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School Board Gets Demographic Study for Budget and Enrollment

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At their Dec. 10 meeting, the Derry Cooperative School District heard from Davis Demographics Senior Project Manager, Lorne Woods, who presented the an overview of a demographic study based on Derry's student projections.

Specifically Davis Demographics was commissioned by the district to develop and create a geographic information system data study that incorporates Derry's development projects and plans, as well as, relevant area demographic data. The goal of the presentation given by Wood's was

to present initial findings for the next 10-years of Derry's student demographic forecast. The School District expects the delivery of the detailed report from Davis Demographics sometime in January.

Derry Superintendent of Schools, Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian introduced Project Manager Woods saying how delighted she had been to work with him directly and with his team. Woods also worked with other Derry officials to conduct the demographics study including Derry Planning Director, George Sioras. This information and report analysis will provide the school district with data to

help them map out student enrollment metrics for budgeting and classroom sizing.

This study reflected student population growth across all residential zones in Derry. Data was set up graphically to map where the students live in town in relation to the elementary schools, middle schools and Pinkerton High School.

Davis Demographics worked with town officials to analyze the last 4 years of student demographic data. The densest population of Derry students is located in the middle-west area of the town. East Derry reflects a less dense student population. The report was specific

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K-9 Police Officers Visit Young Derry Boy for Christmas Gift

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Aiden Moore is a special hero just like the K-9 dogs and their handlers that he loves.

Last Friday, police K-9 dogs from all over New England caught rides to Derry to visit with 8-year-old Aiden who has been affected with severe challenges from Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Aiden has a special sense for these dogs and their K-9 handlers. Evidently, the dogs and their handlers have a keen sense to care about Aiden too.

Police K9 handlers surprised Aiden with a big Merry Christmas gift as they came to meet him with their dogs in Derry this past week. K-9 magic started for Aiden over a year ago, as he

would check out videos of police dogs while waiting around doctor's offices for medical treatments and checkups. It was through these online videos that Aiden watched — that he came upon Indianapolis K-9 Handler and Police Officer, Molly Groce.

Aiden's mom, Jillian Moore-Mackenzie noticed her son was absorbed in these videos and she reached out to Molly asking her, "Hey, could you tell Aiden hi, because he loves you." So Groce made a video to say Hi. Aiden's mom pointed out that from that point on, Molly and her have been talking all the time and Molly has been super kind to support Aiden with K-9 cheer.

As Groce learned of Aiden's illness and his love for police dogs, word spread

to other K-9 handlers, and one thing led to another. So, on Friday, Aiden met his online K-9 heroes in person. They also brought Aiden's family a special present for Christmas.

Officer Groce had set up a GoFundMe effort that raised \$31,520 by Dec. 16 to buy a wheelchair-accessible van for Aiden's family, which will be really helpful as Aiden's muscular dystrophy impacts his body and he begins to lose his mobility.

Last Thursday, Dec. 12, Officer Groce wrote, "This is it! - 702 shares, 418 donors - YOU made it happen! It wasn't one rich benefactor or a celebrity that did this, it was hundreds of people across the country that pulled together to make Christmas happen for Aiden! I woke up at 5:30

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A Sneak Peak Santa delivers an early Christmas gift to Nathan Lafosse during the annual Polar Express reading at the Taylor Library on Wednesday night, Dec. 11. Nathan was the raffle winner and received a copy of the Polar Express to take home. See more photos on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Giving Gift Cards to Veterans Helps Heros for the Holidays

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On a single night last winter in January, 143 U.S. veterans were experiencing homelessness across the state including the Greater Derry area, as noted by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Veterans have a higher risk for

homelessness than other population segments according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Personal challenges such as homelessness also put Veterans at a higher risk of substance abuse including opioid addiction. CDC studies point out that due to their lack of housing and

a likelihood of chronic health problems, homeless veterans have higher demands for long-term care. Some of these veterans who gave up much for our country need our support all during the year.

Over the past five years during November's Veteran day period, Derry Resident

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School Study

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with its zone mapping showing where students for each school lived. This was done to help track growth and grade level transition numbers and project enrollment rates for the next decade.

Woods noted that the Derry school system is set up with a less open enrollment approach and complexity than some other schools – meaning that children are geographically aligned from their home locations to attend a specific school in the district. For example Earnest Barka School has Derry's highest student population currently at 493 Students and 483 of the students in attendance

are directly mapped to that school. There are two students attending Barka from the Derry Village School zone, two students from the East Derry zone, four students from the Grinnell zone, one student from the South Ridge zone and there is one student attending who lives outside the community. Some of these students living outside the Barka zone are doing so as the result of recent town rezoning and students were allowed to stay at the schools they previously attended.

Woods presented attendance matrices across all levels from kindergarten to grade 12 to help the district track open enrollment, transfers and verify school boundaries for all schools.

The report also listed each school's specific capacity based on 21.6 students per class. Derry Village has 25 classrooms, East Derry Memorial has 24 classrooms, Barka has 30 classrooms, Grinnell has 20 classrooms and South Ridge has 20 classrooms.

The report analysis used a project methodology based on Derry's birth data as applied to kindergarten class, mobility factors – grade levels transitions and student yield factors based on planned residential development in town. Combined and weighted data – according this methodology – provided metrics for the next 10 years of student enrollment projections. Project Manager, Woods

projected that this data is typically accurate over the next 5-7 years.

One of the most interesting information pieces was about historic birth counts and rates in Derry based on data from the past 30 years. In 1990 Derry had a birth rate of 704 children while in 2017 that birth rate lowered to 329. The birth rate has been affected, as the Town is getting older. The current generations of parents having children are often delaying families until they are older. The average age of a mom giving birth now is about 28 or 29 years old. Across most of the U.S. and across N.H. birth rates have gone down significantly since 2008 — which is a

time that coincided with the great recession.

Mobility factor data (that views grade transition increase or decrease data) was projected to be mostly stable for the next decade. That mobility factor takes into account housing re-sales, foreclosures and apartment migration.

The report also took into consideration residential developments that are known currently by the town's Planning Department. Currently there are 64 units of active or planned residential development across the town. Planning Director Sioras noted there would likely be changes over the next five years, due to the Exit 4a project that is expect-

ed to be in place by 2023/24. In addition Sioras pointed out areas in East Derry with large land parcels may be set up for further residential development.

Woods noted that NH is gaining a reputation for retirees and Derry is seeing a growth of seniors. The report summarized that the student population will be mostly stable, though characterized with some enrollment decreases across different grade levels over the next decade. There is expected to be additional student population on the west end of town. East Derry is likely to see their student population decrease over the next 5 years.

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K-9 Gift

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a.m. and I'm preparing to hit the road in less than an hour! I will be keeping this Go Fund Me open for a week or two, even after we meet Aiden, to hopefully above and beyond our goal to cover any additional needs of the family. Thank you again for being #k9strong for Aiden! Love Molly.

Aiden's mom, Jillian points out that his form of muscular dystrophy tends to leave children without the ability to walk starting around the age of 8 to 10 years old, so one of the biggest expenses a family faces with this disease is the cost of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle — so this gift is cherished! Mom and family are really thankful — "All I can say is it's community at its finest."



Derry Police, New Hampshire K-9 Officers, Molly Groce, Aiden Moore and Family celebrate a K-9 Christmas at the Derry Police station.

"So much that's out there in the world that we see is negative and honestly I think people are drawn to the spirit of Christmas," Groce said. "It sounds cheesy, but people are drawn together and are doing something positive for a young boy who's deserving of it."

"It's just overwhelming," his mother said. "I just feel like Aiden's so special and now, I really know how special he is. He brought all these people together." Aiden thought this whole thing that happened last Friday was absolutely "Amazing!"

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Veterans

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and Town Council member Joshua Bourdon has organized his annual “Keep Our Veterans Warm” project. This project collects warm clothing and accessories and successfully helps many veterans in Greater Derry. This year Bourdon further aligned the project with Liberty House in Manchester to collect gift card donations. Liberty House is New Hampshire’s primary Veteran shelter

and serves Veterans in need with housing and other services. Bourdon points out that Veterans who have given so much deserve the right kind of support.

So, Bourdon has been working with Liberty House and asking folks to donate gift cards. He explained that gift cards especially gas cards are needed. This enables Vets the opportunity to get their needed food stuffs, or have enough gas to go to places where they and friends can

get treatment or receive educational training.

Bourdon pointed out that some people might think it better to donate clothing and that providing gift cards is more complex. Sometimes there is concern that gift cards will not be properly allocated or might be misused. Actually, that is not the case, as the very credible Liberty House staff, manages and allocates the distribution of the gift cards.

Liberty House Executive Director, Jeff Nelson,

explained, “Gift cards, including cards for grocery stores, Uber, Manchester bus passes, and gas cards give us the most flexibility. Grocery store gift cards are not just handed out but are used in two ways. First, we use them when we run out of pantry food items. If suddenly, we have a need and are almost out of a pantry item, then we can run to the store. Second, we use the cards to provide fresh produce and other perishables for our residents.”

“Uber cards are used to help our Veteran residents in a pinch if they don’t have a license and staff is not available. Bus passes are helpful for both our residents and community Veterans. Lastly, the gas cards really help community Veterans. We are very cautious when providing gift cards and we manage how they are allotted, but they offer us a great deal of flexibility instead of having to rely on keeping enough petty cash on hand.”

Bourdon says supporting veterans is near and dear to his heart, as a younger brother who served 10 years in the military faced some challenges upon his return. “Our Veterans are heroes,” he says. “Any soldier who is going to put his or her life on the

line for our country, often coming back and facing tough times, should be supported properly especially when they face challenges of daily life in our communities.”

There are Veterans in our area who are facing life challenges today. According to a 2018 report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the number of homeless veterans went up about 12% percent in our state and there are veterans who indeed could benefit from your support in the Greater Derry area.

Liberty House’s Nelson noted, “Many Veterans struggle with Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury that can result in self-medicating. Substance abuse often causes a downward spiral that can lead to homelessness and some Veterans are reluctant to ask for help.” “Economic issues and the lack of affordable housing often negatively impact Veterans. For example, recently a Veteran, his wife and daughter moved here from another state for better economic opportunities, though the family arrived here with only a few hundred dollars with no other resources and had to start all over from scratch.”

Nelson says, “We fol-

low a 4-Step Model of support. First, we focus on Recovery. All of our residents, depending on their circumstances, start with Intensive Outpatient treatment. We also help them obtain social security cards, birth certificates, etc. during the first four to six weeks they are in treatment.”

“Next we move to Physical and Mental Wellness. We connect them to a primary care physician, any mental health care professionals needed and support other issues they may have. Once they are secure in their Recovery, we help them find meaningful and sustainable employment. Once they work full-time, they are required to give us 50% of their pay for a savings account for them. This enables them to have money when they leave us. Lastly, we work with our residents to transition to independence. The average time our residents are with us is six to eight months.

Contact Josh Bourdon through the Derry Town Council at 603 432-6100 or contact Liberty House and Jeff Nelson directly at (603) 669-0761. It is a great time to donate your gift cards to support our Veterans with a compassionate Holiday spirit.

Pinkerton To Kill a Mockingbird Screening Looks to Engage Talk

As part of a multi-year statewide program designed to foster conversations with the public on law, justice, and civics, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education (“NHICE”) will screen *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Pinkerton Academy’s Stockbridge Theatre, Derry, New Hampshire on January 26, 2020 beginning at 1:00 pm. Attendees are asked to arrive at 12:30. Discussion and refreshments will follow the viewing. The event had to be rescheduled from the original October date.

The organizers of Lights, Camera, Civics! hope that the panel discussions accompanying its film showings will encourage civil conversation on sensitive topics and promote understanding among people with diverse viewpoints. A community discussion accompanying the film showing will be led by Heidi Parenti, Pinkerton Academy English teacher; Jennifer Resmini, Pinkerton Academy

my Dean of Faculty; Pinkerton Academy student Alexandrine Lacasse; and Dina Michael Chaitowitz, Esq. (NHICE trustee and former federal prosecutor).

“We are hopeful that the new date will allow more people to attend,” said Resmini. “These types of programs help build relationships and encourage empathy in the greater Derry community.”

This program was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

New Hampshire Humanities awarded NHICE the Community Project Grant for film screenings in all ten New Hampshire counties to start multigenerational conversations through film about law, justice, and civics. NHICE selected *To Kill a Mockingbird* to kick off the Lights, Camera, Civics! program because of the civics, social, and justice issues it raises, and its broad

appeal to a range of ages and demographics.

The event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dinacivics@gmail.com. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held Feb. 9, at 1 p.m.

For more general information about Lights, Camera, Civics!, including how to arrange a showing in your county, please contact Martha Madsen at martha.madsen@law.unh.edu. Learn more about New Hampshire Humanities at www.nhhumanities.org.



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Editorial

Holiday Greetings

As the holidays get closer and closer, we're all treated to outdoor Christmas decorations brightening the night on most streets, with gaily lit trees adding a festive touch to public spaces, and warm, friendly holiday music playing from every other car on the road. The weather even seems to be cooperative (for the time being), offering a light covering of snow to better set the scene for a Norman Rockwell, New England Christmas.

Now is a great time to bake an extra batch of cookies, or get together a few hand-written holiday cards and send them along to neighbors and coworkers. It may seem like a small gesture, but you'll never know whose holiday you'll make happier in the process.

In the past few decades, it feels like we have been led to believe that the amount we love our family and friends is reflected only on the amount of money we are able to spend on them, through fancy gifts and extravagant dinners. In our hearts, we know that Christmas and Hanukkah are not holidays based on greed and gluttony, despite what large commercial companies would want us to think. Rather, it is an opportunity for families and friends to reunite; these holidays carry the message of a miracle. It's true that both involve gift-giving, a little thinking outside of the gift-box goes a long way - and it doesn't have to break bank.

Money, after all, is not what the holidays were meant to be about, rather, good will towards our fellow humans. In our case at

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With the holidays fast approaching, we don't doubt that you, our readers, have been busy. Between holiday activities, school fundraisers, collecting warm clothes and toys to help out the needy in our midst, requests from community groups selling Christmas trees and wreaths email holiday party invites and suggestions for gift giving, it can be hard to remember to take a breath. We appreciate you for taking the time to catch up on your local news!

We wish each one of our readers a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Thanks for reading and your continued support!

Derry Library Host Annual Noon Year's Day Party



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NUTFIELD NEWS

New Year's Eve is a time for celebration and to ring in the new year, though the problem can be that trying to stay up late or going away to a party that lasts through the midnight time frame is not always going to work well for a family with kids ...and the kids want to have fun kicking off the New Year too.

Why not head to a family celebration at 12 noon instead for a 12 midnight party?

Check out the rocking celebration at the Derry Public Library for a good time this year. Last year, the party at the library was an especially fun and there will be lots of families with kids of all ages there.

With the end of the year upon us, Derry's Library staff says not to worry this year as they have brought their Noon Year Eve Holiday tradition back again this year! And the Derry Library staff say this is one event in the Greater Derry area for a family with younger kids not to miss.

So, the kids and family don't need stay up until midnight as they can ring in the New Year at the library party starting at 11:30 am



and going until 12:15pm or maybe a little longer. The library will be putting on a family-friendly dance party and there will be a countdown for the big celebration that will include a colorful event when the balloons drop at exactly noon time!

The Noon Celebrations around New Hampshire are becoming more popular every year and this one is the biggest such event in the

Greater Derry Area - so check it out.

All ages with a caregiver are invited, the admission is free, and no registration is required. The event starts at 11:30 am on Tuesday December 31st at the Derry Public Library Meeting Rooms A and B. Contact Raymond Fontaine at 603 432 6140 or by email rayf@derrypl.org, for more information.

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Pantry Plungers Freeze for Food Again at Beaver Lake



Dozens braved the cold foggy water at Galliens Beach at Beaver Lake on Saturday, Dec. 14 and raised over \$17,000 for the First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry in the third annual Pantry Plunge. The weather wasn't as cold as previous years, but participants didn't waste time getting in and out of the water on that rainy afternoon.

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Fire Officials Warn to Stay Safe While Having Holiday Fun

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Tis' the season for gatherings, gratitude and get-togethers! It is fun to decorate our homes and living areas for the winter holidays, but folks sometimes do not realize that holiday decorations and related actions increase the risk for home fires, safety issues and accidents.

Derry's Battalion Chief, William Gillis says, "This time of year, it is important for everyone to be especially mindful and careful." Chief Gillis offered a couple of important safety and fire prevention tips to keep in mind.

Gillis says, "Increased usage of holiday lighting decorations this time of year can cause fire hazard and safety problems. Decorations are great, but please be sure you are using UL approved and 'fire retardant' lighting for safety

and to help prevent electrical fires. All home decorators should read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands that can be safely connected together."

"Residents should also be careful with wrapping papers and things that can be flammable located near electrical decorations. It is important not to burn big bonfires or lots of wrapping paper at once in wood stoves during Christmas day — we have seen some of those fires get out of hand."

Gillis points out, "This time of year many people also light candles and unfortunately house fires too often are started from candles — so stay in the room when a candle is lit — then extinguish the candles when you leave that room."

While live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are rapid and dangerous and

on average, 1 of out of every 31 reported tree fires results in death. Battalion Chief Gillis points out, "Make sure all trees are watered daily and they are at least 3 feet away from any and all heat sources."

Everyone should use up-to-date space heaters. Fire safety experts, warn people to be sure their space heaters are safety listed and folks should plug heaters in directly to the wall electrical outlet without adding extension cords. Extension cords and power strips are not well suited with high wattage space heaters and could overload sparking a fire.

This time of year, people should ensure their electrical generators are ready in case of storms that can shut off electricity. Property owners should work with a professional electrician to install a transfer switch for their generators to avoid problems with electrical

back feeds, shocks and sparks.

People should not put electric generators in their garage or too close to their house as invisible toxic fumes can kill people and pets. Anyone concerned about having their generator stolen can chain it down away from their home; it is best to keep generators at least 5 feet from any home building areas to avoid the toxic gas fumes.

The NH State Fire Marshal's Office and local fire departments urge citizens to look for, and correct, potential dangers from cooking, heating, holiday lights, and decorations that could lead to fires or injuries.

Paul Parisi — NH State Fire Marshal asks everyone,

"Please be fire smart. By taking a moment to ensure that your home is safe this holiday season, your holidays will become much less worrisome. When cooking holiday meals, stay in the kitchen, especially while cooking on the stovetop. It is also important to keep small children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove."

Derry's Battalion Chief Gillis says, "This time of year also means it is a good time to test your smoke alarm systems. If you did not change the batteries for your smoke alarms recently, please do so now. Smoke alarms themselves have an expiration date and should be replaced every 10 years. Carbon monoxide alarms

should be properly working and placed throughout a home on every level and in the garage according to manufacturer's directions. Please also check to make sure the alarms are working."

Carbon monoxide is an "invisible Killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It can be caused by, or released from, faulty furnaces/heating appliances, cars left running in garages or misplaced portable generators. Never run vehicles or other petroleum based fueled engines indoors.

Review with children and family members the proper use of 9-1-1 emergency calling from both home and cell phones, so everyone knows how to contact 911 effectively and only in times of an emergency. And if you are traveling for the holidays, take a moment and review escape plans and safety measures for the type of home or building you are staying in.

Battalion Fire Chief Gillis says, "We want to wish everyone in Great Derry to have a safe and memorable holiday season. Enjoy the Holidays and make sure everyone stays safe to ring in the New Year."

Keep your family safe this holiday season!



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Derry Parks and Recreation Gets Ready for the Winter Basketball

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Nicole Ferrante is one of the leaders for Derry's Parks and Recreation Department and has been responsible for coordinating recreational programs over the past couple of years; recently she has been working on the Town's Winter Basketball League program. Ferrante points out, "Winter in New Hampshire can be long, but the Winter Basketball League is the perfect program to keep children and families active and engaged within the community. This program alone brings over 1,500 residents from Derry and surrounding communities together every Saturday for almost three months. The league provides more than 1,500 children and their families with occasions to make new lasting friendships and also give people from other communities an opportunity to see all the wonderful opportunities Derry has to offer."

The Winter Basketball league includes approximately 65 volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. Over the past several years, there have been over 750 children - ages 3 years through 18 years old - enrolled in the program. So, this really involves about 800 active participants plus families and spectators for a total about 1,700 - 2,000 people.

Currently there is a need for 24 more basketball game referees. Contact the Derry Parks and Recreation website if you are interested in supporting this effort - they are still accepting applications for referees and you may contact them by phone at (603) 432-6136 or via their website link at www.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation.

There are some new things for the winter basketball program this year including that the PeeWee Basketball league now includes participation from 3 and 4-year olds. The program is set to help these kids to focus on learning the game along with basic basketball skills, though there is an emphasis for these kids to

have fun while learning how to play. The PeeWee program for ages 5 through Kindergarten has been reorganized this year with a new initiative to give children the experience of competitive scrimmages once their basic skills are mastered.

While the PeeWee program is supported through Parks and Recreation staffing, there is now a new experience that asks for parents to also participate on the court actions as well to help keep their kids focused on fun and learning. Derry Parks and Recreation tried this concept of parent participation in their T-ball baseball program last springtime and it was widely successful. Ferrante says, "We hope to have similar success as we try this effort with basketball as well. The children seem to really enjoy their parents participating with them on the field and on the court and parents get a taste of what volunteering as a coach might look

like for future seasons."

Also new this year is the Travel Basketball League for children in 3rd through 6th Grades. Tryouts for this program took place in the fall. This league effort is coached by volunteers and serves about 45 youth in this league. Unlike the Winter Recreation programs, this is a competitive league that began in October and will continue through February. This program supports teams that travel across NH to compete in games with other communities.

The Winter Basketball League program is squeezed into 6 school gymnasiums across Greater Derry. Practicing teams are scheduled 5 nights a week, plus on Saturdays from Jan. 4 - March 14 for all teams. Anyone who hasn't heard from a coach or received a letter from the department by Jan. 3 about their application to join the league should call the recreation office at

(603) 432-6136.

Registration began Oct. 1 this season, though there may be a few more openings on a first come first serve basis. The registration for the league is typically set by early to mid-November. Derry residents are always welcomed to register first, followed by non-Derry residents. After the deadline, the league takes additional participants as long as space is available.

Ferrante says, "Every season brings with it new challenges and this year we've spent countless hours searching for volunteer coaches. As a department, we never want to have children sit on a waitlist but if we don't have enough parent and community participation, we have no other choice. We greatly appreciate all of the volunteers who've stepped up to coach this season and encourage everyone to give it a try at least once! Being a coach is such a rewarding experience."

All Winter League Basketball programs are open to both boys and girls. Ferrante says, "We've heard that other communities have been struggling to fill their girls' teams. It's wonderful that here, in Derry, we are filling most of our girls teams especially this season."

OBITUARY

Charles "Charlie" Jones



Dr. Charles "Charlie" Jones, PharmD, 29, died Monday Dec. 9, 2019 at his home in Derry, NH. Charlie was born at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA on Jan. 17, 1990, son of Jeffrey W. and Mary B. (Presswood) Jones. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2006 as a member of Troop 405, & graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 2008.

Captain Charles Jones was an Officer in the Vermont National Guard & began his National Guard Career when he enlisted into the Vermont Army National Guard in Jan. of 2009. A Norwich Cadet at the time, he completed Basic Combat Training & was awarded a full Norwich Army ROTC Cadet Scholarship. He completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Norwich University and commissioned as an Armor Officer in May of 2012. Shortly after graduation, he attended and graduated from Armor Officer School & the Army Mountain Warfare School becoming a Military Mountaineer.

He served as a Reconnaissance Platoon Leader in Black-jack Troop, 1st Squadron, 172nd Cavalry Regiment (Mountain) from 2012-2016 and Executive Officer & Plans Officer in Hatchet Troop from 2016-2018. He was a member of the Order of the Spur, earning his Silver Spurs in 2013.

He finished his service as an Operations Officer assigned to Headquarters, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain).

His awards and decorations consist of the Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3) w/ Bronze Hourglass, National Defense Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Vermont National Guard Good Conduct Ribbon, Vermont National Guard Duty Ribbon (3), Vermont National Guard Service Ribbon, Vermont National Guard Professional Development Ribbon (2), Vermont National Guard Active Duty Training Ribbon, Vermont National Guard Career Service Ribbon (10-Years), & the Army Mountain Warfare Ram's Head.

While actively leading & inspiring his troops as an Officer in the National Guard, Charlie enrolled in Post Graduate Pharmacy School & spent four additional grueling years of study. In 2018, Charlie graduated from the University of New England School of Pharmacy earning his degree as a Doctor of Pharmacology.

Charlie was exceptional as a Combat Arms officer at every echelon, including Platoon, Troop, Squadron, & Brigade. His tireless work ethic, calm demeanor under pressure, & commitment to mentorship of his subordinates set him apart as a leader. He stood amongst the very best examples of a true citizen-soldier, with commendable contributions to the military & society as a whole.

In addition to his parents of Derry, he is survived by his brother, Robert L. Jones & his significant other Juliann Losciuto of E. Bridgewater, MA, his sister, Kathryn M. Jones & her fiancé Megan Perkins of Fitzwilliam, NH, his paternal grandparents, Robert & Lili Jones of Venice, FL, aunts & uncles; Teresa Presswood & Rodney Ramsey, Karen & John Johnson, Keith & Denise Presswood, & Lloyd & Lynn Presswood, as well as many close cousins & relatives.

With Stetson dawned, spurs attached & saber by his side, we have no doubt Charlie is on his way to Fiddlers' Green.

Calling hours were held on Sunday Dec. 15, from 2 - 6 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Church, 187 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Fisher House of Boston in memory of Charles M. Jones either on-line at www.fisherhouseboston.org or mailed to the following address: P.O. Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071.

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Polar Express Rides Through East Derry's Taylor Library



The Taylor Library in East Derry continued the tradition of inviting young residents into the library for the annual reading of the Polar Express. Children sat in a train car in the middle of the building and heard stories read by Library Director Linda Merrill and Assistant Director Fran Mears. Santa visited with the children, and handed out golden bells to each child. After the ride hot chocolate and snacks were handed out to all those who attended.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Wrestling Team Has Aggressive Season Start

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Boys' Varsity Wrestling team started their season with a bang by dominating the Manchester Memorial team 66-10 in their season opening Dual Meet on Wednesday Dec. 11, at home in the Shepard Auditorium.

The squad showed their dominance over the Manchester squad right from the start. Sophomore Casey Phelan in the 113 lbs weight class took on Riley Sullivan of Manchester and pinned him in just 24 seconds, which gave his Astros a quick 6-0 lead. Next, at the 120 lbs. class, freshman Cameron McMahon took on August Connors and they put on a tough battle. Connors took four points after a tough two minutes of battle, and then he took down McMahon for another two points, but he responded with a takedown of his own and an escape. In the end Connors of Manchester Memorial went on to win the match 14-3 which brought the score to a tight 6-4 Pinkerton lead.

Things got interesting when it reached the 132 lbs weight class of where PA senior Mark Harrington faced off against a tough Sean Tobin. Pinkerton lead

12-4 before the match and after Tobin showed his dominance by pinning Harrington at the 4:49 minute mark, bringing his team back into the meet as Pinkerton only led Manchester Memorial 12-10.

From that point on, Pinkerton went on a rampage winning nearly every match by fall.

Senior William Knapp (138 lbs) pinned Benjamin O'Brien in 2:59 seconds and junior David Hammond (145 lbs) followed up with another pin against Damon Mosley in 1:06 seconds.

The pinning didn't stop there as junior Marcus Sconza (152 lbs) joined in on the fun and pinned Noah Gunawan in a very quick 41 seconds along with Astro sophomore Jack MacKiernan who pinned Matthew Wilson in 1:42 seconds. In the heavier weight classes, junior Issac Cohen (170 lbs) cruised past George Chandler and pinned in 1:37 seconds, and senior Cameron Sylvester (182 lbs) took on Nizar Abbari and pinned him in 1:22 seconds and then Ben Colson (220) had the Shepard Auditorium going absolutely crazy when he pinned Miguel Santiago in a quick 52 seconds. After that Jake Scarelli (285 lbs) one upped Colson and pinned Aiden Lafrance in 14 seconds to cap off Pinker-

ton's dominate win over Manchester Memorial 66-10.

Even with all the pins and a great team win their coach still saw a significant amount to improve on. "We are seriously out of shape, guys were gassing out middle of matches not even making it to the third period so we've got a lot of work to do," said head coach David Rhodes. Other than that, coach was pleased with how his freshmen stepped up already in their season opener. "I liked that a couple of our younger guy stepped up and their first varsity competition and they've only had five days on the mat so far this season."

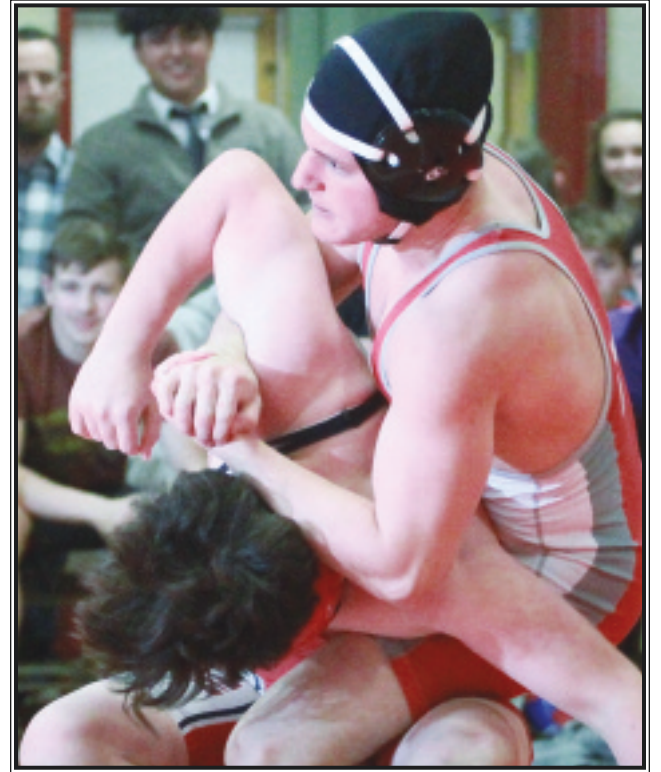
Heading into practice coach believes that his squad needs to go over and cover every aspect of the game if they want to continue their success and improve as a team. "You can't have a main focus we have to cover everything, the season doesn't wait for the kids to catch up the season keeps on going." Coach Rhodes went on to say.

Then, on Saturday, Pinkerton competed in the Blue Devil Classic at Salem High School, where they competed against Concord, Goffstown, Nashua South, and Salem on Saturday Dec. 14th. The squad ended the day in fifth place, but it there

were positives that some individuals were able to take away from the day.

Junior Dominic Robinson finished with four points, David Hammond had 10 points, Marcus Sconza left the day with four points, Jack MacKiernan had 10 points, Cameron Sylvester earned himself four points, Will Brown had seven points, Sterling McLaughlin was the tournaments Outstanding Wrestler as he worked his way to earning 14 points on the day.

The squads' next Dual Meet will not be an easy one, as they are scheduled to travel to Timberlane Regional High School on Wednesday, Dec. 18, after the Nutfield News went to press.



Pinkerton junior wrestler Issac Cohen got six points for his team with a pin last week at home.

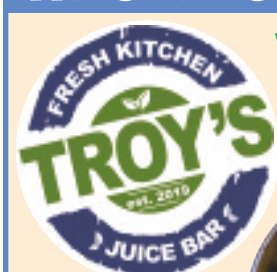
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Pinkerton Indoor Track Teams Start Winter Season Hot

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Track squads traveled to the University of New Hampshire for a meet where they competed against Spaulding, Bishop Guertin, Exeter, Portsmouth, Londonderry, Winnacunnet, and Nashua South High Schools. The Pinkerton Boys came out on top with a first place score of 70 points, while the girls' squad took fourth with 40 points. Exeter had 76 points for the top spot.

Boys
Right from the start, in the boys 55-meter dash, Astro Ryan Dane took first place (6.70), Benjamin Fleming took second (6.74), and Conor Seleny took third place (6.75). Patrick Cotnoir was able to place fifth (6.94), Kyle Walker placed seventh (7.02), and Jacob Spezzaferri placed eighth (7.05). Colton

Boursier found his way to 11th place (7.12) and Nick Tagalakis finished 14th (7.20).

In the boys 300-meter dash Jacob Spezzaferri, took ninth place (40.61), Kyle Walker 10th (40.85), Alexander LeBlanc 11th (40.98), and Nick Tagalakis 14th (42.09). For the boys 600-meter run Theo Davis placed fourth (1:37.87), Cooper Michaud finished ninth (1:40.00), Jackson Cappello 10th (1:40.76), Ethan Forbush 11th (1:41.14), and Ryan Overy finished 19th (1:53.65). Onto the 1,000-meter run, Pinkerton's Zach Plaza placed second (2:40.97) and Thomas Davis finished 13th with a time of 3:11.34.

In the 1,500-meter run Stephen Connelly earned first place with a time of 4:27.57, while Nathan Steiger came in seventh (4:52.70) and Henry Hood finished 10th with a time of

(4:56.48). When it came to the boys 3000 meter run Astro runners Luke Brennan finished fourth (9:27.73), Ethan Charles fifth place (10:18.47), and Elias Brodeur finished sixth with (10:57.14)

Conor Seleny took first place in the 55-meter hurdles with (7.84) along with Jayson Choy who finished 13th (9.86). Pinkerton won the 4x160 meter relay in a close over Exeter with a time of (1:16.99), and the boys earned third place in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of (3:55.69). When it came to boy high jump Pinkertons Jacob Spezzaferri took eighth place.

In the boys long jump, Colton Boursier earned third place, Benjamin Fleming won fifth place, along with Nick Tagalakis who finished eighth. Alexander Gibeau won 12th place, and Kyle Walker finished 14th. Lastly in shot put George Nigro III

placed ninth (38-03.00), Joesph DeMartio finished behind him in 10th (37-10.50), and Daniel Powers placed 17th with a score of (33-10.25)

Girls
In the girls 55-meter dash three girls placed in the top 20. Sierra Edgecomb placed seventh (8.07), Madison Connors finished 13th (8.25) and Hailey Laskiewicz placed 20th with (8.41). For the 300 meter dash Madison Connors earned fourth place (46.99), Sierra Edgecomb placed sixth (47.21), and Zoe Vogel finished in 22nd with (50.91)

In the 600-meter run, the girls finished below 10th place as Faith Mamos came in 12th (1:56.26), Katherine

Peterson placed 21st (2:13.49), and Sarah Rousseau finished 22nd (2:14.93). Moving on to the 1000 meter run Mariesa Preble got fifth place (3:28.93), Emily Hood placed seventh (3:30.56), Royce D'Amelio finished eighth (3:32.44) and Chloe Masters came in 17th place with (3:57.91). Things went well for the 1500 meter run as Meghan Cross took first place (5:20.00) and Molly McGaffigan finished third with (5:33.23).

Moving to the 4x400 meter relay Pinkerton placed fifth with a time of (4:40.96) and placed sixth in the 4x160 meter relay with a time of (1:38.00). The lady Astros did great in the high jump

where Jordan Wheaton took first place, Emily Lesburt came in second, Isabelle Nelson earned 10th, and Brooke Johnson came in 16th place. For long jump Marisa Douglas finished third, Moran Sweeney came in eighth, Hailey Laskiewicz finished 10th, and Payton Naxos placed 23rd. Finishing up with shot put Adrianna Buccieri earned fourth place (29-05.00), Alyssa Rzasz came in ninth (26-10.75), Lillia Woods 14th place (24-09.25), Kayleigh Schroeder 15th (24-09.50), and Isabella Woods finished 16th (24-04.50) The squads next meet is Wednesday Dec. 18, at the Hackler Gym at 6pm against Windham High School.

Astro Bowlers Keep Rolling With Another Victory

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity and junior varsity bowling teams headed to Yankee Lanes in Manchester on Saturday, Dec. 14, to battle the Hillsboro-Deering Hillcats, and hosts Winnacunnet Warriors.

The Astros continued their great play from the previous match, as the varsity squad started the day with the top seed and a bye for the baker. Their standard ten-pin total was 1,734 with a 923 first game score and a score of 811 in the second game.

Sophomore Colby Wong rolled a 173 and a 137 while captain senior Bryant Nourse rolled a 175, and 137. Junior Matt Gagnon followed with scores of 139

and 179, while sophomore Lance Lemieux bowled a 201 and 168. Sophomore Harry Michaud got the top score for his team, as he rolled scores of 235 and 190.

Winnacunnet was the second seed and they were able to take first round of baker in two games over Hillsboro-Deering and then faced off against Pinkerton in the final. Pinkerton's squad took the best two out of three with games of 165 to 136, and 152 to 101. They earned all 12 points for the day.

The junior varsity squad then followed in varsity footsteps, as they also took the top seed with a standard ten pin total of 1,238 with games of 643 and 595. Junior Johnathan Scott bowled games of 106 and 147 while junior Michael

Bernard rolled a 130 and 118. Junior Jarod Wong had scores of 113 and 122, along with junior Connor Grimard who rolled a 123 and 114. Sophomore Mike Fiandaca had a great performance as he bowled a 171 and 94. Since there were only two JV teams Winnacunnet faced Pinkerton again, but this time with a different story. The Warriors won the first baker game by two pins; 132 to 130, but the Astros came back and won the next two games 167 to 117, and 124 to 88.

Pinkerton will compete next Saturday, Dec. 21 at Merrimack Tin Pin Center in Merrimack. At that event, they will take on Keene, Spaulding, Souhegan high schools, and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.



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PA Boys' Swimming Comes Up Short in Season Opener

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The Pinkerton Academy Boys Swim teams' traveled over the southern border to open the winter season on Friday Dec. 13, and took on swimmers at Haverhill High School in Massachusetts.

In that contest, the Astro squad came up a bit short, with a 88-76 loss to

Haverhill.

In the 200-yard Medley Relay the Astros took second place with senior Will Poole, freshman Alex Tovtyn, sophomore Anderson Sharp, and senior Gaven Divelbiss finishing with a time of 2:00:06.

In the 200-yard freestyle Gavin Divelbiss took second place with 2:08:07 and sophomore sibling Ryan

Divelbiss came in third place with a time of 2:15:84.

The PA squad tasted its first victory of the evening in the 200-yard individual Medley as William Poole took first place finishing with 2:25:17, and Anderson Sharp taking second in 2:28:29.

Next was the 50-yard Freestyle, where Alex Tovtyn continued his strong

performance taking first place with a time of 27.30 and Owen Muskrat finished second in 27.46.

In the 100-yard fly Pinkerton's Anderson Sharp took second place once again finishing with a time of 1:03:55.

The Divelbiss siblings took first and second place in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:41:80 and

6:25:94.

Will Poole finished in second place in the 100-yard backstroke with a 1:07:48, while Alex Tovtyn came in second for the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:20:93.

The Astros finished the evening strong by taking first place in the 400-yard Freestyle Relay with Will Poole, Ryan Divelbiss,

Gavin Divelbiss, and Anderson Sharp managing a time of 4:05:19.

The team was scheduled to travel to Manchester on Tuesday, Dec. 17, after the Nutfield News went to press, but snow may have cancelled that. On Sunday, Dec. 22, they will face over a dozen schools at the Oyster River Ice Breaker.

Pinkerton Hockey Ends Preseason with Great Team Win

MATT TRITTO
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On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Hockey team traveled to Windham to play in their last scrimmage before

the winter season starts. The PA boys got the job done with no trouble, as they beat Windham 6-0.

In that contest Mason Drouin led the way with two goals. Four other Astros scored the other four goals.

Ethan Burgess found the back of the net along with Brett Levesque, Tylor Pappalardo, and Jake Masterson.

Although they had no problems offensively, there is always room for improve-

ment according to the head coach Samuel Littlefield. "There were a lot of penalties by both teams throughout the game, especially the second period," said Littlefield.

Pinkerton had two goal-

tenders share duties in the game and were able to get the job done quite well, and coach was very pleased with their efforts. "Matt Gilliland played really well in goal for us for the first two periods and Paul Lescovitz

maintained the shutout in the third." Coach Littlefield went on to say.

The PA team is scheduled to face off against Trinity High School for the first game of the season on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

PA Girls Hockey Suffers Tough Loss in Last Scrimmage

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the somewhat lopsided outcome of the game, the Pinkerton Girls Hockey team was able to pull out some positives during their 9-3 scrimmage loss to Concord High School over the weekend.

Head Coach Scott Dunn was very positive and pleased with how his girls fought. "Game was much better than the score. Girls were very aggressive on the

forecheck, and created numerous opportunities," said Head Coach Scott Dunn.

Sophomore forward Molly Fahey got things started for her squad by scoring in the first period and freshman forward Emily Buckley was the one to assist her.

Sophomore defensive Hailey Sauer added to the

PA goals when she scored from the point in the second period and she was assisted by Buckley once again.

The third goal scored in the scrimmage by PA was by freshman Madison Gibeault. She was able to get the puck to the back of the net with a nice goal in the third period, assisted by Lauren Riviere.

The Lady Astros are scheduled to have their

next game on Wednesday, Dec. 18, with a road game

at Bishop Brady High School at 8:20 p.m.

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PA Boys' Varsity Hoops Kicks Off Season With Jamboree

MATT TRITTO
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Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball head coach Pete Rosinski got a small

sampling of what his squad will showing him this season, as they hosted their annual Jamboree this past Saturday Dec. 14. Five teams traveled to the

Hackler Gymnasium that afternoon, with three from the granite state, Spaulding, Nashua South, Merrimack, and two teams traveling from out of the state to get some work in. Those two were Snowden, Boston Mass., and Norwich Free Academy from Connecticut.

It was a day full of hard nosed competition with a fast paced game environment as the six teams filed up three courts at a time while playing one 15 minute continuous period then a second eight minute period before switching opponents.

The Astros started their day against Spaulding High School and it was a slow start to the game, as neither team was finding the bottom of the net through the first two minutes. Turnovers were an issue quick for Pinkerton and they struggled on offense, and it took them about seven minutes to get on the scoreboard in that

first game. Both teams took some time to find their rhythm and Spaulding ended up winning the first period 11-4. The second period was a different story as the Astros picked up their efforts on defense making Spaulding commit several turnovers and that led to a 9-5 win for Pinkerton.

As they started their second game against Merrimack, the PA boys still struggled to put some points on the board. Merrimack didn't back down on the defensive side of the court, and also dominating the offensive boards by grabbing several in the same possession. Pinkerton was able to keep it close with a score of 7-6, but they lost 12-8. The second period started with an atmosphere you'd expect during the playoffs as both benches were very supportive of their guys and the Astros bench sparked the players and were able to go up 7-2 early. They continued to play well on both sides of the court and freshman Anthony Chinn continued his smooth play with a nice and-one lay-up which resulted in a 12-2 Pinkerton win.

In their third game, the boys took on Muriel Sutherland Snowden International School of Boston, Mass. and played very competitively, but couldn't catch a break as they only lead 3-0 through the first five minutes. Another issue Pinkerton had all day was their efforts on the boards defensively as they let each team they played so far continue



Declan Conroy had plenty of playing minutes during the team's Jamboree Saturday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

to grab offensive boards and Snowden/Boston did just that all first period. The boys were able to overcome that problem as they clicked on offense and knocked down a pair of triples, which put them up 10-2 with five minutes left on the clock and were able to take the first period 19-7. Fast paced play was the environment of the second period and the Astros played great defense and stole the second period as well in a close 10-8 victory.

The Astros next opponent was Nashua North and Pinkerton took charge early, but Nashua North had a strong push, and was able to take the lead 10-9 and then nailed a quick three-pointer to take a 13-11 lead. As the period went on it came down to the wire as Nashua South took the game 18-16.

The second period came down to a free-throw match as Pinkerton had a 9-7 lead with 30 seconds left after freshman Tyrone Chinn scored a clutch and-one. Nashua south didn't back down as they went to the line nailed a pair of clutch free-throws tying the game at nine and then junior Declan Conroy hit a clutch free-throw which gave his squad a 10-9 win.

In the final game that day, PA faced Norwich Free Academy with that team squeezing out a 14-11 win in the first period, and continued their fluid offensive play into the second period as they beat the Astros again 11-8.

The team's season officially starts Friday, Dec. 20, as they will head to Exeter to take on the Blue Hawks with tip-off at 6:30 p.m.



PA's Tyrone Chin gets fouled as he goes up for two points during the team's Jamboree on Saturday.

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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 raising 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. Drop-ins 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-school support, workshops,

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.

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.

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, 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

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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 432-7186 to register or with ques-

tions.

Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens, discuss concerns, learn strategies and get support at the Upper Room on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Drop-ins welcome.

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

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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,

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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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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.

Derry Lions

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