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## School District Presented With Proposal for Next Year's Budget

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Budget season for the Derry school district continues to push forward, as the latest meeting between district administration, School Board members and the Fiscal Advisory Committee occurred on November 6 at Derry Village School.

Serving as the second meeting for discussions about the 2018-2019 district budget, members of the administration fully released the proposed budget for the follow school year for evaluation and discussion.

Although there has been a recent focus on enrollment numbers for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools, one of the more

severe changes brought up in the proposed budget came from several proposed staff cuts, wherein one Elementary Teacher would be removed from Derry Village, Grinnell Elementary and Ernest P. Barka each, while two English Language Arts Teachers would be removed from Gilbert H. Hood. These changes were proposed due to enrollment for these schools being at or below the school board's original goal and would save the district four hundred thousand dollars.

In their place, several minor and major staffing roles would be filled across the district. In terms of minor roles, or additional jobs for employees to take on for a minor pay increase,

one In-School Suspension position for each middle school, one Transportation Coordinator position and one Team Leader Stipend for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program would be filled. Major roles, or fully salaried positions, would be a Speech/Language Assistant in the Derry Early Education Program (DEEP), one Special Education teacher for Ernest P. Barka, East Derry Memorial and Grinnell Elementary each, a part time Special Education Teacher for NEXT Charter School and a part time Guidance Counselor at West Running Brook. These additions would come to four hundred and twenty six thousand dol-

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## Planning Board Questions Current Rules for Downtown Apartments

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Due to a rather small agenda during the Planning Board's most recent meeting on November 1, the board decided to use their extra time to enter a discussion concerning housing in the downtown area.

More specifically, the idea spawned back from a similar workshop that occurred back in May, wherein members of the board believed that the Central Business District and Traditional Business Overlay District zoning rules should be reevaluated.

This is due to a claim by Anne Struthers, the town's Economic Development Coordinator, that reevaluation is necessary due to the

rules' current restrictions on building apartments on first or second floors downtown. Essentially, the logic behind the rule hoped to keep businesses on the first floor of a building, office space on the second floor and apartments on any subsequent floors.

This rule was originally established in May of 2015, but it was noted by the board that no new buildings have been built downtown since then, thus no building has had to keep this rule in mind.

Board Chairman David Granese felt that before they make any pushes towards changes, several things need to be undertaken first. Granese would like to speak with Struthers on how specifically she thinks Derry would benefit from the alter-

ations of these rules. Granese also suggested that a survey form be sent out to citizens and property owners downtown to see where they stand on the issue, on top of a public forum during one of their future meetings.

Board Member Jim MacEachern is not opposed to the idea, but does think that a long term plan needs to be thought up and analyzed before pursuing this any further. He too wishes to hear from citizens and property owners about the issue and had several concerns over what impact this would have on the relocation of several projects being undertaken by the town at the moment. Finally, as the town is currently looking to review and fix the 2010

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**SCOUTS HONOR** Local Boy Scouts, Dimirty Buchkov and Gavin Holloway, front, with Alex Mayo, back, sort through the hundreds of food items collected and dropped off at the Central Fire Station on Saturday during the annual "Scouting for Food" event. Several area churches and Food Pantry's will benefit from the event as the holiday's approach.  
Photo by Chris Paul

## Chamber of Commerce Continues Preparations for Holiday Parade

ALEX GUITTARR  
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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 kick-

ing things off.

As such, the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce is currently preparing for its thirty first Holiday Parade, taking place on November 25 at 1 PM.

Stephen Dente, who currently serves as the Chairman for the parade's com-

mittee, 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.

With less than three weeks until the parade the chamber still has plenty on its plate to take care of,

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# Emergency Management Provided Direction and Guidance During Storm

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Due to the recent wind storms that plagued New England, more than one and a half million residents across the region experienced power outages, making life in general far more difficult than they would have liked.

Many of us look to support from family and neighbors during times like this, but regardless of the emergency that we are faced with, whether it be a wind

storm, flooding or blizzard, it is just as important to know about what kind of resources are made available by the town to make things more manageable in the mean time.

This is where Derry's Emergency Management department comes in. Managed by Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, the department specializes in providing information on where to go in town for emergency supplies and how to make sure that your home and family are prepared in the event of

an emergency.

Upon visiting the department's page on the town's official website, you can see a red tab that features up-to-date information about any disaster currently plaguing the area. In the most recent case, details about power outages, road closures and advice on where to find portable water and how to stay safe from carbon monoxide can be found.

But this is only the beginning of the services provided by the department. They also have their own

twitter account, where you can find a steady stream of advice and information in the event of an emergency ([twitter.com/DerryNHBEM](https://twitter.com/DerryNHBEM)).

The department is also connected to the NH Alerts program. Provided by the New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the free service will send out emergency and community messages via smartphones and email when authorized by public safety officials at the state level and severe

weather warnings from the National Weather Service. CodeRED, a similar service provided by Onsolve LLC, is also recommended by the department.

Furthermore, the department works very closely with the Community Emergency Response Team of Derry (CERT). CERT serves to educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, holding regular meetings for volunteers in order to make

sure that they can handle even the most precarious of situations.

Finally, the department's webpage links to various other federal, state and local websites that can provide residents with insight on how to be ready for disasters, including ready.gov, New Hampshire Homeland Security and the Derry Fire Department.

For more information about the department, please visit [derrynh.org/emergency-management](http://derrynh.org/emergency-management).

# Pinkerton Hosts Sending School's Dinner for Town Representatives

ALEX GUITTARR  
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With over three thousand students currently enrolled at Pinkerton Academy, it should be noted that although many obviously do hail from Derry, a large number are actually residents from twenty one other towns across New Hampshire. On an application-based, privately-tuited basis, a limited number of students from these towns are allowed to attend the academy.

But considering that they have a stake in the education of these students as well, representatives from the

school districts in these towns have a right to know about the overall state of Pinkerton. Thus, three times a year, Pinkerton hosts a Sending School's Dinner in the relatively new Freshman Academy building in order to get these representatives up-to-date on the numerous factors at play in the school.

Present at the dinner were representatives from some of Pinkerton's larger sending towns, Hampstead, Chester, Auburn and Hooksett, as well as their newest sending town, Candia, and members of both Derry's School Board and the Pinkerton Board of Directors. During the assortment

of presentations for the evening, those present were treated to an assortment of dishes provided by several of Pinkerton's top culinary students.

The night began with Peter Gaucher, the Head of Pinkerton's English Department, giving a presentation about the lives and schedules of National Honor Society (NHS) students. Alongside him were Madison Bouchard-Liporto, president of the NHS, as well as Peter Tinker, Treasurer of the NHS. The two students expanded upon what their days are like and how they managed to juggle their many different responsibilities.

"Our days are typically

different than most students", Liporto noted.

Following this presentation was an Emergency Medical Service Symposium, led by Health Science teacher Derek Earle, where in Earle delved into the efforts of the school's EMS program, which he teaches, as well as the progress of several past and current students. More on this can be read about on page [].

The rest of the night comprised of various members of the Board of Directors and Pinkerton staff giving updates on the state of the academy. Edwin Kargala, the board's first Vice-President, handled the daily property update and managed the discussion on

potential nominees for a new Headmaster of Pinkerton, as the current Headmaster, Griffin Morse, recently announced his retirement. Morse was also present to give a state of the academy

address, which simply delved into the numerous events that have been taking place around campus and the town at-large when involved with the school.

## Apartments

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Master Plan for planning and zoning, MacEachern felt that those discussions should also keep downtown housing in mind.

"I don't have a problem going back and looking at it again, but you have to tread a little lightly here", Maceachern noted.

Board Member Mark Connors also appeared open

to the idea, but felt that each building should be judged on its own merits before any construction occurs, taking into account its size and age.

However, Board Vice Chairman John O'Connor was less than excited about these possible changes, concerned over the additional strain that more housing downtown could place on the already compact parking problem in the area.

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# Food Pantry Hosting Polar Bear Plunge at Beaver Lake

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Taking a swim at Beaver Lake during December may be near the bottom of most people's to-do list, right alongside sticking your tongue to a frozen pole. But, despite the perplexing nature of the idea, jumping into icy waters during the winter season, or taking the "Polar Bear Plunge" as it is called, is a long standing tradition that

has been done all across the world for decades.

Whether it is done for competition, charity or simply the thrill of it all, hundreds of thousands of people perform the act year after year, and Derry residents will soon be getting the opportunity to take the plunge as well, as the First Baptist Church Food Pantry will be hosting its first ever Pantry Plunge at Gallien's Beach on Beaver Lake on Dec. 16.

Nancy Francis, a volunteer with the food pantry, was one of the original inspirations for the event, having previously attended a similar event for a church in Connecticut. Upon seeing the massive positive impact that it had on that community and recently joining up with the food pantry because of her son's involvement, Francis suggested back in the summer that Derry have their own plunge.

"It was a case of 'Why should they have all the fun?'," Francis noted.

If you wish to participate in the event, know first off that it is a fundraiser and you will need to go to the event's Facebook page in order to find the donation sign-up sheet, with which donors can donate for the participant and write down their information. On the day of the event, be sure to bring the money you have collected with you, as

well as a towel and warm, dry clothes to wear afterward. Members of the pantry are also encouraging people to create teams to join the fun if they wish, as Francis is doing with her fellow staff from Derry Blue Seal.

But all the donations will be going towards a great cause, as the food pantry, which been serving Derry since 1992, assists roughly three hundred and fifty individuals and families a month,

totaling to more than forty two hundred people a year.

"They rely upon the generosity of the public", Francis stated.

The gates will be opening for the plunge at 11:30 a.m. and it will officially begin at Noon. For more information about the event, including the donation form, please visit [facebook.com/PantryPlunge/](https://www.facebook.com/PantryPlunge/).

## Pinkerton Academy Graduate Recognized Nationally for Artistic Film

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy has always been known to be a source of incredible talent, showcasing just how much potential our youth have for the future. And amongst the elite athletes, mathematicians and scientists behind its walls, artists too have a place to stand out, with one in particular recently managing to earn national recognition for her work.

2016 graduate Taylor Rae, who was recently nominated by the National Academy of Television, Arts and Science (NATAS) for a National Student Emmy Award in Directing for her film "Sketchy", was announced as the official winner of the award during The National Student Production Awards on Oct. 3.

Rae has already been nominated in the past for her work, finishing second in the 2016 New Hampshire

High School Film Festival, winning the award for Best Directing at the regional Emmy Awards for New England last Spring and her film will even be stream live from Los Angeles along with the rest of the nominees for the national award.

The ceremony itself was held on Emerson College and hosted by Tom Bergeron. NATAS's primary objective is to dedicate themselves to the advancement of the arts and sciences of tele-

vision and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. Awards are given not only for creative arts, but also for the likes of news and documentaries, sports, daytime entertainments and more.

Rae was mostly home-schooled growing up, but did attend several art classes, including one in video production taught by Christopher Lord. Lord spoke very

highly of his former pupil, noting that her film was excellent produced and how it promoted passion for ones dreams, not to mention her expert combination of animation and camera work.

"She was very dedicated to animation and television work", Lord stated.

She asked about her own thoughts on the film, Rae mentioned that she wanted to tackle the stigma behind art school and some people are dissuaded from follow-

ing their dreams because of the concept of the "starving artist".

Although she is not currently attending school, instead working a part-time job, Rae still hopes to eventually attend an art school one day and make a career out of her passion. Thankfully, Rae's parents were far from opposed to what Rae is doing with her life.

"My parents were really supportive of my art", Rae noted.

## St. Thomas Aquanis Prepares for Annual Candy Cane Craft Fair

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Christmas time may not quite be around just yet, but that is not stopping St. Thomas Aquinas from decking the halls and preparing for the holiday season with its thirteenth annual Candy Cane Craft Fair.

Taking place on Nov. 18, the wildly popular fair will be hosted inside of St. Thomas Aquinas School's gymnasium, as many of their other events have also

done.

Sandy Sherman, Director of Faith Formation for the church, is one of the individuals in charge of putting the fair together this year and said that plenty of members of the community love to stop by and check out the wares on sale.

"We have hundreds of people that come through the doors," Sherman noted.

Although the event will not be overly festive in its decorations, there will still be plenty of great products

to choose from to help attendees get ready for the holidays. More than fifty vendors will be present to sell a huge variety of items, including homemade jellies and jams, jewelry and assorted wreaths. There will also be plenty of opportunities for raffles, as around one hundred baskets will be available to potentially be won.

Baked goods will also play a prominent role in the fair, as not only will plenty of cookies and other treats

be available at the bake sale tables, but there will also be an area for children to go ahead and make their own cookies.

"It's just one crazy day", Sherman stated.

All of the funds earned throughout the event will be put towards the church and its various programs, but the

major focus in terms of funding for this event concerns the church's food pantry. Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., the pantry typically sees around two hundred visitors a month looking for assistance with putting food on their table and are looking

for all the help that they can get.

The fair will be taking place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and lunch will also be served, including sausages, pizza, soups and other refreshments.

For more information, contact the church at 432-5000.

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## Editorial

### In the Spirit

Every year about this time, we begin to get letters with requests for donations of warm clothes, winter accessories, food, gift cards and new toys to help the less fortunate through the holidays and colder months.

In spite of national media reports of a restored economy, the list of those in need seems to get more extensive each year. The needy encompasses many different groups, with some peoples' focus on the children of prison inmates, veterans, and the elderly nationwide, while others focus on those of their own hometown.

Whether it's a request for a monetary donation, a gift in answer to a request of an ornament on a Giving Tree, or a concert admission benefiting a certain cause, fund drives are seen everywhere as the holidays approach. Even schoolchildren get lessons in helping others as they collect change or canned food for their less fortunate friends.

We live in towns with relatively high income levels and don't have much occasion to come across people who appear to be suffering from a lack of money, yet there are homeless children in our schools, or of families with both parents working multiple jobs just to stay afloat. There are soup kitchens and food pantries that regularly strain to feed those in need, and high numbers

of children qualifying by family income (or lack thereof) for free and reduced lunch at school. Two feeding programs for children ran this past summer in Derry to make sure youngsters continued to be fed while school was not in session.

The economy surely is better than it has been, but that improvement hasn't brought with it higher wages to meet an ever-increasing cost of living. And with Congress choosing not to make health care and insurance affordable this coming year to persons struggling to get by on the Social Security they paid out during their working years (even as Medicare costs rise) we can expect more of our elders to have to make the unfathomable choice of food or rent or medicine. And those same elderly folks are often the least likely to ask for help.

For those of us fortunate enough to have jobs or a retirement income that allows us to pay our bills and give our family some extras, we invite you to consider the requests for help that highlight the coming holiday season. Some extra food, a pair of gloves and a scarf, or a toy for a child who might not otherwise get one are all small sacrifices to make in light of the help and happiness they will bring. And that's truly part of the spirit of the holiday season. It is truly a gift, having the means to give.

## Council To Consider Grants To Help With Traffic Enforcement

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors are considering state grant proposals totaling approximately \$42,000 that would help police with traffic enforcement and pedestrian patrols.

At press time, the council members were scheduled to consider accepting the grants for DWI patrols, Pedestrian/Bike patrols and Distracted Driving patrols at their Tuesday, Nov. 7 meeting. They were also scheduled to consider setting a public hearing for Nov. 21 on Sustained Enforcement Traffic Enforcement patrols and to accept the grant after the hearing, Derry police

Capt. George Feole wrote in a report.

Town Administrator David Caron is encouraging council members to accept the various grants and schedule the public hearing on Step patrols for Nov. 21, followed with the acceptance of the grant.

Distributed through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, the grants include a grant of \$18,882 for Traffic Enforcement patrols; \$9,766 for DWI patrols; \$6,987 for Distracted Driving patrols; and \$6,511 for Pedestrian/Bicycle patrols.

The New Hampshire Safety Agency periodically distributes funds to support

selective traffic enforcement patrols in various communities in the state, according to police.

The New Hampshire Safety Agency will reimburse the Town for 100 percent of salary related expenses, along with "associated roll up costs for all hours worked under the grants," Feole wrote. The Town is responsible for "in kind cost matches for each grant," Feole wrote.

He added, "Enforcement patrols will be scheduled throughout the grant period as one-man patrols. Officers assigned will be reimbursed at their respective overtime rate."

## Parade

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although duties will be handled by the Derry Village Rotary Club.

Dente and the chamber are already ahead of schedule when compared to last year, with groups like the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club usually providing their services. All eight bands that typically offer their services for the event have already signed on again for this year, and the likes of Artful Things of New Hampshire and the Merrimack Valley Credit Union will also be involved. But although plenty of people are willing to help out year after year, it is still always important to get the word out.

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

Dente noted, however, that the chamber tries to focus mostly on getting help from community groups and charitable organizations, ensuring that funds that are provided to these groups in the process will in turn be put back into Derry. But although fundraising is slightly behind where the chamber would like to be at the moment, they have already received help from



the First Baptist Church Food Pantry, who will be supplying a float for the parade.

And speaking of floats, they are key to the parade, but although the chamber is not too worried about them at the moment, they still have some rules in mind that they require participants to work with. Dente believes that any float should be decorated for the holidays and fit in with the theme of this year's parade, which is "The Sights and Sound of the Holidays." They also ask that no participant dress as Santa Claus, as 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 the theme of this year leaves a lot of room for creative freedom, as prior years have been a testament to.

"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 or Dente at (603) 589-8170.

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# Dancers Perform To Raise Money for Childhood Cancer Research



Dance teams performing at the Dancers Making a Difference fundraiser event on Nov. 3 at the Derry Opera House included the Londonderry High School Dance Team, above, Dance Progressions dancers, top right, and the Lorraine Spada School of Dance.

*Photos by Alex Guittarr*

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The art of dance has always had a way of capturing people's hearts and minds. And with so many talented young dancers in the area, it is simply a wonder to see what they are capable of when they work together towards a common cause.

And with a great cause in mind, these dancers, along with their teachers, parents and friends took part in the Dancers Making a Difference fundraiser event on Nov. 3 at the Derry Opera House.

Although the event needed the combined efforts of several schools and teams worth of volunteers, Lindsay Guidoboni-Lacasse, the Director for Dance Progressions out of Londonderry, served as the foremost

leader of the event. Having put the occasion together for more than fifteen years, it has proven time and time again to be a rousing success, choosing to raise money for the Mighty Max Fund this year.

Max Mendez, the namesake of the fund, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in July of last year. While he is still currently battling the disease, having just gone through his latest round of chemotherapy last week, friends and family have set up this fund to not only help raise awareness of pediatric cancer and how common it can be, but also to raise money to research towards finding a cure one day. The fund has already raised thirty thousand dollars for the likes of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Alex's Lemonade Stand, another

charity based around cancer victim Alexandra Scott.

Prior to the start of the event, Lacasse address the crowd, noting how proud she was of all the dancers that were performing that night and what all this hard work meant to her.

"I love to use dance as a way to give back to the community", Lacasse noted.

She also read off a note of appreciation from Mendez's mother, as the family could not appear at the event due to Mendez currently being in the hospital for his treatment.

All together, the more than one hundred and fifty



dancers performing during the event represented the likes of Dance Progressions, the Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center, the Lorraine Spada School of Dance, the Londonderry High School Dance Team, the Melissa Hoffman Dance

Center, Unbound Dance and Miss Greater Derry's Academy and the Red Star Twirlers. Also present for the evening were Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen Makenzie Goode, Miss Greater Derry Sarah Tubbs

and Miss Greater Derry's Outstanding Teen Madeline Downer.

If you wish to donate to the Mighty Max Fund, please visit [alexlemonade.org/mypage/1333140](http://alexlemonade.org/mypage/1333140).

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# Aspiring Doctors and Paramedics Meet with Sending School Representatives

**ALEX GUITTARR**  
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Paramedics and other first responders can be the difference between life and death for many people faced with medical emergencies. And while we all greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication that these individuals undertake every day, we sometimes underestimate just how much training is needed to be fully prepared for such a role.

As a means of making sure that these people have the tools needed to face these challenges, Pinkerton Academy is just one of many schools across America that offers Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training to students, giving them an initial taste of what it takes to join these ranks. On top of

working closely with local paramedics in the field, the program also unites with Derry's various health organizations, including The Upper Room and the Center for Life Management, to give more in-depth training.

In order to give an update on how present and past students of the program are managing, Derek Earle, a Health Science teacher with Pinkerton and the instructor for the EMS program, recently gave a symposium on the program at the latest Sending Town's Dinner Meeting on November 1. This was where representatives from school districts outside of Derry that send their students to Pinkerton are given an update on the state of the academy.

During Earle's presentation, he went ahead and gave an update on several past students of his program, including the likes of Hannah Terry, who is pursuing a career in nursing, Kyle Hooper, who is working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at Canobie Lake Park, and Private Second Class Richard Burnham, who is currently a combat nurse in the Armed Forces.

But while these students could not be present for the presentation, two of Earle current students could. The first student, Sarah Gates, used her time to note how satisfied she is with her time in the program, as well as expand upon Pinkerton's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) group, of which she is the President. Gates mentioned that she hopes to one day be a pediatric surgeon and is



Brendan Fitzgerald speaks at the Fall Sending Town's Dinner about the Pinkerton EMS Program.  
*Photo by Alex Guittarr*

looking forward to her future EMT training.

Another student, Brendan Fitzgerald, also discussed the HOSA and EMS program, including child birth training, mass causality training and Narcan/Opioiod overdose training. After telling the room of his experiences at a recent international conference for students like Brendan looking to enter the medical field, Brendan noted that he has greatly appreciated his time with HOSA and at the conference, as well as how dedicated he is to his work.

"There hasn't been a chapter where I thought 'I don't want to read this'", Fitzgerald noted when discussing his course work.

# Derry Village School Will Host Annual Holiday Craft Fair

**ALEX GUITTARR**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There will be plenty of great opportunities in the coming weeks to get your hands on some homemade, handcrafted items for the holidays, and Derry Village School is no exception, as they happen to have one of the longest running craft fairs in Derry.

And it will soon be taking place for the fortieth year in a row, as DVS is planning on hosting its annual Holiday Craft Fair on

November 18.

Kathleen Bell, one of the Co-Chairs for the event, noted that this typically serves as one of the most popular events for DVS and the PTA throughout the entire year, attracting people from all across town each time.

"It's one of our biggest fundraisers", Bell noted.

Attendees can expect forty or more vendors to take part in this annual fair, with the likes of assorted knitted items, homemade soaps, Christmas ornaments, various glass objects and jewelry and organic body care being sold, just to name some of the items available.

The fair will also be featuring a bake sale and several huge packages can be expected to be raffled off, including three months' worth of gymnastic classes at Palaestra Gymnastics, ski lift passes, tickets to Tupelo Music Hall and Gold Level Ticket Vouchers to the Monarch's hockey games.

But amongst these raffle packages will also be roughly ten to fifteen specialized baskets that were put together by each of the classrooms at DVS. Students in these classrooms were given a specific theme to follow for their basket and would then proceed to work with their parents to bring in various items for their basket that would fit that theme. Some baskets have been known to follow a theme of sports, family fitness and camping in the past.

Aside from the hundreds and hundreds of items on sale and up for auction during the fair, attendees can also bring their children along to get their photo taken with Santa Claus, sample some products from the Chili Cook-off and potentially have their kids join the Derry Fire Department in a ride-along with one of the department's fire trucks.

"It's like a little mix of everything", Bell stated.

The fair will be taking place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, contact DVS at 432-1233.

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# Linda Merrill Reflects on a Quarter Century at “The Little Library on the Hill”

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Few communities in America have anything quite like this one room library. It is registered in the National Register of Historic Places and was added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in July 2016. Linda Merrill, director of The Taylor Library, was recently honored by the Derry Town Council for her 25 years of service.

Merrill brought her own library is housed in a rela-

children to the little library on the hill, or The Taylor Library, as it is officially known, in the years before she worked there. April 1, 1991 was her first day working there. When longtime director Marge Palmer retired in 2001, Merrill took over as director. Merrill points to computers as the biggest change the library has seen. The collection catalog is now online and 3 laptops are available for patrons to use.

While the 130-year-old

tively tiny 1,020 square foot building, it offers a range of services many people associate with larger libraries. Interlibrary loans connect the library to other libraries throughout the state, giving patrons access to hundreds of thousands more books. Passes are available to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the SEE Science Center in Manchester, The Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover, The Seacoast Science Center in Rye and the historic Strawberry Banke museum in Portsmouth at no charge to the patron requesting them.

In 2014, Sunday hours of 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. were added. Merrill reports they have been very popular. Throughout the week, five different story hours and programs for young children are held, homeschoolers meet for book clubs, and a newly forming poetry club for homeschoolers will start meeting in January. 150 children participated in the

summer reading program this year. Book groups for adults are held each month as well.

The Polar Express evening story times featuring a visit from Santa has three upcoming evening sessions on December 5, 6 and 7. At noon on November 16, library staff will begin taking reservations for the popular event. The local history and genealogy section draws researchers from throughout the country. A display of America's first man in space, Alan Shepard, greets visitors as they enter. Shepard's uncle, Fredrick Shepard, donated the current building to house the library in 1929. Prior to that the library collection was located across the street in the Upper Village Hall.

Merrill has enjoyed watching generations of local children blossom as readers throughout the years, it's been her favorite part of the job. Some of the children she has known



Linda Merrill, director of The Taylor Library, was recently honored by the Derry Town Council for her 25 years of service.

throughout the years now bring their own children to visit. She is proud of who they have become, many are successful and doing well in life. When asked if she thinks there is a connection to their time spent cultivat-

ing a love of reading at the Taylor Library and their current success, Merrill smiles and without hesitation replies, "Oh, yes!". Visit them online at [taylorslibrary.org](http://taylorslibrary.org) or call 603-432-7186

## OBITUARY

### Eric David Pierce



Eric David Pierce, 28, of Londonderry, passed away in St. Augustine, FL on Sat., Oct. 21, 2017.

Eric was born in Manchester on March 30, 1989, a son of Wanda (Cassidy) Picco and Scott Picco, and David Pierce. He was raised and educated in Londonderry and was a 2007 graduate of Londonderry High School. Eric had been living in Florida for the past three years.

Eric was best described as a "Free Spirit", who enjoyed snow and skateboarding, fishing and the outdoors in general. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends creating lasting memories of happiness. Eric was a generous person whose kindness continues on, because he was an organ donor.

Members of the family include his mother and father, Wanda & Scott Picco of Londonderry, his father David Pierce of Jacksonville FL, a sister, Shaina Pierce and her fiancé James of Londonderry. His maternal grandmother, Lillian Cassidy of Derry, paternal grandparents, David & Maryann Pierce, of New Port Richey, FL, and paternal grandparents, Fred & Donna Picco of Londonderry, and his niece Ava Rose, and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Eric was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, James Cassidy in 2016.

After cremation, a visitation was held Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017, from 11 am to 1 pm, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry. Funeral services were at 1 pm in the funeral home and concluded with burial at Forest Hill Cemetery of E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Eric Pierce Memorial fund, 8 old Derry Rd., Londonderry NH 03053 or on line at [www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com), proceeds will go to a memorial bench that will be placed at the Londonderry skate park. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## School

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lars added to the budget.

No changes were mentioned for the curriculum of the schools, but there were several major requests for technology, including just shy of eighty five thousand dollars to lease three hundred Macbook Air laptops out for four years and over two hundred and fifty five thousand dollars towards network modernization, wherein bandwidth and Wi-Fi access would be maximized to fit current and future standards for the entire district.

An increase of just over

sixty three thousand dollars would be needed for several transportation contracts, including two out-of-district and in-district transportation for Special Education students.

There were also talks about how exactly to employee retirement incentives, considering that fourteen staff members retired during the 2016-2017 school year and thirteen more are already expected to retire at the end of this school year. The proposed budget sug-

gested that instead of putting unassigned year end funds towards the program, they simply budget a specific amount each year towards the retiring employees.

In all, the newly proposed budget would lead to roughly a two million, one hundred and seventy five thousand dollar increase in the district wide budget, bringing it up to eighty five million, seven hundred and thirty three thousand dollars total.

As this proposal is in no

way finalized for the next school year, district administration and staff will be holding four meetings in the next two months to discuss and alter the proposal as they see fit, the first meeting of which will take place on November 20. For more information, the fully recorded meeting can be found on the town website, [derrynh.org](http://derrynh.org). Select the Town Video tab on the Citizen Action Center section of the front page in order to access it.

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# Kids Coop Theatre Brings The Music Man To Town

KATIR O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There's trouble in River City, so get ready for the Kids Coop Theatre production of "The Music Man."

Kids Coop Theater is kicking off its 21st season by bringing the classic Broadway musical to the Derry Opera House on Nov. 17 and 18.

The show is directed by new comer Meg Gore, a longtime director at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry, with music direction by Kevin Fisher and choreography by Mari Frederique-Streitburger.

The directors, along with the 38-member cast will present the toe tapping story of traveling salesman Harold Hill and his attempt to con the good people of River City, Iowa.

Like many classic Broadway shows, it starts with a man on a mission and ends with a love story. Hill arrives at the small town and convinces the citizens to buy instruments and uniforms for a children's band that he promises to organize, only he really plans to make off with the cash! The only question is if the town librarian, Marian Paroo, can set him on the straight and nar-



Kids Coop Theatre Music Director Kevin Fisher rehearses a musical number with one of the ensembles recently as the cast prepares for their performance.

row by the final curtain. Zachary Barnaby from Pepperell, Massachusetts and Ella Burroughs from Hampstead, New Hampshire star as Hill and Paroo.

"The Music Man" is a piece of American musical theater history, winning the 1958 Tony Award for Best Musical, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Featured Actor in a Musical and Best Featured Actress in a Musical. Robert Preston originated the role of Harold Hill on Broadway and later went on to star in the 1962 movie version alongside Shirley

Jones and Buddy Hackett.

Memorable numbers include: "(Ya got) Trouble," "Seventy-Six Trombones," and "Shipooopi." Though, younger fans may know "Shipooopi" from Peter Griffin singing it in "Family Guy" when he played for the New England Patriots.

The Kids Coop Theater is a non-profit that has been engaging children in theater since 1997. This year, the cast highlights the talents of local kids aged 8-16 (with a few from Methuen and Pepperell, MA). According to a press statement, the mission

of KCT is to provide, "a fun, safe, non-competitive environment to develop talent, self-esteem, learn teamwork and leadership skills, and make life-long friends through acting, music and dance." The troupe is supported by the endless efforts of parent volunteers, although it does hire a few professional creative directors for its shows. The parents are responsible for everything from ticket sales, to costumes to props and set construction. Even the organization's management is regulated by parent volunteers.



Director Meg Gore makes a few costume adjustments during a recent rehearsal of the Kids Coop Theatre production of the Music Man. Photos by Chris Paul

The show will performed at the Derry Opera House on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Groups of 10 or more can get discounted tickets only for Saturday's matinee, which includes a meet and greet with the cast and crew. Tickets can be purchased at \$12.50 each through the KCT website at kids-coop-

theatre.org.

#### Derry members are:

Kaylee Gifford, Rowan Gifford, Katy Hill, Charlotte Hill, Brenna Kimball, Audrey Labbe, Megan Lautieri, Anna Lawrence, Kalisan Marzolf, Skylar Marzolf, Maggie Stone and Kira Withrow.

#### Chester members:

Samuel Maher, and Anna Valiant.

#### Hampstead members:

Ella Burrough, Isabella Charlebois, Madison Finocchiaro, Angelina Gonzalezas, Jacob LaBrecque, Alyson LaBrecque, Taylor Schwalje and Zoe Sternberg.

#### Sandown members:

Morgan Conte, Skye Talanian and Logan Young.

#### Londonderry members:

Avenley Allen, Eric Bourque, Betsy Brown, Jason Cain, Lylah Chaffee, Maycie Gentiluomo, Michaela Horan, Maya Lincoln and Thomas,

#### Other towns:

Isaac Halko, and Jacey Squires, of Pelham; Zachary Barnaby, Harold Hill of Pepperell, Mass.; Ava Landon, Methuen, Mass. and Kianna Landon, Teen from Methuen, Mass.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Despite Tough Start, PA Football Advances to the D-I Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There's an old saying which states that "It's not how you start but how you finish that counts." And the members of the Pinkerton Academy football team can tell you just how much that adage rings true right here in November of 2017.

An absolutely horrific start - right on the kickoff of the Astros' Division I quarterfinal-round playoff game against Nashua South at Stellos Stadium in the Gate City last Saturday afternoon - appeared to place veteran coach Brian O'Reilly's third-seeded academy gridders in a hole during the first seconds of play.

But despite some bumps in the road during other parts of the first half, the Astros powered their way past the second-seeded Purple Panthers by a lopsided 42-14 tally on the way to a semifinal-round battle with the top-ranked Salem High Blue Devils in Salem this coming Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Devils rolled ahead into that semi by disposing of the fourth-seeded Londonderry High Lancers by a 35-14 count on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border shortly after the Astros had completed their win over in Nashua on

Saturday.

Versatile Pinkerton tri-captain Kayden Baillargeon dealt with one of those rough moments which every athlete faces if they play a sport long enough on the aforementioned opening kickoff of the game.

The football glided through the air toward the Pinkerton returner and he was never quite able to get a grasp on it, with the ball wobbling between his feet as he tried in vain to pick it up before a South defender was successful in doing so at the PA 10-yard-line.

The Nashuans leaped into immediate celebration as Baillargeon looked skyward in his upset, with the hosts thinking they were most likely assured of getting the first points of the game on the scoreboard.

However, Baillargeon and the PA defense had something else in mind entirely. The Purple Panthers were whistled for a hold which pushed them back to the 20, South quarterback Sean Holland was then sacked for a loss of four more yards, and the senior signal-caller then attempted three passes which all fell incomplete. And on the third of those, Baillargeon was the defender who busted up the play with an aggressive and smart play.

Baillargeon would go on to intercept two passes and catch a 48-yard touchdown pass before the game was over, and the inconsequential receiving mishap he had on the game's opening play wound up being nothing but a distant memory.

Despite turning the football over three times in the first half, the academy squad grasped a 21-7 halftime lead and they managed to outscore their hosts by a 21-7 tally in the second half as well en route to the lopsided success.

"After that tough start we held them off and things got better and better and better, and now we find ourselves in this playoff setup," said PA coach O'Reilly.

Nearly all of the Astros' offensive series' were brief, even the ones which yielded points. And South threw the ball some 40 times in trying in vain to remain in step with Pinkerton. Hence, PA ended the game with quite a few less offensive yards than the Nashuans collected. But that, in the end, carried no significance.

Senior running back Ty Hicks ran the ball eight times for 113 yards and one score during the opening half, and he ended up amassing 136 of Pinkerton's 172 rushing yards. And the locals only completed one of

the two passes they attempted for 48 yards, bringing their offensive yardage total to a modest 220 yards.

South quarterback and Londonderry resident Holland was busy throwing the ball through much of the afternoon, and it was something of a tough day for the skilled senior in his final high school grid contest.

Holland completed 24 of the 40 tosses he attempted for 257 yards and two scores. But there were also four costly pass interceptions. The veteran signal-caller also rushed for 51 of South's 92 ground yards on some 20 carries.

The Pinkerton squad, which coughed up the ball no less than three times on fumbles during the first two quarters, tallied its 21 points in the opening half on a 71-yard scoring sprint by Hicks, a 15-yard run by Nick Lombard, and a 26-yard running jaunt by Gannon Fast.

The Astros' second half



Pinkerton senior running back Ty Hicks weaves his way through would-be Nashua South tacklers during D-I playoff action last Saturday. Photo by Chris Pantazis

scoring consisted of a 6-yard Baillargeon, and a 42-yard run by Gennaro Marra, a 48-yard sprint for points from Mr. Second Half himself down toss from Marra to Gennaro Marra.

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# Pinkerton Fall Spirit Squad's Long Title Run Comes to an End

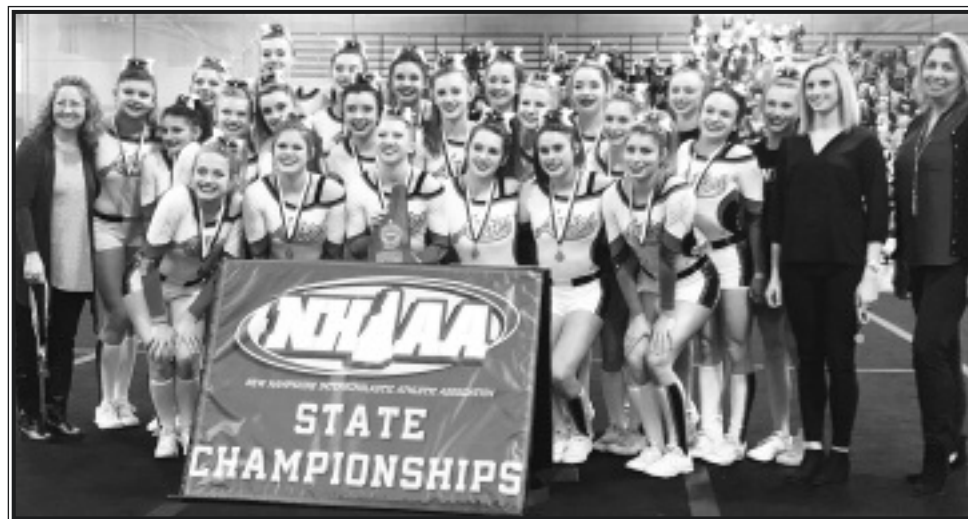
CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

People often use the phrase "All good things must come to an end" in an attempt to soften the impact of a defeat. But there's no real reason to think that those words can soften the blow much at all, unfortunately, especially when the emotional wound is still fresh.

The Pinkerton Academy fall spirit squad had its huge, seven-year reign as New Hampshire Division I fall champion come to an end this past Sunday in its own Hackler Gymnasium, with the arch-rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers hoisting the championship plaque and the Lady Astros having to get acquainted with the quite unfamiliar runner-up hardware.

The new state champions tallied a winning score of 103 to just barely outdistance Pinkerton and its mark of 102.6. Dover was third (99.8) and Concord finished fourth (99.2).

"My athletes put out a difficult and cleanly executed routine today, and we were awarded second place. We have 12 new athletes on the roster this season, and each one of them had to learn a new role in stunts to help the team," said coach Michelle McCarty. "Several flyers had to switch gears and try their hand at basing. Everyone just jumped to the tasks, and the effort they gave me all season is unmatched. I could not be any more proud of how well my athletes did today, and I am even more impressed with the sportsmanship and grace our program exhibited



The PA fall spirit team ended a long title run at the D-I championships last weekend by placing second. There is no regional title event in the fall. *Courtesy photo*

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 30



**Jordan Vaillancourt,**  
Junior, Girls'  
Cross-Country

This battle-tested veteran ran a time of 18 minutes and 49 seconds at the state Meet of Champions to help her Lady Astros place second at that event and advance to the New England Championships in Maine.



**Ana Tunberg,**  
Senior, Spirit

This talented senior captain was a go-to leader all season. She was the team's main tumbler, a strong base, a big jumper, and point dancer. Her coach Michelle McCarty felt she had the best performance in the team's D-I routine.

## PA Girls' Cross-Country Gets Second, Boys Bag Seventh at Meet of Champs

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country squad narrowly missed out on winning the state Meet of Champions and the Astro boys had a rare thing happen in just missing out on advancing to the New England Championships

when those two talented crews ran at the MOC's in Nashua's Mine Falls Park last Saturday, Nov. 4.

Coach Amy Bernard's now three-time defending Division I champion Pinkerton Trailblazers wound up just five points behind the Meet of Champs winners from Souhegan High in Amherst when the

team scores were tallied. The Souhegan Lady Sabers finished with a score of 105, while Bernard's bunch notched a 110 and runner-up honors. Coe-Brown of Northwood was a distant third (137) in the race.

On the boys' side of things, coach Mike Clark's Pinkerton Long Red Line missed out on making it to the New England in Belfast, Me., this coming Saturday because the acade-

my crew finished seventh and only six teams advance. The six teams which did move ahead were the MOC champs from Concord, Nashua North, Keene, Oyster River, Londonderry, and Coe-Brown.

### GIRLS

Meghan Cross set a new school record by finishing first among PA harriers and eighth overall with a time of 18 minutes and 14 seconds.

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# PA Boys' Soccer Squad's Superb Season Ends in Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer coach Kerry Boles knew full well that his Astros were in for a huge challenge in the Division I semifinals regardless of the seeding numbers of his crew and the Manchester Central Little Green.

And Boles was entirely right, which was proven by the fact that the ninth-ranked Central crew held his fourth-seeded team scoreless and shot-less and dominated their semifinal battle at Nashua's Stellos Stadium last Wednesday, Nov. 1 on the way to a 2-0 victory and a title-match meeting with seventh-seeded Concord.

The Central squad's Achilles Heel certainly seemed to be the overly-aggressive play of senior goalie Glaudi Bangasimbo, who had the team's coaching staff on the verge of quite literally tearing its hair out several times in the first half when he ventured well out of his net and nearly had those decisions cost him and his team.

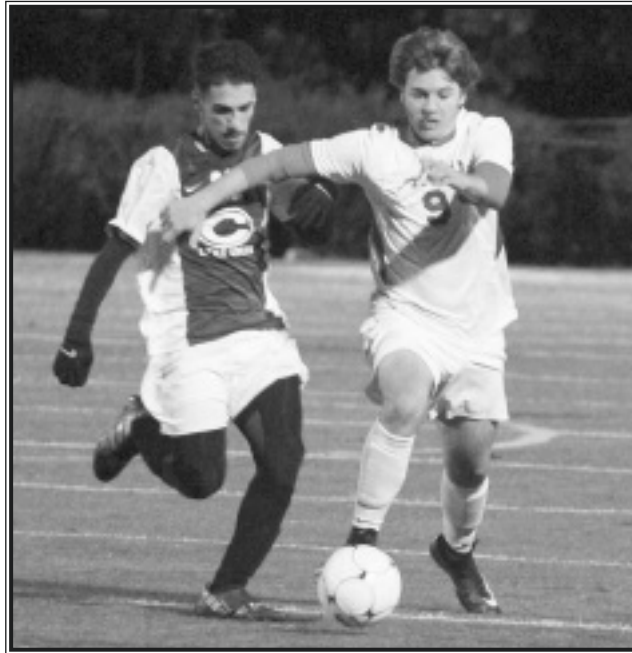
However, the Little Green's dominance of the action kept Pinkerton from actually getting a shot on the tall and muscular keeper.

Astros' junior goalie Max Fairbank had a strong game for his side, making a dozen saves and keeping the Manchester squad from potting its first goal a little less than 11 minutes into the match when he laid out for a stunning stop which came from the right wing and was labeled for the upper left corner of the net.

Pinkerton had its best scoring opportunity of the evening about a minute later when Bangasimbo put himself out of position by ill-advisedly coming out for a ball, and Astros' junior midfielder Alex Rust clanged a shot off of the crowbar above the goalie. Senior middle Brian Castle then gathered the rebound but booted the ball over the cage.

"Glaudi! Settle down man," was the response from several of the Central coaches seconds after that play ended.

The contest went to half-



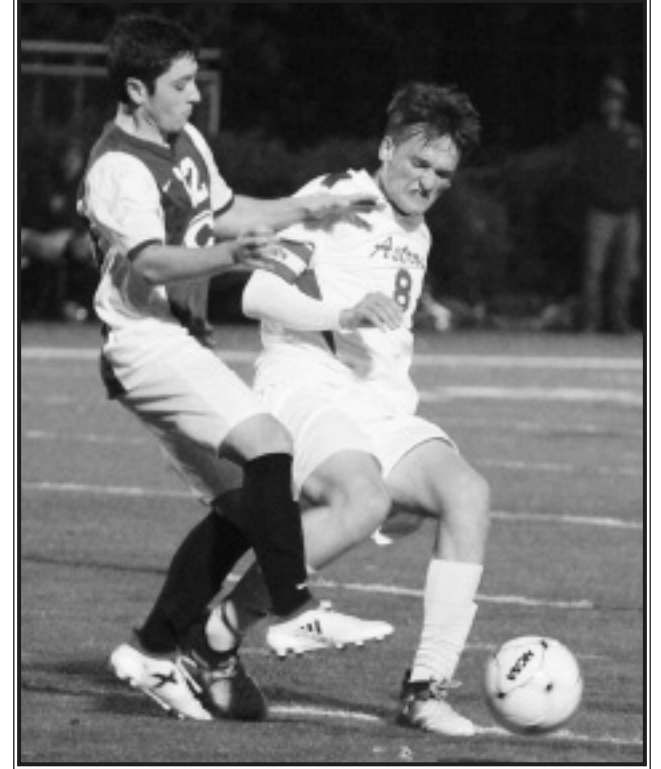
PA soccer player Alex Beaulieu tries to outrun a Central opponent during Division I semifinal tourney play in Nashua late last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*

time knotted up at 0-0, but Central held a 6-0 advantage in shots on net and onlookers who were being honest would certainly have told you that a Little Green goal seemed imminent.

Central potted the only tally it would end up needing to win this match with 26:24 showing on the game clock, and the Queen City

crew bagged an insurance marker with 4:20 remaining.

Pinkerton, which had lost a 1-0 regular season decision at Central back on Sept. 14, had reeled off a dozen wins in a row prior to the semifinal match, including tournament successes against 13th-ranked Keene and number five Hanover on penalty kicks. After going



Astro Joe Palmer and a Central player vie for the ball during last week's D-I tournament action.

12-4 during the regular season, coach Boles' bunch ended up 14-5 on an extremely strong campaign which fell just two notches short of a state championship.

"We faced a tall task in beating Central, and even though we weren't successful I'm proud of the fight we gave them. These kids

fought hard every day, and just because the season ended earlier than we wanted it doesn't diminish the amazing accomplishments of the season," said coach Boles.

The Little Green would go on to be defeated by the Concord Crimson Tide by a 1-0 tally in the state title match.

## Cross-Country

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"She ran the fastest time by a Pinkerton girl ever at the Meet of Champions," said an overjoyed coach Bernard.

Next in for Pinkerton was Jordan Vaillancourt with a 26th place in a time of 18:49.

"That was the 12th fastest time by a PA female at Meet of Champs," said the coach.

Britney Johnson was right behind her with a 27th place finish in a time of

18:56, giving that multi-sport star the 18th best all-time finish for a PA girl at the MOC's.

Ciara April and Maison D'Amelio also ran strong races and made up the scoring team for the Trailblazers. April placed 33rd (19:11) and D'Amelio took 47th place (19:33).

The MOC runner-up crew also had freshman Molly McGaffigan run a personal best 5k time of 19:43 to finish sixth for the team and 55th overall in a race which had 145 finishers.

The Trailblazers are now on to those regionals in Maine this weekend.

### BOYS

After surprising everybody by taking runner-up honors at the D-I championships a week earlier after being projected to finish fourth or fifth, the Long Red Line finished short of its goal of a return to the New Englands by finishing seventh last Saturday.

The PA effort was paced by Joe Gagnon in fifth overall (15:42), with Nolan Preble ending up 34th (16:28), Ethan Desmarais placing 40th (16:33), Steven Groulx slotting in at 65th (16:50), Nathan Steiger ending up 70th (16:53), Jeff Mize winding up 80th (17:01), and Zach Aham finishing 89th (17:18) in a race which had some 142 finishers.

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# Derry Elementary School Fun Runs Draw a Crowd to Pinkerton



More than 200 area youngsters took part in the Derry Elementary Cross-Country Fun Runs at Pinkerton recently.

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Some 220 young runners from a total of seven area elementary schools took part in the Derry Elementary Cross-Country Fun Runs on the Pinkerton Academy cross-country course in Derry last Saturday morning, Oct. 28.

Fourth and fifth grade boy and girl runners from Derry's Grinnell, Derry Village, East Derry, South Range, and Barka elementary schools ran in the event along with visiting squads from the Presentation of Mary Academy (Hudson)

and Saint Catherine of Siena (Manchester) elementary schools.

"We had a great morning with great weather for our fourth and fifth grade fun runs," said race director and Barka school physical education teacher Cindy McNally, who along with PE teachers from the other Derry schools helped teach their students about running and pace in physical education classes during the weeks leading up to the Saturday races.

"It's always nice to run, finish, and be a medal winner, but the atmosphere for

every single runner from start to finish was awesome, with cheers from all," said McNally. "Parents, coaches, teachers, administrators, siblings, and friends were cheering on all the runners. These students have worked hard to train how to run a mile and really had a great sense of accomplishment."

The top five finishers in the fourth grade girls' race were Maddie Houghton of the Manchester school (6 minutes, 59 seconds), her teammate Anna Diaz (7:13), and Derry Village School youngsters Rebecca King (7:28), Isabella Dupuis (7:36), and Sarah Pzasa (7:43).

Members of the East Derry Elementary community had reasons to puff out their chests with pride after four of its young men took



Great weather and a great turnout made the recent Derry Elementary Cross-Country Fun Runs a tremendous success.



Medals and smiles were plentiful following the recent Derry Elementary Cross-Country Fun Runs, which pitted fourth and fifth graders from all of Derry's elementary schools against harriers from several schools outside of Derry.

top spots in the fourth grade boys' race.

That skilled quartet, in order, included Thompson Langelgne (6:53), Sean Hayes (6:55), Jeremy Campos (6:59), and Isaac Santos (7:03).

Parker Brown from the Barka school snagged fifth

in 7:08.

And everybody in attendance wound up with reasons to cheer for one particular fourth grader in that race.

"We had a fourth grade boy from South Range, Timmy Dineen, who set a goal to make it once around the track in his wheelchair. He trained with the running club for five weeks and accomplished his goal in 13:00," said Cindy McNally.

In the fifth grade girls' run, Torrey Pedone of Saint Catherine took first (6:43), Brianna Murray of PMA was second (6:54), Kate Brennan of Derry Village snagged third (6:57), Meredith MacWilliam of the Manchester school bagged fourth (7:18), and Barka school harrier Caitlyn Lemay claimed fifth place (7:19).

And in the fifth grade boys' event, Matthew Giardina of PMA proved unbeatable (6:15), Matthew Morrison from South Range was the runner-up (6:25), Noah Daigle and Robbie Swain from PMA were third and fourth respectively (in 6:47 and 6:53), and Jackson Chase from Derry Village notched fifth (7:02).

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# How to Thank Those Who Served this Veterans Day

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Veteran's Day is Nov. 11 and how fitting it is that it should be observed in the same month as Thanksgiving. After all, it is thanks to our Veterans, and our troops in

duty today, that we are free to gather around the table with our families to share turkey and laughs the last Thursday of the month. Sometimes we can forget that.

While it's not possible to personally thank every surviving veteran of every war

and conflict, there are ways that we can honor those who fought and continue to fight for our freedom on the day we observe our gratitude for their service.

• Donate to your local VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post.

• Attend a local event and/or parade.

• Volunteer your services at a VA hospital.

• Visit Military.com lists a few other unique ways to offer thanks.

• Patronize a veteran-owned businesses.

But the simplest options is whenever you come across someone who has served, a sincere "thank you," a handshake or even a hug if they are receptive can mean all the world to a veteran.

Much like we ought to

reflect on what we are thankful for more often than one day of the year, our thoughts should be with our veterans on a more frequent basis. It's because of their bravery that we are able to express our thanksgiving.

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## Snowmobile Safety Course

The Town of Derry Parks & Recreation Department, the Derry Pathfinders, and New Hampshire Fish and Game would like to announce open enrollment for the annual Snowmobile Safety Course. This safety course will be held on Sat., Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Alexander-Carr Lodge on 28 Pierce Ave in Derry. Participants must be at least 12 years old by April 2018 to participate. All participants under the age of 18 years old must attend the course with an adult. Advance registration is required. Space is limited and fills up quickly. To register please contact the Derry Parks & Recreation Department at (603) 432-6136 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional questions can be answered by contacting the Derry Pathfinders at [info@derrypathfinders.org](mailto:info@derrypathfinders.org)

## Basketball Referees

Applications for Basketball Referees are being accepted for the 2018 winter basketball season. Referees will be hired to help on Saturday's throughout the months of January, February, and March. An orientation and training process takes place in December to help Referees learn department policies as well as program expectations. This individual acts as a liaison between the program and the Coordinator, is a role model; and an effective communicator with other basketball referees, coaches, and players. Applications are available at [www.derrynh.org/](http://www.derrynh.org/) and should be returned to Derry Parks & Recreation Department, 31 West Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. Professional/Volunteer references are required. For more information on the position or application requirements call (603) 423-6136 during business hours.

## The History of the Next 13 Years

On Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, Wayne

Kurtzman, Research Director for Social and Experiential Solutions at International Development Corporation, will speak on where technology is going over the next 13 years, and what implications come from the disruption to almost every aspect of how we work, live and play. We will learn how to leverage technology for family and career - and how the changes have already started. The discussion is part of Etz Hayim's ongoing continuing education program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff." The program is free, but donations are gratefully accepted to allow us to continue with similar programming.

## Derry Lions Annual Christmas Tree Sale

On Sat. Nov. 25, immediately after the annual Christmas Parade the Derry Lions will be selling Christmas trees on Crystal Avenue in Derry adjacent to St Thomas Church parking lot. Trees will be sold on Fri. nights and Sat. and Sun. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. during the Christmas season. All proceeds from the sale of trees go to the Lions charities including providing eyeglasses and eye exams to both young and old Derry residents in need of assistance. In addition, the Derry Lions have assisted a number of local needy individuals to obtain hearing aids at little or no cost via a NH Lions organization. All trees will be top quality Fraser #1 in the six to eight foot range.

## Used Toy Sale

St. Gianna's Closet will hold its annual used toy sale on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. - noon at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave in Derry. There is a huge selection of beautiful toys at low cost like puzzles, games, dolls, ride on toys, kitchen sets, play sets and more. All proceeds go to fund St. Thomas Parish's outreach/food pantry programs. Cash and carry, bring your own bags.

## Folsom's Open House

Folsom's annual Open

House on Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 130 Candia Rd. Chester. We'll have beautiful and fun holiday wreaths, plenty of maple goodies for gift giving and Gift Baskets to take some of the headache and stress off the holiday shopping experience Thank you to you all for your continued support of us and all our local businesses.

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## Blood Drive

The Derry Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive, which will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, from 2 - 7 p.m. at Upper Village Hall (52 East Derry Road). Pizza will be served. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code DERRY-FIRE

## Basketball Tryouts

Spartans Basketball, will have youth basketball tryouts beginning on Nov. 18 from 9 - 11 a.m. Grade ranges go from 3rd-8th. The 3rd-6th grade tryouts go from 9 - 10 a.m. and 7th-8th grade tryouts go from 10 - 11 a.m. All tryouts will be held at the Sports Zone in Derry, NH.

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## Adult Tennis League

Tennis fans can meet on Wednesdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts. The fee for joining is \$20 per person and includes Tennis Balls that cover the entire season. Registration needed contact Derry recreation at 432-6136.

## Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. Lets walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish, East Derry. Breakfast held on Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. Lunch held on Nov. 26, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's, Londonderry; Dinner held on Dec. 10 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Derry, Dec. 16 -Dinner at St. Luke's, Derry; Breakfast held on Dec. 17 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry; Dinner held on Dec. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish, Derry; Lunch held Dec. 31 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's, Londonderry. For more information, please visit: [freemealsinderry.blogspot.com](http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com).

## St. Gianna's Closet

St. Gianna's Closet provides free children's clothing to any family in the community that is in need. It is now well-stocked with sizes birth to teen as well as winter coats. Please contact Liz at 437-6678 to receive clothing.

## Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Sat. Nov. 11, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thur. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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