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continuing to push forward, the Derry School Board recently continued discussions over whether or not an tion felt that one particular elementary school will be method created what they shut down as a a part of the felt was the most accurate board's efforts to transition tabulation, as it gave weight fifth grade classes into to the most recent school Derry's two middle schools. year.

To give a sense of how urgent the fifth grade transi- enrollments projected by tion is to the district, Super- the three year weighted intendent Dr. Maryann model are the most reli-Connors began the session able," Connors noted. by citing a report by the

next ten years.

used to come to these tively. With the budget season results, with one using one years' worth of data, one using three, and one using five. However, the associa-

According to the report, New Hampshire School the district is expected to Administration Association see an increase of forty stuprojecting what the student dents in the K-5 level withpopulation for grades in five years, and close to Kindergarten through fifth seventy within ten, bringing program, to which Interim would be each year for the the total populations to

approximately 2,100. Three methods were 2,500, and 2,150, respec-

> Continuing this trend was a second report done by the district administration that projected an even higher number, with 1,860 students in grades K-4 by the 2022-2023 school year, rising to 2,201 students if fifth-graders were included.

It should be noted that "It's their belief that the this report was only on its first draft.

> Going back to the question of removing a school from the system, Chairman Dan McKenna questioned whether or not this would cause Derry to lose any money from the Department of Education's Title 1 continued on page 3

Economic Committee Looks at Stockbridge Collaboration

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Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre has become one of the most significant presenters of the arts in all of Derry in recent years. Created in 2002 and with close to nine hundred seats, the theatre has not only seen a wide assortment of the best student and community performers in Derry, but also typically sees around fifteen to twenty professional touring artists on from benefit concerns and an annual basis.

So with art and music continuing to blossom Hampshire competitions. throughout the town, espethe Tupelo Music Hall, the done on the specific ecorecent held a discussion on artists usually book around

how Pinkerton's premier one hundred and forty hotel Derry on Dec. 18.

Speaking on behalf of Pinkerton was Matt Cahoon, the Director of Cultural Programming for the school, who elaborated on what the theatre has already accomplished for both itself and the town. Cahoon mentioned that the Stockbridge usually sees around thirty eight thousand patrons each year, hosting everything martial arts displays to political rallies and Miss New

Although Cahoon admitcially with the addition of ted that no research has been town's Economic Develop- nomic impact the theatre has ment Advisory Committee had, not only are do visiting

theatre can be used to further rooms each year, on top of bring economic success to purchasing meals and gas, but Cahoon also cited a recent study that showed that the average American spends close to twenty five dollars on audience expenditures every time they go out.

> But regardless of how much money the theatre can make, Cahoon assured the committee that students are still their top priority.

> "We do hope to keep the students at the center of these activities," Cahoon stated.

Cahoon has already been working closely with committee members Craig Cunningham and Christina Gossel over the Stockbridge, but several members of the committee inquired with Cahoon factories. The town acquired

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LITTLE ELF HELP Kim Mayes, a helper at the Salvation Army Gift Giving event at Pinkerton Academy, shows Piper Monteiro one of the thousands of toys that was being given out to families in need on Saturday morning. See more information on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Planning Board Considers 32 Unit Townhouse Project

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN NUTFIELD NEWS

The last remaining parcel on Highland Avenue zoned for industrial use is on Nutfield Court. A machine shop was there for three decades, prior to that the area was populated by shoe continued on page 4 the property due to nonpay-

at auction to MPV Development, LLC.

In 2015, the Zoning Board of Adjustment granted a variance to the industrial zoning by a vote of 4-1, Lynn Perkins being the dis- trols...it's in pretty bad senter, to allow a townhouse project to be built on the area.

Doug Maguire, speaking

ment of taxes and it was sold for The Dubay Group, described the property as "unused for quite some time... in a bit of disarray, dilapidated buildings that are falling down; no landscaping or drainage conshape."

> The ZBA ruling allowed for development of the propcontinued on page 6

Derry Village School Recognizes Volunteer of the Year

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With all of the hard work and dedication it takes to make sure that grade school students get an excellent education, it should come as no surprise that schools like Derry Village School rely just as heavily on volunteers as they do their own teachers hand whenever necessary. and administration.

their longest lasting volunteers, DVS recently named the meeting and was not Katherine Kennedy their short for words about how Volunteer of the Year at the much she meant to him and Derry School Board's most the school. recent meeting on Dec. 12.

Having several children what it means to be of servof her own in the Derry school system, Kennedy has spent the past twelve years working as a room parent last year with DVS, as her last with DVS. As a room parent, Kennedy works closely with the school and its staff to assist students in any number of projects and programs, offering a helping

Chris McCallum, DVS's To pay tribute to one of Principal, presented the award to Kennedy during

"Katherine embodies

ice to our community,' McCallum acknowledged.

Noting that this will be her child will soon be moving on to middle school, McCallum listed off Kennedy's numerous accomplishments throughout her time at DVS. These include helping with holiday parties and fairs, DVS's reading program, the PTA, DVS's numerous parade floats, and even helping with the school's enrichment program.

But above all else, McCallum stated that Kennedy was a great example of aid when assistance is need-



Superintendent Maryann Connors, right, presented Katherine Kennedy with the Derry Village School Volunteer of the Year Award. Photo by Alex Guittarr

ed, noting that he was very good luck with her future appreciative of what she did endeavors. for the school, wishing her Kennedy

quick message to the school board and those in attendance, thanking the school for recognizing her efforts and stating how glad she was that her family was in attendance to see just how much of an impact her work has made.

"I think volunteering is very important." Kennedy stated.

Superintendent Maryann Connors was also on hand to thank Kennedy, as Kennedy currently serves as the Director of Human Resources for the school district and is considered just as much a part of the administration's family is delivered a she is by DVS.

Reflections Artwor ocal Coffee House lo Be S own at J ting them on display for the ward to seeing the submissions began her involvement as competition.



free family friendly event sparks students' imaginathat's more about presentation than presents, stop by the annual Reflections gallery on Dec. 21 at the Coffee Factory. Students chair for the program at from the South Range Ele- South Range. She has been mentary School, West Run- running it for the last five ning Brook and the Next years and loves "watching Charter School will be the kids come up with their

to the PTA Reflections program starting at 6 p.m. The Reflections program

If you're looking for a "is a national program that tion, curiosity and participation in the arts," according to the National PTA website.

Karen Lincoln is the showcasing their submission own creative ideas" and put-

community. Lincoln said she was

excited to be a part of the program since she, herself is an artist. She's done everything from sculpture, to illustrations, to boat making in Maine. She's happy to lend her talents to the Reflections program where she leads workshops for the kids and helps prepare the entries for the gallery.

One of the things Lincoln enjoys about the gallery show is that it's not just one school showcasing its students' work.

"It's a combined art show between the schools," she

Lincoln said she looks for- Reflections program. She

from the other schools, too. In the past, however, the size of the event proved to be too much for some of the South Range students who had sensory issues, so the school moved its Reflections night to smaller coffee shop. But this year, Lincoln explained, South Range will be part of the larger show again. During the evening, the

entries for the program will be judged and the top three will move onto the state wide competition in January. From there, whoever wins will move on to compete at the national level.

Sally Bertrand is the chair of the New Hampshire

the Derry Village School program chair 20 years ago when her children were still there. She has been the state chair for the past 11 years.

After the towns have their individual competitions, Bertrand spends from January to March preparing the winning entries for the state contest. She explained that her duties are to collect the submissions, ready them for judging, prepare the state competition and collect the awards that will be handed out.

year she does workshops for local PTA programs on how to set up and run the Reflections program in their schools. She also runs a PTA convention and Reflections place winners in each state tal Avenue in Derry. then move onto the national

"We don't find out state winners until March," said Bertrand. "We don't find out who the national winners are until May.'

"I think it gives certain kids recognition for doing certain artistic things, Bertrand said. She felt a lot of students get accolades for doing well in athletics or academics, but the Reflections program allows kids that may not be successful in either an outlet for their talents.

"Seeing the faces of the During the rest of the kids and how proud their families are to see them win their awards ... " said Bertrand, "is very exciting."

Bertrand said she will be at the show on Dec. 21 to see the display. It starts at 6 p.m. luncheon that honors the at the Coffee Factory in winners in the state. The first Hood Commons off of Crys-

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Former Addicts Speak With Pinkerton Students About Experiences

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continues to leave its mark on New Hampshire, there have thankfully been some addicts who have managed to battle back from the trol his life. But as he gradbrink and get their lives ually began to experiment back in order.

Coombs are two such individuals. At only twenty five years old, the two have already seen firsthand just dumb and I thought I had what kind of damage all the answers", Howard addiction can do to a person mentally and physically. But with their combined experience, the two land in jail and rehab cenhave decided to work ters multiple times, not to together, in collaboration mention solitary confinewith Hope for New Hampshire Recovery, to speak with people across the state about their trials and how to overcome them.

Most recently, the pair spoke to seniors at Pinker- actually started the process ton Academy in the Fresh- even earlier, bringing alcodoubt becoming aware of homeless before he hit the world of drugs and alco- twenty. He openly admitted took turns recounting where he sought out alcohol was

to.

Howard decided to elab-As the opioid epidemic orate first. Born and raised in Bedford, he seemed to have a pretty good life ahead of him, never thinking that drugs would conwith weed in high school, Jake Howard and Justin he quickly saw that addiction can take anyone in the blink of an eye.

> "I was young and I was noted.

> From there, things got far worse. Not only did he ment, but he also saw how drugs took many friends and family away from him, including his younger brother Luke.

As for Coombs, he had man Academy building on hol to middle school and December 15. In front of a eventually dropping out of couple of dozen students no high school and becoming hol, Howard and Coombs that the main purpose that

substance abuse led them because it made him feel that one cannot use drugs more comfortable in social situations, as well as confirming that drugs like weed can be a gateway for some people into harder substances.

> "People don't just go straight to doing heroin", Coombs stated.

But despite their experiences, they have both managed to stay sober for one year after time at the Green Mountain Treatment Center in Effingham and feel that their recovery has granted them a purpose in life, lecturing about substance abuse when not supervising at their new jobs.

In terms of advice given to the young students, Howard noted that having loved ones by your side may not be enough to battle addiction and that it would be better to have support from someone who has undergone the same battle. He also feels that although it may be difficult, addressing the anxiety of sober life in necessary in order to fully achieve recovery.

Coombs' advice revolved around his own experiences, in that he feels

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Austin Garofalo noted that less school would have on mation in order to make this would not be the case.

transition seemed completely feasible by the 2020-2021 school year, helping to spread out students in a more efficient (PACE) program. manner across the district, while in theory saving the nent was Vice Chair Brenda is confirmed. As such, district more funds in the long run.

However, not all mempletely on board with the stand specifically what this a future meeting.

idea. Member Paul Lutz transition would entail and showed concern over what what the impact would be kind of demand the process across the entire district. Assistant Superintendent of moving students into one the school buildings, while that decision," Willis stated. McKenna felt that the Member Erika Cohen wonwould have on the district's Performance Assessment of Competency Education lic a good sense of what

far too early to come to any

McKenna agreed, notdered what impact this ing that they needed to

"I need way more infor-

answer as many questions as possible to give the pubwould happen if the choice The most vocal oppo- to undertake the transition Willis, who felt that it was Connors and her team will be in the process of putting decision on the matter, and together this information bers of board were com- that they needed to under- for the board can analyze in

Holiday Publishing Schedule

Nutfield Publishing will not be producing the Tri-Town Times, Nutfield News and Londonderry Times on Thursday, Dec. 28. The next paper will be published on Jan. 4, 2018. Thank you for reading and have a happy holiday!

and alcohol to cover up your emotions. In order to try and get sober initially, he tried traveling around the country, seeking out various opportunities as a means of getting away from himself, but he soon realized that he needed to fix what was on the inside.

Although neither man feels that they can use alcohol even in moderation these days, they still have managed to eliminate the desires to use these substances to this day and ended their presentation by telling the students that if the two of them could get as far as they have after only



Jake Howard and Justin Coombs lectured students at Pinkerton Academy about the dangers of drug addiction last week. Photo by Alex Guittarr

one year, imagine what the not lose years of their lives students could do if they do to addiction.





A Holiday Message from Publisher, Deb Paul

Every year, the editorial that coincides with the holidays is light-hearted and full of good wishes. As always, we wish our readers the very at the holiday season. But looking back at a year full of meaningless death, abjection, bullying, natural disasters, international turmoil, not to mention the hard times many in our own communities are enduring, we can't help but go into the most wonderful time of the year with heavy hearts.

As we go about our daily lives, we typically don't anticipate anything earth shattering to happen to us. But on any given day, tragedy strikes, and it does not discriminate. Many of us couldn't imagine the paralyzing horror that strikes the heart of any parent who hears the news of a mass shooting at their child's school, or the debilitating grief of those who have lost loved ones to disease, car accidents, overdose, suicide, etc. These events are devastating enough, but if they happen to be concurrent to a holiday, the blow is doubled

For many, the happiest time of the year can be their saddest and most difficult. That cranky customer or disgruntled server could be reliving a pain we couldn't bear, so we mustn't withhold kindness from anyone.

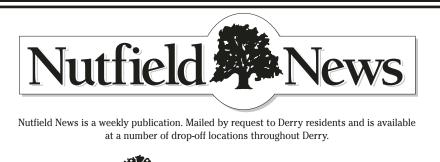
For the last few weeks, I have gone

to many chartable events and have witness such goodwill towards our fellow man I can't stop from welling up with a feeling that mankind is not lost, only hidden. I wish more people could see what I see, these simple gestures leave a great impact on the world.

Being in the news industry can be quite difficult, as we tend to see more of the ugly side of the world than most. Of course, we see the good, too, but good news stories seem to be far and few between.

We urge you to reach out to your loved ones and get together in the true spirit of the holidays - a spirit not centered around gifts and material goods and feverish bouts of shopping, but around love and appreciation of those close to us.

Will there ever be Peace on Earth? More than likely not. Why do bad things happen to good people and why people do such horrific things to each other is a question that may never have an answer. Regardless, we shouldn't turn our lives into bastions of fear. Instead, we should try to learn from the spirit of the Christmas season, keep those bereaving in our hearts and despite the harshest part of human nature, work sincerely toward "Peace on Earth and good will toward men." Lets hope for the New Year!





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Letters

and administrators.

In 2011, under Republican Speaker O'Brien, the six years, this burden has been passed on to you and me in the form of higher property taxes.

Last winter, in a roll call vote of 267 to 83, the N.H. House passed HB 413 to restore a 15% payment by the State. The bill was then referred to the House Finance committee, which is dominated by Republicans.

The Finance Committee employees, police, teachers, eventually reported the bill

out as Inexpedient to Legislate on a near party line vote.

We cannot continue to State completely abandoned cut taxes for large out-ofall payments and for the last state corporations while passing the burden of financing the State Retirement System onto local property taxpayers.

> Please contact our local State Representatives and urge them to stand by their original vote and vote down the Inexpedient to Legislate motion and pass HB 413 when it comes up in early January.

> > Mary Till Derry

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Council To Consider Solar Proposal For Transfer Station

HUNTER MCGEE NUTFIELD NEWS

Funding the State

Retirement System

Ever since I served in the

State Legislature, I have

been aware of the broken

promises from state repre-

One of the most egre-

gious, is the failure to keep

the promise to fund a State

contribution of between

25% and 40% of the county,

municipality, and school

system payments into the

N.H. Retirement System on

behalf of local governmental

sentatives and senators.

To the editor.

Councilors were scheduled at press time to consider a proposal at their Tuesday night meeting to install a solar panel array at the Transfer Station.

The plan calls for mounting 240 ground mounted, tracking 360 watt panels at the facility, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a recent staff report.

The overall gross cost totals \$282,400, with an annual avoided utility cost of \$20,176 per year. If approved by councilors, a the Net Zero Committee,

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to make the matter clearer. Member John Potucek showed curiosity over the theatre's budget and whether or not is self supporting, to which Cahoon stated that its budget is tied to Pinkerton's budget and admitted that the enrichment of Pinkerton's

would be used to pay for installation. But there will be no impact to the tax rate if the supplemental appropriation is granted, Fowler wrote.

"A supplemental appropriation would be offset by proceeds of 10-year lease. Principal and interest payments would be covered by proceeds from rebates, renewable energy credits, and avoided utility costs for the Transfer and Wastewater divisions," Fowler wrote.

In recent years, the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee, along with

students is still its main niche that we could help to focus, meaning that the theatre is not exactly self-sufficient.

Committee Chair Paul Needham, on the other hand, was more concerned with what the committee could do to assist Cahoon and the theatre, feeling that there is great potential to be had with it.

"There's an important Derry.

supplemental appropriation have been promoting the goal of clean energy through the use of solar panel areas at the residences and public facilities, Fowler wrote. A Request for Proposals(RFP) was solicited in September to obtain pricing for purchasing solar at two possible sites: Marion Gerrish Community Center and the Transfer Station, Fowler Wrote.

"The RFP evaluation committee recommended that the Town seek to proceed with the Transfer Station proposal only, due to less attractive payback at Marion Gerrish Community Center," Fowler wrote.

develop," Needham noted.

Amongst the suggestions made were general cooperation from the committee and possibly the Chamber of Commerce, restaurant maps to show visitors and visiting artists the best places to eat in town and even the possibility of a hotel within

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Hearty Souls Brave The Cold at Pantry Plunge



The first ever "Pantry Plunge" held at Beaver Lake on Saturday, Dec. 16 raised over \$8,000 for the First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry. There were 35 brave souls who took the plunge during a sunny but very cold day into the icey water. The Food Pantry will be able to buy much needed supplies and equipment thanks to the support received from community members. Sponsors of the event include: Blue Seal Feeds, EnviroSense, NEXT Charter School, Doug Rathburn Photography, the Beaver Lake Improvement Association, Ahern & Nichols Family Dentistry and J&F Farms. The Derry Fire Department and Public Works Department also helped out to this event possible. Photos by Chris Paul



Island Pond Land Parcel on Town Council Agenda

HUNTER MCGEE NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors were scheduled to discuss a proposal Tuesday night to convey a Southeast Land Trust on a parcel of land at 138 Island Pond Road.

Sought after for years, the approximately 78-acre parcel was purchased last year when councilors agreed in February to use conservation funds to buy the property for conservation purposes.

"Town Council last February approved using Unassigned Fund Balance and conservation funds to purchase this land in partnership with the Southeast Land Trust," Town Administrator David Caron wrote in an email Monday.

He added, "This agenda

item addresses conveyance abuts other properties that a memorandum of under- cost was \$465,697. In addi- The funds were combined of a Conservation Easement to SELT, which will manage the conservation easement on the property.

been sought after because it connects with other conservation land in the area of Ballard Pond.

"I just think it's so exciting that we are getting this property and that it abuts other properties that have been conserved," Commission member Margaret Ives said in February.

Commission members sought to purchase the land for years. Vice Chair Paul Dionne said he remembers when discussion began on the parcel 24 years ago.

The land is near the Ballard Pond State Forest and have already been conserved.

ty significant for protecting Before the vote in Febru- the Ballard Pond watershed conservation easement to the ary, the property had long for many years to come," Councilor Neil Wetherbee said.

> The Commission members also agreed to enter into property. The overall project

Land Trust to hold the con-"This is going to be pret-servation easement on the property.

Councilors agreed to spend \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance in a supplemental appropriation toward the purchase of the

standing with the Southeast tion, councilors approved a with the already approved letter of understanding \$215,697 from the Conserbetween the town and the vation Commission. Southeast Land Trust, according to officials.

The Council previously agreed to present the supplemental appropriation of \$250,000, to come from the mately three-acre parcel, unassigned fund balance. Caron said.

Of the initial appropriations, it is anticipated that the Town will recover about \$75,000 from the subdivision and sale of an approxi-





Derry Fire Promotes Four Veterans, Recognizes Retirees, Newcomers

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can typically be a long term career choice. Whether they serve on the field or in support or leadership roles, many have been known to be in their role for decades, either because of dedication Two individuals were offito one's community, the cially leaving the department close brotherhood developed between firefighters or and Phil LaVally, with a any other number of reasons.

Because of this, as well as the impact these men can ed by the likes of Battalion have on the Derry community, the Derry Fire Department recently held its Promotional Ceremony on December 14 at the Derry Municipal Center to celebrate how far these individu- my friend. You have truly als have come.

The center was packed wall to wall with family and friends of the assorted firefighters being recognized that night, including the department's Color Guard, Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, Brown and Bryan Crotau, several of Derry's Town all three of which will Councilors and even a coupoliticians, including State Senator Regina Birdsell. but to also act profession-

tunity early on to speak to order to help represent the those in attendance, noting that she always looks for-Serving as a firefighter ward to these ceremonies and seeing firefighters new and old.

> Speaking of new and old, both retirees and newcomers to the Derry Fire Station were recognized that night. that night, as David Hoffman combined seventy six years of experience between the two of them, were highlight-Chief James Richardson, the Master of Ceremonies for the night, before receiving specialized plaques to honor their hard work.

"Enjoy your retirement, earned it", Richardson stated when speaking to Hoffman.

On the other end of the spectrum, three men new to the Derry Fire Station were sworn in Gagnon. Matthew Carter, Greg serve as fire paramedics, ple of New Hampshire were asked by Gagnon to that hard work and persistnot only serve their town, Birdsell was given an oppor- ally on and off duty in

fire department in respectable manner.

But the highlight of the night was the promotion of four of the department's longest serving members. Amongst these four men were Dispatch Supervisor Charles Tinkham, an Army veteran with fifteen years with the department, Lieutenant Dennis Livoli, who served with the department for twelve years as a paramedic, Captain Edward King, a Safety Officer and fifteen year veteran of the department, and Battalion Chief William Gillis, both a former Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and a twenty four year veteran of the department.

Before being sworn in, Gagnon addressed the crowd by emphasizing how far these four men have come, how lucky he has been to work with them and noting that he firmly believes that they will be able to perform their new roles excellently.

"They are a testament ence are the road to career success", Gagnon noted.

But, as luck would have



Senator Regina Birdsell addressing the firefighters in attendance during the Fire Department's promotion ceremony last week. Photo by Alex Guittarr

it, several firefighters in due to reports of a fire that no matter what the situattendance were forced to breaking out in Derry that ation, a firefighter's work is leave the ceremony early, night. It just goes to show never done.

the current plans do. Iownhouses

continued from page 1 erty that would conform to existing Medium High Density Residential zoning regulations.

The 32 proposed units would be built in a similar style to the Floyd School project. Maguire added that his company has worked closely with the Conservation Commission to best protect the nearby Beaver Brook.

Sarah Desaulniers of Pleasant Street spoke on behalf of her neighbors on Pleasant and Macgregor Streets. "We appreciate that they're making an easement so that the end of Macgregor is not losing its tiny parking spot. Overall, we are really in favor of this."

Ryan Campbell, speaking for the Nutfield Court Apartments and Chelmsford Hardy Place favored the previous plans from June 2016 that do not encroach upon on the 2 current developments in the same way that New Hampshire. As he

Campbell's comments prompted Planning Board member John O'Connor to ask if the current plan was the same one approved by the ZBA.

"The conditions of the variance granted by the ZBA are subject to Planning Board approval, subject to state and town permits and inspections and regulations for multi family dwellings in MHDR districts." Maguire responded, citing the notice of decision from the 2105 ZBA ruling.

"I just want to make sure everybody is protected." Planning Board Chair- interpretation from legal man Dave Granese noted.

MacEachern noted that the 2015 ZBA notice of decision was based on a proposed 28-unit townhouse agreed Planning Director and that the ZBA made their ruling based on that information.

MacEachern went on to site RSA 674:33 that regu- done by board members. lates the powers of a ZBA in

understands it, this requires the developer to submit detailed plans to the planning board within two years after the ZBA approves a variance and that the current plans under consideration were not submitted within that timeframe.

Planning Associate Elizabeth Director Robidoux explained that her understanding of RSA 674:33 is that the developer has two years from the approval of the plans by the Planning Board to make any changes required in that board's approval.

"I would like to get an council on that" MacEach-Board Member Jim ern said. With recent changes made to zoning laws, clarification is needed before the next meeting George Sioras.

> The board voted to continue the case until January 17, 2018 after a site walk is



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Derry Village Student Showcase Handmade Christmas Trees to School Board

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Today's workforce demands that our students about a more advanced scientific concept in order to to lead this country and others in terms of innovation.

In order to do this, STEM courses (Science, science and technology ele-Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) are being consistently pursued by our schools even for elementary school students, so that they may be given the opportunity to explore and eventually thrive in these any of these careers.

Derry Village School this, as the Derry School effort to create new educa-

their December 12 meeting at West Running Brook when members of DVS held a presentation to showcase learn everything they can how far these courses have helped the students come.

Principal Chris McCalmake sure they are prepared lum started the presentation by expanding upon the STEM courses, in particular how DVS is focusing on the ments in their classes and translating those into various lessons. Focused around engaging the students in what McCallum describes as rigorous, relevant and integrated learning experiences, the school is attempting to follow the Next Generation Science (DVS) is no exception to Standards, a multi-state

Board recently saw during tion standards, developed by how they revised and rebuilt a consortium of 26 states and various science associations.

But the real focus of the presentation was Fourth Grade Teacher Amv Landry's students and their most recent STEM related project. The students were tasked with creating a miniature Christmas tree from only five small pieces of construction paper, ten tooth picks, eleven popsicle sticks, five pieces of foam board, and one sheet of aluminum foil, with unlimited glue, tape, and crayons.

In order to give the board a better idea of how the project went, the group expanded upon how they used various books and resources to research building methods,

their initial designs in order to refine their outcome, and discussed how they ultimately felt about the project. It would seem that the students were quite fond of the experience.

After presenting their finished projects for the board members to view, the board went on to commend the students for their hard work, showing pride for how much progress they have made. Board member Paul Lutz seemed particularly impressed by just how excited the students were to pursue STEM projects.

"The fact that you are all really enthusiastic about this, I think is fantastic," Lutz noted.



Members of the Derry School Board view an Assortment of handmade Christmas Trees made by fourth graders at Derry Village School. Photo by Alex Guittarr

Calvary Bible Church Tells the Story of Christmas Through Song and Narration

ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

While many use this time of year to focus on Santa Claus's exploits and prepare their homes for his annual visit, it is also the time of year for churches to recount the true origin story of Christmas, detailing the birth of Jesus Christ.

Each church has its own way of telling this story, but in order reach out to people in both an informative and entertaining manner, Calvary Bible Church recently put together their annual Christmas Program titled, "Hope is Born In Bethlehem" to detail the story for both regular congregants and first time visitors of the church.

Associate Pastor of Student Ministries for the church, noted that they have been having these performances for the fifty plus years that the church has been open and always look forward to using it to spread their message throughout Derry.

"We love to be an outreach to the community," Casoni said.

With hundreds upon hundreds of residents packed into church's large auditorium, the presentation began with a series of musical numbers played by the church's band, led by Brad Illian, the church's Associate Pastor of Worship.

Soon after, the main attraction of the presentation Pastor Christopher Cas- took charge, as twenty seven

oni, who also serves as the members of the Calvary Worship Choir came on stage to sing a variety of songs about the birth of Jesus, including Son of the Highest and Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne. Meanwhile, several interpretive dancers with the church took turns illustrating the message of the songs. The church's youth choir even got the chance to sing a couple of songs near the end.

> Interspersed between the songs were narrations by Nathan and Shelly Sousa detailing how Jesus came to be born, recounting everything from Mary and Joseph learning of Mary's immaculate conception to their journey to Bethlehem, from how the surrounding areas managed to learn of the birth, all



Calvary Bible Church's choir sang a variety of Christmas songs during the church's annual "Hope is Born" event. Photo by Alex Guittarr

and Joseph played out these moments in the background. The Sousas also took the

opportunity to expand upon what life was like during tation, Dr. John Talley III, learned that he would be Jesus's time, including the the church's Senior Pastor, welcoming his third grandsocial status of the Shepherds

while silhouettes of Mary and early government census- crowd, not only elaborating es, the latter of which being what forced Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem.

delivered his sermon to the child in the coming months.

upon the importance of Christmas, but also making his own special announce-To finish off the presen- ment, as he had just recently





Salvation Army Gives to Many



The Salvation Army had collected thousands of items over the past few months in preparation of their annual event held at Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Dec 16. A great many local families needing some help through the holiday season were brought in throughout the day and were given items that they had asked for as well as wrapping paper, boxes and some food items. Pictured, Heather Lajoie of Derry looks through some of the many wrapping items on hand after shopping for her seven children from her combined family. She was grateful for all who had donated and the Salvation Army for making the the holiday less stressful.

Polar Express Stops at DVS

Students in all grade levels at Derry Village Elementary School were treated to a little holiday fun on Tuesday Dec. 19 as the school's principal Chris McCallum acted as the train conductor during lunch period and played some scenes from the animated classic "Polar Express" while staff and volunteers handed out hot chocolate to all those who wanted. McCallum is pictured with his daughter who was spending the day at the school and helping out. Photo by Chris Paul







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DERRY SPORTS

Lopsided Wins Leave Astro Girls' Basketball With 2-0 Start

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

over its first two opponents of the 2017-18 season last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad contemplating a 2-0 commanding 27-6 lead stepidays approach.

opening, 77-24 demolition first five minutes of the of the visiting Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks in Derry on Tuesday, Dec. 12, it was Pinkerton pressure, meeting likely that just about everybody in attendance was impressed with PA's defensive intensity and stunned by lack of ability to bust through their hosts' skintight defensive pressure.

The Pinkerton crew em-

ployed full-court and zonetrapping pressure to stifle most of the Exeter attempts Convincing victories to simply bring the ball over the mid-court line during the first half. And as a result, the hosts netted 18 of the first 20 points scored and held a Division I record as the hol- ping into the second quarter. full speed in the third quarter showed tonight against a

The Blue Hawks needed In the Astros' season- to call three timeouts in the game in order to try to figure out a way to get through the with little more than frustration time after time.

The Astros' outscored its guest by another massive Exeter's almost complete tally of 21-6 in the second period to bound into halftime holding a 36-point lead of 48-12.

senior guard ures in points by halftime with 10 points apiece - and a number of other players having made big scoring contributions as well.

23-8 before emptying their Guertin," she said. bench in the fourth.

Astros had 11 players net points with Kane pacing all scorers with 18. Lemire finished with her 10, and junior guard Brooke Cusick and sophomore forward Jesse Ames each had eight.

While pleased with the work of her charges in the blowout victory, PA coach Pinkerton already had Lani Buskey took little time

Amanda before making sure her play-Lemire and junior forward ers knew that there is no Brooke Kane in double fig- chance that every one of their 2017-18 games will end with the locals winning by 53 points.

"The key is whether or not we can play with the The hosts continued on kind of confidence we and outscored their guests Bedford or a Bishop

The Lady Astros also got All in all, the 1-0 Lady to enjoy playing on their home court in their second regular season contest, Friday night Dec. 15 against Manchester Central. And although their margin of victory of 50-27 over that guest was considerably smaller than in the opener, a 23point win was nothing about which anyone could sneeze.

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Pinkerton basketball standout Brooke Kane looks at her shooting options while an Exeter defender tries to stifle her during PA's recent victory. Photo by Chris Pantazis





Pinkerton Wrestlers Fare Well Both in Dual Meet and at Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling team had an extremely productive week last week, both levelling its pounds (a pin just 45 secdual meet record in Bedford onds in), and Walker Stinson and placing high at a wellattended tournament out in in). Hollis.

2017-18 dual-meet record at 160, Sterling McLaughlin at 1-1 with a 42-33 road victory over the host Bedford Mark Harrington in the 106-High Bulldogs Wednesday, Dec. 13.

powered by some strong with his first-period pin," individual performances from multiple sources as well as some forfeit victo- then made a bit longer bus

ries.

The victorious academy side received individual wins from Tyler Mackiernan at 152 pounds (on an early pin), Raul Martinez at 195 at 120 pounds (pin just 1:10

The Astros evened their accepted by Will Brown at 182, Rob Fahey at 220, and last pound class.

"Our wrestler of the That match success was meet was Raul Martinez said PA coach Dave Rhoads.

The academy grapplers

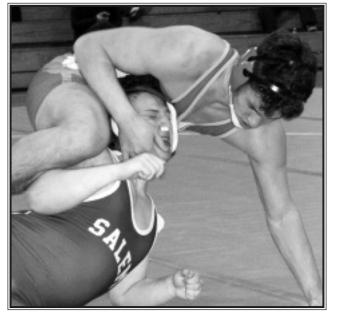
ride out to Hollis and Hollis- division, Stinson finish secpeting teams.

The Bishop Guertin Forfeit victories were Cardinals of Nashua placed first with a team point tally close out the 2017 segment of 190, Plymouth was second with a 145, and the schedule this Thursday the Astros were just three points out of the runner-up slot Exeter High Blue Hawks, with a 142. Windham and they'll once again be wound up fourth with a 133, involved in the huge Lowell and Alvirne was fifth with a 131

Fahey grab top honors in his tle against top opponents.

Brookline High School for ond, MacKiernan wind up the Nor'Easter Invitational as the runner-up in his divi-Tournament. And coach sion, Kyle Setzer end up Rhoads' roster wrestled third in his 170-pound class, admirably at that event, fin- McLaughlin get second in ishing a strong third out of a his division, and Raul large field of some 24 com- Martinez finish fourth among some top competition in his class.

The Astro wrestlers will of their New Hampshire 21st by playing host to the (Mass.) Holiday Tournament right after The academy crew had Christmas, testing their met-



Pinkerton veteran wrestler Kyle Setzer snared third place in his weight class at the recent Nor'Easter Invitational Tournament. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Astro Bowlers Only Manage a Point in Queen City Match

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

Time in Manchester on Saturday, Dec. 16. Pinkerton Academy's

The locals walked away bowling squad experienced from that event only having something of a tough time in managed one team point in

seven-team match at Spare the state standings. Goffstown hosted the meet with were Astros Sean Forkey Raymond, Merrimack, Hollis-Brookline, Stevens of Claremont, and Souhegan of Amherst also competing.

The PA bunch got the fourth seed in standardround play with a group score of 1,420, the locals rolling first and second standard games of 721 and 699.

Helping with that effort with games of 123 and 105, captain Lauren Sylvain with a 141 and a 119, Zac Emery with consistent games of 148 and 141, Jason Barton with a 114 and a 98, and captain Keenan Nash with truly great games of 195 and 236 including no less than six strikes in a row.

- with Dan Kirichok replacing Jason Barton - in which Pinkerton faced Hollis-Brookline in a single-elimi- fourth-ranked Hollis-Brooknation game. PA lost that line by a rather lopsided preliminary-round contest by a 140-132 count.

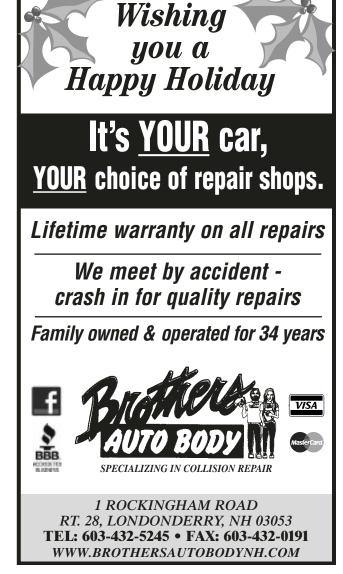
junior varsity quartet of bowlers scored a two-game standard total of 963 and notched the fifth seed.

Then, in Baker level play Meghan Slater rolled a 123 and a 103, and Kirichok tallied a 122 and a 155.

The JV crew then beat 115-87 tally in the singleelimination Baker game. In its match, the Astros' But in the first round, topseeded Raymond defeated the Astros in two out of three games.

The academy bowlers





Powerful PA Swim Squads Keep Their Season Records Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' swim teams have begun their 2017-18 seasons doing near-perfect imitations of steamrollers. And it's certainly not looking like a wise decision to the 100-meter breaststroke get in the way of coach Ed Faszewski's Astro squads.

The academy crews ended last week with glittering, perfect records after driving past all opponents in a pair of meets at Southern the 100-meter butterfly New Hampshire University in Manchester.

Both Pinkerton teams were absolute powerhouses also combined with Amanda when they took on all of the Manchester high schools' swim squads in the SNHU pool in the Queen City last Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The girls tallied some team success. 231 points to easily best Memorial (124), Central (90), West (69), and Trinity (22).

Senior Zoe Freedman won both the 200-meter individual medley (time of 2 minutes, 47.43 seconds) and (1:28.50), sophomore Maya Hedstrom proved unbeatable in the 50-meter freestyle (30.78) and the 100 free (1:08.83), and freshman Camelia Hannah was tops in (1:20.16) and the 100-meter backstroke (1:17.35).

Those three stalwarts Roberge on wins in the 200 meter medley (2:25.16) and 400 free (4:45.72) relays for the powerful PA crew, which

The Pinkerton boys moved to a stellar 5-0 by dominating the competition, scoring a team tally of 252 to Memorial's second place 141.

Sophomore standout Tyler Montgomery won the 200 free (2:27) and the 400 free (5:11.67) on his own. Nathan Landry was tops in the 50 free (27.78), Gordon Suwirjo was best in the 100 fly (1:03.78), Davin Curry took the 100 free (1:10.13), and Christian Nelson was numero uno in the 400 free (5:11.67).

In relays, Nelson, Chris Ploss, Suwirjo and Landry won the 200 medley (2:08.43) and the 400 free (4:22.78), and Curry, William Poole, Lucas Hakmeadvanced to 4-0 with its Silva, and Montgomery and Hannah was the very

free (2:05.22).

Then back in the same pool on Saturday the 16th, the Lady Astros moved to 8-0 overall and the Astro males became 9-0 after they both swept the opposing squads from Goffstown High, Hollis-Brookline, John Stark Regional of Weare, and Windham.

The girls defeated Goffstown 125-30, Hollis-Brookline 115-51, John Stark 125-31, and Windham 92-78.

Junior Olivia Neville proved unbeatable in the 200 individual medley (2:46.62) and the 100 free (1:06.96), Hedstrom won the 200 free (2:33.27), Freedman was tops in the 100 backstroke (1:16.79),

were the very best in the 200 best in the 50 free (30.08). Relays were won by the 400 free group of Neville, (1:13.96). Hedstrom, Hannah, and Freedman (4:33.84).

> Astro males absolutely Suwirjo, and Landry plowed past the opposition, (2:04.70) and the 400 free besting John Stark 133-4, relay thanks to Landry, Hollis-Brookline 130-23, Nelson, Ryan Golebiewski, Goffstown 121-30, and and Suwirjo (4:16.77). Windham 100-69.

> able in the 400 free meet to attend during this (4:41.34) and the 50 free calendar year, competing at (26.42), with Jackson Neeb the Oyster River Holiday and Hakme-Silva second event in Durham on Dec. 28. and third in that first event.

> Neeb won the 200 free (2:15.05) with Landry and 200 quartet of Hedstrom, Ploss in second and third Freedman, Hannah, and behind him, and John Roberge (2:24.73) and the Divelbiss won the 100 fly

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Additionally, Pinkerton took the 200 relay thanks to In boys' competition, the the work of Nelson, Ploss,

The academy swim Suwirjo proved unbeat- squads will have one more

> Adrianna Buccieri, Sophomore, Girls'

Indoor Track This talented 10th grad-

er won the shot put in her

team's first meet of the

2017-18 season with a great

personal record of 30 feet,

10 1/4 inches, which was

more than three feet better

than the runner-up's result.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 11

Astro Indoor Track Squads Start Seasons Well

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' indoor track and field squad began its hunt for a return the very top of the Division I mountain with a dominant performance in its first league meet of the 2017-18 season at the University of New Hampshire's Paul Sweet Oval in Durham last Saturday night, Dec. 16.

And the PA Lady Astros certainly weren't any slouches at the Sweet that evening either, finishing a strong second behind only the Portsmouth High Lady Clippers in a seven-team event.

BOYS

After winning the Division I title every winter relay team of Ruimwijk,

males had to settle for runner-up honors behind the this calendar year.

But the Astros gave every single indication that they're intent upon rising back up to the very top this winter by throttling six other teams in last Saturday night's meet.

Coach Ian French's deep local contingent tallied no less than 101 points, nearly doubling the score of second place Portsmouth (51).

Event victories were bagged by Jadyn Ruimwijk in the 55-meter dash (6.84 seconds). Joe Gagnon in the 3,000-meter run (9 minutes, 18.64 seconds), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (43 feet, 6 inches), the 4x160

from 2012-16, the Pinkerton Kayden Baillargeon, Avery Battle, and Conor Seleny (1:17.64), and the 4x400 Nashua North Titans earlier relay quartet of Pat Hanlon, Adam Spencer, John Brooks, and Steve Groulx.

Additionally, Baillargeon notched a second in the 300 meters and a third in the 55 dash, and other seconds came from Hanlon in the 600, Ethan Desmarais in the 1,500, and Spencer in the 55-meter hurdles.

GIRLS

Coach Mike Karthas' Lady Astros managed a team point total of 61.50 to end up behind only Portsmouth and its score of 72.

First places were delivered by Jordan Vaillancourt in the 1,000 (3:11.04), Britney Johnson in the 3,000 (10:46.24) - with her team-

mates Meghan Cross. Madison D'Amelio, and Molly McGaffigan sweeping the second through fourth spots - Adriana Buccieri in the shot (30'10 1/4"), and the 4x400 relay team of Ciara April, Maddy Burke, Vaillancourt, and Johnson (4:29.54).

Other second places were notched by Amelia Graves in the 55 dash and Emily Lesburt in the high jump.

The Pinkerton contingents will find themselves over in Hanover this Saturday the 23rd for their final pre-Christmas meet.





Keenan Nash, Senior, Bowling

This team-captain was superb in his contingent's match in Manchester, putting forth strong standard ten-pin scores of 195 and 236 and rolling no less than six straight strikes in game

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Pinkerton Icemen Begin Their New Campaign With Pair of Blowouts

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

coach were to lay out a blueprint for how he wanted the final results of his first several regular season games of a campaign to look, Pinkerton Academy second-year varsity mentor Sam Littlefield couldn't conceivably have come up with a more pleasing plan than what ended up being reality.

trailing 8-4 after one period

and 18-14 at the half. But

coach Buskey's bunch

kicked into gear in a huge

way in the second half,

outscoring its opponent by a

19-7 tally in the third quarter

Girls Basketball

The Astros' first half per- and by a rather stunning 17-

sion.

lackluster, as it found itself running away with the deci-

Blue Hawks a 6-0 whitewashing at The Ice Den in If a high school hockey Hooksett last Monday, Dec. 11 in the season-opener for saw his squad absolutely pummel the host Nashua High School North Titans by an 11-0 tally at the Conway Arena two nights later to move to 2-0 in Division I shutout.

In the season-starting After having his Astros besting of the Blue Hawks,

formance was somewhat 2 margin in the fourth in ed into this week looking at

scorers with a big 24 points

and Lemire threw down 13

in a contest in which the

hosts only received points

from five total sources.

Kane once again led all

deal the visiting Exeter High the locals potted three unan- each scored once and assistswered goals in both the first and third periods, and no less than four Astros fin- legion nearly doubled its ished up with multiple both contingents, Littlefield points while junior goalie Dakota Robinson contributed 18 saves to the shutout success.

Junior forward Landon McClure and senior frontliner Patrick Hare each with a second consecutive scored twice and assisted once, and senior forward Lucas Masciarelli and freshman forward Cooper Flinton

The Lady Astros bound-

two, pre-holiday Division I

games, with a trip to

Merrimack on Tuesday

night the 19th - after

Nutfield News press time -

followed by a home game

against Nashua South this

Friday the 22nd.

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ed once.

But coach Littlefield's scoring output in the Gate City on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 13 with senior forward Ty Riviere enjoying a game which he won't soon forget in potting no less than four tallies. Hare added two more markers, and McClure, Gennaro Marra, Joey Marra, Flinton, and Connor Trask each lit the proverbial lamp once in the dominant performance.

The academy skaters were slated to play their final pre-Christmas Division I contest this Wednesday, Dec. 20, after Nutfield News press time, and they'll be involved in the annual Blue Devil Classic Holiday Tournament hosted by the Salem High Blue Devils at the Salem Icenter right after Christmas, between Dec. 26 and 28.

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Pinkerton Academy ice hockey captain Nick Trask and his Astro teammates claimed lopsided victories over both Exeter and Nashua North recently to begin their 2017-18 campaign in grand style. The academy icemen outscored those two opponents by a stunning combined 17-0 margin. Photo by Chris Pantazis





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Current Hours for the Derry Public Library: Mon.-Thu. 9:30 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Teen Writer's Group

Gather around the teen table this winter to get creative, share stories and use your imaginations on Wed. Dec. 27, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Teen Space section of the Derry Public Library. Contact

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erinr@derrypl.org for more information.

Games, Puzzles, and Projects Dron-IN

Come hang out, grab a hot chocolate and choose from projects (friendship bracelets and beading,) tabletop games (Betraval at House on the Hill, Pandemic and Carcassone) and an assortment of puzzles. Ages 10-18. This event will be on Thur. Dec. 28, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B of the Derry Public Library. Contact Erin Robinson at 432-6140 or erinr@derrypl.org for more information.

The MOMS Club®

A support group for mothers who stay home with their children, including those who have home-based businesses and those who work part time but are home with their children during the day will be held on Fri. Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. - noon in Meeting Room A of the Derry Public Library. Open to mothers of all ages in greater Derry, the group's activities include guest speakers, playgroups and special

Erin Robinson at 432-6140 or activities for mothers and/or their children. For more information, please visit our website at www.momsclubofderrynh.webs.com or e-mail us at moms_club_of_derry_nh@ya hoo.com.

Noon Year's Eve Party!

Noon Year's Eve Party--The Tradition Continues on Sat. Dec. 30, from 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. Don't stay up until midnight Ring in the New Year at the library at NOON! (and a day early!) We'll have a dance party and count down to noon--then the balloons will drop! Open to all ages. No registration required. Contact Raymond Fontaine at 432-6140 or rayf@derrypl.org for more information.

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.

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. 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.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of

support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you 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.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim 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

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