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Dangerous Intersection To Finally Get Traffic Lights

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

A local intersection, known for numerous crashes, will finally get traffic signals thanks to the Town Council. It approved the acceptance of easements in conjunction with a New Hampshire Department of Transportation project to install the traffic signals at the notorious intersection.

The council members agreed in their Sept. 19 meeting to accept \$5,370 as compensation for the easements from NHDOT for the project at English Range Road and the Londonderry Turnpike.

NHDOT is planning improvements to enhance safety at the intersection and needs the easements to prop-

erly install the traffic signals at the intersection, according to Town Administrator David Caron. NHDOT requested permanent easements at the corner of the property housing the English Range Road Fire station and a drainage easement to the rear. In addition, NHDOT sought temporary easements along the property's front footage, Caron said.

Plans call for a bid to be submitted in the fall with construction beginning in the spring and completion through the summer.

There have been dozens of crashes in previous years at the intersection of Route 28 Bypass, Scobie Pond Road and English Range Road, according to NHDOT officials.

At an informational meeting last year, NHDOT officials presented plans that call for installing traffic signals at the intersection, adding left turn lanes on the northbound and southbound approaches to the 28 Bypass and adding a right hand turn lane onto English Range Road.

From 2005 to 2014 there have been 61 crashes on the road that only has a single flashing yellow light, according to officials. Three of the crashes were classified as incapacitating and another 26 crashes had less serious injuries.

Although there weren't any fatalities during that period, officials say there have been deaths in the past.

In 2001, 7-year-old

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East Derry Store Expansion Hits Snag at Planning Board

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

One of Derry's most famous buildings and businesses is looking to make some upgrades to keep up with today's market.

Sam Patel, owner of the East Derry Store, has been looking to add room to his store that will include a 25 seat restaurant. Patel proposed the idea to the town's Planning Board on Sept. 20, so they could review and hopefully accept the current site plan.

Patel was accompanied to the meeting by Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey, who further explained the details of the plan.

According to Peloquin, Patel is hoping to make this addition because he feels that general stores like his are a dying breed and he needs this restaurant to help keep his business strong.

"It would greatly increase his business motto and his opportunity to survive and thrive," Peloquin stated.

The building itself has already been framed and built, but Patel is unable to properly open the restaurant until he gained the proper approval from the town. He and Peloquin were also seeking acceptance of plans for additional parking next to the store. Although the

new parking would be abutting the Upper Village Hall, Patel had reached an agreement with the East Derry Improvement Society to push the idea forward for the benefit of both sides.

Members of the society were also in attendance to voice their support, one of whom was David Mills, one of the directors for the society, who stated that they and Patel had come to a verbal agreement on the matter.

However, members of the board began to express some confusion over the site plan and what exactly was being done to the surrounding area to produce this new

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CLEAN SWEEP The crowds at the Mack Plaque football game had plenty to cheer for as their Pinkerton Academy Astro squad put an end to the Londonderry High School Division I winning streak. See story on page 8. The annual Mack Plaque games saw the Astros win every game. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Council Approves Reducing Speed Limit On Humphrey Road

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Residents on Humphrey Road will soon see a change in its speed limit. Following concerns about speeding and its proximity to Don Ball Park, councilors have approved lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on the road.

Councilors approved the change at their Sept. 19

meeting.

During a Highway Safety Committee meeting last month, issues were raised about drivers speeding on Humphrey Road, according to Scott Savard, chairman of the committee. The speed limit on nearby Cemetery Road is 30 mph and Savard said it didn't make sense for the speed limit on Humphrey Road to vary from that and other area

roads. In addition, Humphrey Road intersects with Don Ball Park, where children play.

In the August meeting, the committee voted to recommend lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Resident Donald Burgess, a former member of the Highway Safety Committee, spoke during the public hear-

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Derry VFW Hosts Memorial and Encourages Youth Patriotism

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

With school back in session, now is the best time to start looking for ways to get students out of their summer mindset and back into academics and serving their community.

One such group, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617, has already come up with a couple of ways to occupy young minds, particularly as a means of helping them appreciate their country and the people who fight to keep it safe.

High school students with the Air Force JROTC at

Pinkerton Academy and US Naval Sea Cadets from Londonderry High School recently joined forces with regular and auxiliary members of Post 1617, members of the American Legion in Londonderry and other volunteers to hold their annual memorial at MacGregor Park in honor of National POW – MIA Day. It runs over night from Sept. 15 through Sept. 16.

At the beginning of the ceremony, participants lit a candle for each New Hampshire residents reported as missing in action since WWI and read off each of their names before lighting a flame

in front of the park's various war monuments and standing watch over it for 24 hours.

According to Commander Leonard Perkins of Post 1617, two volunteers would stand watch in 30 minute shifts, finally finishing the following day at Derryfest when a series of balloons would be let go while the Sea Cadets Honor Guard would perform the closing ceremony.

"It's one of those ways that we remember the dead," Perkins said.

But Post 1617 also hopes to assist with the academic futures of local students as well. They have recently

announced two essay contests for both middle school and high school students.

First, there is the Patriot's Pen contest, focused on grades six through eight. The contest challenges students to write a 300-400 word essay expressing their views of this year's theme of the contest, entitled "America's Gift to My Generation." They must also examine American history and their experiences in modern American society.

The contest features four tiers where students compete at the post, district, state and national level. The winner of the national stage will

receive \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Any participants at the national stage will receive at least \$500.

High schoolers can apply to the Voice of Democracy contest. Focused around the theme of "American History: Our Hope for the Future," the contest has students creating an audio-essay that will reward its winners with a series of scholarships.

The first place winner of the national level will receive a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/techni-

cal school, while others can receive scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$16,000. Winners at the state level will also receive a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Submissions should be handed in by Oct. 31. For more information on the essay contest, please visit www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships before submitting entries to the Derry Memorial VFW Post 1617 at 18 Railroad Ave, Derry, NH 03038. Those interested can also call Post 1617 at (603) 432-9702.

Zoning Board Rejects Plans for Fixer-Upper's Dream

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Todd Boyer planned for a fixer-upper on Franklin Street, not for a fight with

the Zoning Board.

Last November, Boyer went ahead and purchased a 1.1-acre lot on 111 Franklin Street, despite it being in decrepit shape. He pur-

chased it with the hopes of tearing it down and producing something more appealing to the area, eventually deciding on two multi-family townhouse buildings.

Unfortunately, the property happens to lie on an Industrial IV building zone, which seemingly prevents the building of any non-industrial structures. Boyer recently went before the town Zoning Board of Adjustments with his attorney Bernard Campbell to seek a variance on the matter.

In his opening arguments, Campbell explained

that Boyer's plan did not present a health hazard to the area or impact the character of the neighborhood, and in fact the surrounding lots had allowed for the construction of multi-family structures during the 1980s.

There was also the argument that the zoning rules also allowed for things like restaurants and retail centers to be built in that spot, despite the idea that those structures in that area seems ridiculous. Furthermore, Campbell felt the area is no longer suited for the likes of industrial activity as it is now.

"There is a fairly sustainable and visible hardship argument with regard to this lot," Campbell noted.

Board Chairman Lynn Perkins questioned Boyer's request, asking whether or not he originally had these multi-family units in mind when he purchased the lot. Boyer said that he did not, but rather want to make the area more visually appealing. Perkins also questioned whether or not Boyer felt that such units would be what were best for that area. Boyer noted that was not really what he was implying.

"I believe that houses would be better fit there than an industrial use," Boyer stated.

Board Member Donald

Burgess said that he believes that such a structure would possibly fit in with the requirements of an industrial structure, given the type of building being dealt with. Member Jim Webb noted that what Boyer was trying to accomplish was potentially problematic. It could lead to the total rezoning of the area, which Webb doubted that the board had the power to accomplish.

Ultimately, the board unanimously decided to vote against approving a waiver for the construction. It claimed that denying Boyer the ability to make this housing did not provide any sort of hardship or deny him substantial justice.

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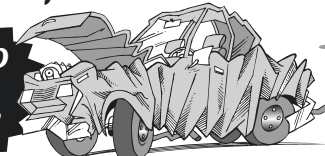
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Town Council Recognizes Long-Term Town Employees for Hard Work

ALEX GUITTARR
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Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon announced that fifteen town employees would be recognized for having worked for the town of Derry for at least a quarter of a century.

Upon quickly completing the consent agenda for the Town Council's latest meeting, Bourdon said the employees would be honored by the council, especially Police Chief Edward Garone. He recently celebrating his 50th year in that position.

Bourdon felt that retaining employees for this long is remarkable in itself and their hard work and dedication are some of the major reasons why Derry provides

great service for its citizens. Bourdon hopes that such a ceremony, as well as his recognizing of any town employee who reaches a five year milestone, will continue long after he retires from his post.

"Retaining quality employees in today's world is not an easy feat," said Bourdon.

Amongst those being recognized were Linda Merrill, who has served as the Taylor Library Director for 25 years, Robert Mackey, who has been the town's code enforcement director for 30 years, Scott Jackson, who has been the assistant fire chief for 30 years, and George Feole, one of Derry's police captains for 35 years. They and the remaining eleven employees received a plaque recognizing their efforts.

ing their efforts.

Bourdon announced a number of openings for committees and boards currently available to the public, including alternate positions for the Southern New Hampshire Planning Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board and full positions for the REDC Loan Review Committee, Building and Property Maintenance Committee and Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee.

Finally, Bourdon thanked Derry as a whole for Derryfest and discussed how well it went. He was grateful for how it brought businesses, churches, veterans, residents, and just about everyone else together for a fantastic day.

"You brought together the very best that our town

has to offer," Bourdon exclaimed.

The council later held its public forum, allowing residents to address questions, comments and concerns to the council members.

Marc Flattes with the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee expressed his concerns on a parking lot at 5 Abbott Court was marked for redevelopment. He wanted to know how such a construction would affect people visiting the downtown area and trying to find somewhere to park. The council had recently put forth efforts to economically revitalize Derry.

Bourdon explained that marking that area for redevelopment was simply in an effort to cast a wide net to attract as many bidders as

possible to such redevelopment projects before eventually looking at all of them and deciding where to take redevelopment from there.

Steve Trefethen from Summerview Real Estate also showed concern over these parking spots being taken away. Several properties he owns in the area already have parking issues because of buildings like Halligan Tavern and the Derry Opera House.

Scott Savard, the Chairman for the Highway Safety Committee, discussed an amendment to Traffic Ordinance Section 150-12 that would adjust the speed limit on Humphrey Road. The council unanimously decided to reduce the speed limit from 35 mile per hour down to 30 over concerns of

speeding on the road. The change will occur within 30 days.

Human Services Administrator Jill Jamro proposed a request to accept a grant of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which would be used towards the Municipal Human Services Food Pantry. The Human Services Department had received the same type of grant for the last 12 years.

Two board and committee positions were filled with new appointments, with Jim Webb becoming an alternate in the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Meg Morse-Barry becoming a full member with the Net Zero Task Force. Maybe someday, they too will earn a plaque to commemorate their dedication to their town.

Boys and Girls Club Offers Several Opportunities for Locals

KATHRINE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, Inc. has been changing the lives of kids in our community since they first opened its doors in 1969. The goals of the club are to provide a safe place to learn and grow, build ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences and hope and opportunity.

A recent survey of Boys and Girls Club alumni in New Hampshire indicates the club is meeting those goals in numerous measurable areas. 96 percent of the New Hampshire Boys and Girls Club alumni graduated from high school, ten percent higher than the state average. 28 percent believe they would have dropped

out of school without the club. Furthermore, two-thirds of alumni report that the club saved their life. How the club does that was defined in many ways. It kept kids away from trouble, gave them caring adults to connect with and help with educational goals.

The club does that with a variety of activities and programs. Athletic activities are abundant. Jen Cuthbert, director of operations at the Derry club listed basketball and wrestling, karate classes, a running club and recreational football to name just a few. Each day that the weather is nice, the kids play outside on the field in the back of the East Derry Road building. The club is committed to helping every child stay active and healthy all year long.

Members of the Derry

community volunteer often. The Derry Garden Club volunteers were instrumental with the creation of a large garden again this summer. The children had fresh vegetables for snacks and learned to cook what was produced in the garden in cooking classes. What was left over was given away each day to parents to bring home. Go Green Derry group members have led nature studies classes also.

There is a game room, art and craft activities, computers and a quiet room where kids can do their homework as well as staff who can help them when needed. There are occasional field trips as well.

Nico Buccieri is one of those kids who thinks his life would be very different without the club. Staff chose him as the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry Youth of The

Year recipient for 2017.

In addition to writing an essay about the club, participating in the Keystone Program, a leadership program for high school age club members, getting good grades and polishing his public speaking skills, Buccieri organized a dodge ball league at the club last year. Jen Cuthbert noted the league was a huge success with 150 area kids participating. Buccieri is a currently a student at Manchester Community College studying computer science. The 18-year-old has been at the club "forever," since he was 5 or 6 years old. He still volunteers and considers it his second home. He credits his time at the club for keeping him on the right path and away from teens who were not making wise decisions. What he thinks about most before

doing anything is how his actions will look to the younger kids he works with. He doesn't want to do anything that would disappoint them.

Steve Brady is another longtime volunteer who has been coming to the club since the mid 1970's. He is 53 now.

In New Hampshire, membership dues average about \$23 a year. Yearly program delivery costs are about \$539 per member. However, no child is turned away due to a lack of funds.

This means that fundraising is a constant activity done year-round to keep

these valuable programs up and running. Bingo games are held each Sunday at 5 p.m. High school runners are seeking sponsors for the Fun Fall Frolic Run being held on Oct. 14.

Groups are also forming for the Seventh Annual Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser coming up on Friday, Oct. 27 at Strikers East Bowling Center in Raymond. Teams of four bowlers are raising \$500 per team or \$125 per person or more. For more information on these or any other programs call 603-434-6695 or visit www.derrybgclub.org

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Editorial

Freedom of Choice

Human nature being what it is, when something is forbidden, we want to see or do it immediately. That's the nature of Banned Books Week, which takes place Sept. 25. ends Sept. 30 this year, and is geared to calling attention to books that some Americans want to prevent other Americans from reading.

Banned Books Week, according to the sponsoring American Library Association, celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It highlights free access to information and freedom of expression.

In simple terms, it means that what you like to read may not be what I like to read, but neither one of us has the right to prevent the other from reading what we want. As the old saying goes, that's why they make chocolate and vanilla.

Don't take your freedom to read for granted. There are people eager to tell you and libraries what they should make available for us to read, and what they should keep away from us. That's called censorship. And there is no place for it in American society. Included in the top 10 most challenged books for 2017 is "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley. Also on that year's list is "Nickle and Dimed," nonfiction by Barbara Ehrenreich, focusing on

some of America's low paying jobs. In 2009, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was in the top 10, along with "Catcher in the Rye" by JD Salinger and "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker.

We recognize that parents may not consider all books appropriate for children. As long as they apply their standards to their own children, we applaud their efforts at working to instill their values. When they decide their standards must apply to all children or all library patrons that's censorship.

Make it personal. Imagine you don't have the right to select what you want to read if the books available were only those allowed by government sanctioned or self appointed censors.

Banned Books Week reminds us to cherish the freedom to read what we choose. We can't think for ourselves when restraints are placed on the information available. That's why we cherish press freedom, and why our country's founders enshrined it in the Constitution. That's why we must stay alert to keep alive the values that underlie our democratic form of government.

Do something to celebrate your right to think for yourself this week. Read a book. Any book you want.

Salvation Army Prepares for Chili Pots and Hand Bells

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Salvation Army always has ways to itself occupied throughout the year, but soon they will really have their hands full, doing what they can to raise money to support Derry and the surrounding area.

Members are preparing to find volunteers for their annual bell ringing charity. According to the Salvation Army's official website, the bell ringing began in 1891 when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was seeking a way to feed the hungry during the holiday season in San Francisco. He eventually took inspiration from a similar charity he noticed while in Liverpool, England.

The bell ringing makes up a massive part of the funds the Salvation Army receives every year, and the Derry chapter is no excep-

tion. Katie Mayes, a lieutenant within the group and the chapter's commanding officer, notes that they will need at least 20 to 25 ringers in two separate shifts to cover spots across Derry, Londonderry and Salem. Mayes wants to recruit 40 volunteers, but there is always room for more help.

"The need for bell ringers is unlimited," Mayes stated.

Mayes expects the Derry chapter to begin seeking out volunteers in October, both online and through word of mouth. She hopes to reach their annual goal for funding of \$175,000.

But the holidays are not the only thing on their minds, as members are also planning for their 8th annual Chili-Chowder Cook-off.

The cook-off will feature at least ten local restaurants all competing to create the best possible chili or chow-

der, including the likes of Granite State Lunchbox, California Grille, Brooklyn Bagel and the Heritage Restaurant. There will also be face painting and pumpkin painting for kids and a silent auction.

Mayes noted that although the weather has been hit-or-miss at previous cook-offs, she is still hopeful for a great turnout.

"It's been very successful the last two years", Mayes noted.

The cook-off will take place at MacGregor Park on Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tickets for tasting costing \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets for the children's activities will also cost \$5.

For more information on the cook-off and bell ringers, please visit the Derry Salvation Army's webpage at nne.salvation-army.org/Derry.

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Contest Winner

This Kindergarten pic of my daughter, Julia Langlois, will always be one of my faves. I love how children have the innocence and belief that they can be anything. She was 5 in the pic. This was the winner on the Nutfield News Facebook page contest to see which photo got the most likes. The family won tickets to Screampfest at Canbie Lake.

Picture taken by mom Diane Langlois

Marching Bands Take to the Field at Mack Plaque Game



The Pinkerton Academy Marching Band and the Londonderry Lancers Marching bands combined on the field during the National Anthem on Friday night at the Astros home field during the annual Mack Plaque game. At halftime both schools performed halftime shows for the crowd that was estimated to be around 6,000 or more.

Photos by Chris Paul

Speed Limit

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ing segment of the Sept. 19 meeting. Burgess said he recalled a study done a number of years back that showed that people often incorrectly perceive that drivers are speeding when they are actually traveling

below the speed limit.

Burgess said most drivers obey the speed limit while a small minority speed. Although, he said there are exceptions.

"It's unfortunate that the people who are the exceptions ruin it for the people who actually aren't doing anything," Burgess said.

Councilor Richard Tripp said he agreed with lowering the speed limit to 30 mph, especially since children use the park and there are sharp turns on Humphrey Road.

Councilors agreed to lower the speed limit to 30 mph and to pay approximately \$250 for fabricating and posting two signs

Lights

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Rachel Terry was struck and killed by a driver while crossing Route 28 Bypass.

Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon said in 2014 that the intersection poses a safety risk to motorists and needs a traffic signal to prevent possible future fatalities. The federal government's Highway Safety Improvement Program would fund the project, which is estimated at \$850,000 according to NHDOT officials.

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Chamber of Commerce Beginning Preparations for Annual Holiday Parade

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The holiday season is inching closer and closer, and while many things like the first snowfall, Christmas music and Salvation Army bell ringers are seen as the heralds of the season, Derry also has its own way of kicking things off.

As such, the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce is currently preparing for its 31st Holiday Parade, tak-

ing place on November 25, at 1 p.m.

Stephen Dente, who currently serves as the Chairman for the parade's committee, noted that once the chamber took over duties for the parade around three decades ago, they used the parade as a way to kick off the holiday business season.

The chamber has much to prepare in the remaining two months between now and the day of the parade. While some of the duties are

also performed by the Derry Village Rotary Club, one of their primary objectives at the moment is raising money and finding volunteers.

The push for volunteers typically starts around October and the chamber already has a core group of 14 people to help out, with organizations like the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club usually providing services. However, the chamber has asked the community for at least 20 to 24 more volun-

teers for this year. Although plenty of locals are willing to help out year after year, it is always important to get the word out.

"You still have to refresh people about what's going on", Dente stated.

He noted, however, that the chamber tries to focus mostly on getting help from community groups and charitable organizations. The goal is to ensure that the funds provided to these groups will in turn be put back into Derry.

Floats are also key to the parade. The chamber is not too worried about them at the moment and they still have some rules in mind that they require participants to work with. Dente believes that the floats should be decorated to fit in with this year's parade theme, "The Sights and Sound of the Holidays." They also ask that none of the participants dress as Santa Claus, since the very end of the parade typically features Saint Nick.

Other than that, however, the chamber is giving those involved free reign to produce whatever they see fit. As with previous parades, this year's theme leaves a lot of room for float designers to express their creative side.

"Usually, [the floats are] pretty creative", Dente noted.

For more information on how to apply as a volunteer or register a float for the parade, please contact the chamber office at (603) 432-8205.

Net Zero Task Force Discusses Introducing Electric Car Charging Stations To Derry

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As electric cars continue to grow in popularity, both in the United States and globally, more communities are considering adopting the means to attract users of these vehicles to their towns, as well as the means to power them properly.

Derry may also be heading in that direction, as the town's Net Zero Task Force recently viewed a presentation by a representative with ReVision Energy, one of the largest eco-friendly energy providers in New England, on potentially building an electric car charging station in town.

Barry Woods, the representative for ReVision and its Director of Electric Vehicle Innovation, spoke before the task force in the latter half of their meeting on September 21st to discuss the possibility of introducing these charging stations. Aside from explaining the various statistics surrounding the most recent models of electric cars, Woods focused on the recent growth of popularity that the electric car business has seen in the last few years, namely around Tesla, Inc.

Woods said that he felt the next three years would be disruptive in the automotive marketplace due to the continued ascension of the

electric car, comparing it to the rapid evolution of the cell phone. According to data compiled by HybridCars.com, auto makers in the US sold around one hundred and fifty thousand electric cars in 2016. Noting that sales of these cars have already increased exponentially since 2010, Woods felt that jumping on such an opportunity would be very wise for both Derry and New Hampshire.

"I think it's an important beginning for New Hampshire", Woods noted.

Members of the task force seemed mostly supportive of the idea, with Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon excited

about the appeal of being one of the first communities in New Hampshire to have these stations. Only ten exist in the state as of now. This approval also coincides with Bourdon and the council's recent efforts at economic reform in Derry, outreaching to those outside of the town and motivating them to spend more time and money here.

However, the task force's chairman, Jeff Moulton, did show concerns over whether or not it may be too early to install these stations, wondering who exactly in the

state they would be appealing to if they were to undertake this effort.

Members also briefly discussed new updates to the building code portion of the town website and how they can attract more people to webpage. Planning Board Chairman David Granese also raised some concerns over whether or not they would be able to keep the webpage up to date in the midst of the board attempting to update zoning in certain portions of town with concerns to multi-family housing.

Furthermore, members discussed how they can effectively market solar energy to businesses and residents in town, such as highlighting the potential of current solar energy projects at the Marion Gerrish Community Center and with the Department of Public Works. Suggestions were made about getting students involved with the effort, having them produce videos and other projects that discuss the pros of solar energy.

"We still want to get the schools involved," Moulton said.

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Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce Names Citizen of the Year

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Every year, the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce names one particular individual Citizen of the Year, celebrating that person as an exemplary member of the community and one who represents everything that makes the area great.

For 2017, the Chamber decided that Art McLean, the Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, fit that title just perfectly, especially considering all the hard work he has contributed to helping both the community and its youth for the last 44 years.

Born in 1952, McLean originally grew up in Everett, Massachusetts before moving to Salem, New Hampshire during his high school years. Despite all his time with the Boys & Girls Club, McLean did not initially aspire for his current position, as he originally attended Springfield Col-



Art McLean, the Executive Director for the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club.

lege to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and eventually become a teacher.

However, in 1974, he was approached by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem in New Hampshire to fill in their Executive Director position for a few months

until they brought in someone else for a more permanent role. McLean had already worked for the club during his high school years.

But by the summer, McLean had also caught the attention of the Derry club for his work in Salem. They asked if he would like to

take on the same type of position, albeit permanent, in Derry. McLean agreed, and became the Derry club's first official full-time employee and has been there ever since.

Since he first started at the Derry club, it has expanded in more ways than one. For starters, the club was located in The Upper Village Hall with just around one hundred members. But as the club's popularity grew, McLean pushed for the creation of their own facility to accommodate the growing membership. By 1983, the new facility on 40 East Derry Road was completed, with additional space being added a decade later.

According to McLean, the club has gone from having him as the only full time employee to having 10 full timers, four part timers and around 10 to 20 temporary employees, with the latter usually growing during the summer season. McLean

now typically sees around 300 members attend the club daily.

"It's been a tremendous amount of growth," McLean stated.

Not only has the building size and membership increased, but the programs offered at the club have also grown over the years. Initially, physical education was just about all that the club offered. But today, the club also offers nutritional, technology and gardening courses.

But despite everything he has done for the club, McLean noted that he has no immediate plans to retire from his position, mainly because of how much he enjoys interacting with and helping the children. Every day, he helps sign in kids who are getting off the bus. He loves to get to know both them and his fellow employees personally.

But if there is one thing about his job that he is the most proud of, it would be

meeting up with former members of the club and learning how his influence helped them as adults.

"I'm most proud of knowing that I made a difference in someone else's life", McLean noted.

Beyond the Derry club, McLean has also worked with several major organizations both in the past and present. He currently serves with the Derry Rotary Club, having done so for close to four decades. He was even the club president at one point. He is also on the Board of Trustees for Parkland Medical Center, is the director of the Derry Veterans Assistance Committee, and is on the Board of Directors with the Viviana Leon Memorial Foundation. He also used to serve as the Director and President of the Granite United Way.

McLean is currently married to his wife of 39 years, Cathy, and has three daughters and six grandchildren.

East Derry Store

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parking lot. They were worried about the lack of a written easement between the two sides and the complications that would cause. There was also concern over the effect that this would have on the Upper Village Hall, which has been a

major historical landmark in Derry since 1875, even serving as Derry's Town Hall at one point.

"This is clearly a unique situation," member Jim MacEachern noted.

Jurisdiction for the plan was accepted by all members except for Mark Con-

nors and Brian Chirichiello, on the grounds that they felt not even jurisdiction should be accepted without a more complete site plan. As a result of this confusion, review and acceptance of the site plan was moved to the board's next meeting on Oct. 4, giving the applicants time to clear up the blueprints for the board.



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DERRY SPORTS

Angry Astro Football Squad Trounces Unbeaten Lancers

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Six days after suffering a frustrating road loss to the Salem High Blue Devils, the Pinkerton Academy football squad vented quite a bit against the rival and undefeated Londonderry High Lancers in Mack Plaque play in Derry Friday night, Sept. 22.

In what was expected by many to be a tight and extremely competitive contest, the now 3-1 Astros handed the now 3-1 Lancers their first loss of the 2017 campaign by controlling play on both sides of the football in a 35-7 blowout.

The hosts took commanding leads of 21-0 at halftime and 35-0 at the completion of three quarters, and it was apparent to many of the estimated 6,000 folks who turned out to catch what they expected would be a great game that Pinkerton had things well in hand by halftime.

Pinkerton senior running back Ty Hicks had what any back would consider a dream night, gaining 279 rushing yards on a dozen carries and scoring touchdowns of 73, 83, and 33 yards. And running the ball hard and well was right at the center of PA veteran coach Brian O'Reilly's offensive plans on this beau-

tiful New England evening.

"To be honest, I didn't even know if we'd attempt even a single pass tonight," said the coach. "To me, success tonight was going to be rushing the ball for 400 yards."

In light of that thought, the night was nothing short of magnificent for the Astros. With Hicks' exceptional evening - he and twin brother Terrell tallied 316 yards by themselves - the Pinkerton offense amassed some 477 total rushing yards. The Astros attempted just three passes on the night, completing one for 11 yards for nearly 500 total offensive yards.

"It feels good to be able to break out into open space," said Ty Hicks. "My linemen did so well. I'm so proud of them."

On the other side of the field, Londonderry came into battle with great hopes of pushing its 2017 record up to 4-0 and notching a huge Mack Plaque win. But LHS coach Jimmy Lauzon also anticipated that the Astros would play angry after the Salem loss - which he witnessed - and he got what he expected.

"I didn't expect them to run the ball as well as they did," lamented Lauzon. "We'll have to look at the film and see what we'll need to do better."

After Pinkerton coughed up the first turnover of the night at the tail-end of its first offensive series on a fumble, Londonderry

dished out the first of its three turnovers of the opening half when PA senior defensive back Kayden Baillargeon snagged an interception which placed the Astro offense at the Londonderry 25-yard-line. And four plays later the hosts were celebrating Gannon Fast's quick 9-yard run to pay-dirt which helped make it a 7-0 contest six minutes into the game.

The Lancers then handed the ball back to PA moments later on a fumble, and Terrell Hicks sprinted the ball into the end zone seven plays later from four yards out. A bad snap on the subsequent point-after kick left the score at 13-0 with 1:21 to go in period number one.

The contingents then exchanged turnovers during the final six minutes of the half when the Lancers blocked a Pinkerton punt and Alex Boucher recovered the ball. But Londonderry handed the ball right back over a mere two plays later by fumbling it away.

Starting a new offensive series on its own 23, the Astros required just two plays to score as Ty Hicks found a bunch of that open

space he spoke of and sprinted the ball 73 yards for his first score of the evening.

PA quarterback Aiden Goujon then ran in the two-point conversion, and the Astros' lead sat at 21-0 with 2:08 left in the half.

At the halftime break, the stat sheets showed Pinkerton with 312 yards worth of offense, all via its ground game. And Londonderry had tallied just 97 yards, all on the ground.

When play resumed, any hopes the visiting Lancers had of chipping away at the Pinkerton lead took a right cross to the jaw in the form of an 83-yard touchdown run by Ty Hicks on the very first PA offensive play of the new half.

And a bit more than seven minutes later the Pinkerton lead bulged to 35-0 thanks to Hicks' third scoring sprint of the night, this one covering 33 yards.

With subs on the field and running time in effect, Londonderry buried Pinkerton's shutout hopes with 1:20 showing on the game clock when junior quarter-



Pinkerton senior back Ty Hicks had a huge night for himself in his team's walloping of Londonderry in Derry late last week.
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back Evan Cormier capped off a 10-play drive by running the football into the end zone from two yards out.

The Pinkerton crew will play host to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua this Friday evening, Sept. 29.

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Pinkerton Golfers First in the State Capital, Second at Home

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The Pinkerton Academy golf squad smashed its record up to an extremely impressive 9-1 by besting both the Concord High Crimson Tide and the Alvirne High Broncos of Hudson in a tight, three-team battle at the Concord Country Club last Thursday, Sept. 21.

The Astros shot a 197 to finish first, with the host Crimson Tide an extremely close second (199) and Alvirne just three strokes behind that Concord crew (202).

Pinkerton senior star Lauren Thibodeau tied Concord's Evan Makris for the top score of 36, and Nick

Tufts tied with an Alvirne golfer for third place by shooting a 38. Astro Noah Kierstead finished in fifth all by himself (39), and his teammate Kyle Raspuzzi wound up in a six-way tie for eighth place by shooting a 41.

But things didn't go quite as well for the locals on their home links at the Hoodcroft Country Club in Derry the next afternoon, Friday the 22nd.

The Astros were just edged by 13-1 Keene by a single stroke that day, with the visiting Blackbirds shooting a 201 and Pinkerton right behind with a 202. Nashua South ended up

a very distant third with a 236.

Raspuzzi was tops for his squad with a 39 while Thibodeau and Tufts both shot a 40. Kierstead was next (41) with Lewis White right behind him (42).

Coach Jeff Sojka's talented academy bunch then stepped into this week with its fine 10-2 record looking at a Monday, Sept. 25 match which would have had Mack Plaque implications had Pinkerton not already assured itself of maintaining its grasp on the plaque two days earlier (see related story). The Astros faced off against the rival Londonderry

High Lancers and the Nashua South Purple Panthers on the links at the Green Meadow Golf Club in Hudson that afternoon.

And the academy squad had a tremendously productive outing on those Hudson links, tallying a team score of 187 to advance to 12-2 on the season. South was second with a 202, and Londonderry was a distant third with a 222.

Thibodeau led absolutely everybody with a top individual score of 31, with Lewis White tied for third with teammate Ty Letoile (both at 38) and Cody Sullivan alone in fifth place (39).



Pinkerton senior golf star Lauren Thibodeau was better than every other individual in her team's road match in Hudson this past Monday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

PA Sweeps Londonderry in Retaining the Mack Plaque

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The games were all extremely spirited and several of the contests were decided by razor-thin margins, but Pinkerton Academy has managed to maintain its grasp on the Mack Plaque for a 16th consecutive year by winning every one of the Mack contests played on Astro soil in Derry between Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday the 23rd.

Pinkerton entered weekend play with a 2-0 lead fol-

lowing a cross-country sweep by the academy teams over their LHS rivals in Derry several weeks earlier. And PA then tallied a 35-7 win in football on Friday night and victories of 3-0 in volleyball, 2-1 in girls' soccer, 1-0 in field hockey, and 2-0 in boys' soccer on Saturday in keeping the plaque.

The two schools' golf teams then played each other at the Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield this past Monday, but that outcome was entirely aca-

demic as Pinkerton had already posted a perfect 7-0 record in Mack matches.

The Mack Plaque games - named for Londonderry's Mack family in honor of its many contributions to both local schools - began in the autumn of 1983. Londonderry won the plaque in 1990, 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2000. The schools tied for the plaque - leaving the trophy at the school which won it the previous fall - in 1986, 1992, and 2001, and Pinkerton has won it every other year.



Wins Keep Coming

Pinkerton Academy golf star Lauren Thibodeau from Hampstead bagged her second title win at The Granite State Challenge in Keene recently, outplaying a field of 23 other golfers from the New England region and Quebec with an excellent performance. And the University of Louisville-bound (Ky.) star continues to be a true powerhouse for her PA school squad as well.

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Boy's Soccer Gets Back to .500 With a Pair of Blankings

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Both of the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad's shutout victories last week were significant and pretty pleasing for coach Kerry Boles and his Astros.

But the latter one had just a little bit more luster on it for the longtime PA mentor.

The academy booters got back to the .500 mark and ended a frustrating four-game losing skid with a 3-0 white-washing of Dover on the seacoast on Tuesday,

Sept. 19, followed by a shutout effort in a 2-0 besting of the rival Londonderry High Lancers - for whom coach Boles starred in the early 1980's - in Mack Plaque action on Saturday the 23rd.

In the shutout of the 2-5 Dover High Green Wave, the Astros - who had been blanked themselves in their previous three matches - received a first-half goal from Brian Castle 24 minutes in (assisted by Michael Curtin), and Alex Rust and Terry Coyle added insurance markers in the second half. Joe Palmer assisted on the first, and Rust bagged the helper on the second. PA goalie Max Fairbank made three saves his contribution to the shutout, with his teammates pelting some 14 blasts on the Dover cage.

"It was nice to finally score a goal and play with a lead for a bit today. It wasn't pretty at times, but the way things have been going lately we'll take it. Our road doesn't get any easier as the undefeated Lancers come to town this weekend. We will have our hands full," said coach Boles.

The Londonderry High crew ambled into its Saturday Mack Plaque match in Derry with a glittering 6-0-1 record, but that mark would get blemished by the end of the contest.

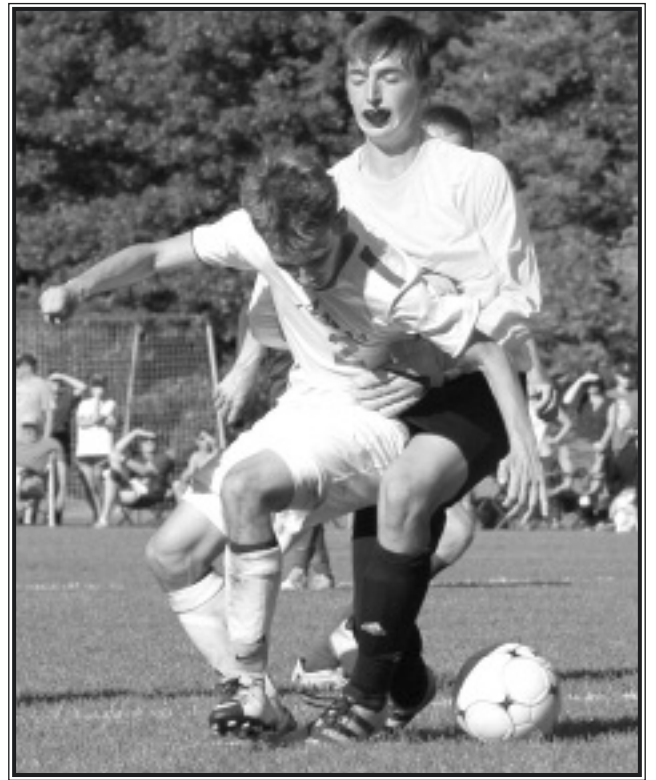
A scoreless deadlock wasn't broken until 12 minutes into the second half when Pinkerton nabbed a

goal. And the hosts added an insurance marker 18 minutes later to get to the 2-0 mark which would also be the final score.

That first PA tally came at the tail-end of a scrum right in front of the Londonderry net, with Alex Rust popping the loose ball into the cage. And any fan of soccer could appreciate the second PA goal which featured a perfect execution of a corner kick. Joe Palmer lofted the kick from along the right sideline toward the front of the Londonderry cage, and teammate Ashim Gurung headed it home.

"We've been struggling to score goals of late, so we knew this was going to be a tough battle, as it always is when these two teams tangle," said ex-Lancer Boles. "We've had some ups and downs this season, so it was great to grab this victory. We played really well, and I'm very proud of their performance today. Even though we've played good teams tough, we talked about the fact that moral victories don't count in the standings. We needed to impose our will today, particularly after we didn't get a victory last weekend."

Boles and his bunch then bounced into this week looking at a pair of road contests, with a brief ride to Manchester Memorial on Tuesday the 26th, after Nutfield News press time, followed by a bit longer trip to Nashua North on Friday.



Pinkerton Astro Alex Rust makes his way around the Londonderry High goalie to score the first goal in the PA crew's Mack Plaque victory. Photo by Chris Paul



FLYING HIGH Pinkerton Academy Spirit Squad flyer Genna Dellisola gets the near-capacity crowd warmed up as the Mack Plaque football game gets started on Friday night at the Derry school's home field. Photo by Chris Paul

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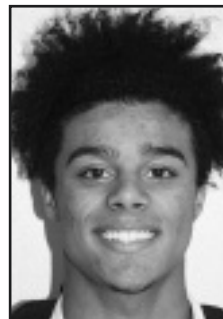
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Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Nudges Over .500 With Big Win Over LHS

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After seeing its record drop back to the .500 mark with a tight loss at home early last week, the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad bagged a big win over its arch-rival in dramatic fashion at the end of the week to get back over .500 to 4-3-1.

First-year varsity coach Danielle Rappa watched her skilled charges fall by a goal to Dover before rebounding with a late one-goal win over Londonderry in Mack Plaque play in Derry days

later.

The Lady Astros had their season record slip back to the .500 mark at 3-3-1 with a hard-fought, 1-0 loss to Dover in Derry last Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Reagan Kolinski made three saves in the PA net, but her team wasn't able to manage the tying goal after the Green Wave busted a 0-0 deadlock in the second half.

But the Lady Astros did rebound from a deficit when they faced off with the LHS Lady Lancers in Derry on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 23, with a penalty kick off of a touched ball inside

the box making a dramatic difference.

Londonderry snared a 1-0 lead early in period two following a scoreless first half, with Olivia Stowell getting set up by Alyssa Anderson on that big marker.

But Macy Graves potted the tying goal on a penalty kick with 10 minutes left on the clock after a LHS defensive player had the ball glance off her hand on a Nicole Alves kick inside the box, and Alves netted the eventual game winner - on an assist from Julia Preston - with just a minute remaining

in regulation time.

Pinkerton goalie Kolinski was good for some 10 saves in the big victory for her crew, with LHS keeper Jazmine Richard making six stops for her side.

"Kolinski made a huge breakaway save in the second half to keep us in the game," said Rappa.

This week's slate had the Lady Astros looking at a Tuesday match at home against Manchester Memorial - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home battle against Nashua North on Friday.



Pinkerton's Ashlee Dubois and Lady Lancer Laurel Goding race after the ball during Mack Plaque play last Saturday.
Photo by Chris Paul

Astro Harriers Take on the Masses at Manchester Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Cross-country teams and their athletes from across the New England region traveled to Manchester's Derryfield Park last Saturday, Sept. 23 to compete against one another at the 43rd Annual Manchester Invitational. And Pinkerton Academy runners wound up being right in the mix.

The defending state champion Lady Astros finished a superb fourth out of 30 teams in the girls' large school race, and that team's freshman crew also had some standouts stand up tall.

And the defending state champion Pinkerton boys' crew had runners finish among the top 25 line-crossers in every race in which they had harriers compete.

GIRLS

Coach Amy Bernard's

varsity girls bagged their fine fourth-place team finish on the backs of superb performances from a number of sources.

Sophomore Meghan Cross was the first Lady Astro across the finish line, winding up ninth overall in a crowd of more than 200 finishers. She crossed in a time of 19 minutes and 47 seconds in the warm weather.

Cross was followed by teammates Ciara April in 28th place (20:33), Jordan Vaillancourt in 30th (20:38), and Maison D'Amelio in the 47th position (21:12).

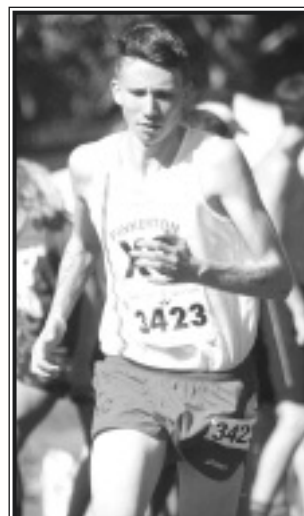
In the freshman girls' mile, the Lady Astros were able to derive a great amount of pride from the fact that stalwarts Molly McGaffigan (third in 6:36) and Katie Boucher (ninth in 7:03) both crossed the line among the top 10 finishers.

BOYS

Pinkerton's Long Red



Lady Astros' sophomore star Meghan Cross excelled in Derryfield Park last weekend.



PA standout Joe Gagnon raced against the masses in the Manchester Invitational.

Line did some strong work in all of its races, with the varsity boys ending up a very decent 11th out of 37 teams in the boys' large school race.

Individually, PA had Joe Gagnon finish 24th overall (16:56), Ethan Desmarais get 45th place (17:28), Nate Steiger wind up 63rd (17:47), Steven Groulx finish 78th (18:05), and Zach Aham notch 93rd place (18:19).

In other races, the Astros

had a bunch of young men finish among the top 20 crossers out of some very large groupings.

In the 204-man junior varsity "C" race, the academy crew had Tony LaCasse finish sixth (18:58), Nick Caputo nab 11th (19:34), and Conrad Gende get 16th place (20:00).

And in the JV "B" race, which boasted some 322 finishers, Nolan Preble placed 11th (18:00) and Jeff Mize finished 14th (18:08).

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Shutouts Get Pinkerton Volleyball Crew's Record Up to 8-1



Pinkerton volleyball stalwart Ella Dandrade tips the ball over the net during the Lady Astros' Mack Plaque mauling of Londonderry in Derry. Photo by Chris Paul

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Shutout victories over Keene, Memorial and the rival Londonderry High left veteran coach Todd Royce and his Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros' volleyball squad contemplating their superb 8-1 Division I record.

The academy spikers advanced their mark to 6-1 with a rock-solid, 3-0 white-washing of the Keene High Lady Blackbirds on the road last Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The victorious locals claimed victories of 25-15, 25-11, and 25-19 in taking the match, with Amelia Graves pacing the effort with 15 service points and

six aces, 14 digs, and 10 kills. One match after notching the 1,000th assist of her career, Sara Metzger added 19 more, and Ella Dandrade was good for 15 digs.

Then three days later - on the morning of Saturday the 23rd - the Lady Astros began a great and wildly-productive Mack Plaque day for their school by blanking visiting Londonderry by a 3-0 margin.

Game one was a truly exceptional battle, with the hosts having to go all the way to the wall for a 30-28 victory as the Lady Lancers showed all kinds of fight and intensity.

The score was tied no less than 16 times during

that initial game including at 20-20, 21-21, 22-22, 24-24, 25-25, 26-26, 27-27, and 28-28 as the rivals battled away looking for the winning points.

But things got easier for the Lady Astros in game two, which they won by a 25-18 score. And game three ended up being a legitimate blowout for PA, which won by a 25-11 margin.

The victors received 32 assists from Metzger, 18 digs from Dandrade, nine service points from Nicole Baron, nine kills each from Graves and Brooke Kane, and three blocks from Kane.

The Lady Astros then found themselves back at home in Hackler Gymna-

sium against Manchester Memorial this past Monday, with later matches slated for Hollis-Brookline High on Thursday the 28th and at Alvirne High in Hudson the next day.

And the now 8-1 Lady Astros had very little trouble with the visiting Memorial Lady Crusaders on Monday, tallying set victories of 25-16, 25-14, 25-15 in keeping their winning ways rolling.

Metzger was a real force for the locals, notching some 22 service points with seven aces and 21 assists. Additionally, her teammate Graves grabbed 13 digs and collected 11 kills, and Dandrade notched a total of 13 digs and six kills.

Field Hockey Squad Gets Tight Wins Then Takes First Loss

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A lopsided victory followed by the tightest of wins last week left the Pinkerton Academy field hockey contingent bounding into this week with a glittering, 8-0 record.

The Lady Astros drove their mark up to 7-0 with an 8-0 walloping of the visiting Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders last Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The hosts sprinted out to a 6-0 lead in the first period and added two more unanswered markers in the sec-

ond half in bagging the lop-sided victory.

The unbeaten Lady Astros received two goals from Emma Davis and single tallies from Meg Michaud, Kate Bennett, Lacey Cheney, Lauren Lisauskas, Marley Mailloux, and Sarah Collins. Mailloux and Michaud also notched assists, as did Carly Young and Ava Dorci. Goalie Khaliyah Ellis contributed three saves.

But three days later, on the afternoon of Saturday the 23rd in Mack Plaque play in Derry against the rival Londonderry Lady

Lancers, Michaud was the only PA player to manage a goal in an epic, 1-0 battle.

The contest was scoreless until 18:47 of the second half as goalies Morgan Brutus of LHS and Ellis of PA worked hard in an attempt to keep the opposing offense stymied and frustrated.

The lone tally of the day was netted by Lady Astro Michaud unassisted, and try as it might the determined Londonderry contingent could not manage the equalizer.

The one and only goal that LHS was able to man-

age was nullified by the officials, who ruled that it had been scored after a whistle had been blown to indicate a Londonderry infraction.

Brutus wound up with nine saves and Ellis claimed seven in a truly stellar contest.

Its record still unblemished, the academy crew then bounded into this week with a Monday match scheduled at home against Dover, followed by a road battle in Nashua against Bishop Guertin this Wednesday the 27th after Nutfield News press time.

But the Lady Astros absorbed their first defeat of the season in a pretty stunning 1-0 loss to Dover on Monday, with the Green Wave girls notching the game's only goal on a penalty stroke and failing to put even one other shot on the PA net.



Lady Astro Lauren Lisauskas makes her way past Londonderry's Sarah Vanini during Mack Plaque play last weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

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Preschool Storytime

On Mon. Oct. 2, from 10- 10:45 a.m., at the Derry Public Library, a Preschool Storytime will be available for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, nursery rhymes, early literacy, and pre-school activities. No registration required. For more information contact Alexis MacDonald at brittonalexismb@derrypl.org

Angels of Hope

On Mon. Oct. 2, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Angels of Hope Provides support and hope to gather info and share challenges for people who have brain tumors. Held at the Derry Public Library.

Adult Coloring Night

On Mon. Oct. 2, from 6:30- 8 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. Come color with us, contact Liz Ryan, Adult Services Librarian 432-6140, lizr@derrypl.org for more information.

YOPD Support Group

On Mon. Oct. 2, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. A support group for people affected with Young Onset Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers will be held at the Derry Public Library. Contact Diane at Coledonaco6@aol.com for more information

Step Into Music

On Tue. Oct. 3, from 10 - 10:45 a.m. the program Step Into Music will be held by Ms. Eileen, at the Derry Public Library, join us for this lively music and dance program for young children (ages 3-5 years old) and their caregiver. No registration required. Contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org for more information.

CASA of NH

A support group/in-service training for CASA volunteers who work out of the Derry Family Court will be held on Tue. Oct. 3, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Derry Public

Library. Contact Angela Delyani at 626-4600x2117 or adelyani@c-asanh.org for more information.

Sharpie Art

Join us on Tue. Oct. 3, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library for a "Sharpie" craft night. Make Pen/Pencil Cases, Mugs, "Watercolor" Tiles, Worry Stones, Clay Pendants, and Candle Holders. For ages 12-18 contact Erin Robinson at 432-6140, or erinr@derrypl.org for more information.

Bedtime Stories

An evening story time with Ms. Alexis will be held on Tue. Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 7 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. This story time puts the emphasis on fun! Stories, flannel boards, games, and crafts are included in this bedtime activity. PJs and blankies welcome. Ages 2-7. No registration required. Contact Alexis MacDonald at brittonalexismb@derrypl.org for more information.

Write Free or Die

A Flash Fiction presentation and peer critique will be held on Tue. Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. Contact Dean Quarrell at DeanQ@comcast.net for more information.

Autism Parents Support Group

On Wed. Oct. 4, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. A support group will meet at the Derry Public Library to provide emotional support and resources to parent of children with special needs. Contact Marla Soucy at marla.soucy@gmail.com for more information.

Infant Story time

On Wed. Oct. 4, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. All infants and their caregivers are welcome at the Derry Public Library for this lap sit story time for babies (birth - walking). Learn finger plays, songs, and nursery rhymes to share with your baby as she/he sits in your lap. Connect with other parents and caregivers. No registration required. Contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org for more information.

A Night of Paranormal Discovery

On Wed. Oct. 4, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Paranormal Treks will share some of their more memorable cases, stories and evidence from their paranormal investigations in New England at the Derry Public Library. Contact Liz Ryan at 432-6140, or lizr@derrypl.org for more information. Register Early, space is limited.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Join Ms. Eileen for this exciting toddler story time for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers n Thur. Oct. 5, from 10 - 10:45 a.m. at the Derry Public Library. This story time engages young children using music, finger plays, props, and movement. No registration required. Contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org for more information.

Thur. Night Craft Club!

Join our Monthly Craft club on Thur. Oct. 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Derry Public Library to make this months craft: Fairy Lanterns! We'll provide materials for you to create your own beautiful fairy lanterns to put out all season long. If you have your own jar that's *just right* please bring it (like a wide-mouthed pickle jar or another interesting-looking jar). This club is geared toward adults, but teen crafters are more than welcome! If you plan on participating in our pre-determined craft, you must register to reserve your materials. Otherwise, crafters can drop in with their own projects! Contact Courtney Wason at 432-6140, or courtneyw@derrypl.org for more information. Register early space is limited.

Halloween Costume Giveaway

On Sat. Oct. 7, at the Derry Public Library we will have a Halloween Costume Giveaway with The 'Good Witch' of Derry from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please drop in to our meeting rooms, the Good Witch of Derry will be here to give out Free Halloween Costumes! Any cos-

tume donations you would like to make are welcome that morning as well. Contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org for more information.

Ask a Muslim!

Join us on Sat. Oct. 7, 1:30 - 4 p.m. at the Derry Public Library for an open discussion where you can ask a Muslim anything. We welcome everyone in the spirit of diversity, education, and open discussion. Speaker Robert Azzi is an Arab American Muslim, photojournalist and columnist who was recently featured on New Hampshire Public Radio. He works to reduce misunderstandings between people of different faiths. Contact Liz Ryan, 432-6140, lizr@derrypl.org location Meeting Room A & B. There are many

Library closed

On Mon. Oct. 9, the Derry library will be closed for the Columbus Day holiday.

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Derry Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Fri., Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road. The speaker will be Jerry and Paige Kennery and they will demonstrate the use of the garden club website and discuss various forms of social media. Bring your own sandwich. The committee will provide chips, desserts and beverages. We will also be collecting for the food pantry and soup kitchen. www.derrygardenclub.org

Macks Craft and Bake Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be having their annual bake and craft sale Sun., Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples, 230 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. There will be lots of baked goods and crafts for sale. It's also a great place to pick apples.

Craft Club

The library will be hosting a monthly series of meetings as a part of their new Craft Club. Each month will feature a new project for attendees to test their skills on, including creating "fairy lanterns" on

October 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., producing marbled designs on card stock on November 2, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and creating your own bath bombs on December 7, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Supplies are limited for these meetings, so registration is necessary either online or by calling the library. Contact Courtney Wason at 603-432-6140 or courtneyw@derrypl.org for more information.

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Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program again in 2017/2018. The program is held the second Friday night of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway. The September program will be "Basic Layout Design with XTrackCAD, Getting Past the Learning Curve." XTrackCAD is a free model railroad layout design tool. Glenn Mitchell will demonstrate the basic set up and features by designing a small layout. For additional information, go to the division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

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