service dog. To be eligible to receive a pup, a veteran must have left the my life had come to a point service with honorable and you find the good in standing and be seeking something when before it some assistance, such as counseling, as well as, permanent housing. When the training and screening process are complete the got the inspiration for Hero hero is given an individually trained service dog Laura Barker is a twice specifically for them. It's a recipient of the President's lot of hard work, but Laura believes that the Hero's for her dedication to veter- have already given so



Yellow Lab, Liberty, at Concord Police Department

much that the least she can with their perfect partner. happier life.

with high honors in obedi- all worth it." ence training and are also

do is provide them a com- "When I see the look of panion to help them lead a sheer happiness and hope on the face of a hero when Each pup graduates I hand over their dog - it's

In addition to veterans, trained in 2 special tasks to Hero Pups provide Comservice that particular fort/Facility Dogs to cities hero's disability. Laura and towns. The pups are and her volunteer staff given to work within their actually matches each pup communities as a resource

to help make the legal train them on basic obedivide support in crisis situa-

"If we can have something like Liberty to help ease her role.

County Department of return to the community. Corrections. Ross Cunthe facility, contacted Hero keeping the task at hand: introduced Liberty. The inmates and the puppies pup. They are asked to Hero Pups.

process easier for children, ence skills, like sit, stay victims of abuse, as well and come. The puppies are as, coming along to pro- housed in the jail for about 2 months alternating between inmates and staff. Liberty, a yellow "The Merrimack County Labrador retriever, is New Department of Corrections Hampshire's first police has been absolutely great Comfort Dog. After com- to work with, "Barker said. pleting her training at Hero "The dogs are extremely Pups she became a member well cared for, not only by of Concord Police force. the inmates, but the staff "A lot of times as police we too. This was definitely the are dealing with people on right facility to be first in some of the worst days of the state." This partnership their lives," Concord police is helping both organizachief Bradley Osgood said. tions: Hero Pups are always in need of volunteers and with the one on that tension, and that anxi- one training from the ety, so they can tell us their inmates, Barker gets to story during a crisis, it's a train more dogs per month win for all of us." Concord for her patiently waiting loves Liberty and she loves recipients, while the jail is teaching inmates skills and Laura also recently responsibility they need to teamed up with Merrimack be successful when they

Hero Pups is just getningham, superintendent of ting started. They plan on Pups after the organization helping people and helping dogs.

For more information are part of a first-of-its about Hero Pups or to give kind partnership. The a donation visit their webinmates are asked to handle site at heropups, com or and care one on one with a view their facebook page at







Derry Village School Hosts Holiday Shoppe and Cake Walk



The annual Holiday Shoppe and Cake Walk at Derry Village School took place on Friday night, Dec. 6. and hosted by the school's PTA. The event is designed to provide students with an opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends at school in a safe, comfortable and friendly environment, without their parents seeing what they purchase. Younger shoppers, were accompanied by Student Council members to help them navigate the gifts and help them budget their money. There was also a cake walk Photos by Chris Paul and gift wrapping by volunteers.

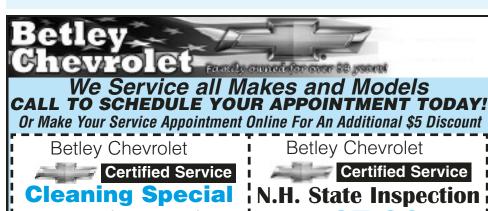












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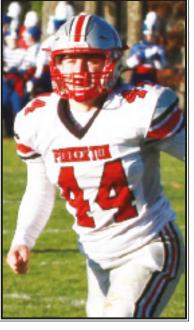
DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Football Players Earn Division's All-Conference Spots











Jake MacInnis

Brandon Roy

Marcus Terrio

Evan Wilson

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After having to deal with a season full of injuries, with an unexpected 6-4 turnovers and then coming record, losing to the Lonup short in the Division I playoff's this year, the Pink- Lancers in both the annual erton Academy varsity foot- Mack Plaque contest and in ball team was able to display the first round of the playsome success and accom- offs. Their season was full of plishments as eight Astro ups and downs but having man Trent Leduc, senior

being named to the division's All-Conference teams.

The varsity squad ended donderry High School recognized by their peers brought some light to their season.

Two players were elected to All-Conference Offense, senior running back Jake MacInnis who was a leader for the squad and senior kicker Brandon Roy.

Senior defensive line-

and junior linebacker Evan All-Conference Defensive junior offensive lineman Mention.

players were honored by some of their players get linebacker Marcus Terrio, squad for there play this year. Brady Durrazano, and sen-Wilson were all elected to captain Thomas Macdonald, were awarded Honorable

Junior offensive lineman ior running back Brady Day

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Pinkerton Academy Wrestlers Ready to Hit The Mats

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With the Division I wrestling season swinging

Wednesday, Dec. 11, and head pion's a week later. coach David Rhodes and his good things this year.

Last season they went 9-Pinkerton Academy Varsity Division I Tournament and Wrestling started things on fourth at Meet of Cham-

Even though they came squad is ready to accomplish up short it was still a successful season as five players were sent to New into gear this week, the 5 and finished third at the England's and two will be back on the mats for the Astros squad this year.

Kiernan and Sterling Mc-Laughlin had very successful finishes last year, Rhodes the promising new- core from last year's team McLaughlin took first at the comers are freshmen's and are looking for steady MOCs and MacKiernan took second.

McLaughlin and last vear senior Kyler Setzer placed sixth and fourth at the New England Touney. The other returning starters are sophomore Casey Phelan, junior Dominic Robinson, senior Mark Harrington, sophomore Nathan Lindquist, senior Billy Knapp, junior David Hammond, junior Marcus Sconza, and senior Will Brown.

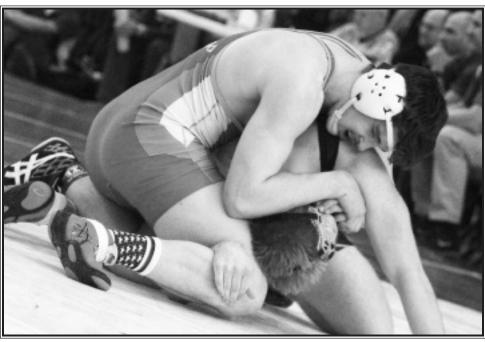
are senior Rowan Rakich, sophomore Abbie Dumnont, Rhodes is very excited for Shepard Auditorium.

ior Cam Sylvester.

Abygale Alexander, Owen Fortunata, also sophomore Herve Durocher, and junior Ben Fairbank. Last year the squad graduated 14 seniors and three of them are playing for their college's. Kyle Setzer is at Roger Williams, and both Nick Fortunata and Christian Kuechler are playing at Plymouth State.

Sophomore Jack Mac- junior Issac Cohen, and sen- another season to start and to watch his new squad mem-According to Coach ber strive. "We return a solid Michael Follo, Cameron performances from the new McMahon, Sophie Rench, faces in the room," said coach Rhodes. He thinks that his group of veterans will lead his team to the promise land and help develop the newcomers. "Strong leadership and team culture will carry us through the grind of the season," Rhodes went on to say.

The team's first match is scheduled for Wednesday, This is coach Rhodes Dec. 11, and they will be ninth season as head coach taking on Manchester Mem-The returning lettermen for the Astros, with an out- orial High School starting at standing record of 103-43. 6 p.m. at home in the



Pinkerton wrestling standout Sterling McLaughlin took first place in the 182 lb. wieght group at both the State DI Tourney and at the MOCs last year.

Astro Bowling Team's Start Off by Striking a High Note tain Bryant Nourse had a The Astro's JV team fol-MATT TRITTO

On Saturday Dec. 7, the Pinkerton Academy bowling teams were host to Bishop Guertin and Dover high schools at Strikers East in Raymond for the teams' first match of the winter sports season. It didn't take the varsity team long to get rolling, as they have already earned a bye for the baker round after what they accomplished on Saturday. The team had a standard ten-pin total of 1,739 with an 847 first and 892 second game. Most of Coach Janet Boyden's players came ready to compete, and ended up doing very well at the season starting

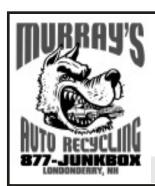
Junior Matt Gagnon rolled 161 and 164, while sophomore Colby Wong bowled a 135 and 165. Senior capimpressive 178 and 187. Sophomore Harry Michaud absolutely dominated, and lead his team, as he bowled both games over a deuce with a score of 205 and 213.

Third seed Bishop Guertin took the first round over the second seeded Dover in two games with a final score of 181 to 149. Then Bishop Guertin continued their great play and threw a strike and spare to match Dover's spare and eight count in the second game, which lead to a 158tie breaker. In Round Two, Pinkerton faced off against Bishop Guertin and the Astros commanded the meeting, as they took 12 points in two out of three games with scores of 166-142 and 173-143.

168 and 163 with sophomore lowed along behind their Lance Lemuiex rolling an varsity team as they took the top seed and earned the bye as well with standard ten pin games of 611 and 667 for a 1278 total. Junior Jonarhan Scott played well and threw games of 113 and 151, along with junior Jared Wong who bowled a 116 and 100. Junior Mike Barnard rolled a 97 and 103, sophomore Mike Fiandace had scores of 141 and 150, and junior Connor Grimard bowled a 144 and 163. Dover ended up losing the baker round to Bishop Guertin so that the Astros who took BG in two games with commanding scores of 122-99 and 116 to 77. The varsity squads' next match is set for Saturday, Dec. 14, as the teams will take on Winnacunnet and Hillsboro- Deering High School's.

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Pinkerton Girls Indoor Track Has Big Goals for Season

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indoor track team has outs on Wednesday, and they already faced some adversity this season, after things started with a two-day snowstorm causing tryouts to be 50 athletes sign up for trypushed back a couple days. outs and he was pleased The team was supposed to with the turnout. Coach

Dec. 3, but Mother Nature changed those plans. The there. "We are looking for The Pinkerton Academy team had to begin their tryconcluded on Friday, Dec. 6.

Astros Girls head coach Michael Karthas had almost get started on Monday, Dec Karthas was not only look-

who truly wanted to be hard-working motivated athletes with good attitudes," said Karthas.

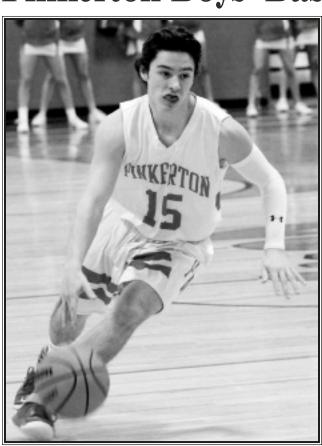
"Those combined with speed and strength are what we are looking for." coach Karthas continued. This year's team will have a great group of leaders and a bunch

2, and finish on Wednesday ing for skill, but for athletes of athletes that can benefit bitter 83-80. They answered 2019 as Bishop Guertin from them. "We will have a back the following season High School beat Exeter 68very young team with a playing with that chip on handful of key veteran lead- their shoulder and took make it, they are extremely ers this year, so we are excit- home the 2018 Division hungry to obtain that ed to see how the athletes One title beating Exeter Division One Title again. develop over the season." High School by dominate Coach Karthas and his team score of 86-59. After two made it to the Division One Championship in 2017 but were runner-ups to Bedford High School losing in a nail

years of making it to the championship round they came up short and did not to say. make the championship in

66. Since Pinkerton didn't "We are looking forward to making a run at a D1 Championship, so we shall see." Coach Karthas went on

Pinkerton Boys' Basketball is Putting Last Year Behind Them



Brady Day matched a school record on last year, scoring seven three-pointers. He also made a 65-foot shot to help win their final game. Photo by Chris Paul



MATT TRITTO **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball team is ready for a fresh start to their 2019-20 winter Division I season, as they started their tryouts on Monday, Dec. 9.

Last year, the squad had a very rough season, finishing with a uncharacteristic 4-14 record, but it's been nearly a year since that season, and longtime head coach Peter Rosinski has moved on and is ready to work with his new team.

According to Rosinski, there were over 100 athletes that showed up to their tryout meeting, so coach is expecting lots of competition. "We expect great effort and hard nose competition." said Head Coach Peter Rosinski

His goal is to really create that team chemistry and build a group that is never going to back down. "We are looking to develop a nucleus that rises up to be a hard nose competitive group." The players are excited to see what they can provide to the team and are ready to put the Astro's back on top. "All players are eager to see what role they can compete for and to develop team chemistry and become a hard-working

competitive team." Coach Rosinski continued to say.

Coach is expecting nothing but hard work and players that are ready to challenge themselves. Tryouts are the most important, because it gives coach a first impression and it better be a good on in Rosinski's eyes. "Hardworking, eager to learn, tough minded and willing to be a team player" are the qualities Coach Rosinski is looking for during this week of tryouts. The most important thing he is looking for is players who accept their role regardless

of what it is. "Must be positive contributor regardless of playing time." Coach Rosinski finished up saying.

The new varsity squad will get warmed up for the new season this weekend starting Saturday, Dec. 14, as they host the annual Astro Jamboree.

Tip-off is set for noon on Saturday and will finish up on Sunday Dec. 15, and will all take place at the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy. The season officially starts on Dec. 20, with a road trip to Exeter High School at 6:30 p.m.



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Family Resource Center in aligned to others who may Derry, has announces the be in a similar situation" launch of Teen Talk, a teen states Brenda Guggisberg, drop-in time, where stu- the Executive Director of dents ages 13 to 18 can the Upper Room. "With the engage in teen driven con- need for young people to versation, ideas, sharing be connected to and surrounded by adults who are Facilitated by Nicole compassionate and caring, Smith Martin, the center's and who can assist young people in finding their inner voices, finding solugroup will offer a safe tions and mentoring toward space for teens to stop by, health and wellbeing, we talk, learn and problem are just so excited to be join in on Tuesday aftersolve issues relevant to able to provide a space and place for teens to be.

In line with many other facilitated conversation, agencies, schools and comwill offer attendees the munity service organizachance to be with a caring tions, we want to be part of professional who wants to the solution, to reduce suihelp young people feel less cide, reduce harm, and and minds of the teens in "We want to offer a our community" Guggisbeplace where young people rg shares. All are excited can talk, explore healthy that the staffing, and

"We are excited that this is finally coming to fruition and confident that the students who attend will have a chance to talk, be heard, and feel understood" states Nicole Smith Martin, program coordinator. Those attending will be encouraged to look at the life of teens today, the opportunities, challenges and their responses to them.

Teens are welcome to noons from 3 to 4 p.m. at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry.

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itary Nominations Three Pinkerton Academy Air Force Junior ROTC cadets have received nominations from Senator Maggie Hassan to U.S. Service Academies. Sarah DeVito left, received a nomination to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is the daughter of Joseph and Maria DeVito of Auburn. Khali McLean, center, received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. She is the daughter of Ryan and Lindsay Conroy of Derry. Antoni Zajac, right, received a nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is the son of Mariusz and Jacalyn Zajac of Derry. Photos courtesy of Pinkerton Academy JROTC.



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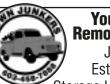


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This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held 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.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

Join us at the Derry Public Library for a special holiday celebration on Dec. 20, from noon - 2 p.m. We will have sugar cookies for the children to decorate, cocoa, and our featured guest Santa will read a story. Music, resources and giveaways. Great photo opportunity. Brought to you in partnership with The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center and The Derry Public Library. Perfect Free indoor activity. Drop-ins are welcome.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Raising a Teenager? The Upper Room holds a Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 - 7:30 p.m., located at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. A free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome.

Vaping and Your Health

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens on the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 3:00 -4:30 p.m. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options.

Teen Talk

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18: Every Tuesday from 3 - 4 p.m. An after school group for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. Dropins are welcome.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-

baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn.

Early Childhood Educator Workshops

Co-Parenting for Educators Jan. 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to help keep children as the focus when divorced, separated, relative and multiple caregiver families don't share similar views and values.

Travelogue Night

On Dec. 13 its time to share your favorite photos and adventures. Bill Poor will be starting off with photos of his Alaska Cruise and the rest of the program will be whatever YOU bring. Gather up some photos of your layout, a rail fan outing or any other favorite remembrance. Put the photos into an e-mail and send them to me and I will assemble them into a PowerPoint presentation or bring them on a thumb drive and we can load them and show them. The subject doesn't have to be railroad themed. This night will be "anything goes". E-mail your photos to: brobinson85@comcast.net Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. Each month a different AP certificate will be discussed. For additional information go to the Division's website seacoastnmat ra.org/calendar.

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 school support, workshops, 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: 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. 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 program in England.

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 now -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, 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 your teenager or in need of supto place any permanent or temporary structures, sprinkler heads or landscape items within the Town's right-of-way. The Town does not repair mailboxdamaged 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 now - 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-

shoveling or plowing snow into 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 port 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.

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.

Walking Together

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

Lamplighters

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

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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



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