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# **Net Zero Group Prepares Solar Energy Stats for Town Council**

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The Derry Net Zero Task Force, dedicated to finding ways to efficiently provide the town with more ecofriendly energy options, point for the task force, as recently met at the Derry continuing to keep the sys-November 16 to discuss their continuing efforts to introduce solar energy systems across town.

The primary focus of the tricity for the stations free. meeting came with a recent staff report done by Mike to present their findings to Fowler, the Director of Public Works for Derry, on the effectiveness of solar panel set ups used by the Marion running would also lead to Gerrish Community Center annual savings of twenty and the town's Transfer Stations.

compared to the cost of the twenty four thousand dollars project, as well as upkeep up front, will overshadow for electrical services within the system. Thus, the output of the Transfer Stations instead became the focal and the council's representa-Municipal Center on tems running would help the impress the council and the station see an energy payback in just over nine years, essentially meaning that the savings would render elec-

The task force is hoping the Town Council by the end of the year, but although keeping the systems up and thousand dollars on electricity, staff members expressed delving into ways that they Unfortunately, Marion their concerns that the cost may be able to fund the proj-Gerrish's progress proved to of keeping the project,

be underwhelming when including two hundred and the impact of the system. However, Joshua Bourdon, Town Council Chairman tive for the task force, believes that it will still public enough, praising both the work of the task force and the output of the systems.

"This is an example of outside-the-box thinking", Bourdon noted.

In other news, the task force continued to discuss the possibility of introducing electric car charging stations to Derry, preferably near the highway. While continued on page 3

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## **First Parish Takes Next Step to Steeple Restoration**

#### HUNTER MCGEE NUTFIELD NEWS

On Tuesday, Nov. 21 crews were scheduled after press time to lower two 60foot long corner posts down ization has a growing board into the tower base of the of directors and is rolling out historic structure. historic Meetinghouse at some fundraising drives, First Parish Church.

"The day will start early, and the posts will likely get installed about 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., said Paul Lindemann, a member of the church rehabilitation committee and Derry Heritage Commission said.

He also mentioned a recent development with the non-profit group the Friends of the Meetinghouse at First Parish.

"We recently got IRS

nonprofit the Friends of the floor boards still exposed," Meetinghouse at First Lindemann said. Parish," Lindemann said.

premiering at the church's Sugar Plum Fair that was scheduled to be held on Saturday Nov. 18.

Originally built in 1769, the church meetinghouse has undergone a number of changes in the past few centuries.

The stained glass windows have been reinstalled, and the renovation is taking shape, Lindemann said in an interview earlier this spring.

"The Meetinghouse is in

501(c)(3) approval for the a beautiful state, with feanew fundraising-focused tures like the original 1769

Last year, the Meeting-He added that the organ-house was lifted to build a new foundation under the

> Using special hydraulic jacks, crews lifted the massive white building above the old foundation over a four-hour period. The construction crews from Geddes Building Movers in Bow eventually lifted the building to a height of about four feet.

Two systems of hydraulic jacks, involving 12 pumps on each side fed by a master cylinder were used in the lift, Lindemann said.

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Pinkerton Academy freshmen Zach Bennett and Nicholas Burke helped sort through the items gathered on Friday afternoon for a food drive benefiting the "End 68 Hours of Hunger" campaign. Photo by Chris Paul

### **Pinkerton Freshmen Hold Food Drive to Help Struggling Families**

#### ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

Food insecurity is a struggle that far too many Americans face on a daily basis. On top of almost forty nine million citizens facing this problem, according a recent study by the No Hungry Kid campaign, thirteen million of these citizens are children. Not only does this have an impact on a child's physical development, but children will naturally find it far harder to focus on their classes with an empty stomach.

And knowing that some of their fellow classmates have suffered from this either now or in the past, the Pinkerton Academy Class of 2021 recently completed their food drive in conjunction with the End 68 Hours of Hunger campaign to help alleviate this epidemic.

# **Local Seniors Enjoy Turkey Dinner at VFW Post 1617**



A many local senior citizens got to enjoy the hospitality of VFW Post 1617 and Boy Scout Troop 98 at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW Hall on Railroad Road. The plates were stacked high and wide with turkey, stuffing and all the fixings for those who attended on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12. Members of the post as well as the Boy Scout troop served their guests. Photos by Chris Paul



## **School Board Oversees Several Potential Changes to District Policies**



Parents and students can soon expect several changes were done by a subcommitto school district policies tee within the district admincussion during the School changes and more can be Board's latest meeting on expected in the future. November 14 at West Running Brook Middle School.

dent Dr. Maryann Connors- non-educational question-Krikorian, the first readings naires to students. Specifiof the first two of a large cally, the update delved into

overviewed.

These policy updates concerning hazing and sur- istration in order to fall in veys, as was a topic of dis- line with various legislative

The first of these, falling under Policy ILDA, con-

number of updates were pre- parents being informed Assistant Superintendent for the district takes pride in suspected, be reported to law sented before the board to be about these surveys. As of Curriculum, Instruction and keeping parents informed now, schools are required to alert parents at least ten days ahead of time before administering these surveys to students, not to mention that parents must also be allowed to preview the survey and be able to see it on the school's website

However, this new Initiated by Superinten- cerns the administering of update eliminates the option to have the student opt-out of taking the survey. Curious about what this could mean assured the board that such for the district, Board Chair changes would not be a Dan McKeena questioned

about whether or not this extended to the college level, which it does, and how many schools still hand out physical copies of their handbooks to students. Garofalo noted that it is much easier to simply place it online these days, thereby phasing out the need for physical handbooks.

However. Connors problem, as she believes that

Assessment Austin Garofalo about what goes on between on to note that any of these them and their children, as changes would be made well as the limited number of clear to parents in online surveys they give out.

dents. That's not in our cul- view. ture. That's not what we do", Connors noted.

ation, Policy JICFA, which has not yet decided on concerns hazing of students, whether or not to implement saw an update as well. This them, instead making that update made it mandatory for any and all hazing, whether reported or simply

enforcement. Connors went handbooks, as the old and "We're not a district that new policies will be shown gives a lot of surveys to stu- side by side for parents to

However, as these changes only went through Aside from that alter- their first readings, the board decision when they are reintroduced at a later date.





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## **School Board Fills Two Vacant Positions Within District**

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have found their way into open positions within the Derry School District as of November 14 during the board's latest meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maryann Connors-

Krikorian made announcement that she had found two nominees to fill in Two new individuals vacancies within the district will be taking a sabbatical and would introduce them to the board that evening.

First up was Kara Saranich. Saranich will be her brief introduction to the filling in as Interim To kick off the board's Preschool Director, as the first meeting of the month, current Director, Jayne Boyle, will be taking over as Assistant Superintendent for

the Student Services, which will as a Preschool Administrator Lee Holder, who was being that they found the right perbe temporarily vacated by in both Chelmsford, Massa- nominated as Home to son for the job. Christopher Kellan, who chusetts and Kingsborough, School Coordinator. leave from January until the end of the school year.

Saravich mentioned in board, as she had already met with them prior to the meeting, that she has a background as both a teacher and administrator, having served

Massachusetts.

of a successful pre-school", Saranich noted.

The board seemed very eager to put her into the position and voted to unanimously approve her admission.

The other nominee was take some time making sure

"I'm excited to be part a renaming of what the dis- has an extensive background trict referred to as a social in the area of social work. worker for the school system.

> had filled this position his background was strong retired as of last year, but the enough to warrant his nomiadministration wanted to nation.

Thus, they managed to This position is actually come across Holder, who

Although Holder was not present for the meeting, The past individual who the board also still felt that

The toy sale will be held more information about the

in the gymnasium of the St. event, go to facebook.com/

### St. Gianna's Provides Toys To Residents For The Holidays win situation", Neville noted. from 9 a.m. until noon. For

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the corner, but not all of us have the luxury of being able to afford presents for their kids this year.

But since this is the season of giving, local children's charity organization year, Neville will gather a St. Gianna's Closet will be working with the St. Thomas Aquinas Church to hold its ninth annual Used to make sure that they are in Toy Sale on Dec. 2.

St. Gianna Closet was Elizabeth Neville about fifteen years ago, wherein she struggling to meet ends this work helps people.

meet. But Neville soon began to realize that times like Christmas were also Christmas is just around crucial to families, as everyone wants their kids to enjoy the holiday.

This is ultimately what inspired Neville to start the side project with several of her friends. Throughout the large variety of toys that children would enjoy, checking each and every one good condition. The night before the sale, Neville and originally started by resident a group of volunteers bring together all the toys they have collected and categowould collect and distribute rize them for visitors. And baby and children's clothes she cannot seem to get to poorer families that were enough of seeing how much

"People are so happy to Aquinas food pantry, allowhave toys for their children ing everyone to spread a litand give them Christmas tle holiday cheer. gifts", Neville noted.

Hundreds of people have been known to attend this event every year, but there will be more than enough toys to go around, as visitors can expect dolls, puzzles, action figures, sports equipment, DVDs and arts and crafts supplies to be up for sale, just to name some of the items.

And while the toys may not be for free, they are kept at very low, reasonable prices that anyone can afford, regardless of their budget. Furthermore, all proceeds from the event will go both to St. Gianna's Closet and the St. Thomas

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ect and raise publicity about it as well, suggestions were made to place the station their business. within the municipal parking lot. Furthermore, mem- ahead and touted the use of

local businesses in Derry to sponsor the stations, including the possibility of hand-Finally, members went energy system.

bers suggested getting some solar-estimate.org, a website that allows visitors to enter information about their home and utility bill and ing out vouchers to the sta- determine how much money tions for anyone who visits they could possibly save by switching over to a solar



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When schoolchildren are asked what Thanksgiving means to them, they usually say something about food or being thankful. They don't tend to say "shopping" or "Mom has to work at the mall."

But that's what quite a few major retailers seem to want us to focus on this year, with stores pushing the start of Christmas shopping to Thanksgiving Day itself. Cram in the turkey and head out to shop Black Friday is now Black Thursday.

It means you're getting a day off from work (and kids are losing two to three days of school) so you can buy Christmas gifts early, rather than go to Grandma's for Thanksgiving dinner and family time.

For years, retailers have been pushing back the start of Christmas Santa Clauses and holiday wrapping paper are already in the stores while you shop for Halloween candy. Now major retailers are giving their low paid employees the raw end of the deal by making them work on Thanksgiving instead of being home with their families. And we'd bet the CEOs of major retail stores aren't spending the day in their corner offices.

We can all understand why doctors, nurses, paramedics, news folk, police and firefighters don't always get to celebrate Thanksgiving and any other holiday with their family. Fires and other emergencies don't check the calendar, nor do childbirth or illness. But getting first in line for a sale on a big-screen TV? Grabbing up discounted socks? Those are not emergencies.

We can all use a sale, but we can also use a break from work and a chance to relax with family or friends. That's the heart of Thanksgiving, and that experience helps us realize what we really are thankful for. But when low wage workers have to choose between their job and their family time so retailers can have one more day to lure in shoppers, a line has been crossed.

This country is long changed from the Norman Rockwell images of big families crowded around the Thanksgiving dinner table, but most of us still mark the occasion by gathering with family or friends and pausing for a few hours from the constant jabbering of the online world. Sure, after dinner we can log on and see what's on sale. But we find it hard to accept that the only way major retailers can compete with online shoppers is to make their sales staff skip Thanksgiving. If that's true, why not keep every store open 24/7, just like the internet. And if that's what we've come to, what, other than greed, does Thanksgiving mean today.



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Pinkerton Academy Freshmen Adria Forland of Derry and Andy MacDonald of Hampstead count up the points their classroom collected in food items. The food items that were in the highest demand got the highest points. Photo by Chris Paul

again. Students were split

up amongst thirty eight dif-

ferent seminars and upon

counting and boxing the

items on the final day of the

drive, each seminar receives

points based on how much

food they obtained. The

seminar with the most points

will receive a prize to be

day of the drive expressed

their enthusiasm for assist-

abundantly clear that it was

interested. Zach Bennett

understood that many stu-

dents his age suffer from

going hungry and he was

more than happy to help

"There are a lot of kids at

them out.

Several students present

determined at a later date.

### **Food Drive**

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efforts of the Class of 2017, the current freshman class took it upon themselves to bring the food drive into its fifth year of operation, not only to assist other students, but also due to encouragement by Pinkerton staff for each graduating class to perform one community serv- after school during the final ice project as a whole each year.

Led by Social Studies ing the cause, making it Teacher and Co-Advisor to the Class of 2021 Nichole not the prize that kept them Iacuzio, students worked from November 2 until November 17 to collect an assortment of assigned foods, while also being encouraged to find different varieties of products to prevent kids from receiving the this school with no food that

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Crews installed a 48inch deep cement frost wall perimeter foundation, with suitable footings and a protective slab in the resulting crawlspace floor, Lindemann said.

First Parish The project is part of a multi-year rehabilitation effort.

> building useable in a modern way but honoring the historic methods and materials," Lindemann said. In 2015, the top of the

same food over and over need help", Bennett noted.

Fellow student Nicholas Burke believed that when someone is suffering from hunger, especially with Thanksgiving right around the corner, it should be in human nature to lend a helping hand.

'Someone might need help in the community and you always want to help each other out", Burke stated

End 68 Hours of Hunger was established back in 2011 by its Founder Claire Bloom and primarily focuses on sending hungry children home with around ten dollars worth of food during the sixty eight hours they spend away from home on the weekends, hence the name of the campaign. For more information, visit end68hoursofhunger.org.

The project is part of a church tower was removed for repairs.

When it was built, there "What we are doing with wasn't a separation of rehabilitation is making the church and state consideration and the building served as both a sanctuary as well as town offices and a library, Lindemann said.

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### **Local Actors Hit the Stage for Music Man Performance**





#### **OBITUARY Curtis M. Boles**

Curtis M. Boles, 67, of Londonderry, died suddenly after a brief illness, Friday Nov. 17. Curtis was born and raised in Derry. He was a proud Army Veteran of the Vietnam era. While working in the

printing industry, he attended and graduated from New Hampshire College with a degree in Business. Curtis and his wife Linda owned and operated Colonial Printing in Manchester for over 30 years and have been Londonderry residents for over 40 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post #27 and the Londonderry Fish & Game Club.

Curtis enjoyed watching all the New England sports teams, outdoor activities, spending time in Nantucket and Aruba, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. Curtis' ultimate joy was spending time with family and friends whether it was around the fire pit, at a barbecue, on a lake, hanging out at the pool, or wherever life led him. Curtis will surely be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda (Lamb) Boles of Londonderry; three sons, Christian (Holly) Boles of Newport, N.H., Jeffrey Boles, and Ryan Boles both of Londonderry; four grandchildren, Catherine, Riley, Devin, and Lily; three brothers Dennis (Peggy) Boles of Mitchellville, MD, Ralph(Irene) Boles of Canterbury, N.H., and Bryan Boles of Canton, GA along with many other extended family members. Curtis was predeceased by a grandson Tyler Boles.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial followed in Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Road in Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Richlands High School, in the memo: Tyler C. Boles Memorial Scholarship Fund, and mail to: Richlands High School Attn: Nicole Cox 8100 Richlands Highway, Richlands, NC 28574. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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A cast of Kids Coop Theatre actors and actresses hit the stage at the Derry Opera House on Friday and Saturday to perform the musical classic "The Music Man." The Meredith Willson creation was directed by Meg Gore, with Music Direction by Kevin Fisher and feature Choreography by Mari Frederique-Streitburger.

The lead roles were played by Zac Barnaby of Pepperell



Mass. and Ella Burroughs of Hampstead. The theatre's

roster includes children from many of the surrounding





# **Pinkerton Invites Professional Chef To Work with Culinary**

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Pinkerton Academy's culinary program has proven to be a rousing success time and time again, allowing students to expand upon their cooking skills and develop themselves into world class chefs.

But as good as many of the students are, there will always be more chances to learn and improve. And one such opportunity presented itself to them during the kickoff event for Pinkerton's 2017-2018 Chef to School Series on Nov. 15.

The Chef to School Series, now on its fifth year, takes place across the school year and has a guest chef from either a post-secondary institution or a local restau-

throughout the day, teaching teachers, also looked forthem an assortment of ward to the event, loving recipes and tips and tricks to help hone their skills.

For this event, Pinkerton invited Chef George Malavasic. Hailing from Johnson and Wales University, Malavasic has around twenty seven years of cooking experience, working everywhere from a microbrew to a harbor side lobster restaurant to a steak house. Malavasic seemed to be quite a big fan of the series, noting how effective his work with the students can be while also mentioning how impressed he was with what they were already capable of.

"It's my favorite annual event", Malavasic noted. Chef Keith Desjardin, Freshman

that it was a great opportunity for the students to work with a professional and establish connections for when they enter the work force. He was keen on noting how the students can already hold their own in the kitchen.

"The students here already have a very good skill set", Desjardin noted.

But the student's time with Malavasic went far beyond a mere ninety minute class. Around eight or nine students volunteered their time to prepare and produce a series of four dishes after school that would be eaten by dozens of guests later that night in the Academy.

rant work with the students one of the student's regular Amongst the dishes provided were Butternut Squash Hummus with Focaccia Bread, Roasted Root Vegetable Salad, Pork Schnitzel in Lemon Caper Sauce and Chocolate Dipped Profiterole for dessert.

While getting these dishes ready for their customers, Malavasic held a cooking demonstration for those in attendance, preparing two of the dishes that they would soon be eating, all while giving some cooking advice to them as well.

This is only the first of several Chef to School events, as the school plans on inviting several more chefs from the likes of the Tuscan Kitchen and Great NH Restaurants to work with the culinary student and put on more cooking



Pinkerton students listen to Chef George Malavasic during "Chef to School" series. Photo by Alex Guittarr

showcases. Stay tuned to announced in order to pinkertonacademy.org and reserve seats, as openings its Upcoming Events section are limited. to see when the next is

# Hang Up on Scammers: How to Identify Phone Scams

#### Melissa Ruiz NUTFIELD NEWS ٠

telephone scammers claimthe IRS, Court Officers, or worse, it's costing vulnerable victims hundreds, if not thousands of dollars, particularly around the holidays.

The Federal Trade Commission has been urging New Hampshire residents to report these calls to them in hopes of making some arrests. The FTC has the ability to identify patterns of fraud in the information that is collected from victims that should they be civilian reports and forward told to provide this type of this information to members of law enforcement.

When these calls are made, they will often calls to U.S. Marshals and attempt to to collect a "fine" in the place of a fabricated reports can be given to both

arrest, for reasons such as failing to report for jury duty, issues with taxes, etc. They It happens all too often; will often tell their victims that they can avoid serving ing to be representatives of time by purchasing a debit or gift card for the amount they other Legal Officials. Even claim they would need to pay to get out of a sentence, and then read that number over the phone to them.

"U.S. Marshals would never ask for a credit/debit card number or banking routing numbers or ask for funds to be wired for any purpose," U.S. Marshal, David L. Cargill Jr. has stated on the subject. He has further urged information, or any other personal information, they should report these phone the FTC, and that these

agencies anonymously.

These con artists have many strategies to make their operations seem legitimate, even going so far as to produce badge numbers, courthouse addresses, and even the names of actual law enforcement officials and federal judges. Most times they will be calling from a proxy phone line, so the number will appear a bit strange over caller ID, but occasionally these tricksters are able to replicate the phone numbers of legitimate departments to make it seem as though they are actually calling from a government agency.

"While these callers may sound legitimate, we urge people to question their validity," Cargill has said. "The easiest way to do this is to call the clerk of the court's office of the U.S.

someone just tried to swindle you out of your hardearned cash."

ited to fake legal issues. Telemarketing scams exist, leading their victims to believe that they are winners of lotteries or that they have been specially selected for certain offers, and even have fake testimonies from "satisfied customers," known as "shills," that give false praise for these phony companies.

These scams include "free" or "low cost" travel packages, credit and loans, investment opportunities, charities, high-stakes foreign lotteries, extended car warranties, and trial offers for products and services. These claims are often made over

District Court in your area the phone, but some scam- up his or her mind on the and verify the court order. If mers will also use mail, email, spot, urging the customer an order does not exist, text messages and advertise- that he or she need not check ments to get their victims to their company with others, contact them for more details. and offering to put shipping While no one is exclud-

These scams are not lim- ed from being targeted in these scams, the elderly are often a major demographic affected by these scams.

for red flags during these an automated system, or even a calls in the way of lines such as, "You've been specially selected," or, "This investment is low risk and provides higher return than you local U.S. Marshals Service can get anywhere else," or, Office at www.usmarshals.g-"You've won one of five ov/district/index.html or call the valuable prizes." They also USMS of New Hampshire at advise to be on the lookout for suspicious promises such as getting a free bonus when purchasing a solicited product, reports of winning money from a foreign lottery, phone scams, visit www.conurging the customer to make sumer.ftc.gov.

and handling charges automatically on a credit card.

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## **Pinkerton Encourages Girls to Pursue Technical Careers**

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our children equally in Assistant Director for the school to pursue any career Center for Career & Techni- from Fidelity Investments, choice that they see fit, cal there has been a consistent Speaking before roughly trend that only a fraction of math and science-based careers are filled by Untiet began the event by women, as they are typical- reminding the young stuly discouraged in one way or another around their have the potential to make early teenage years.

But one group is hoping to change that. The New Hampshire High Tech technical careers. Council, a state group working to encourage more feel that there are opportutechnology companies to nities for them and that they launch, grow or relocate to New Hampshire, recently held its third annual set of **STEM**spiration across nine different high video presentations in the schools in the state from same vein as Untiet's pres-November 13 to November entation, as well as short Griffin Morse was also 17. also known as Tech-Women Ambassadors Week. Including Pinkerton Shaheen. Academy on November 16, the events served to remind event revolved around the young women in New twenty nine female technol-Hampshire that they should ogy ambassadors from we have so much female not be afraid to pursue a job across New England that interest", Morse stated. in

engineering and mathemat- Including the likes Anderics (STEM).

Although we try to train Pinkerton was Tracy Untiet, one hundred freshman girls in the Stockbridge Theatre, dents that girls like them all an impact in STEM careers in on three of these sesand change people's perceptions about women in

> "We want these girls to should not be afraid to try", Untiet noted.

In between her encourevents aging words were several messages from Senators Maggie Hassan and Jean

science, technology, were invited to the event.

son Adams from DEKA Leading the event for Research & Development, Gina McIntyre from Silvertech and Carolyn Forbes Education (CTE). the ambassadors spent the majority of the event holding a series of concurrent round table sessions dispersed throughout the theatre's lobby areas.

Students attending the event had the chance to sit sions, where ambassadors expanded upon what their careers entail, hosting several hands-on activities to help put their points across and explaining to the students how they too can achieve that type of career, including keeping their future in mind when selecting high school courses.

Pinkerton Headmaster present for the event and was particularly impressed that so many young women But the real meat of the were pursuing a STEM career at such a young age. "I'm very excited that

Although the week is



Around one hundred freshman girls took part in round table discussions with dozens of tech ambassadors during Pinkerton Academy's STEMspiration event last week Photo by Alex Guittarr

already seems to be a major schools in New Hampshire vey sheet at the end of the hit, as participation has are also hoping to get day to give their thoughts doubled to nine hundred involved. Furthermore, in on the seminar and how it students across all nine order to aid the expansion made them feel about a schools since last year, not of the event, students were STEM career.

only in its third year, it to mention that more also asked to fill out a sur-





## **Sugar Plum Craft Fair Offered Something for Everyone**













The First Parish Church in East Derry held its annual Sugar Plum Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18. Despite the construction on the historic building that has been going on, attendees enjoyed many of the usual goods and and services that have been offered in the past. There were crafters selling their merchandise, Pecan and Monkey Bread being baked and sold, over 40 types of cookies being sold at the Cookie Walk and Mikayla Henrick offered non-toxic slim making downstairs for the younger shoppers.

Photos by Chris Paul



# DERRY SPORTS

# **Astro Gridders Show Heart, but Fall Hard in D-I Title Game**

in the moments following the Pinkerton Academy football squad's momentous Division I semifinal-round defeat of the previouslyunbeaten Salem High Blue Devils on the afternoon of Pinkerton in nearly every Saturday, Nov. 11, journalists who had seen the undefeated Winnacunnet High Warriors from Hampton and those who had not chatted about what they figured would happen in the D-I championship game matchup which had just been point attempt. established that day.

**CHRIS PANTAZIS** NUTFIELD NEWS

Winnacunnet had beat the defending D-I champs from Goffstown with a 21-6 semifinal win just before the coached team, and the locals Pinkerton/Salem game was outscored their opponents over, and the writers who by a 14-6 tally in the second had seen the Warriors play half after limping into halfthis season used words like "special" and "incredibly tough" to describe the team, wondering if the Astros Pinkerton comeback as the would be able to find some rain pounded down during way past Winnacunnet.

Fast forward to the D-I title contest between 11-0 fense was something to be-Winnacunnet and 10-1 Pinkerton at the University of New Hampshire in Durham in lousy, rain-soaked, cold conditions Saturday night, Nov. 18. And folks sophomore running back who watched that game - Jordan Fuller running for regardless of who they were 184 yards and three scores

cheering for - walked away from the UNH complex calling the Winnacunnet War-Sportswriters talk. And riors a special, incredibly tough football squad.

The new defending state champs - who last won a state title when they were still in Division II in 2012 proved to be too much for aspect of the game in tallying a 41-21 victory.

The game very nearly went to running time early in the third quarter but the Warriors missed out on going up by 35 points when the Astros blocked an extra-

The academy gridders showed the heart and toughness which one would expect from a Brian O'Reillytime trailing 35-7. But Winnacunnet never had any reason to worry about a full the second half.

The new champs' ofhold, with Winnacunnet senior quarterback Pat Mac-Dougall connecting with senior split end Evan Welch on three touchdown passes,



by Winnacunnet High Warriors after gaining modest yards on this play in the second half of the D-I title game.

on 25 carries. On the other a great job defending toside of the ball, the Warriors' defense stifled most of Pinkerton's offensive series'.

crew tallied 403 total yards couldn't get off the field. We worth of offense - with 301 of those coming via the running game - and they didn't punt the ball until mid-way through the fourth quarter.

The Astros, on the other hand, finished with 323 offensive yards with 176 coming via the passing game and 147 on the ground.

"We obviously didn't do

night," lamented O'Reilly. "They ended up getting the yardage they needed time The undefeated seacoast after time, and we just didn't have a great night offensively. It was adequate. But I was pleased with the job we did in the second half."

> 12th state title since 1985. They last won a crown for O'Reilly - who has been the head guy in the PA football



Pinkerton running back Gannon Fast gets taken down Astro senior star Ty HIcks heads to the end zone at the tail-end of his long pass reception which made the D-I championship game 14-7 early. Photos by Chris Paul

1970's - at UNH in 2014.

Winnacunnet established the tenor of the title contest very early, plowing its way out to a 14-0 lead during the first 7:04 of play thanks to beautiful pass connections side would score three more of 13 and 10 yards from times in the half and roll into quarterback MacDougall to Welch.

But Pinkerton threw up a momentarily - when with quarter Pinkerton quarterback Aiden Goujon connectprogram since the late ed with running back Ty

Hicks on a 58-yard touchdown pass which, once the point-after kick was nailed by Brandon Roy, made it a 14-7 game.

However, the seacoast halftime with a commanding 35-7 advantage.

Winnacunnet received The Astros entered the stop sign on thoughts of a the kickoff to open the secevening looking for their Warrior blowout - at least ond half and marched 70 yards on eight plays with 3:54 left in that opening Fuller finishing the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. But knowing that a 42-7

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# **Astro Boys' Soccer Trio Receives All-State Recognition**

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

When the 2017 Division I boys' soccer regular season came to a close, the Pinkerton Academy boys' squad appeared to be a nearlyunstoppable force.

And after two tournament matches had been played, coach Kerry Boles' fourth-ranked Astros continued to look like a potential favorite to hoist the state championship plaque overhead.

However, the ninth-seeded Manchester Central Little Green ended the Astros' championship dreams in a 2-0 decision in the tourney semifinals.

While that defeat was disappointing for Boles and his team, the academy squad drew respect from opposing squads for the kind of campaign it enjoyed during the them the fourth seed in the fall season. And partly as a result of that, the Pinkerton crew had three of its stand- the academy side disposed outs claim all-state recogni- of number 13 Keene in tion from the state soccer round one before surviving coaches recently.

offensive catalyst Cole ranked Hanover which went Perry, junior goalie Max Fairbank, and junior defender Jon Tremblay all received Second-Team All-State hon- by penalty kicks. And goalie

ors out of a field of truly excellent talent in D-I during the season.

Perry, Fairbank, and Tremblay all played vital roles for their Astros during the season which the locals started with two victories. But the academy booters then lost four straight matches and left Boles wondering just what his stilldeveloping crew would develop into and if it would wind up being a factor in the D-I playoffs.

But the Astros then won their final 10 matches of the regular season with seven shutouts among those behind the strong play of keeper Fairbank and sources up and down the roster. Pinkerton outscored its opponents by a jaw-dropping 31-5 margin in those 10 successes, and their final 12-4 regular season record got D-I tourney.

Once in tournament play, an amazing quarterfinal-Senior forward and key round battle with fifthscoreless through regulation time and then overtimes before finally being decided



Pink-clad Pinkerton goalie Max Fairbank was a rock-solid member of the PA defense who played every minute of the season.

Fairbank drew loud praise Boles part of a great base Pinkerton and it's soccer defender, fastest player, and from many folks for his stellar play under pressure conditions in that huge match which advanced PA to the D-I final four.

But the Astros had their title hunt end with the 2-0 semifinal-round loss to Central in Nashua in which the Manchester contingent simply dominated play. The Little Green then lost to seventh-ranked Concord in the state title match.

Knowing all-staters Fairbank and Tremblay will be back next season to anchor



Battle-tested veteran Cole Perry showed great leadership and was a superb catalyst for the Astro boys' contingent

with which to work. Speaking of Perry, who

tallied nine goals and six assists for 15 points, coach Boles said, "Cole was the pulse of this team this year. We performed as Cole performed. When he was out with a concussion, we struggled to find our way. When he returned, we were able to score some goals, apply pressure, and keep the ball in the offensive end for sustained periods of time. He has been a four-year starter, a leader on the field, and

program. He will be missed."

cer crew

Looking at his talented junior goalie, the coach stated, "Max played every minute of every game this season, and he certainly was the glue that held this team together. He was the last line of defense, and thank goodness for that. He is a quality soccer player but even more than that, he is a great kid with an amazing work ethic who thrives on being his best every day. When opponents scored, he felt personally responsible for letting the team down. We will be counting on him huge next season.'

efforts and importance of a goal for their respective Tremblay, the PA mentor teams. said, "Jon is by far our best

always has the responsibility to stop the opponents' top player. Although there are no real stats that measure how good a defender is, Jon's presence on our defensive line put the rest of our team at ease. When things looked bleak, we always knew Jon would be there to save the day. Jon is an outstanding citizen of our school and will be a leader of this team next year."

In addition to that terrific trio's post-season accolades, the PA program had Brian Castle and Ashim Gurung participate in the Division I Senior All-Star Game recently at Exeter High And looking at the School. Both Astros scored

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Defender Jon Tremblay managed

to come to the fore at key moments

for his highly-successful 2017 soc-

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# **PA Girls' Soccer Has Terrific Trio Bag All-State Honors**

#### **CHRIS PANTAZIS** NUTFIELD NEWS

Just about nobody expected the 2017 Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad to take a serious run at a third consecutive Division I championship this fall.

But when all of the soccer balls had been tucked away first-year varsity coach Danielle Rappa and her talented charges had one darn fine season to look back upon with great pride.

The Lady Astros went 9-6-3 overall and weren't removed from the champitournament. And three of the

glittering stars from that skilled and successful team ended up receiving all-state recognition recently from the New Hampshire coaches who admired their play throughout the autumn.

Junior goalie Reagan Kolinski was named a First-Team All-Stater, senior attack Nicole Alves bagged second-team honors, and senior midfielder Brittany Johnson got honorable-mention recognition.

Any time an opposing team looked at a match-up with the Lady Astros it had to factor in the fact that at onship picture until the the back of the tough PA quarterfinal-round of the defense was that brick wall named Kolinski.



Reagan Kolinski

"Reagan earned nine shutouts in the regular season and one more in the playoffs. She also had a very low .52 goals against aver-

**Nicole Alves** 

age," said coach Rappa.

Speaking of speedy and

tough-as-nails sparkplug

Alves, the coach said,

"Nicole was our leading

scorer with nine goals and

eight assists. She created so

many opportunities up top

and led the team as a cap-

tain."

Brittany Johnson

championships this fall as a member of the three-time defending Division I and New England champion Pinkerton girls' cross-country team - while also playing soccer - the coach stated, "Brittany had one goal this season. She helped control possession in the middle of the field, and as our defen-

And in terms of Alves' fellow captain Johnson, who sive midfielder greatly conactually won two major tributed to our low goals

against average."

Despite getting thumped by graduation following their 2016 title campaign and having coach Steve Gundrum retire, the Lady Astros were a strong entity in D-I this autumn. They were an excellent 7-3-2 after 12 matches, including a fivegame undefeated streak between Sept. 23 and Oct. 6 which began with a Mack Plaque win over tough Londonderry. Coach Rappa's roster wound up at 8-5-3 and grasping the eighth seed at the close of the regular season.

The defending champions bested number nine Alvirne of Hudson by a 1-0 tally in the Division-I prelims, but then fell by a 1-0 count to fourth-ranked Winnacunnet in Hampton in the state quarterfinals. However, the locals certainly weren't any kind of slouch in their "down year."

## **Astros' Junior Varsity Golfers Enjoyed Perfect 2017 Campaign**

#### CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

There's just no way for a sub-varsity sports team to enjoy a more productive campaign than the Pinkerton Academy junior varsity golf squad did between August and October of this year.

The Astros notched an unblemished 16-0 record during the season and shot their way to the junior varsity state championship at the Hoodkroft Country Club in Derry.

The talented and successful squad included juniors C.J. LeBonville, Matt This was a very talented JV MacDougall, Zak Kahn, Liam Robinson, and Jacob Tinker, and sophomores Cam Leppert, P.J. Danielle, and Chris Walder.

Coach Jim Fletcher had many reasons to be proud of

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his PA charges throughout the campaign. And on the final day - at the JV title event they made him prouder.

"In an excellent display of team depth, the team shot a score of 154. That was the lowest score the JV's have ever shot in the state tournament," said Fletcher. "All six Pinkerton players received medals, which are awarded to the top 20 players. C.J. LeBonville and Cam Leppert tied for top honors shooting 37, Chris Walder and Zak Kahn came in at 40, while Matt MacDougall shot 42 and P.J. Danielle shot 43. team, and the players had this championship on their radar screen from the beginning of the season. All of these players should be challenging for spots in the varsity lineup next season."

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The Pinkerton varsity contingent had a very strong 2017 campaign itself, finishing tied for second with Keene behind title-taking Bedford at the Division I team championships on the seacoast soon after the JV title match. But coach Jeff Sojka's varsity Astros had no less than eight seniors on their roster including Lauren Thibodeau, Jarrod Foster, Erin DelloRusso, Noah Kierstead, Lewis White, Cody Sullivan, Ty Letoile, Matt Miloro. The departures of those players may well have opposing teams thinking in terms of Pinkerton heading into a rebuilding season next August, but having standouts from an undefeated, title-winning junior varsity team move up to the varsity is a nice situation for the team to be in.





### **Academy's 2017 Fall Crew Team Tallies Tons of Vital Experience**

Chris Pantazis NUTFIELD NEWS

amount of excitement inside the Pinkerton Academy crew program might just be something of an understatement.

Coach Brenda Balenger's PA fall squad consisted Eckerson, Adam Furgal, of nearly 40 dedicated and Dane Galler, Avanthea determined athletes who banked a whole lot of vital crew experience which will no doubt benefit them greatly in the future.

"The entire team, novices and varsity, participated Zachary Marinos, Hannah in the Textile River Regatta Martinelli, Riley Maynard, in Lowell (Mass.), the New England Junior and High School Regatta at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester (Mass.), and the New Hampshire Championship Regatta in Pembroke," said coach Balenger. "They competed in all types of boats, including singles, doubles, fours, quads, and eights. A smaller group of rowers participated in the Head of the tingent included a impres-Charles in Boston in the Women's Youth Four and the Men's Youth Eight events. We also held our own Head of the Jack O' Lantern again

on the Merrimack, competing in costumes."

Members of the 2017 Saying there's a huge fall crew included Lexi Baker, Isabella Baker, Isabelle Boyd, Will Brunet, Elijah Campbell, Jayson Clohecy, Robert Daziel, Gavin Divelbiss, Sofia Georgacopoulos, Michael Ghanem, Conor Gilroy, Ethan Grover, Avasha Khapre, Cyrus Laplante, Alexis Lescovitz, Courtney Lucier, Julianna Manrique, Kenneth McCarthy, Alex McCarthy, Jackson Morrissette, Eric Parnell, Sage Richardson, Jack Rose, Jackson Rowden, Ryan Sheidow, Michelle Spera, Isabelle Steger, Walker Stinson, Eddie Stuart, Ryan Sullivan, Nanditha Sundaram, Alyssa Valledor, and Mikhail White.

> The big Pinkerton consive new crop of novices, many rowers who have been in the program for several seasons, and four dedicated seniors in Valledor, Lexi



As has been the case in the past, the PA crew team shared a coach with Londonderry High. Courtesy photo

Baker, Brunet, and Stuart who have all been in the program since freshman year.

"The emphasis for the season was on learning that in order to reach challenging goals, you have to put in the work," said coach Balenger. "You can't plant beans and expect to grow corn. Participating in a sport as a well-rounded student/athlete involved in many activities, or being a focused, committed, one-sport devotee are both honorable choices as long as you understand how the effort that goes into your sport will also affect the outcomes.'

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score would, by state football rules, slide the game clock into running time, the Astros went all out to block the extra-point and succeed-

"That was huge for us," stated O'Reilly, who knew that his squad would have had virtually no shot at a comeback if time was flying off of the clock.

The Astros notched one touchdown before the third quarter was complete when junior running back Gannon Fast capped off a 15-play drive by scoring from two yards out. But the academy side had its next drive stopped by a fumble at the Winnacunnet 30 early in quarter number four.

Pinkerton did a bit more scoring with just 2:16 showing on the game clock when



Astro quarterback Aiden Goujon tries to get a pass off under a heavy rush. Photo by Chris Paul

run, but 41-21 was where the final score would land. PA junior signal-caller

Goujon finished the wet evening with 176 passing yards, 149 of which he tallied on three throws to Ty Fast scored on a one-yard Hicks. Fast wound up lead-

ing Pinkerton in rushing with 60 yards and his two scores, while Hicks completed his high school career with a rather modest 52-yard rushing night to go along with all those receiving yards.



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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

#### 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/ 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. **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

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 audition, the Derry Lions have assisted a number of local needy individuals to obtain hearing aids at little or no cost via a NH Lions 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.

#### **Tiny Tots**

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays amd Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

#### Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

#### Lifeway Church's New Location

Come and visit us at our new location, 14 Crescent Street in Derry. Meetings are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. We are a church of ordinary people in 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the

be sold on Fri. nights and Sat. relationship with an extraordi- month at 7 p.m. at the nary person, Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. Vibrant worship, relevant messages, authentic friendships, caring servants, and loving neighbors. Safe and inspiring Children's Church. All are welcome. Call (603) 845-6601 or visit www.lifewaychurch.net

#### **Parents Support Group**

Are you frustrated with organization. All trees will be your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean vou have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

#### 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.

#### **Continuing Education** Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Havim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 11/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff. MD, at soreffs-15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

#### Greater Manchester Lyme **Disease Support Group**

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

#### Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every

Presbyterian Londonderry Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. Lets walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

#### Lamplighters

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

#### **Free Meals**

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner held on Nov. 24, 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; Dinner held on Dec. 16 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, Derry; Breakfast held on Dec. 17 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Etz Havim 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.

#### 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.

#### Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

