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### **School Board Prepares New Bus Routes for Influx of Fifth Graders**

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ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

As the School Board inches closer to transitioning fifth graders into the Middle School system, the board's most recent meeting on Nov. 28 took some time to expand upon what this would mean for bus routes and schedules, as well as vote on pushing forward with these changes into the transition proposal.

Jane Simard, who handled the majority of the the district is looking into on this matter for a year and information concerning the bussing changes alongside Superintendent Dr. Mary-Ann Connors, noted that throughout the rerouting efficient. She is expecting process, the one major concerns lies around whether or not an additional bus will be ter. Other than that, howevneeded for the district.

eight thousand dollars, School Board Chair Dan McKenna asked Simard whether or not Simard was certain that they did not need a new bus. Simard noted that she is not certain as of vet and will have to work with the district's bus company before she has a defin-

itive answer. adopting new software that a half, was curious about would help reroute the buses in a smoother fashion and make current routes more the district to receive this software sometime this winer, the process of rerouting is

Considering that getting going mostly smoothly, with a new bus for the district the exception of Derry Vilwould run it around fifty lage due to how housing is spread out.

Upon questioning Connors and Simard about the matter, Board Member Derick Anderson asked what would be the alternative if rerouting was not considered, to which he was told that the district would have to let go of two teachers.

Lynn Perkins, who noted Simard also noted that that he has been advocating how long it took Connors and Simard to come up with their plan. The two noted that it took them roughly two days to put together.

> McKenna asked if there were any parents who raised continued on page 7

### Serving the Derry Area



### **Public Hearing Scheduled** for Tax Deeded Properties

HUNTER MCGEE NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors were scheduled to hold a public hearing Tuesday night, Dec. 5, on two tax deeded properties scheduled for sale and totaling \$153,000.

scheduled to be held for 13 properties, totaling \$508,000, that are being offered to abutters for purchase.

vetted for town re-usage by all town departments, Conservation Commission and Heritage Commission, with no recommendation made, said Tax Collector Dawn ly presented to council for Enright. The properties that review. The first list is for were taken through the tax two properties for disposi-

year through various town valued at \$9,500. departments to see if there is any reason to retain them.

Unless a property is recommended for retention, it offered to abutters is continually attempted to Enright said.

The sale of properties The hearing was also will "generate revenue and return the properties to the the properties are recomtax rolls," Enright said in a recent staff report.

The town is limited to The properties were all two methods of disposing of tax-deeded properties, either through auction or sealed bids, according to officials.

Enright said that on Nov. 7 the properties were initial-

The second list is of 13 properties that total about \$508,000 and are being

Enright said that each be put back on the tax roll, year most of the properties are discussed and recommended for retention. A much smaller percentage of mended for sale.

The auction will take place typically four to six weeks after disposition, she said.

"Right now, we are looking at a January 6 date," Enright said.

In addition to the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday night, a prior public hearing was held on Nov. 21. deeding process and sched- tion: 12 Laurel St., valued at Councilors are scheduled to uled for sale are vetted each \$144,00 and 8 Karen Ave., vote on the matter on Dec. 19.

Tons O' Trucks Four year old Bryce LeBel finds a truck bigger than him at the annual St. Gianna's Closet Used Toy Sale held at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry on Saturday morning. Sales from the thousands of items went to benefit the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. More photos page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

### **New President at Chamber** of Commerce Looks Ahead

KATIE O'DONNELL NUTFIELD NEWS

Ashley Haseltine has a vision- to grow the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce into even more of a local powerhouse as its new president. The forbeen helping businesses build up communities for

almost 10 years and now some heart) to Derry.

Haseltine has been on the job for only a month. She said she feels qualified because of the wide breadth and encouraging old ones to of her work. She's been with return. Haseltine said there big companies, nonprofits are currently around 300 mer Windham native has and co-runs a family-owner members, but she would like construction business with to have 350 by the end of her husband, Nick.

Her role as president is brings that experience (with to "work with the board to set goals and direction for the year." The goal for 2018 is to grow the chamber by bringing in new members continued on page 3

### School Volunteer Recognized For Dedication To Kindergarten Students



When it comes to making sure that students have a memorable and productive Healey works as a mentor to time in school, not only is it help tutor the children and key for teachers to apply themselves in a firm, yet caring manner, but the school must also have a dedicated that helps the students congroup of volunteers that loves to work with children.

nize these volunteers, East Derry Memorial Elementary School recently named Alberta Healey as the and admiration of Healey school's Volunteer of the for her hard work, noting Year during the Derry how she originally only School Board's most recent worked four days a week, meeting on November 28.

Healey has spent the last

school's Half-Day Kindergarten. Spending four and a half hours each school day with the young students, reinforce the lessons they learn each day, all while adding an element of charm nect with her.

Bestowing the award to In order to help recog- Healey was one of her closer co-workers, Kindergarten Assistant Amy Velez. Velez was adamant in her support but soon decided to come every school day because of two years working as a Fos- her love for the job. She also

ter Grandparent for the mentioned how Healey's Healey mentioned that she work reminded her and the rest of the school how important it is to teach the value of giving one's time and how key it is to be needed by others.

Although Healey has plenty of her own grandchildren and great grand children, she considers all the students she has assisted her foster grandchildren, while Healey said. those children see her as a celebrity of sorts in the school.

"The time she spends is truly a gift and we are all blessed to have her here", Velez noted.

When it came time for Healey to accept the award, she noted that she was more than proud to be nominated.

absolutely loves and enjoys what she does and that working with teachers and students is incredibly rewarding, especially when she sees just how far the students have come in such a short amount of time.

"I am so impressed with how much these children learn from these teachers",

Healey finished her speech by noting that she wished she had know about the Foster Grandparent system sooner before being given a certificate for her efforts from the School Board, as well as receiving a standing ovation from the entire room.



Alberta Healey pictured in the classroom with numerous Kindergarten students she assists every day

### **The Salvation Army Kicks Fundraising into High Gear Dec. 14** KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN ments to their building is to 1,600 lunches over the past to drop off gifts and tags is time because the precise serving hot meals during the

NUTFIELD NEWS

vation Army is looking to needed to work throughout Blitz donation competition various locations. Call 603administered by the Salvation Army Northern New England Division on right back into our commu-December 14. Lieutenant nity. The Salvation Army in Katie Mayes reports they will win an extra 1,500 dollars if they come out on top and assists local emergency this year. Their fundraising and disaster victims in need. goal to continue operating the same programs as last year and make improve- area children were served

raise 175,000 dollars.

Carolers, instrumental-The Greater Derry Sal- ists and bell ringers are 434-7790 to sign up.

The money raised goes Derry serves as chaplain for the Derry Fire Department 40 families each week are served by their food pantry,

summer and the church runs after school programs for young children and teens as well as provides opportuniwin the good-natured Kettle the day of the Kettle Blitz at ties for children to attend camp in the summer.

Angel Tags were distributed at the Derry Public Library, Hannaford Supermarkets, The Grind Rail Trail Café in Derry and the 99 Restaurant. People were invited to take an Angel Tag, purchase a gift or clothing for a needy child and drop it off at the Salvation Army headquarters. The deadline ly how is not known at this

December 8. The Derry Rotary has been involved in this project too, with a special emphasis on ensuring no child on the list is overlooked

Also on December 8, a ribbon cutting will be held at noon to celebrate the purchase of the building they currently reside in. For the last 16 years, they had rented the building at 18 Folsom Road in Derry. The construction of exit 4A may affect the building but exact-

route of the new exit off entire year. Interstate 93 has not yet been officially selected.

dedication ceremony in the holiday season. When asked spring as well. Lieutenant what inspired him to help Mayes listed the goals for the Salvation Army, he the upcoming year include renovations to their kitchen own little boy was helped by area, so they can better serve the Salvation Army. He now the community and expand their children's programs. They would also like to improve the handicap accessibility of the building, make has used his skills as an auto improvements to the base- mechanic to do repairs for ment pantry area and expand those in need through the their mission to include church.

Barry Hall of Derry is a volunteer bell ringer at the There will be a building Derry Walmart during the shared that in the past his wants to help them continue to help people in his community now that he can. In addition to bell ringing, he





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### Town Historian Will Share an Old English Christmas with Residents

ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

familiar with Christmas for something different while either religious reasons or its still maintaining its celebramore modernized version, filled to the brim with a jolly fat man in a red suit and residents a sense of just how dozens of Christmas spe- this holiday has evolved,

day has gone through many incarnations through the While many of us are centuries, always packing tory roots.

In order to give Derry

cials on television, the holi- historian Michael Glaeser entering his current profeswill be hosting A Tudor Christmas on Dec. 13 at the Derry Public Library.

> Glaesar has always had a strong history background, having taught classes at both the University of New Hampshire and Southern New Hampshire University, before

sion as a public speaker.

But while he has always loved history, Glaesar can understand why others may be bored by the topic. This is why he began his Hands-On History presentation, of which A Tudor Christmas is only one of several that he has prepared for the public. Moving forward with these events on a regular basis in the summer, the presentations feature Glaesar delving into a variety of subjects and their historical significance, all while he and occasional volunteers showcase costumes, music, foods and artifacts that help to bring attendees back in time and

give them a greater appreci- to today. ation of the topic.

"The idea is to make history a little more exciting for tion underway, as his past people", Glaesar noted.

This will be the first time that Glaesar has tackled a Christmas presentation, but he has more than enough prepared for it. Focused around Christmas in the 1600's, the presentation will expand upon what Christmas was like during the time of the House of Tudor, an English royal house, and how they celebrated the holiday, including religious ceremonies, how the general public took part in the proceedings and generally how

Glaesar seemed quite excited to get this presentaevents have already seen great success Those who attended his prior lectures actually spoke to him afterwards to consult him on where they could go to learn more about the current topic and Glaesar has always been a fan of teaching, especially when engaging a captive audience.

"It's a really fun experience," Glaesar said.

The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit derrypl.org or contact the Derry Public Library



continued from page 1 next year.

Promoting the chamber and its membership perks is another goal. One way Haseltine does that as president is to encourage business owners to participate in and sponsor networking events, like a "business after hours" get together.

Haseltine understands that not all events work for all businesses. She likes to mix it up with various kinds, like roundtable discussions, luncheons and open forums. There is an upcoming one on energy and how businesses can be more effective with their energy use, which we approach winter in the are posted on the chamber's website, so businesses can see which ones they would like to attend.

for creating events and fundraising. She first started American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Salem. She then went on to work for the years. During that time, she sion for members to brainbegan working within the storm how to achieve a nating her own events and home lives. She recognized online at gdlchamber.org



#### Ashley Haseltine

fundraisers. From there she went to work for The Residence at Salem Woods, an independent and assisted living facility in Salem. She finally left because she desired more balance in her family and work life.

can be a big money saver as of Commerce provides Haseltine with the type of Granite State. These events job she feels best suits the merce for the last four years needs of her and her family. "It's not a time-based field," she said. She felt she can relax at home without wor-Haseltine has an knack rying about her "work list running through her head." This gives her time to focus with volunteering for the on her children, a 4-year old and 10-month old twin foster boys.

Haseltine said she may ACS for eight and a half create a roundtable discusdevelopment department sense of balance and value ested in joining the chamber and was able to start coordi- between their careers and can fill out an application

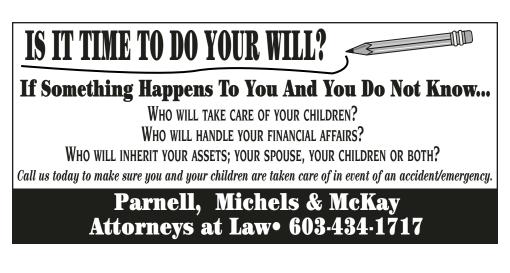
that everyone is different and workers and business owners need to find what's right for them.

"It's ok to love your job," she said. When it comes down to it, she said, "it's not about the number of minutes, but the quality of the time" people spend with their families.

Before Haseltine can set up an event, she first runs it past the Board of Directors. "I always appreciate their insight," she said. The important thing to her, she noted is to make sure each and every event has value for the members.

Haseltine knows what sort of events chamber Working at the Chamber members value because she has been part of the Greater Salem Chamber of Comwith Haseltine Builders, LLC. She is also a member of the Greater Salem Rotary Club. She said she plans to attend meetings for the Rotary clubs in Londonderry and Derry to build her relationships with local business owners and see how they can partner up more with the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce.

Business owners inter-





### Editorial **Shop Locally**

The holidays have snuck up on us again. Hanukkah arrived Dec. 12, and Christmas is not far behind. While some of our readers had their holiday shopping done before the turkey hit their family dining rooms last month, there are still many left wondering where to do the holiday shopping, as space is running out on the advent calendar.

Whether you're still mulling over big ticket items or you've pared down to the bare minimum, there's a world of choices out there for where to go to get everyone checked off your list.

In keeping with the locavore movement of eating food grown locally, we'd like to suggest you consider doing all your holiday shopping close to homeand, no, we don't mean online.

The local shop may not have the flashy, "low, low" prices of big box stores, but it's likely to have the answer you need if a question arises. And you won't have to do a lot of driving to get there.

Supporting your local retailers is a gift that keeps on giving. By doing so, you're helping a local business stay open, as well as helping the town's tax base. Shopping at a small business also benefits the shopper, as there are bound to be expert associates available to answer any and all questions and be able to offer valuable recommendations.

Shopping locally also helps to sup-

port local artists. We're surrounded by plenty of artists and crafters whose work is available for purchase, and can make for unique and thoughtful gifts. Whether it's something as large as a painting or as small as a pair of earrings or a pottery mug, there's a certain pleasure these days in buying something with a label certifying that it was made in your hometown.

Businesses close to home help contribute to the communities where we live and work, rather than adding to the coffers of multinational conglomerates, with little interest in your town or family.

If you're planning on dining out for a special holiday meal, consider a local restaurant or getting a platter to-go and bring home or to the family Christmas party. Chances are you'd be sure to miss your unique culinary getaways if they had closed, so help them remain open by celebrating the mom and pop restaurants as opposed to more of the same. This makes for warm, special memories and a healthy local economy.

By spending your money locally, you may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes.

This holiday season, Nutfield Publishing urges you to consider your local artists, bakers, and shop owners to take care of your loved ones.

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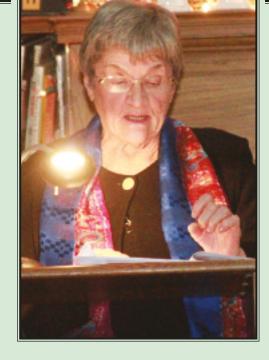
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# Holiday Return

For over thirty years former Taylor Library Director Marge Palmer has been reading holiday themed short stories to guest at the Library to celebrate reading and ringing in the holiday season. Palmer picked out about a dozen stories to read by the fireside at the historic library on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Her former Librarian, Serena Levine has been reading with her over the years but was unable to attend this year. Photos by Chris Paul

### **Town Leaders Want to Know** What You Think about Downtown

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Have you ever walked around town and envisioned a kind of business that is not there now, but should be? Perhaps your idea is a good one but something that has never been considered before. Town leaders want to know what you think.

Town Planning Assistant Elizabeth Robidoux is trying to learn more about what the community wants in the downtown area. She coordinate

the lobby of the Municipal Center with six downtown vacant right now while others are not. They were chosen at random on a recent walk she took downtown.

"It is important that the community have a voice in saying what they want to see." says Robidoux.

The planning board will soon take a comprehensive look at zoning ordinances and Robidoux saw this time to see in some targeted areas as a good opportunity to with those

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN recently put up a poster in upcoming efforts. Additionally, this is a busy month at The Municipal Center with areas featured. Some are a lot of foot traffic and people coming in who can participate in this survey.

Residents can participate by filling out comment cards in the lobby of the Municipal Center or by commenting on the Town of Derry Economic Development Facebook page.

Questions may be directed to Elizabeth Robidoux elizabethrobidoux-@derrynh.org in the Planning Department

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## West Running Brook Holds Its Annual Reindeer Romp



Members of the West Running Brook Chorus meandered through the Reindeer Romp bringing holiday Photos by Chris Paul cheer with Christmas carols.

#### ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

The holiday season is upon us, and with organizations and schools far and wide taking a shot at putting on craft fairs to help residents get ready for Christmas, West Running Brook just held its long-running Reindeer Romp on December 1 in the school's gymnasium.

Always proving to be major hit year after year, over seventy vendors filled up just about every table available to create a sea of specialized items for just about any taste. And this year proved to be no different than year's past, as hundreds of Derry residents young and old could not help but pay a visit and see what was in store for them.

Laura Peterson, one of the volunteers for the event and a member of the West Running Brook PTSA, noted that people have always been major fans of the Reindeer Romp since it first started, but she felt that it served a much greater purpose than just showcasing various gifts and crafts.

"It's successful as a money raiser, but its main purpose is bringing family and friends together", Peterson said.

The traditional assortment of holiday crafts were on display, with handmade jewelry, baked goods, candles and soaps and a variety of knitted scarves and other clothing. But many vendors were more than eager to break the traditional mold and think outside the box with their products. Tradi-



holiday slim that was being sold at the craft fair section of the Reindeer Romp last week.

tional and martini glasses tened soda cans. And there etched designs could be seen on ble artists present during the sale, while framed gem art event, with Virginia Demers, pieces and miniature Christ- the Manchester Art Associamas trees made from jewels tion's Artist of the Year for brought an element of 2016 – 2017, on site to sell pazazz to the fair.

their homes some old-fashioned charm could purchase some rustic-themed signs and decorations, while the more creative and curious could get their hands on time. The school's library some 3D puzzles and items was also open during the crafted entirely out of flat- event to sell a variety of pop-

with different were even some recognizasome of her works, which Those looking to give combined pen and ink with oil painting.

But those in attendance were not only restricted to purchasing from the dozens of vendors to have a good



Sixth grade student Gianna Ghanem packs up some National Honor Society Vice President Lily-Anne Heywood was busy wrapping gift at one corner of the vendor section Friday night.

Club held a cookie walk dozens of holiday-themed fundraiser, where attendees baskets and bags were availcan walk along a table and able to be raffled off. select from numerous home-

ular books, while the Drama made cookies. Finally,



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### **East Derry Memorial Showcases Unified Arts Program to School Board**

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Aside from the usual lessons about math, history, language and so on, many see it as essential that students get the chance to broaden their horizons with physical education, music and technology, just to name a few.

The East Derry Memorial Elementary School PTA recently decided to start dedicating more of their funds towards these types of programs and in order to show just how far they have come, teachers and students from Mary Watson, then talked the school recently appeared at the School Board's latest meeting on November 28 make their case.

The school's principal Kim Carpentino, introduced each group to the members of the board. Carpentino improved seating and colorexplained that due to the additional funding to the school's Unified Arts pro- of her students' creative abili-

been able to gain new assets to expand upon what their lessons are capable of, which the presentations would highlight.

Music Teacher Jodi Lalos began by having the school's Chorus sing Ed Sheeran's "What Do I Know?" to the board, as well as their parents present in the audience. Their ability to improve upon their singing skills has been made easier due to the school giving Lalos' classes a new sound system.

The school's librarian, about the new green screen that the library will soon be receiving, Watson also noted that the room has seen some major physical shifts to make maneuvering around the library easier, on top of ing table tops.

She was also quite proud

gram, these classes have ties, which were showcased during a recent project that they put together, where students worked to create video trailers for books of their choice. Watson is looking forward to working with more children in the future and making an impact on them.

> "One of my main goals was to make the library the heart of our school", Mary Watson

Physical Education was next on the agenda, with Shannon Berube, a physical therapist for the district for over twenty years, handing the presentation. Berube focused mainly on the school's Adaptive P.E. program, which currently works with around eight to ten students with varying disabilities, adjusting each activity to help suit each student. Two of her students played in the background while Berube noted how fortunate she felt to work with



Music TEacher Jodi Lalos leads the East Derry Chorus in the song "What Do I Know? for Derry School Board members last week. Photo by Alex Guittarr

the children.

followed with Art Teacher Claire Scanlon highlighting the school's outreach prowhich recently gram. brought on two Mexican mask makers to show students their craft and make a mask specifically designed

around the school's mascot. tation, School Board Chair Two final presentations Linda Reinelt with the Tech- Dan McKenna thanks both nology department followed by showing how students have been learning how to use the latest computer software, how to use the internet responsibly and how to put see what you're doing in the together PowerPoints.

the students and teachers for their hard work, noting that he appreciated their ability to think outside the box.

"It's always fun for us to classroom and outside of the At the end of the presen- classroom," McKenna noted.

### **State PTA Awards East Derry Teacher For Dedication to Students**

ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

Keeping a school running smoothly takes more than just strong teachers and an organized administration. Having a dedicated Parent Teacher Association to manage the direction of that school and its students can help immensely, but this too requires a lot of dedication East Derry, Sheil also served from the parents and teachers who participate.

year, the New Hampshire PTA recognizes a teacher who exemplifies what it takes to make a strong, efficient PTA. This year, East PTA, which is exactly why Derry Memorial teacher they nominated him for the Marty Sheil was this individual. Sheil received the NH PTA Partnership Award. A teacher of third

graders for eighteen years at twenty one years before pur- every scheduled meeting,

Lombardi & Lombardi,

Because of this, once a suing a career in education. Many of East Derry's

other teachers and administrators spoke highly of Sheil's efforts within the award, including East Derry Memorial Principal Kim Carpentino. While most teachers only attend some of the PTA meetings for one reason or another, Carpentias an Army Intel Officer for no notes that Sheil comes to

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giving his all to assist in any way he can, something that is quite atypical for most teachers.

"It's unusual to give that amount of time to the organization", Carpentino said.

Sheil was incredibly honored to receive the award and putting forth the effort that he does just comes naturally due to his love of kids. Teaching was always in the back of his mind during his time in the Army and he knew that was what he wanted to pursue once he was done in the military. Furthermore, Sheil felt that his sonal reasons are one of his time in the Army actually major driving factors, they helped to prepare him for his do not seem to be the

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Marty Sheil

him to handle students more efficiently.

But while Sheil's per-

biggest reason for his dedication. Sheil mentioned that he gained a much great appreciation for the award when he actually received it, as he was able to see just how much hard work goes into groups like the PTA. He has always believed that kids should be considered for more than just their test scores and that putting together the more fun events that take place throughout work as a teacher, allowing the school years, including fundraisers, allows them to really enjoy their time at school.

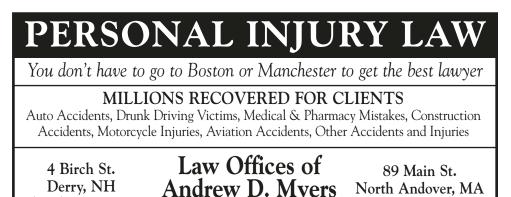
> "I do the things I do because I think it's the right thing to do," Sheil said.

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### **Dance School Helps Earn Money For Food Pantry With Recital**



#### ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

lights, gifts and elaborate decorations, the true spirit of Christmas lies within the idea of kindness and giving back to your fellow man. Unbound Dance Academy Thus, in order to help spread this message during the holiday season, the Happy Feet Dance School recently held its annual Fancy Feet Perfor-

mance Company Holiday into the holiday spirit. Dance Recital and Charity.

Behind all of the shining the Derry Opera House, Happy Feet Dance School worked alongside the Christine Morrison Academy of Celtic Dance and the to produce this holidaythemed show. The event was jam-packed with a huge variety of dance styles and songs to help attendees get

But the primary purpose Held on December 2 at of the recital was to help raise money for Shepherd's Pantry in Windham. Started a quarter century ago by Sue Kling and Laura Macille, the food pantry helps to feed roughly one hundred families each week in conjunction with the Windham Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Church.

And this annual recital



Happy Feet Students perform to a myriad of holiday tunes to a packed house at the Derry Opera House. Photos by Alex Guittarr

be a major success, with each prior event managing to raise thousands of dollars for the food pantry. But Erica O'Donaghue, the owner of the Happy Feet Dance School, noted that this year topped them all, with ticket sales earning them thirty five hundred dollars.

And the performers for the night proved quite dedi-

dancing to a variety of holiday hits, such as Rocking Around The Christmas Trees, Jingle Bell Rock and Cool Yule, by utilizing dance styles such as Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary Dance and Irish Step, O'Donaghue admitted that every performer volunteered to perform for the event. On top of their regular lessons, the dozens and dozens of

has continuously proven to cated to their cause. While dancers applied themselves to extra practice sessions in order to get ready for the recital, showing their dedication to both the medium of dance and the spirit of the season.

> "These are kids who chose to perform additionally", Donague noted.

> To learn more about the food pantry and how to donate or volunteer, please visit shepherdspantry.net.

### **Local Conservation Areas Used by All**

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Degnan reminded memhunting season is currently under way in New Hampshire and because most conservation areas in Derry allow hunting, the woman was shot and killed public would be wise to while she dug for gemstones wear hunter orange cloth- on her land, unaware that the ing while in those areas.

and hat, put an orange piece of cloth on animals too." advised Degnan at the Conservation Committee meeting November 27.

the concerns. On November 21, a woman riding a moun-Conservation tain bike in Elm Brook Committee member James Recreation Area in Hopkinton was hit by some bullet bers of the public that fragments when she rode near an area where a hunter had shot a rifle. Her injuries were not life threatening.

In late October, a Maine deer hunting season in "Wear an orange vest Maine had opened the day before.

> Deer hunting season in New Hampshire is October 28th to December 3rd. Hunting is allowed at the

> > **HONEY** Needs a

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continued from page 1 concerns over the rerouting,

but Connors quickly shot that concern down by noting that even after alerting parents to the change, only one call, a positive one at that,

came to her office about the

matter. "I did not hear a single concern that was brought to me," Connors said

Finally, Vice Chair Brenda Willis gave a more positive take on the process, commending Connors and

Simard for their work, in particular their efforts to keep students transitioning from Derry Village School in the same middle schools.

After a quick discussion, the board unanimously approved the bussing changes to the transition proposal.



### **Gianna's Holiday Toy Sale Helps Out Sonshine Soup Kitchen**









A group of volunteers from St. Gianna's Closet set out thousands of toys for sale at rock bottom prices on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Saint Thomas Aquinas School. The annual Used Toy Sale raised funds by the non-profit group to benefit the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. Children brought to sale were overwhelmed by the amount of toys to be played with while parents shopped for a bargain.

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### **PA Girls' Basketball Squad Aims at Another Strong Season**

**CHRIS PANTAZIS** NUTFIELD NEWS

Consistency is a quality which is highly-prized in the world of athletics. And talent they are dealt, the last

Pinkerton Academy girls' several Pinkerton girls' varvarsity basketball teams have been all kinds of consistent for decades now.

No matter what kind of



Pinkerton girls' hoop newcomer Megan King drives past a teammate and strong to the hoop during a recent practice session. King is a junior on the Lady Astros' team, ior is back and all kinds of which looks strong.



sity hoop coaches - John Barry and Lani Buskey have always been able to get the vast majority of their squads to the Division I final four year after year.

Getting her Lady Astros that far yet again at the end of the 2016-17 campaign last winter helped to earn present coach Buskey - herself a former Pinkerton cager - Division I Coach of the Year honors. And even one brief look at a Pinkerton girls' hoop practice session shows that the Lady Astros run like a well-oiled machine.

Stepping into the 2017-18 campaign, the title-hungry Lady Astros - who are always in the hunt for a championship but haven't won one since back in 2006 have an excellent starting five and hopes that depth will develop through the growth of its bench players.

The 2016-17 PA contingent was badly hurt by the late-season injury of talented court-general Amanda Lemire. But the skilled sen-Photo by Chris Pantazis prepared to run the Pink-



Star PA guard Amanda Lemire returns from an injury which ended her fine 2016-17 season.

erton Academy show again this winter.

Other key returnees from that 16-2 squad - which got as far as the Division I tour-

ney semifinals before falling to the extremely tough Bedford High Lady Bulldogs include senior Cydney Lessard and juniors Brooke Kane, Madison Mahoney, and Alicia D'Onofrio.

Other battle-tested varsity returnees include junior Isabella Brouilet and sophomores Jesse Ames and an aggressive and stifling Brooke Cusick.

The contingent's crew of promising newcomers includes juniors Megan King and Mackenzie Dolan, sophomores Sofia Riccio and Alyssa DiMauro, and freshman Alison Ingalls.

"We will have a very talented starting five with strong varsity experience under their belt," said coach ford's Lady Bulldogs and Buskey. "The key will be Londonderry return as getting those five to utilize strong entities once again.

all those individual weapons to create speed, movement, and team basketball, while figuring out who can produce and contribute from the bench. If we can accomplish that, we will be able to compete at a very high level this season. As always, our focus will be a team concept with defensive presence."

The Lady Astros step into a 2017-18 campaign officially on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 12 at home against the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks, knowing that the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua have won two consecutive D-I titles and that both Bed-



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### **Astro Football Crew Has a Lucky 13 Claim All-Conference Honors**

#### CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

While there was unquestionably frustration within the Pinkerton Academy football program last month when the varsity Astros ended an otherwise superb 2017 season by losing to the Rob Fahey, and junior lineincredibly tough Winnacunnet High Warriors in the Division I title game, a whole slew of PA grid standouts received all-conference and Matt Newman and junhonors as the team's talent ior linebacker Max Mosely. was recognized.

ball coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros had eight players notch All-South Conference of the solo variety. First-Team recognition and five others bag honorable Astros in tackles with 79, 41 mention status in the wake of which were solos. He also of their stellar season, in notched one quarterback which they went 8-1 during the regular campaign before vanquishing Nashua South and Salem in the D-I playoffs. The championship game loss to Winnacunnet also tallied 34 tackles and of Hampton at the University of New Hampshire left the Astros with a final 2017 mark of individual game of the 2017 10-2.

Perhaps the most promising fact regarding the allbarring some unforeseen recovery, finished up with complications no less than 46 tackles and four picks.

nine of those stalwarts will be back in Pinkerton football uniforms for the 2018 campaign.

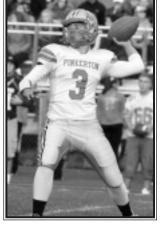
First-team defensive picks included senior defensive back Kayden Baillargeon, junior defensive linemen Gannon Fast and backer Tyler Mackiernan. Honorable mention defensive selections were senior defensive backs Josh Ladipo

Baillargeon led his team Longtime PA head foot- in interceptions with six while also amassing some 39 tackles, 32 of which were

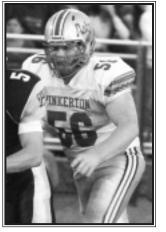
> Mackiernan paced the sack.

> Fast led Pinkerton in sacks with 8.5, and he collected 34 tackles from his defensive end spot. Fahey sacked opposing quarterbacks three times.

Ladipo, whose biggest campaign came in the playoff victory over Salem in which he had two pass interconference picks are that ceptions and a fumble



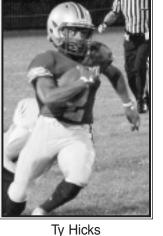
Aiden Goujon



Rob Fahey

Tough-as-nails line- end Ryan Auger and junior backer Mosely was second on his team with 76 tackles, and he picked off one pass.

The Pinkerton crew's offensive first-teamers were senior halfback Ty Hicks, junior linemen Cam Macro and Allen Gault, and junior quarterback Aiden Goujon. Honorable mention selec-



Allen Gault

Goujon completed some 49

passes for 1,249 yards and

12 touchdowns during the

fine season. He was only

intercepted once, and the

lefty signal-caller also ran

general

tight end Mike Sarette.

Offensive

for three scores.



Kayden Baillargeon

Gannon Fast

backfield was senior Hicks,

who ran for 1,166 yards and

17 touchdowns on 104 car-

ries. His yards-per-carry

average was a pretty stun-

ning 11.2. Talented offen-

sive linemen Macro and

Gault played huge roles in



Cam Macro



Tyler Mackiernan

opening big holes for Hicks and his fellow backs.

Split end Auger caught eight passes during the successful campaign for his Astros, with three of those going into end zones for touchdowns.







### **Ex-Astro Hockey Star Dudek Excelling on the Ice at Boston College**



Back when J.D. Dudek was a freshman on the varsity ice hockey team at Pinkerton Academy, all one had to do was watch the incredibly athletic young man for a shift or two to realize that playing that sport came about as naturally as breathing.

**CHRIS PANTAZIS** 

NUTFIELD NEWS

Academy bowling team had

a strong season last winter,

finishing first or second in

every one of its matches

until it reached the Division

I championship tournament

when coach Janet Boyden's

Astro bowlers finished out

of the top two spots in that

state tourney on their home

lanes at Striker's East in

Raymond on Saturday, Feb.

18, the team still finished up

with many reasons to feel

proud of the work they'd

done between December

Now, with the 2017-18

season getting rolling, the

Pinkerton squad slides into

action without the presences

of seven of the eight athletes

who competed for them in

David Pierson, Matt Clark,

Eric Reardon, Ben Tripodi,

Kyle Vachon, and Brian

Williamson have all depart-

ed via graduation, and pres-

ent 12th grader Keenan

Seniors Austin Caux,

February's title match.

It was a disappointment

in February.

and February.

end Joe Dudek - only stayed at Pinkerton for a couple of years before finishing his high school education at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden from the fall of 2012 to the spring of 2014. But his time at the Derry school is burned deep into the memories of longtime PA hockey fans who

Pinkerton's Bowlers Get Started

that title-seeking event.

Zach Emery, who competed

during the 2015-16 cam-

paign but took the 2016-17

their Astros to the 2011-12 Division I championship.

Dudek and Sanford both eventually wound up at Boston College, from which Sanford was later drafted in the second round by the NHL's Washington Capitals. Dudek was also drafted by a pro team - the New Jersev Devils in the 2014 Entry watched Dudek and present Draft - but decided to con-Dudek - son of Plymouth National Hockey League tinue his education and play-

State College football leg- player Zach Sanford lead ing at the collegiate level and BC teammate Sanford is of three sports Dudek played the United States Hockey League following graduation from Kimball Union.

> Presently, the former Pinkerton star is a junior forward on a BC Eagles' squad which has begun its 2017-18 season by going a very solid 9-6-2 for legendary coach Jerry York.

> Education major Dudek has continued to be a stalwart for the Eagles, tallying two goals and seven assists for nine points - tied for sixth overall on the team thus far.

The former Astro star and his teammates had been road warriors to that point, going an excellent 7-3 in other teams' barns while struggling somewhat (2-3-2) BC team with three gameat home.

While former Pinkerton

after spending a season in presently enduring the struggles of watching his current NHL team - the St. Louis Blues - from the press box injury, Dudek continues to do vital on-ice work at BC.

As a sophomore during the 2016-17 season last winter, Dudek was one of only six Eagles to play in all 40 games. The former Astro tallied 22 points on 13 goals and nine assists with 10 tallies and seven helpers in 22 Hockey East games.

The skilled front-liner tied for fifth in the league in ever finish for a nonpoints and tossed the thirdmost shots on net (101). He finished that fine season with a +10 plus/minus rating and tied for second on the winning goals.

Ice hockey was just one excelled at every level.

during his time at Pinkerton. He also played football and lacrosse, and his dad Joe served as a running backs' due to a serious shoulder coach for Pinkerton football coach Brian O'Reilly's grid squad during that span.

The elder Dudek is remembered as the punishing running back who broke Walter Payton's NCAA record for career touchdowns while playing at Plymouth State in the early and mid-1980's. He finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1985 - the best-Division I player - and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997.

Needless to say, those superb athletic genes carried through to son J.D., who has

#### season off, and junior The Astros rolled first Lauren Sylvain. Jason and second games of 598 Barton, who also took last and 569, with Bryant winter off after competing Nourse scoring a 100 and a during the 2015-16 cam-92, Sean Forkey tallying a paign, and returning sopho-133 and a 120, Meghan more Bryant Nourse. The group of newcomers

to the team include seniors Dan Kirichok and Elijah Johnson and freshmen Meghan Slater, Jarod Wong, and Sean Forkey.

When asked what the keys are to success for her charges this winter, coach Boyden said simply, "Hit Your Mark."

The Goffstown High Grizzlies bound into the 2017-18 campaign as defending D-I champions, but three new schools have joined this year by fielding bowling squads for the first time.

The Astros officially began their 2017-18 season last Saturday, Dec. 2 at home at Striker's Eastwhere Nash is the lone Astro they hosted the Raymond

returnee who competed at Rams, the Sanborn Indians, and the Coe-Brown Bears. Other returnees on the After scoring a two-

The 2016-17 Pinkerton PA contingent are senior game standard 10-pin total of 1,167, the locals were the third seed behind top-ranked Raymond and second place Sanborn.

> Slater rolling a 68 and a 96, captain Lauren Sylvain notching a 136 and a 124, and Zac Emery tallying fine scores of 161 and 137. Other roster members Jason Barton (171 and 125) and Dan Kirichok (133 and 139) also helped out considerably.

In round one of varsity Baker play, the Astros faced Sanborn and lost 173-98, then won 146-124, and lost the rubber game 170-132. Raymond defeated Coe-Brown.

In round two, Pinkerton faced Coe-Brown and won in two games by scores of 105-61 and 138-65. Hence, the hosts finished in third place, with Raymond finishing on top.





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### **Academy Has Half-Dozen Standouts Sign College Letters of Intent**

**Chris Pantazis** NUTFIELD NEWS

Among the proudest events any high school in any part of America can hold is one during which standout athletes from the school sign their letters of intent to attend and play sports at a college.

So it's pretty easy to imagine the pride which exuded from the folks in both the athletic and academic circles at Pinkerton Academy on Tuesday, Nov. 21 when that school had no titles. The Hampstead resiless than six pretty special athletes put pens to paper in signing their letters of intent.

Making both personal and school history were golf star Lauren Thibodeau (University of Louisville, Ky.), girls' lacrosse standouts Meaghan Michaud (the University of Mount Olive, NC), Carly Young (Iona College of NY), and Madison Peredna (Southern New Hampshire University), and boys' lacrosse stalwarts Chris Valentine and Tom Courtney Trimble, said of Sweeney (both SNHU).

Thibodeau announced her intention to attend Louisville, one of the top golf schools in the nation, prior to the start of the 2017 high school golf season back in August. And she went on to continue her exceptional feats on the links in the months thereafter.

The Hampstead resident, who was one of two huge signings for the University

of Louisville including Irish and I know that she will add amateur star Mairead Martin from County Cork, has won 11 New Hampshire championships including seven consecutive New Hampshire Women's Golf Association (NHWGA) girls' state championships and fourstraight New Hampshire girls' state high school titles.

Thibodeau was the youngest winner of the NHWGA state junior championship at the tender age of 11, and she became the first to capture three NHWGA dent also set multiple records which included a tournament mark of 7under-par 66. This past autumn, she also became the first girl in state high school history to win a title during each year of high school.

The PA senior also excels in the classroom, being a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Foreign Language Honor Society.

The Louisville coach, her standout American recruit, "Lauren is excited to be coming to warmer temperatures from the Northeast to join our program. She is a fierce competitor that has great experience playing all over the U.S. She has competed at the highest level in both U.S. Women's Amateur and the U.S. Junior Championships. I look for her game to continue to improve once she gets to Louisville,

a lot of value to our program."

Also headed to warmer climes is lacrosse stalwart Michaud, who will join former Pinkerton lax standout Nola Wesche - a sophomore attack - at the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina.

Pinkerton varsity girls' coach Rob Daziel's eldest daughter Riann played four years at that North Carolina school, so Michaud will be helping to continue a tradition at that southern school. The Lady Trojans compete in the Division II Carolinas Conference.

Michaud's Pinkerton lacrosse teammate Young is headed to school somewhat closer to home, having chosen Iona College in New

Pinkerton had six sports standouts sign their college letters of intent during a ceremony at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 21. From left are Lauren Thibodeau, Meaghan Michaud, Carly Young, Chris Valentine, Madison Peredna, and Tom Sweeney.

Rochelle, N.Y. The Lady fellow Pinkerton grad Dani standouts Valentine and Gaels play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

And still closer to home will be Lady Astro Madison Peredna, who is just headed over to Manchester and SNHU

Peredna will be joining

Tompkins on coach Kathryn Sweeney will both join Beall's Lady Penmen's con- longtime SNHU mens' tingent. Another of coach coach Paul Rob Daziel's daughters - Penmen following gradua-Kennedy - is entering her tion in the forthcoming senior season on the lax spring. SNHU athletic teams squad at SNHU.

Caulkins' play in the New England-10

And Pinkerton boys' lax Conference.

### **Kids Get The Chance To Become Elves At Derry Public Library**

#### ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

Christmas is one of the most magical times of the year, especially for children. Waking up on December 25 to see dozens of presents lined up by the tree and their stalking filled to the brim with treats creates a feeling that not many things can match.

But as great as receiving these presents can be, what

visiting the North Pole and seeing how all of Santa's elves work together to bring Christmas to the world?

It may be just a fantasy to many, but one hundred and fifty lucky children will get the chance to see what it is like to be an elf on December 7 when the Derry Public Library holds its annual Elf Training event.

Ray Fontaine, the library's Head of the Children's Department, noted that, although he has not

kid has not fantasized about been with the library for the proper uniform for the long, the event has always job. Soon after, the children been big with kids, as every slot for the event has already ing cookies and making been filled by via pre-registration within only a week and a half of being announced.

it's a very popular event", Fontaine noted.

into each of the three ses- Christmas songs and games sions or "work shifts", the to play. It may not be the elf apprentices will start the North Pole, but these kids day by putting together their are still sure to have a great own elf hats in order to have time none the less.

will be hard at work decorattheir own ornaments to take home.

But the kids will not have to worry about just working "From what I've heard, for the whole day, as Fontaine will be dressing up like Santa Claus and leading With fifty kids being fit the kids through a variety of



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#### **Derry Reader's Group**

On Fri. Dec. 8, from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. Gather at the Derry Library and discuss books as a group in Meeting Room A.

#### Book Sale

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#### **Preschool Story time**

On Mon. Dec. 11, from 10 -10:45 a.m. at the Derry Public Library will hold a story program with Ms. Alexis for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, required. For more information nursery rhymes, early literacy, and pre-school activities. For more information contact Alexis MacDonald-Britton at alexismb@derrypl.org.

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On Tue. Dec. 12, from 10 -10:45 a.m. Join Ms. Eileen at the Derry Public Library for this lively music and dance program for young children (ages 3-5 years old) and their caregiver. Celebrate early childhood with songs, stories, games, and movement. For more information contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org.

#### Cooking Club

On Tue. Dec. 12, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. the Delicious and Nutritious Cooking Club will meet at the Derry Public Library. Join us to test out

"cookie dough," homemade granola bars, yummy yogurt dip with fresh fruit skewers, smoothie bowls, and coconut almond butter truffles. For more information contact Erin Robinson at 603-432-6140 or erinr@derrypl.org.

#### **Bedtime Stories**

On Tues. Dec. 12, from 6:30 - 7 p.m. at the Derry Public Libray for an evening story time with Ms. Alexis. This story time puts the emphasis on fun! Stories, flannel boards, games, and crafts are included in this bedtime activity. PJs and blankies welcome. Ages 2-7. No registration required. For more information contact Alexis MacDonald-Britton at alexismb@derrypl.org.

#### **Infant Story time**

On Wed. Dec. 13, from 10 10:30 a.m., at the Derry Public Library all infants and their caregivers are welcome at this lap sit story time for babies (birth - walking). Learn finger play, songs, and nursery rhymes to share with your baby as she/he sits in your lap. Connect with other parents and caregivers. No registration contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org.

#### Film Discussion Group

On Wed. Dec. 13, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Do you enjoy watching Independent, Foreign, and Classic films? What about discussing them? Join our IFC film group at the Deryy Public Library and make it happen! We will provide the film for you to watch at home, and the discussion will be here on the 2nd Wed. of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No registration is required. Films will be available to pick up at our front desk and are loanable for one week. For more information contact Jessica Drouin at 603-432-6140 or jessicad@derrypl.org.

#### A Tudor Christmas

On Wed. Dec. 13, from some yummy and healthful 6:30 - 8 p.m. Christmas and

recipes. We'll whip up chickpea New Year's was a time of both fasting and celebration at the English Tudor court. Elaborate masques and revelries coincided with feasts and gift-giving. While modern Christmas draws many of its traditions from the late 19th/ early 20th century, we can find some parallels in Henry VIII's world. Christmas, and the twelve days associated with it, had their own distinct style - this talk will explore the sights, sounds, and smells of a Tudor Christmas in Meeting Room A & B of the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Liz Ryan, Adult Services Librarian at 432-6140 or lizr@derrypl.org.

#### **Teen Writer's Group**

On Wed. Dec. 13, from 6:30 8 p.m. Gather around the teen table this winter to get creative, share stories and use your imaginations at the Derry Public Library For more information contact Erin Robinson at 603-432-6140 or erinr@derrypl.org.

#### 1-2-3 Explore

On Thur. Dec. 14, from 10 10:45 a.m. We have so much to explore! Join us for interactive sensory play activities designed to stimulate toddlers' growing minds at the Derry Public Library. Due to the nature of the program, attendance is limited to toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 only with their caregivers (no older siblings). No registration required. For more information contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org.

#### Escape Room

On Thur. Dec. 14, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Are you great at logic puzzles, clues, codes, ciphers and mysteries? Join us for our monthly escape room as we try to unlock mystery upon mystery before it's too late. In Meeting Room B at the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Erin Robinson at 603-432-6140 or erinr@derrypl.org.

#### Vendor/Craft Fair

The Marion Gerrish Community Center is hosting it's first Vendor/Craft Fair Library welcomes homeschool-Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1 - 5 p.m., located at 39 W. Broadway, Derry.

#### **Christmas Across America**

Londonderry Christian Church is hosting CEF's Christmas Across America on Sat., Dec. 9 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 372 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas as we play games, sing songs, and hear about one of the most amazing events in all of historv! Recommended ages are 5-12, but all families and children are welcome. This is a free event. To register call 432-4630. Visit www.londonderrvchristianchurch.com/events for more details.

#### **Evening Book Group**

Do you like to read? Do you often wish to discuss the book or want to know what others think of it? Well we have just the thing. Take part in our evening book group! We meet On Wed. Dec. 20, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and the book will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the Derry Public Library. Come join the discussion! For more information contact Jessica at 603-432-1640 or jessicad@derrypl.org.

#### Star Wars Club

Are you excited for The Last Jedi? Join the fandom to make great Star Wars Crafts on Tue. Dec. 19, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ath The Derry Public Library. We'll stir up Star Wars glycerin soaps, character charms, customized t-shirts, galaxy slime, glow magnets, lightsaber sensory bottles, and Rebel Alliance canvas art. Ages 10-18. For more information contact Erin Robinson a 603-432-6140 or erinr@derrypl.org.

#### Women Writers Group

Greater Derry Creative Women Writers Group will meet Thur. Dec. 14, from 6:30 -8:15 p.m. in Meeting Room A at the Derry Public Library. Women writers of all ages and skill sets meet monthly to critique original writings, share information and offer seminars on topics related to writing. For more information contact Amanda Marasca at Amanda.Marasca@philips.com.

#### **Homeschool Hangout**

On Wed. Dec. 20, from 1 -2:30 p.m. the Derry Public

ing families to "hangout" in our meeting room. What you do with the space is up to you. Many games, puzzles, crayons, scrap paper are available to use, or feel free to bring a favorite game or activity of your own to share! This is a friendly and relaxed space for families to gather and connect. For all ages and a caregiver. For more information contact Ray Fontaine at rayf@derrypl.org.

#### The Church/State Challenge

Free Lecture on Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry .Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Lynn will speak on "The Church/State Challenge." the relationship between the government and religion/religious institutions in the United States. The lecture is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Continuing Education Program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff," and is open to the public at no charge. Donations to the synagogue to allow us to continue with similar programs are welcomed, of course. We hope you will join us.

#### 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, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

#### **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.

#### Walking Together

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

#### 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 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 Hayim Synagogue, Derry; Dinner held on Dec. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish, Derry; Lunch held Dec. 31 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's, Londonderry. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com.

#### 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.

