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## Town Council Looks at the Introduction of Keno to Derry

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Keno has proven to be one of the more popular forms of gambling throughout the country outside of casinos, earning hundreds of millions of dollars annually while giving player a chance at becoming a millionaire in an instant. And due to a recent push by New Hampshire Lottery (NHL), the game will soon be making its way into Derry.

During the Town Council's most recent meeting on Nov. 7, Charlie MacIntyre, who currently serves as the Director of NHL, spoke to the council and explained what the game could bring to the town.

According to MacIntyre, due to the state legislature

recently passing senate bill 191, full day kindergarten is now capable of being funded by the likes of Keno proceeds. Thus, NHL has been advertising Keno 603, the New Hampshire brand of Keno, in order to take advantage of this ruling.

However, when Keno is introduced to Derry next year and made available to interested establishment, it will only be available within properly licensed liquor establishments, with chain restaurants most likely abstaining from involvement. The owners who choose to affiliate with Keno 603 will have to undergo a criminal background check and their business would also have to pay a five hundred dollar annual licensing fee.

It is also up to the people of Derry whether or not Keno will remain in town, as the option can be put up for a vote in upcoming voting sessions, with a public hearing being required fifteen to thirty days prior to the vote. Around ten towns in New Hampshire are currently set to vote on the matter.

But MacIntyre was quick to bring up the prosperity that could come to towns and establishments who choose Keno 603. Not only will NHL handle advertisement of the game and installation of any machines for free, establishments who do have Keno have reportedly seen major increases in foot traffic and sales. They also receive an eight percent commission

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## Phase One of Brady Avenue Sewer Project Complete

HUNTER MCGEE  
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Construction on phase one of a project to bring sewer to Brady Avenue residents has concluded.

Crews finished work on the first phase of the project earlier this month, Town Administrator David Caron said during the council's Nov. 7 meeting. Caron said Public Works Director Michael Fowler confirmed the first phase of the project was complete, with crews returning next spring. Plans call for the second phase to be completed in the summer of 2018.

"Paving took place yesterday and today," Caron said in the meeting.

The first phase included water and sewer construction from Rockingham Road up to and including house # 18 Brady Ave, Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier said.

The work includes sewer service connections to the property lines, with base coat paving will be completed prior to this winter, Carrier said.

The project will cost approximately \$562,000 and bring sewer to 50 properties on Brady Avenue. Of the \$562,000, \$487,000 will be raised by a supplemental appropriation. In lieu of a bond or loan from the state, the project will be funded through a loan to the sewer fund from the town's

undesignated fund balance.

The council members voted unanimously at their Dec. 6 meeting to approve Construction raising municipal sewer rates from \$2.98 to \$3.23 per 100 cubic feet. The rate increase would be effective on all sewer usage billed on or after March 1, 2017, according to officials. It marks the first sewer rate increase since 2008.

Beginning next spring, crews will continue the sewer and water construction from house #18 to house #51 for the sewer and to Berry Road for the water, Carrier said.

There are an estimated 31 properties of the 53 homes with aging septic

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**VETS HONORED** Local veterans were honored with an annual breakfast at West Running Brook Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 9. Hundreds attended the event that is run by the school's Kids Care Club with the help of Barbara Dupont and Kellie Marraffa. Pictured, each arm of the military was honored with their hymn by the entire student body. See more photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Pinkerton Class of 2018 Honors Veterans With Free Breakfast

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Every year on Veterans Day, organizations across the United States pay tribute to the men and women who have given so much for our freedoms. And considering what they have gone through to provides us with this free

country, the least we could do is offer them a hot meal.

For this reason, Pinkerton Academy recently held its twenty third annual Veterans Day Breakfast in the cafeteria of the Freshman Academy building.

Such an event is certainly not one for only a single group of students or staff to

assist in, which is why those in attendance could see the likes of senior class officers, class advisors Andrew Collins and Jen Gentile, members of the school's Air Force JROTC program and other staff members lending a hand to prepare food, set up and break down decora-

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# State Department of Revenue Establishes 2017 Tax Rate for Derry

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Tax season may still be a few months away, but that does not mean that Derry does not have its own bills to contend with, as the town has recently established the 2017 tax rate.

According to Derry's Chief Financial Officer Susan Hickey, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue offi-

cially set Derry's tax rate at \$28.26. The rate is noted for being \$1.80 higher than the previous year.

One of the major reasons for the increase came from the combined local school rate, which increased by \$1.62, or 9.1 percent from last year. Other reasons for the overall increase can be seen in the town services rate increase fourteen cents, or 1.6 percent, while the

Rockingham County rate actually increased four cents, or 3.9 percent.

The appropriation for Town services funds police, fire, emergency medical services, public works, recreation, public libraries, public health, welfare, planning, code enforcement, the transfer station, water, wastewater, community access TV, and government administration. Public Works serv-

ices include the purchase, maintenance and replacement of roads, parks, bridges, dams, vehicles, equipment, land, and buildings. Revenues raised by service fees, permits, and grants reduce the amount that is needed to be raised by taxation. Public water and wastewater systems are funded by user fees. Community access television is funded by Comcast fran-

chise fees.

The School District funds support the education of 3,413 students in Pre-School - Grade 8 providing both general and special education services. Additionally, the district currently pays tuition for 1,765 students to attend Pinkerton Academy for grades 9 - 12. This year the School District budget was impacted by an increase in costs for health insurance

rates, New Hampshire Retirement System rates and Pinkerton Academy tuition.

The revised net taxable assessed valuation of the Town of Derry for 2017 is \$2,810,913,612 compared to \$2,772,484,347 for 2016, or an increase of 1.4%.

Tax bills are expected to be mailed during the week of November 15 and will have an expected due date of Dec. 13.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Nov. 18

Hazardous waste generated by homeowners can pose a substantial threat to public health and the environment if not handled properly. Pouring hazardous products down the drain or onto the ground may cause serious environmental problems, such as malfunctioning septic systems, corrosion of plumbing, and contamination of groundwater. When thrown in the trash, household hazardous wastes can cause trash truck fires and may end up in an unlined landfill and slowly leach toxins into the ground.

In order to prevent hazardous products from contaminating the environment, the Towns of Londonderry and Derry are sponsoring a Household Hazardous

Waste (HHW) Collection Day on Nov. 18, at the Nelson Fields (LAFA) off of Sargent Road, Londonderry, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This collection is possible with the help of grant monies from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

You may bring to the collection pesticides, herbicides, acids, chemicals strippers, oil & lead based paint, mercury, solvents, degreasers and sealants, basically any toxic or hazardous material you may have in your home. There are some items that are NOT accepted at the HHW collection, Latex paint, used motor oil, and automobile batteries should NOT be brought to the collection day. Call Lon-

donderry's Public Works Department at 432-1100 ext. 193 or the Derry Transfer Station 432-4650 to find out how to dispose of these items locally.

In order to cut down on the problem of hazardous

waste disposal there are several things a resident can do. To reduce the amount sitting in your cupboards buy only what you need. When you buy, read the labels so that you use non-toxic products whenever possible. When

storing your hazardous products put them in a safe place and keep them in their original containers, which should be closed securely. Use up the entire product so there is nothing to dispose.

Finally when disposal is

the only option, donate left-over paints and other products to a local service organization, recycle your used motor oil at a Londonderry Waste Oil Collection Day, and never pour harmful chemicals down the drain.

## Vacant House on Goodhue Road Demolished

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Town Administrator David Caron said in the Town Council's Tuesday, Nov. 7 meeting that the aging structure has been demolished.

"That structure has been demolished and now staff is working with legal to have the requisite liens placed on the property to pursue our cost recovery," Caron said.

The town began the process to demolish the house earlier this year after officials said they hadn't heard back from the property owner.

"The Town has not received a reply from the property owner and therefore has continued the legal process to enforce compliance or demolish the structure," Caron said.

In May, councilors addressed the house that

code enforcement officials have said represents a safety hazard.

Council members approved a plan at their May 2 meeting, giving the owner of the property until May 12 to remove the structure and bring the property into compliance.

The original owner of the property is Ferdinand Dlugosz III according to officials and property records.

But it is somewhat unclear as to whom currently owns the property, according to officials.

Since the house wasn't removed within the designated time frame, the town will intervene to bring the property into compliance and the house will be demolished and removed. A lien will also be placed against the property for any costs and attorney's fees incurred, according to officials.

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# Pinkerton Students Represent Derry at Annual FFA National Convention

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Future Farmers of America (FFA), which serves as the largest inter-scholastic organization in the United States with almost seven hundred thousand members, works to ready students across the country for any variety of careers involving farming and animals. And

from October 24 to 28, the FFA recently held its 90th National Convention in Indianapolis, where around sixty five thousand other top members of the FFA in the U.S. competed in a variety of competitions to showcase their skills.

Pinkerton was not left out of the mix either, as eight students from the school were able to attend

and compete, alongside FFA Co-Advisor and Animal Science Instructor Emmalee Garvin. These students had already earned the right to compete during the state competition in April.

The eight students present at the convention were spread out amongst three different competitions, known as Career Development Events, which were

designed to test the student's knowledge and skill in a given area of agriculture.

First off, the team of Massle Thach, Olivia Rose and Matthew Payan competed in the Marketing Plan event, working with a local agricultural business to create an actual marketing plan. This past January, the team began working with the Flying Butcher in Amherst, NH to help them market their line of seasonings. Their marketing plan and presentation won them first place at the State level this past April and they proceeded to spend the summer and beginning of the school year refining and modifying their marketing plan. They competed against 34 other teams on the national level and for the first time in almost a decade, a New Hampshire team made it through the preliminary round of the competition to compete in the semi-finals, placing amongst the top 18 teams in the country and earning them silver medals.

Secondly, students Makenzie Pepper, David Howe, Colin Algozzine and Aidan Walsh competed in the Food, Science and Technology event, both as individuals and as a team. They were tested on their general knowledge of the food science industry as well as their ability to differentiate between products and aromas as individuals, while as a team, they had to design a product, based around set perimeters that they were given, and present their product to a panel of judges. They competed against 35 other teams and managed a team placing of bronze, while Walsh placed silver in the individual portion and the other three students placed in bronze.

Finally, Christina Salvesen was the sole Pinkerton representative for the Creed Speaking competition, wherein competitors memorized and presented the FFA Creed as well as they can. The competition is only open to seventh, eighth &

ninth grade students at the time of their state qualifier. The creed is one of the first things new FFA members learn, and is an ideology they hold true throughout their time in the FFA. The creed consists of five paragraphs and students are judged on their ability to speak the creed with passion and accuracy. Students are then asked a series of questions regarding the Creed and the agriculture industry as a whole. Salvesen managed to earn a bronze placing in the competition.

While at the convention, the students also had the opportunity to attend a career expo featuring over three hundred businesses, a college fair and a variety of leadership workshops. And the students also happened to have a fantastic time at the convention, with many younger and older students expressing their envy towards wanting to visit the event.

"They learned a lot; they met new friends from across the country", Garvin noted.

## Derry Man Pleads Guilty To Producing Child Pornography

Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced that this week Peter Morency, 34, of Derry, has pleaded guilty to three counts of producing child pornography.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Morency filmed and photographed himself performing sexual acts on two children. The children, who were known to Morency, appeared to be sleeping at the time. A forensic examination of devices possessed by Morency uncovered over 5,000 still images and over 2,000 videos depicting the sexual exploitation of children, of which approximately 30 still images and 37 videos were created by the defendant. The defendant admitted to possessing and to producing the images.

Morency will be sentenced on Feb. 22, 2018. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum of 30 years in prison on each count of conviction.

"The United States Attorney's Office is committed to working with our law



Peter Morency

enforcement partners to protect the children of the Granite State," said Acting U.S. Attorney Farley. "Those who exploit children cause untold amounts of harm to their victims and our entire community. We will continue to be aggressive in our efforts to identify and prosecute those who produce child pornography to ensure that they cannot exploit additional children or cause further harm."

"The sexual exploitation of children is a heinous crime that causes irreparable harm to its young victims," said Michael Shea, acting special agent in charge of HSI Boston. "To rescue these innocent victims, HSI works closely with our law

enforcement partners to protect our communities from child predators."

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the Derry Police Department, and the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which includes members of several other police departments. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Georgiana Konesky.

In February of 2006, the Department of Justice introduced Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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# Editorial

## Take Caution This Season

The season of Autumn brings the color orange to mind: Pumpkins and turning leaves, sweet potatoes in a Thanksgiving spread, and for some, that special bright orange worn by hunters as a safety precaution.

It's hunting season in the Granite State again, and that means those pristine woods in back of your home, or along your favorite path are likely to resound with more than bird songs and leaf blowers.

The sounds of gunshots will be heard, and that calls for exercising extra caution when you're in or near the woods - whether you're aiming the gun or sipping coffee on the back porch.

Don't take chances. For hunters, always be sure of your target, taking special care in knowing that what you see is really what you're hunting. In other words, identify your target before you fire. Always. Make sure you take seriously what you learned in hunter education, and furthermore, take some form of hunter education before taking to the woods.

Know your weapon. The life you save may be your own or your neighbor's as a result. And be certain you're not trespassing in pursuit of your hobby. Be respectful of the land where you hunt, and the neighbors around you.

Know the rules. If the land has a "No Hunting" sign posted and you don't have personal permission to hunt there,

go somewhere else. Just as important is leaving the land you do hunt on as you found it - or maybe even in better condition, where possible.

Each year, both private and town-owned land is trashed and vandalized.

Whether it's someone's idea of a private shooting range, complete with spent cartridges and beer cans, trees cut down without permission, or ATV damage to trails, the "rotten apple" spoils it for everyone else, hunter or non hunter. Clean up after yourself.

For the rest of us, this is the season when we don't want to be crashing around in the brush. Make it easy for the hunters and for yourself. Wear hunter orange when you're in an area where hunting is likely and make sure your faithful canine companion is sporting a matching ensemble for his or her safety. If you enjoy wearing camouflage, perhaps for the time being it's time to change your fashion choices.

Fall is a beautiful time to be in the woods, so long as we take literally the old adage that it's better to be safe than sorry. We know the vast majority of hunters use common sense in the pursuit of their game, but in southern New Hampshire, woods and homes are close neighbors. On a clear fall morning, the sound of gunshots is a good clue that you're not alone. Take care, and enjoy a beautiful fall.

# Letters

## Public Education Funding for Private Schools

To the editor,

I recently wrote to the members of the House Education Committee to ask for their support in opposing SB193, a bill that would transfer public education funding to private schools. I am a retired Special Education teacher and have worked in both public and private schools. I believe that our NH public schools

have a mandate to educate all children and that taxpayer money should not be used to pay for private schooling. One of the reasons the public school system was instituted was to educate all of our citizens in order to encourage civic participation in democracy. SB 193 will take badly needed resources away from public education including decreasing the number of public school teachers.

Two members of the

Education Committee responded to my request. Thank you to James Grenier, a Republican from District 7 and to Mary Heath, a Democrat from District 14. It is encouraging to see some bipartisan support at the State House. I hope the other members of the Committee will also put politics aside and vote to support the education of all NH children by opposing SB 193.

Corinne Dodge  
Derry



Pinkerton Academy held its twenty third annual Veterans Day Breakfast in the cafeteria of the Freshman Academy building on Saturday. *Photo by Alex Guittarr*

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## Pinkerton

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tions and tables for the event and generally help the veterans in any way they could.

On top of a delicious breakfast made up of bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns and pancake, both members of the JROTC program and officers for the Class of 2018 took part in a special opening ceremony paying tribute to those in attendance, starting with the JROTC cadets presenting the colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers for the Class of 2018, as well as the two class advisors, soon took the stage, giving a number of rousing speeches that underlined the importance of veterans and

what they mean to the students of Pinkerton Academy.

Sarah Beals, Vice President for the Class of 2018, then led a candle lighting ceremony, wherein four separate candles were lit side by side, with a poem being recited after each was lit.

But despite all the pomp and circumstance, the student volunteers were really there to honor those who have served. Class President Matthew Newman felt that it was great to provide for those who have sacrificed so much for this country.

"It feels great giving back to them", Newman stated.

Class Social Services Coordinator      Courtney

Sobolewski felt equally proud of what her and her classmates were doing, as well as how it made the veterans in attendance feel.

"It's definitely rewarding to see the smiles on their face", Sobolewski noted.

And it seemed that the veterans were equally proud of the young men and women who volunteered their time that day. Bob Farland, who mainly served as a driver during his time in the Army, not only appreciated the sentiment of the breakfast, but was also happy to see that Pinkerton offers a program like JROTC that prepares students for the military, something he did not have growing up.

"It makes me feel great to see this", Farland noted.



# Town Recognizes and Honors Veterans at MacGregor Park



The annual service remembering the efforts of our counties veterans efforts happened despite the cold temperatures on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. Under the combined effort of American Legion Post 9, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 9, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 Auxiliary VFW Post 1617, Derry Parks and Recreation and Derry Cable TV, the theme of this year's service was "Honoring Women Veterans." The guest speaker that morning was Dottie Mattson, VFW Department of N.H. Auxiliary Guard. with Bruce Alger speaking as Master of Ceremonies.

*Photos by Chris Paul*



## Keno

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for any Keno sales, which is the largest in the United States, and there is also potential for bonuses.

"Most research suggests that Keno taverns increase overall revenues by sixteen to eighteen percent just by adding Keno", MacIntyre noted.

Finally, going back to the funding of full-day kindergarten, close to eight

million, five hundred thousand dollars of NHL's earning go towards these schools, averaging out to around one hundred dollars per student.

The council seemed most in favor of the game, but Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores did have several questions for the representative. She was curious about how many local establishments may be interested in signing on for Keno, which would be around fifteen, as

well as any police responses caused by the game in towns where it was accepted, which MacIntyre assured her has never happened to his knowledge.

Katsakiores asked about the age limit for Keno, which is eighteen, and followed up by wondering if

those between the ages of eighteen and twenty may try to access these establishments and attempt to purchase alcohol. MacIntyre noted that although there is a possibility, the odds of it happening are next to none.

"Those are rare examples", MacIntyre stated.

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# Mexican Mask Makers Visit East Derry Memorial For Outreach Program

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Many know Margaritas Mexican Restaurant for its festive atmosphere and delicious, authentic Mexican food. But in an effort to use their popularity and resources for good, the restaurant has also created an educational outreach program. Working to engage students about Mexican culture and art, the program moves from school to school, hosting talented folk artists from Mexico that offer to showcase their talents to students and educate them about the culture that they represent.

East Derry Memorial

happened to be lucky enough to be the next ones to see such a presentation, as the program visiting the school on November 9 to showcase the skills of mask makers Manuel Abeiro Horta and Modesto Horta.

Hailing from Michoacan, Mexico, the two brothers are sons to legendary mask maker Juan Horta. The Hortas have a long history of mask making, with each member of the family putting their own personal touch and style on the thousands of masks that they have produced.

Throughout the day, students ranging first grade in the morning to fifth grade in the afternoon filed into East

Derry's gymnasium to see the two Horta brothers hard at work while Pat Picciano, Education Outreach Coordinator for the program and translator for the two mask makers, handled the presentation.

Obviously, masks were the focus of the presentation, as Picciano elaborated on how the masks are used for a variety of festivals and plays, especially for the Day of the Dead festival. And in order to allow the students to understand just how intricate and beautiful these masks could be, a wide variety of them were on display on a table right behind Picciano, from tiny masks that could fit in the palm of your hand to full size masks that

students were able to wear.

But the Horta brothers and their skills were also delved into. Picciano elaborated upon the practice of mask making, including the tools used to produce these works of art and how much of their time the production of these masks can take.

"This is how these men make their living", Picciano noted.

Students were also treated to a DVD presentation that filmed a day in the life of the Horta family as they proceed to make a new series of masks, as well as a local festival that actually used some of the masks.

But the real treat of the presentation came with the



Pat Picciano educates the students of East Derry Memorial while mask makers Manuel Abeiro Horta and Modesto Horta work on their creations.

brother's latest creation. starting with nothing more than half a log, and eventually managed to produce the school's mascot, an owl.

# Go Green Derry Committee Prepares for Next Years Events

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The Go Green Derry committee, dedicated to educating the Derry community on the beauty and value of our natural resources, encouraging the exploration of the outdoors and engaging people to live

greener through recycling and reducing waste, has officially finished up their final events for this year with the Button Up Workshop. But 2018 is just around the corner, and with it plenty more chances for residents to get closer with their environment.

Starting in January, the

committee will be showcasing their annual documentary, entitled Liquid Assets, at the Derry Public Library. The original plan was to show it at the library on October 30, but the recent wind storms causing major power outages put a damper on those plans.

February will be host to

a Snowshoe Walk at the Broadview Farm Conservation Property. Borrowing the snowshoes from the Quarrybrook Experimental Education Center in Windham, members of the committee will guide attendees throughout the property, expanding on the natural surroundings and what exactly makes land worthy of being considered for conservation. It should be noted that guidance through the area is optional and attendees are free to go off on their own to explore.

April and October will see the committee digging into Spring Cleanup Week and Fall Cleanup Week respectively, week long events that focuses on moving throughout Derry and cleaning up any areas that require their help. The former is focused on coinciding with that year's Earth Day,

while the latter hopes to begin before the leaves begin to fall, making cleanup efforts more difficult.

Although a lot of help for these events comes from advertising to like-minded people, committee member Liz Carver noted that they are far from the only ones who hope to keep Derry looking great.

"People participate even without letting us know", Carver noted.

Conservation Walks will be taking place once during June and once during July, playing a similar role to the Snowshoe Walk where guides will be able to lead attendees throughout the outdoors and inform them about local wildlife and fauna. However, locations for these walks have not been chosen as of yet.

A special workshop is set to take place during

August, as Broadview Farm Conservation Property will again be the chosen location. Known as an Invasive Species Workshop, the property happens to have a rather large oak tree that typically gets covered in different invasive plants that threaten the life of the tree. On top of clearing off the plants, members of the committee will also take the chance to educate attendees on what these plants are and their purpose.

Finally, J&F Farms will host yet another Conservation Walk in September, where attendees will be able to take a tour of the property via a tractor-drawn wagon.

There are no official dates for any of these events as of yet, but the committee usually tries to hold them on Saturdays. For more information, visit [go-green-derry.org](http://go-green-derry.org)

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# Councilors Host Annual Clothing Drive for Liberty House

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The freezing temperature did not discourage locals from dropping off clothes, blankets and toiletries to the home of Derry's Councilor-at-Large, Joshua Bourdon. For the third year in a row, he and his wife have opened up their garage to collecting materials for the Liberty House, a non-profit that offers services and substance-free housing to homeless veterans in the Manchester area.

Bourdon and fellow councilor, Richard Tripp were out early last Sunday morning helping to move boxes and bag out of cars and sorting them with the assistance of family and neighbors. Tripp said he usually buys toilet paper for the Liberty House, as well as peanut butter, jelly and most importantly, coffee. Tripp is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 in Derry, who got involved in helping to fund and support the Liberty House. The house only has room for 12 veterans at a time and offers services to both men and women. The post gives Tripp "\$50 a month to spend on stuff for Liberty House." Tripp said post members also go to the hospitals to talk to the vets.

But it's not just the VFW

that does its part. Other groups join the VFW to host bingo nights for veterans. "The Boy Scouts host bingo, the American Legion hosts bingo. They got bingo every night of the month," said Tripp. "So, there's got to be at least 30 organizations."

The drive started at 10 a.m. but cars were lining the quiet side street by 10:30 a.m. Tripp had announced the drive at the Londonderry Veteran's Day Breakfast the previous morning.

Bourdon and dedicated few sorted items into clothing for men and women, non-perishable foods, blankets and toiletries. Said he wanted to get involved and give back because his brother had served. "Seeing the struggles that his fellow veterans went through when they were coming home from Afghanistan inspired me to do more." Bourdon said. "I learned in any given year there are 250 homeless vets in the state." The number drove he and his wife to start a project to get those veterans what they need.

"It seems unconscionable that we have homeless veterans freezing in the state of New Hampshire every winter," Bourdon said.

Last year, the drive managed to fill one of the bay of Bourdon's two car garage. This year, even by 11 a.m. he estimated that there would be enough boxes to



Derry Town Councilors Richard Tripp, left, and Joshua Bourdon, right, were very busy Sunday sorting through the thousands of cloth items that were donated at Bourdon's home.

Photos by Chris Paul

fill both bays. "It'll probably spill over into the driveway," he said. He teamed up with the VFW and the American Legion to get the donated materials to Liberty House. Derick Anderson of the Derry School Board was also on hand to help.

Tripp said the donations they received last year only lasted about three months. Liberty House gives them to the vets living there, but it also gives some of the donations to other homeless people in Manchester. The more donations Tripp and Bour-

don get, the longer they will hopefully last.

Those interested in don-

ating clothes, toiletries or even their time can contact the VFW Post 1617 at 432-9702, the American Legion Post 27 at 437-6613, or the Liberty House at 669-0761.

## Sewer

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systems assessed at \$2,810. Properties would be able to finance their assessment over five years at 3 percent, according to officials.

The cost to replace an aging septic system is estimated to be between \$7,500 and \$14,000, according to officials.

According to state law, residents with septic systems built before 1984 are

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The West Running Brook Middle School Kids Care club hosted their annual Veterans Breakfast with many of the area's veterans being treated to eggs, bacon and pancakes. After the breakfast, guests were entertained by the schools band and chorus with patriotic songs and each branch of the service being honored with hymn by the student body. The Keynote speaker for the event was Air Force Jr. ROTC member Aidan Mulready and the John Gilcreast, Sr. Spirit of America Award was given to Chuck Paradzick by event organizers Barbara Dupont and Kellie Marraffa. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Lady Astro Harriers Win First Regional Title in Nearly 40 Years

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Yes, the "D" word can officially begin to be used regarding the Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country team.

The Lady Trailblazers of veteran coach Amy Bernard have won three consecutive Division I championships over the last three autumns, and the team pushed itself into the "DYNASTY" category last Saturday, Nov. 11 by notching its program's first New England title since 1979 in Belfast, Maine.

The three-time defending state divisional champs finished with a team score of 163 to best 28 other teams, with the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua finishing as the runner-up crew with their point tally of 183. The Glastonbury, Vt. entry was a distant third with a 212 in that regional championship race run at the Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast.

"We couldn't be prouder

of these girls," said coach Bernard, herself a former Pinkerton running standout. "They have worked hard all season, had terrific attitudes, and been focused on achieving this goal. It's so rewarding to see their efforts pay off in such a huge way."

Finishing first for the new New England championships - as was the case all season - was sophomore star Meghan Cross, who claimed All-New England honors by finishing 22nd overall in 18 minutes and 43.73 seconds. She was the ninth New Hampshire runner to cross the finish line out of a field of some 258 finishers.

"In right after her placing 31st overall with her strongest race of the season was Jordan Vaillancourt with a time of 18:57," said the PA coach. "Senior Britney Johnson ran a tough race and finished 53rd overall with a 19:20. Ciara April was right on her heels with a 19:32. Placing fifth for the team and really coming through with her best per-



The three-time defending New Hampshire Division I champion Pinkerton girls' cross-country squad snagged the first New England title in program history since 1979 last weekend in Maine. *Courtesy photo*

formance of the season was freshman Molly McGaffigan, who covered the course in 20:00. Seniors and captains Maison D'Amelio and Annie Sullivan also ran great races to help their team to this epic victory."

The Pinkerton boys, who quite uncharacteristically didn't qualify for the New England Championships after an extremely strong

runner-up finish in the D-I title meet in Manchester several weeks ago, had standout

Joe Gagnon run the Belfast overall out of some 253 course on his own last male line-crossers in a Saturday and finish 89th strong 16:51.



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# PA Field Hockey Has Great Quartet Garner 2017 All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

While it's quite likely that the members of Pinkerton Academy's 2017 varsity field hockey team are still feeling a bit of a sting from not at least getting as far as the Division I championship match after having an exceptional regular season, the Lady Astros recently got some positive reinforcement for having had such an illustrious campaign.

Four of the Pinkerton team's standouts - seniors Carly Young and Emma Davis and sophomores Sarah Collins and Khaliyah Ellis - all received all-state recognition from the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Midfielder Young and defender Collins both garnered First-Team All-State honors and forward Davis and goalie Ellis received second-team recognition. Young was also one of 20 skilled senior stickers from around the Granite State selected to play in the annual Twin-State Classic match against senior field hockey stars from Vermont next June. Her Pinkerton teammate Whitney O'Brien will also play in that all-star



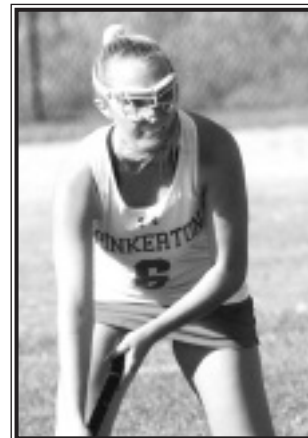
Carly Young



Sarah Collins



Khaliyah Ellis



Emma Davis

match.

All four young PA women who bagged all-state awards played vital roles for a 2017 Pinkerton contingent which just tore up the regular season and finished with an overall record of 14-2, falling just two wins short of a state championship.

Star midfielder Young made her presence felt during all parts of the strong campaign and drew high praise from coach Katie Van Nostrand, who was herself once a star sticker at the academy.

"Carly was a leader on and off the field this year as one of our tri-captains," said the coach. "Carly is one of the most competitive people I know, and that tenacity was contagious to her teammates. Carly's endurance

and stamina meant that she could stay on the field for usually 60 minutes, a full game, without looking fatigued. Her speed up the right side was a weapon, as well as her consistent and strong inserts on corners. Carly scored four goals and had five assists this season."

Of Collins, who made first-team all-state as just a sophomore, coach Van Nostrand said, "Sarah had a standout season. She was the player that stood out in every game for her strength, composure, and game smarts. This season she truly came into her own and quickly became one of the best defenders I've had the honor of coaching. She has a solid drive but knows when to use it and when to mix up her passes."

Along with her great defensive prowess, Collins netted one goal for the Lady

Astros.

Outgoing senior Davis finished up her high school field hockey career with another superb season which she completed as the squad's top goal-scorer with 11 tallies. She also dished out two assists.

"Emma was the voice of this team. You could always hear her on the field, cheering her teammates on and trying to motivate them to continue to work hard," said Van Nostrand. "Emma was one of the hardest workers on the team, in games and more importantly in practice. She would set the tone and tempo in many drills and would improve each and every day, which translated to her success in games."

And regarding sophomore keeper Ellis, who helped the Lady Astros to a full dozen shutouts and allowed just four goals on

even the toughest shots she faces, and in doing so she raises the bar and the level of play for her teammates."

The superb academy team went an exceptional 13-1 on the regular season, suffering its lone loss in a 1-0 decision against Dover in which the visiting Green Wave only had one shot on net all afternoon. That came on the penalty shot on which the lone goal was scored.

The top-ranked Lady Astros then ended the 2017 season of the ninth-seeded Salem High Lady Blue Devils in the Division I quarterfinals, but had their own title hopes evaporate with a 1-0 loss to fifth-ranked arch-rival Londonderry in the state semifinals.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Nov. 6



Josh Ladipo,  
Senior, Football

This talented veteran defensive back had two pass interceptions and a fumble recovery during the D-I semifinal playoff win over Salem which put him and his Astros into the state title game.



Molly McGaffigan,  
Freshman, Girls'  
Cross-Country

This skilled and determined ninth grader placed fifth for the Lady Astros in helping them to their first New England championship since 1979 up in Maine.

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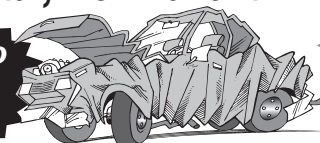
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# Talented PA Volleyball Trio Garnerers All-State Recognition

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

While the 2017 Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad unquestionably had a disappointing finish to its otherwise superb season, coach Todd Royce, his players, and their supporters were recently reminded of just how much talent lay within the roster of that team by the New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association.

No less than three Lady Astros received Division I All-State honors in the wake of the 2017 campaign, with junior standout Amelia Graves tallying First-Team Honors, sophomore Ella Dandrade getting named a second-teamer, and senior

assist-machine Sara Metzger notching honorable mention recognition.

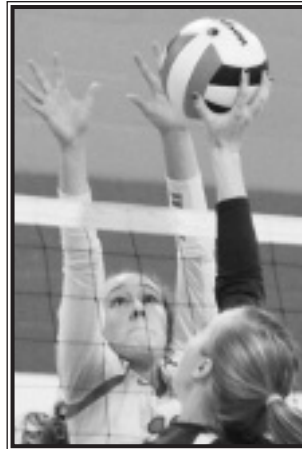
Skilled outside-hitter Graves was feared by every opponent who the Lady Astros faced during the season, and with good reason.

"Amelia has the ability to terminate the play from anywhere on the court," said coach Royce. "She finished the season with 200 kills, and she was also second on our team in digs. She had 52 aces and scored a point for our team on 58% of her serves. She is a positive team leader and captain of the team. She is an excellent role model to all and a top scholar in our school."

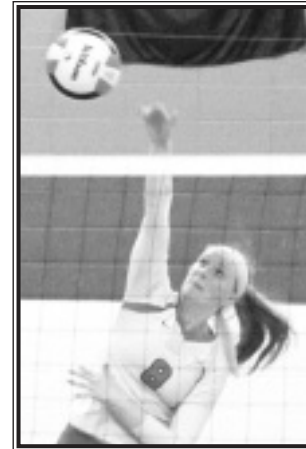
Regarding outside-hitter Dandrade - who was a real force as just a 10th-grader -



Sara Metzger



Ella Dandrade



Amelia Graves

coach Royce stated, "Ella led our team in digs with 375. She is our glue in serve-receive and led the team in passer rating. She had 42 aces on the year and scored points 58% of the time that she served. Ella is the most versatile player I

have ever coached, and she can play every position on the floor and do it well. She is an extremely hard worker and an excellent student."

And as for Metzger, who set a new PA girls' program record for assists during the 2017 campaign, the coach

said, "She surpassed the 1,000 assist milestone in the middle of our season. She served 56 aces to just seven errors on the season. She was our team leader and a second-year captain of our team. She is the top student in her class academically

and is an amazing role model and personality in our school."

After tallying an exceptional 16-2 record during the 2017 regular season - finishing up on a blazing eight-game winning skein - the second-seeded Lady Astros were upset by the number seven Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers in quarterfinal-round tourney play in Derry. The locals were expected to go deep into the Division I playoffs, but alas, it wasn't to be. But with established all-staters like Graves and Dandrade and others expected to be back in the fold next year, coach Royce's roster will no doubt be a mover and shaker in D-I again in 2018.

## GDTC Wins Another State Grand Prix Championship

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Greater Derry Track Club has had a great amount to be proud of during its lengthy history. But competitively speaking, few things have risen above the local group's success in the annual New Hampshire Grand Prix road-running series.

The local club, with members from throughout Southern New Hampshire, bagged another Grand Prix title in October when it outdistanced its toughest rival - The Gate City Striders from Nashua - by outscoring that opponent in the final two races of the 2017 series.

"Greater Derry has won the NHGP five out of the last eight years, beating much larger clubs in the process," said proud GDTC

member Gary Girolomon.

The Grand Prix is an annual road-running racing series for the running clubs of New Hampshire. Clubs compete against each other in a group of road races spread throughout the racing season.

After the first six races of the eight-event 2017 series had been completed, Greater Derry trailed the Gate City by 22 points, 943-921, with the Upper Valley Running Club from the Lebanon a distant third with 733 points.

The locals then put forth a great showing at the Saint Charles Children's Home 5K in Portsmouth on Labor Day, tallying a lead which would stand up through a second place finish to the Nashuans at the series-closing event on Oct 22.

All in all, the GDTC

contingent tallied a series-winning score of 1,313 points, with Gate City a mere 28 points behind at 1,285 and the Upper Valley crew a distant third with 941. A dozen running clubs from the Granite State competed in the series.

Individual competitors who took part in all eight series events earned GDTC 2017 Granite Runner Awards, and 12 Greater Derry racers claimed those honors including Caryn Pepin and Charles Morganson from Derry.

Stepping into the Sept. 4 Saint Charles event on the seacoast looking at its 22-point deficit, the Greater Derry club had some 35 victory-minded runners take part in collecting a lead for GDTC in the annual series.

The locals notched a

high team score of 222 points to win that race, with Lynne Marie Fawcett from Chester, Charlie Bemis of Derry, Kirsten Kortz of Hampstead, Jim Peters from Derry, and Mike Dufour of Londonderry bagging points.

Other locals competing for the GDTC entry that day were John Loker of Londonderry, Justin Marsh, Allyson Scott, Luke Brennan, and Nick Gregory of Derry, Brent Richardson and Greg Desmarais from Chester, and Rich Bernard of Hampstead.

The Gate City Striders

were a distant second that day with 167 points, so the locals strode into the aforementioned final 2017 Grand Prix event in the state capital on Oct. 22 carrying a 33-point lead of 1,143 to 1,110.

The Nashua crew ended up winning the Granite State 10-Miler that day, tallying a top team score of 174 to the runner-up GDTC contingent's 169. But that win of a slim five points was not enough for Nashua to retake first place in the series.

Key points were claimed for the locals - who had some 27 runners compete - by

Fawcett from Chester, Jimmie Cochran of Sandown, Pepin, Pat Crothers, Morganson, and Rebecca Noe from Derry, and Londonderry resident Dufour.

Other Greater Derry Track Club members who contributed to the wildly-successful season's effort included Derry residents Carolyn Morgenstern, Stephanie Collins, and Clint Havens, Londonderry residents Mike Jean and Lisa Jean, Hampstead's Matt Gillette, Liz Hannah, and Kristina Durocher, and Chester's Peter Calabrese.

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# Pinkerton Football Overcomes Salem in D-I Semifinal Battle

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the moments following the Division I semifinal-round playoff football game between the Pinkerton Academy Astros and the Salem High Blue Devils in Salem last Saturday, it was easy to find folks who have followed that sport shaking their heads in disbelief at the contest they'd just watched.

The visiting Astros controlled play in the first half en route to a 31-13 halftime lead, but then saw previously-undefeated Salem dominate action in the third quarter and climb back to within three points of the lead at 31-28 as time in that period ebbed away.

Astro coach Brian O'Reilly then gathered his defensive unit around him as the fourth quarter was about to begin and exhorted them to dig down deep, forget the fact that Salem was surging at the time, and spearhead a victory for their team.

Well, the Astro defense did just that - with the team's offense feeding off of the defensive intensity - and the academy gridders pounded their way to a stunning 45-28 victory which placed them into a D-I title match-up with the unbeaten Winnacunnet High Warriors from Hampton at the University of New Hampshire this coming Saturday night.

After the final whistle had sounded on the semifinal, O'Reilly felt no need to

hide his feelings about just what kind of battle his charges had just won.

"That was one of the most bizarre football games," he said. "We dominated, then they dominated, then we came back and dominated again for the win. Pretty amazing."

A great many sources came up with big efforts for the Astros in their momentous victory, but several of them stand out. Chief among them may well be senior offensive lineman and linebacker Josh McCormack, who scored unlikely touchdowns from both of those positions in the win by picking up fumbles near the goal line and carrying the ball into the end zones. Anybody who has watched football for any length of time can tell you that the chances of an offensive lineman or a linebacker scoring a touchdown in a game are quite remote. McCormack scored from both spots in one game.

Another defensive star for PA was senior defensive back Josh Ladipo, who intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble for the Astros. And on offense, junior running back Gennaro Marra both ran for a score and caught a touchdown pass, and his fellow back Ty Hicks rushed the football 21 times for 117 yards.

Pinkerton began the game like it had every intention of getting a blowout victory. The locals started



Junior back Gennaro Marra heads up the field with the ball during his Astro football team's big playoff win over Salem last weekend.

*Photo by Chris Pantazis*

out with a 10-play drive which culminated with a 3-yard scoring sprint by Gannon Fast, who had been the featured back throughout that series.

The PA defense then jumped into the fray and frustrated a Salem offense which was attempting to move the ball without the presence of star running back Josh Sibanda, who was suspended for the game after being ejected for taunting following multiple touchdowns in his squad's quarterfinal-round win over Londonderry a week earlier.

The hosts went four-plays-and-out, failing on a fourth and one near mid-field.

14-13 with 7:35 remaining in the half. The Blue Devils' second point-after kick was missed, hence the slim, one-point PA lead remained.

But the Astros regained the momentum mere seconds later when quarterback Aiden Goujon connected with Marra on a 70-yard touchdown pass, and the PA lead advanced to 21-13 with 7:21 to go in the half.

Salem then coughed the football up for the first time on its subsequent offensive drive, with Ladipo diving on a fumble at the Devils' 31 to hand his offense another short field to traverse.

The Astros weren't quite able to manage a touchdown on that series, and had to settle for a 23-yard field goal off of the reliable right foot of sophomore kicker Brandon Roy as the lead bulged to 24-13 with 2:49 showing on the clock.

And just three plays later Ladipo snagged the first of his two picks on the day at the Salem 45, and the PA offense responded with an eight-play drive which culminated with a 10-yard scoring toss from Goujon to Kayden Baillargeon with less than a second remaining in the first half. And the successful PAT by Roy made the score 31-13 for Pinkerton.

At halftime, PA coaches warned their charges that Salem would throw every thing it had to throw at the Astros in the second half.

And as things turned out in the third quarter, the coaches may just have undersold what his team should have expected from Salem.

The hosts pounded their way to points in the second half-opening series, with runs of 11, 19, 15 and 12 yards leading up to a 2-yard scoring scamper which made the score 31-21 with 10:10 to go in that stanza.

After a PA three-and-out punt, the Pinkerton defense came up with a huge stop on a fourth-and-four at the PA 21, sacking Devils' quarterback Matt Soldano for a 6-yard loss.

But the Astros' offense was stifled by the Salem defense for a second straight time, with the hosts scooping up a Pinkerton fumble at the PA 36. And the Salem offense retook the field and cut the PA lead to just three points at 31-28 with a four-play drive which culminated with a one-yard quarterback sneak to pay-dirt by Soldano with 1:27 left in the third.

Salem maintained their momentum by stifling all Pinkerton attempts at an offensive foray in a three-and-out scenario, and Salem started the final period with possession of the football at the Pinkerton 49.

Salem appeared to have the bull by the horns at that moment, and O'Reilly did what smart coaches do and gathered his defensive unit around him seconds before the start of period four.

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## Football

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"If you play great defense, we have a chance," he said. "Don't hang your heads. We have the lead."

The PA defenders heard and felt what their mentor was saying and went out and got the huge task done.

The Salem drive died at

the Pinkerton 34 after six plays when Salem attempted a pass on fourth down and six yards to go and the football fell incomplete.

The Astro offense then put together a seven-play drive which got as far as the Salem seven before PA fumbled the ball away. But the Blue Devils' celebration soon turned to upset as quar-

terback Soldano had the ball slip off of his left hip as he attempted to roll to his left, and PA linebacker McCormack sprinted forward, picked the ball up, and strolled untouched into the end zone for his second unlikely touchdown of the day.

The wheels continued to fall off of Salem's wagon

seconds later when Soldano was picked off a second time by Ladipo with 5:42 left to play, and Pinkerton added big points to its lead when Marra sprinted the football some 46 yards to pay-dirt with 3:54 showing on the clock.

And the Astros hammered home the final nail a mere nine seconds later

when Baillargeon intercepted a Soldano pass at mid-field, and all that was left for the locals to do was run off the final 3:40.

Pinkerton, which didn't even qualify for the D-I playoffs last fall, finished up with 414 total offensive yards with 310 rushing and 104 passing in its big semifinal success. Salem notched

301 offensive yards, with 234 coming via the ground game.

The Astros will be seeking their first state title since 2014 when they play tough Winnacunnet in the title battle this weekend. It's hard to imagine a wilder game that evening than the one played last weekend in Salem.

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## Comedy Night

Comedy Night Fun-Raiser to benefit Heifer International! Laugh to stand-up comedy on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Pinkerton Academy's Shepard Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, purchase at the door. CASH only please, this is a student-run event. For more info contact [info.heiferinternational-comedynight@gmail.com](mailto:info.heiferinternational-comedynight@gmail.com).

## Renew

Renew clothing opening Dec. 9 Saturday, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (arrive by 10 a.m.) We are also open every Thur. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11 a.m.) winter clothing is now available. Families and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed. We give away free gently used apparel that has been donated by the community, and sorted and organized by volunteers. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To make sure our newest items are available for all our visitors we limit each household to up to 20 of our newest items plus a reasonable number of our older items. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No housewares, books, toys, or bedding, please. Sorry, we are unable to provide tax-receipts. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by searching for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, by emailing [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com), or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

## Garden Club Meeting

Derry Garden Club's next meeting will be held on Fri., Dec. 1, at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd, Derry, at 10 a.m. It will be our annual greens workshop with Alison Kennery demonstrating wreath making along with a video. Members bring greens to share and their own container to create a holiday piece for the home. Members will also

make a small arrangement in a mug to donate to Meals on Wheels, from the Derry Garden Club. The committee will provide a potluck meal, dessert and beverages. For more information contact Derry Garden Club 434-5016

## 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,

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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.

## Tiny Tots

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## Story Hour with a Craft

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## Candy Cane Fair

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is having their Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. Free admission and parking. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale table, a white elephant sale along with over 50 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. Please join us.

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## Walking Together

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