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Town Council Hears States' Financial Needs for Exit 4A

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As the state's Exit 4A project continues to push forward, it has been causing many conflicted feelings between residents.

The main issue stems from its financial impact as well as the physical impact to communities.

To solve the issue of congestion along Route 102 and I-93, the project would see a new diamond interchange added to I-93, built one mile north of Exit 4 on new alignment from the interchange to Folsom Road.

For the additional construction, 12 residences and

five businesses have been acquired.

Connector Road, Tsienneto Road and others would see expansions that will involve a series of two-, three-, and five-lane areas, typically to accomplish the goals of the project.

Furthermore, there would also be room made to help treat storm water coming off of the project and protect or minimize the damage to nearby historical properties.

To keep the project funded, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has had to partially rely on funds from surrounding communities like Derry. This was a major

point of discussion during the Town Council's latest meeting on Sept. 18.

At the meeting, NHDOT Chief Project Manager Keith Cota, alongside Chris Bean, a Consulting Project Manager from Fuss & O'Neill, came before the council to gain more funds from the previously designated \$5,000,000 obligation of the town Derry.

According to Director of Public Works Mike Fowler, NHDOT requires \$432,868 for part of an Environmental Impact Statement Consulting Contract. This involves engineering layouts, project management, and traffic and transportation technical

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Adult Community Housing Planned on Tsienneto Road

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The preparation for the implementation of a new elderly housing community in Derry is reaching its final stages. This was the point of discussion during the Planning Board's latest meeting on Sept. 19.

The applicants, Lifestyle Homes of New Hampshire, (LHNH) hope to utilize 40 and 42 Tsienneto Road, as well as 15 Eastgate Road; to form a 30 unit independent adult condominium community for those people age 55 and older. The development would be within a medium density residential district. It will use single family homes exclusively with 1,400 square feet for each unit. The community would also

contain private roads and be connected to Derry's water and sewer systems. The project went before the Zoning Board back on Mar. 1. At that time, the board required a variance to assure proper frontage for all of these properties. Said variance was approved by a vote of 4 to 1. A project of a similar nature was attempted by LHNH back in 2007 for a 50 unit community, but the project was never started, despite approval from the Planning Board. Presenting on behalf of Lifestyle Homes was engineer Eric Mitchell. He noted that in addition to plan approval, they also needed a lot line adjustment and consolidation. This involved a fusion of all three properties. An existing house on the prop-

erty would be separated from the project on a one acre plot of land. This would give the remaining 32 acres to the housing community. This particular request was approved unanimously.

As for the site plan itself, that became more complicated. Several abutters shared their concerns about the project. Amongst them were Bill Kumer, who felt that the development would not only create issues due to the odd size of the community (when compared to 1 acre lots surrounding it), but also because of the potential to harm the wildlife and wetlands in the area. "We have quite a bit of wildlife back there, and obviously that wildlife moves across both sides of [Eastgate

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Pinkerton Academy football fans had plenty to cheer about on Friday evening, Sept. 21, as they saw their team score in just about every quarter during the Astros 34-14 Mack Plaque victory in Londonderry. Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Keeps Mack Plaque For a 17th Consecutive Year

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

There are certain norms which are maintained each and every September when the Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School fall varsity sports teams face off in the exciting and highly-anticipated Mack Plaque games.

Folks from both sides get excited about and turn out for many of the games, with the football contests often

drawing as many as 5,000 people and the other games drawing plenty of spirited spectators as well. The Mack games also provide the competing teams with a playoff-type atmosphere which challenge them to their very limits. And, lastly and unfortunately for one side, the larger school located in Derry usually winds up with bragging rights and the plaque in its possession.

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Net Zero Task Force Discusses Solar Power, and Charging Stations

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The Derry Net Zero Task Force; which is tasked with exploring and achieving cost effective solutions for reducing energy use and developing sustainable energy solutions, discussed a multitude of matters during their latest meeting on Sept. 20.

Members of the task force discussed the progress of the Transfer Station's solar energy system, which was activated back in May.

More specifically, soft-

ware was recently installed onto the system to showcase its data and measurements while functioning. The task force hopes to display the findings of this software in several places for public access.

One plan is for this is the TV screens in the Derry Municipal Center. Another display may be at available at Pinkerton Academy for educational purposes in the future.

Having a publically accessible webpage to display the data is another

future possibility.

Also discussed at the meeting was the prospect of adding electric car charging stations in Derry.

Since the installation of four charging stations outside of the municipal center back in June; the task force has been exploring areas that would be best suited to have more stations installed. They believe the schools within the Derry School District would be ideal. They have already done site surveys for each school to get an idea of how any

installation would be received. Current research is being done to determine the cost of each charging station as well as the best locations for any, if approved by the schools.

Town Councilor and task force member Richard Tripp has recently spoken with Boy Scout Troop 405 leaders about having one of the troop members work with the task force for an Eagle Scout project. The degree of neither involvement, nor a timeline is known at present.

The idea was proposed

that one or more scouts could assist in the preparation and or installation of a new solar energy system for Derry Public Works. This system would apparently be 5 to 10 times as large as the one currently installed at the Transfer Station.

The task force also revealed that they are currently pursuing Energy Star Certification for the Derry Municipal Building.

Buildings are judged on a scale of 1 to 100 based on their energy consumption, water use, and greenhouse

gas emissions. Buildings with a score of 75 or higher qualify for certifications. While the municipal building used to score an 80, a recent update of the Energy Star scoring system placed the building at only 49. To increase efficiency and therefore the score; the task force is considering replacing all lights in the municipal building with LED lighting. They will also be advertising this effort via Facebook, news articles, and so on.

Town Council Explores Possibility of Fourth of July Parade

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As the Nutfield region moves closer and closer to its 300th birthday, everyone from Derry and Londonderry to Deerfield and Windham plan on taking the time next year to recognize the area's founding back in 1719 by Reverend James MacGregor and the 16 Ulster-Scots that journeyed with him to America. Derry will be holding a Founders Weekend to recognize the long history of the area, while also expanding upon the events of Derryfest, and Londonderry and Windham will be expanding their Old

Home Days and Strawberry Festival respectively. But Paul Lindemann of the Derry Heritage Commission is hoping to take things one step further, as he spoke with the Town Council during their Tuesday, Sept. 18 meeting about the addition of a Fourth of July parade to the festivities.

Lindemann, who noted the 300th birthday as being internationally significant, mentioned that although the recognition of the date will extend from April into September, not much is happening in July. As such, he feels that a morning parade in Derry with connections to heritage of the town's

founders would be ideals. However, he warned the council that time is running short on deciding whether or not to move forward with this proposal.

"It's time now to commit to doing that or not. We need to really that decision fairly soon", Lindemann noted.

As far as ideas for the parade go, Lindemann argues that it should start at the Adams Memorial Building and make its way down Broadway. He feels that it should also feature speeches from dignitaries or residents from Northern Ireland with ties to the founding families, the opening of a time capsule made back during the 250th birthday of Nutfield, and a barbeque at the end of the

event. Lindemann feels that not only will this encourage international tourism, but there is also potential for major sponsorships from Northern Ireland and even performances from Celtic music groups. However, Lindemann understands that a separate team will be needed to organize this event, as other groups like the Derry Village Rotary Club are busy handling their own parades throughout the year.

In terms of how the council felt about the idea, Councilor Brian Chirichiello liked the idea, but wondered how many people would be present due to the amount of travelling done for the holiday.

"I think it's definitely worth exploring. I would

like to see if the logistics could be worked out", Chirichiello noted.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores also liked the idea, feeling that there should be no problem with pursuing it due to the amount of work already put into the 300th birthday.

"It brings Derry together. It puts us on the map again", Katsakiores stated.

Councilor Richard Tripp wondered if there was any chance of getting other towns involved, but Lindemann noted how Windham and Londonderry have their own parades to contend with. Councilor Joshua Bourdon praised Lindemann for his efforts, noting how he managed to avoid impacting

taxpayers with the 300th celebration, while countering Chirichiello's concerns about not having enough people to attend the parade.

"If we can pull in some experienced people...it will be worth it, if only for one year", Bourdon noted.

Finally, Councilor Chair James Morgan liked the idea of an additional promotion to assist businesses in Derry, while suggesting to Lindemann that the parade go up Manning Street into Hood Park, before making its way to Crystal Avenue. In the end, the council fully supported the project and will form a committee to start taking action on the proposal, with Tripp and Katsakiores both serving on it.

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Free Car Seat Check and Recycling Program on Sept. 29

Residents will have the opportunity to make sure their children are as safe as they can be during a Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot, at 11 Ashleigh Drive in Derry. The checkpoint is a free, and hosted by Safe Kids New Hampshire and the Injury Prevention Center at Dartmouth, the Derry Police Department, the Buckle Up New Hampshire Coalition and the Community Alliance for Teen Safety. This is a drop-in event, intended to raise awareness of the dangers of improperly installed car seats and to provide an

opportunity for parents to bring their used car seats for proper disposal.

Incorrect use of child safety seats can put children at risk. "Car seats and boosters provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. That's why it is so important to choose and use the right car seat correctly every time your child is in the car." (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) NHTSA also reports that children's car seats are used incorrectly 59% of the time.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA), if your car seat has been in any kind of accident - except for minor crashes that meet certain strict criteria - it cannot be reused.

Determine whether your car seat is still safely usable by checking its expiration date. This will be stamped onto the seat, on the tag, or in the user manual. If you do not know when the seat expires, you will need to safely dispose of it. Once a car seat is expired or damaged, it is no longer safe to use. Setting a car seat out for trash pick-up is dangerous because someone may see the seat and decide to use it, not realizing the car seat is unsafe. Proper disposal of an old car seat is crucial to prevent further use and in keeping children safe.

On Sept. 29 certified child passenger safety technicians will be on-hand at the checkpoint to show parents and caregivers how to properly install a car seat. Bring your child and the owner's manuals for your vehicle and your car seat. "Think of it as a private lesson in the correct use of your child's car seat," says Officer Jeff Pike of the Derry Police.

Safe Kids New Hampshire, Derry Police, CATS and BUNH members have been working together to address local



Derry Police Officer Jeff Pike directs a driver during last years Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint held in the Walmart parking lot. Photo by Chris Paul

safety issues including seat belt usage.

Safe Kids New Hampshire provides car seat inspections throughout the year as well. To find a car seat inspection site or certified technician near you visit www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-new-hampshire. An inspection is free and usually only takes about 45 minutes.

School Board Updated On Technological Upgrades in Derry School District

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In today's day and age, obtaining a decent education and keeping a school running smoothly can come down to having access to the most high-end technology, amongst other factors. Derry is no exception to this, and the Derry School District went through several major technological updates over the summer. Said updates were discussed during the Derry School Board's latest meeting on September eighteenth. Elaborating on these

updates was Raymond Larose, the Director of Information Services for the district.

One of the major projects achieved over the summer was a major networking overhaul in all schools in the district. This was begun July. Telephone and Network Technologies replaced and updated the network wiring throughout the schools. They provided more wireless access points, and improved all the firewalls. The district also enlisted the help of several other tech companies to configure this new wiring

and hardware. According to Larose, "Teachers will be updated on the new technology within the next couple of weeks. This will allow data to be shared among school staff. A separate "guest" network was added to all schools for internet browsing. Larose also noted how smoothly the process went, with principals from all schools complimenting the work of the team from Telephone and Network Technologies. "The team that came in was

really, really clean in their work".

Next was a new VoiceOver Internet Protocol (IP) system added to Ernest P. Barka Elementary School and Grinnell Elementary Schools. The system handles voice communications and multimedia sessions, as well as inter-building calling, and Larose hopes to add the feature to three more buildings by next year.

Finally, the district has begun the implementation

of paperless school registration. They are working with PowerSchool (an education technology business). The aim is to be done by mid-to-late Nov. Kiosks for registration will also go into all buildings affected, with forms for Pre-Kinder-garten going online first before handling returning students. PowerSchool will also be presenting one day training sessions for staff on the new process upon completion of the installa-

tion. "PowerSchool will be handling that for us as a part of our contract", Larose stated.

Superintendent Maryann Connors-Krikorian thanked Larose and his team for making these changes as smooth as possible. "We truly appreciate your efforts as a leader, and their efforts as a team. Without your entire team, this would not be possible", Connors noted.



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Editorial

Orange Is The Color For This Season

The color orange comes to mind. Pumpkins and turning leaves, of course, but that special hunter orange that becomes part of our attire in the out of doors at this time of year is particularly important.

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

The sounds of gunshots will soon be heard along with the leaf blowers, and that means exercising extra caution when you're in or near the woods whether you're aiming the gun or sipping coffee on the back porch.

Don't take chances. For hunters, always be sure of your target that what you see is really what you're hunting. In other words, identify your target before you fire. Always. Make sure you take seriously what you learned in hunter education. Know your weapon. The life you save may be your own or your neighbor's. And be certain you're not trespassing in pursuit of your hobby. Be respectful of the land where you hunt, and the neighbors around you.

Know the rules. If the land is posted "No Hunting" and you don't have personal permission to hunt there, go somewhere else. Just as important is

leaving the land as you found it or maybe better.

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

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

Fall is a beautiful time to be in the woods as long as we take literally the old adage that it's better to be safe than sorry.

We know the vast majority of hunters use common sense in the pursuit of their game, but in southern New Hampshire, woods and homes are close neighbors. On a clear fall morning, the sound of gunshots is a good clue that you're not alone.

Take care, and enjoy a beautiful fall.

Mack Plaque

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All of those facets were in place for the most recent Mack battles, most of which took place last week on Londonderry High Lancer soil. And as has been the case for 17 consecutive years now, Pinkerton Academy ended up keeping the plaque in Derry.

The schools sat tied up at 1-1 in 2018 Mack action when play for the week of Sept. 17 began due to the fact that the Pinkerton and Londonderry cross-country teams split in three-team meets at LHS several weeks earlier.

The next Mack contest was the golf match between the Astros and Lancers on Londonderry's home links at the Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield last Wednesday the 19th. And the academy squad wound up bagging that victory by finishing eight strokes ahead of the LHS contingent at 196-204.

Now leading 2-1 in Mack play, everybody's attention turned to the Friday, Sept. 21 battle between the two undefeated football squads which, at least on paper, looked to be a virtual toss-up. In reality, on the LHS gridiron in front of an estimated crowd of more than 5,000 fans, Pinkerton collected a pretty convincing



34-14 win to claim a 3-1 Mack Plaque lead.

Most if not in fact all of the four slated matches at Londonderry High on Saturday were seen as toss-ups, but the Derry school won all but one by bagging a 3-0 shutout in girls' volleyball, a pretty stunning 2-1 overtime win in girls' soccer, and a 3-1 victory in field hockey before the LHS boys' soccer team managed a 2-1 win in the day's final contest that afternoon.

Hence, the final tally had Pinkerton keeping the Mack Plaque based on a 5-2 record

in seven match-ups. Had it been necessary, the state spirit championships in November would have served as the tie-breaker.

The now 35-year-old Mack Plaque games were named for Londonderry's Mack family in honor of its many contributions to both local schools over the decades. Londonderry won the plaque in 1990, 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2000. The schools tied for the plaque - leaving the trophy at the school which won it the previous fall - in 1986, 1992, and 2001.

Housing

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Road],” Kumer stated.

Mitchell responded to this by reminding Kumer of the switch from 50 units to only 30 units. He noted that no other construction is planned down towards East-

gate Road, and that there is significant demand for elderly housing as of late. “The state has allowed this because it sees a need, and the town and their zoning has proposed to have it”, Mitchell stated.

This meeting did not see a decision on the site plan. The board plans on taking a

site walk of the area to get a better idea of what they working with, especially due to the impact on the neighborhood, encroaching land ownership of the nearby Pinkerton Academy, and the expected road alterations due to the upcoming Exit 4A project.

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Grinellstock Helps Students Celebrate New School Year



On Friday night, Sept. 21 the PTA at Grinnell Elementary School invited students and their families to celebrate the start of school with a new event. 'Grinellstock' was a night of music, fun, food, an outdoor movie and tie-dye T-shirts. Each student attending was given a t-shirt to tie-dye in the school color, blue. There were two food trucks for families to enjoy and the movie shown was 'Home,' a story about an alien and a young girl on a journey across country. Complimentary popcorn was also served during the movie by the PTA. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Zoning Board Addresses Birch Street Electronic Sign Variance Request

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One local electric company hopes to brighten up their business with a new electronic sign. First they had to go before the Derry Zoning Board for approval during their latest meeting on Sept. 20. Ken Dalpe of Dalpe Electric L.L. at 12 Birch Street hopes to introduce a 12" by 36" electronic sign within a pre-existing sign on the property of his business. The sign would be set to operate from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Currently non-static electric signs are forbidden in Central Business Districts, where the

business is located. Therefore, Dalpe went before the board to seek a variance allowing the sign to be installed.

Representing him was attorney Andrew Myers. Myers made a number of arguments to defend Dalpe's request. For starters, he noted that it would not go against the public interest due to the public service messages about safe generator use, electrical system inspections, and use of carbon monoxide detectors posted on the sign. As far as how it would compare to the appearance of the area, Myers felt that although the

sign is not necessary, it is still reasonable for a number of reasons. Not only does he argue that the sign's size will not make a tremendous impact, but that other cases throughout New Hampshire, including the electronic sign used by the Derry Opera House, have made a precedent for this situation. Furthermore, Myers felt that the sign will not interrupt the character of the area due to the fact that Birch Street has become more business-oriented as of late, and the electric sign will coincide with these changes. Dalpe also received approval from the owners of the nearby

Peabody Funeral Homes, who had no problem with the sign. "It's difficult to see that a sign of the dimensions involved here would diminish property values in a business district," Myers noted.

Several board members argued against granting a variance to Dalpe. Alternate Member Donald Burgess noted that other electric signs on Birch Street could pass due to either being static, like the Speedway Gas Station, or having obvious priority, like the Parkland Medical Center. Thus, he did not see any sort of hardship that Dalpe was suffering from. Secretary

Stephen Coppolo felt that the small distance between the proposed sign and Broadway would have bad consequences in the future.

"I think that there are many of us who feel that a further encroachment of [electronic signs] in the core Downtown area of Derry and Broadway would be a negative thing for everybody," Coppolo stated.

However, several board members did side with Dalpe's request. Alternate Member Craig Corbett felt that due to the closeness of the business to Broadway, the sign actually felt more appropriate and matched

the livelier atmosphere of Downtown. Board Chair Lynn Perkins felt that the addition of the sign was simply trying to keep up with the times, and agreed that the sign was of moderate size and fell in line with the feel of the neighborhood. Board Member Randall Kelly also saw no problem, but noted that either way, their decision would make waves in Derry.

"We're gonna set a precedent tonight", Kelley stated. Although Coppolo voted against the variance, Kelley, Corbett, Perkins, and Vice Chair Heather Evans voted yes, granting Dalpe the variance by a vote of 4 to 1.

Reading and Math Competency Discussed by School Board

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To make sure that students are testing at acceptable levels across all subjects; school districts usually employ the services of separate organizations that specialize in analyzing the aptitude of students and providing ways to improve their skills. In Derry's case, they work with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), who provides research based assessments for grades Pre-Kindergarten up to 12th. To see how the Derry School District has progressed with NWEA as of late, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Austin Garofalo recently spoke about the matter with the Derry School Board during their

latest meeting on Sept. 18.

According to Dr. Garofalo, "The district has been using the services of NWEA since the 2005-2006 school year for universal screening." However, as of this school year, they will also be using their progress monitoring and learning path services; which assist with finding ways to help individual students. The screening of these students is done by tests taken once in Sept., Jan., and either April or May. Furthermore, the district also works with Edmentum, which offers online learning programs that complement NWEA's progress monitoring and learning path services. The district currently has 50 licenses for Edmentum for

each elementary school, and 200 for both middle schools. "This takes that universal screening and takes it a couple of steps further", Garofalo noted.

The statistics for the tests used by Garofalo featured grades one through five and their test scores during the January testing of the 2017-2018 school year. The tests were judged via a RIT scale, or Rasch Unit, (a measurement of curriculum in each subject area) to compare with student achievement on a national scale. In math, 51 percent of students tested at or above the average national RIT, while 63% tested at or above grade level. Students also showed roughly a five percent improvement in their scores

since the January testing from the previous year. For reading, 59 percent of students tested at or above the average national RIT, while 68 percent tested at or above grade level. They also showed an improvement from the 2016-2017

school years' scores, although slightly smaller.

With this information, district staff will analyze and determine why students are testing at the levels they currently are at. It should be noted that since the district updated the math cur-

riculum only a couple of years ago, the stats are not perfect due to older students needing to catch up to the new system. "We're not completely there yet when you see some of those higher grade levels", Garofalo stated.

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ports. Additionally, they require \$240,000 for NHDOT Professional Services that handle engineering services, consultant work, and the Request For Quotation (RFQ) for design build services. In all, the request came to \$672,868, which brought the amount paid off from the \$5,000,000 obligation to \$3,703,264.

The council was compliant with the request for the \$672,868 which was approved unanimously. Councilors reminded both the representatives and the audi-

ence that they will not support any more funds going into this project other than what is necessary. For this reason, the council plans on bonding the remaining \$1,296,736 in the obligation to avoid any confusion in the future. "I wouldn't vote for or support a penny more", Council Chair James Morgan stated.

There were several concerns from the public about the project. For example, resident and Zoning Board Alternate Member Donald Burgess felt very concerned about the purchase of more land in the future for the expansion project. Bean

went on to remind Burgess and the audience that the expansion is one of several options presented to residents over the years. Referred to as Alternative A, Bean argued that it made much less impact than other options due to its effect on only three acres of wetlands, 12 residences; and was much cheaper in terms of relocation of residents. Councilor Richard Tripp went on to defend the project, feeling that it would alleviate traffic on Tsienneto Road. "Overall, it's gonna make Tsienneto Road a much safer road to travel on", Tripp stated.

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Local Church Starts Preparations for ChIPS Program

PENNY WILLIAMS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Once again it's the time of year when Episcopal Churches start organizing help for the N.H. ChIPS Program.

The ChIPS Program is an Episcopal Ministry program designated to supplying Christmas gifts to the children of incarcerated parents, ie, ChIPS. There are other Churches and organizations who also participate in this ministry. It allows parents in prison to select appropriate gifts to give to their children. Volunteers wrap the gifts as well.

Barbara Hughes, of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Hampstead, says her congregation always participates in this worthy cause. Christmas isn't exactly right around the corner but all the Episcopal parishes in New Hampshire will be collecting gifts again for the children of incarcerated parents.

"Because this is probably the only gift these inmates will be able to give their child, churches ask for donations of a \$25 to \$30 gift," Hughes said. "In addition to a gift, each child also receives a book to encourage reading. The toys, gifts, and books can be dropped off at any Episcopal Church in New Hampshire. Each church will be collecting gifts until Oct. 28, so there isn't much time."

The ChIPS Program is designed to strengthen family connections for the sake of the children and prisoner.

The gifts contributed last year from Episcopal Church congregations such as St. Peters in Londonderry

and Church of the Transfiguration in Derry and St. Christopher's in Hampstead, made many children and parents feel satisfied and happy.

According to Derry Transfiguration Church member, Margaret Mackie-Ciancio, "The summer has flown by, the leaves are turning already and pumpkin-flavored everything is filling the displays! Soon, too soon, the holiday season will be upon us and we already feel unready. So, before we plunge into the whirl of the Season of Giving, with decorations, party preparations, family visits, recipe hunting and gift shopping, let us take a breath. What are the holidays supposed to be about? What do we want them to be about? We can orient ourselves now, early, so that we remember our priorities and retain the deeper meaning that gives the true sense of fulfillment to our celebrations.

"Our families and friends need and deserve our attention at this time, and it's a joy to offer it. But if we want to go deeper, we might consider that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and that everyone is our neighbor. There are many neglected, troubled, poor and lonely; we don't have to look far to find them. Our local prisons are full of just such people, and their families on the outside are suffering, too.

"The ChIPs (Children of Incarcerated Persons) program cements tenuous connections between parents or grandparents inside and families outside by bringing Christmas to both. Prison-

ers choose gifts for the children in their lives from a multitude of toys and games sorted by age and sex of the child. The gift they choose is wrapped for them, and they are allowed to present that gift in person when the family visits. The child receives tangible proof that this loved one hasn't forgotten him/her. The prisoners get to see that their families still care and still need them. Not only does the exchange make Christmas fleetingly brighter for everyone, it also has a lasting effect in fostering the family bond - a connection so very necessary when the prisoners serve their time and are released. They know they still have a place to go, and the families know they care enough to want to come home.

"Here's what you can do: You may drop off gifts or monetary donations at your church. The delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring your gifts to the Convention on Nov. 3, where they will be transported to St. Paul's School for sorting. The dates for sorting are tentatively set for early November. Call 432-7679 or 867-4590 for more information or email maggie.ciancio@gmail.com.

"There are many other ways you can help:

- You can purchase a gift directly or contribute \$25 (Note we are asking for a little more this year). If you decide to make a monetary donation, please make out your check to the Diocese of New Hampshire with ChIPS written on the memo line of the check.

- You can volunteer to

collect gifts and serve as your parish's contact.

- You can help sort the gifts at St. Paul's School.

- You can collect note cards for use in the prison.

- We group gifts according the following age groups: birth to 1; ages 2 to 4; ages 5 to 7; ages 8-11; and ages 12-15

- Gifts should not exceed \$25 (retail value).

- One \$25 gift is preferable to five \$5 gifts as it is difficult to group items together to equal a \$25 gift.

- If you don't want to purchase a \$25 gift, any monetary donation will be gladly accepted.

- Books are a separate category and our goal is to provide each child with a gift and a book (both hard cover and paperback books are appropriate).

- If you purchase a gift that requires batteries, please purchase those as well and attach them to the gift. It's so discouraging to receive a gift with no batteries.

- Consider buying a gift that would be appropriate for both boys and girls such as balls or board games.

- Don't forget the older children. It is often easier to buy gifts for younger children. There is always a

shortage of gifts for older children.

- No used items, homemade items, or gift cards can be accepted.

- The following items are NOT acceptable: jewelry, balloons, crayons, play dough, glue, bubbles, make up, long sticks, knitting needles, crochet hooks, paint brushes, glass items, clothing, sharp tools or toy weapons of any kind.

For more information, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact me, Margaret Mackie-Ciancio, at 603 432-7679 (home) or 867 4590 (cell) or at maggie.ciancio@gmail.com



Freshly Baked Volunteers, workers and board members volunteered recently to help raise funds for the Caregivers of Greater Derry. The organization held a bake sale at Mack's Apple Farmstand on Sept. 16. Pies, cakes, brownies, cookies and more were baked by volunteers and sold throughout the busy early pre-fall Sunday. The Caregivers provide a much-needed service to the town of Derry, Londonderry, Chester Sandown, Hampstead and Windham. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Football Squad Stays Unbeaten With Mack Plaque Win

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Going into what was expected by many to be a tight contest, the undefeated Pinkerton Academy football squad had a game plan to throw the ball, throw the ball a bit more, and then perhaps toss it a tad more in an effort to beat the previously unbeaten host Londonderry High Lancers in the 2018 Mack Plaque game at LHS last Friday night, Sept. 21.

But as an estimated crowd of 5,000-plus fans witnessed, longtime PA grid coach Brian O'Reilly's squad wasn't able to move the ball through the air as planned early on. So the now 4-0 Astros elected to alter their game plan and try to advance the ball via their powerful running game. And that strategy paid off handsomely as Pinkerton sprinted the ball for some 340 total rushing yards and five touchdowns on the way to a 34-14 defeat of their hosts.

The academy side powered its way out to a 21-0 lead in the first half and then saw the Lancers make a concerted effort to come back in the second half. But that effort ultimately fell flat despite the fact that the now 3-1 Londonderry contingent outscored its tough opponent during half number two in attempting to bounce all

the way back.

PA mentor O'Reilly - who made it plain to members of the media that he used the "no respect" argument with his players in preparing them for the Mack Plaque game after several news outlets picked Londonderry to win the big game - saw senior running back Gannon Fast run for 146 of his squad's yards and two touchdowns including a late 46-yarder which in essence put the game away.

"Our running game was good, but the game plan was to come in and throw the ball down their throats," said coach O'Reilly. "We made quite a few mistakes, but there was intensity. And this is a great rivalry."

The home-standing Lancers, who last defeated a Pinkerton squad in the 2001 Mack Plaque game, showed intestinal fortitude and mental toughness as well as skill in throwing the ball successfully in the second half during their comeback attempt. But they'd never get any closer than two scores down. And once the game was over, young LHS coach Jimmy Lauzon had significant praise for PA mentor O'Reilly, who has been one of the top football men in the Granite State for most of his 40-plus years at Pinkerton.

"The guy's a great coach," said Lauzon. "He's won so many games for a



PA running back Gannon Fast ran for 146 yards in his team's Mack Plaque victory. Photo by Chris Paul

reason, and he makes all of us better."

Londonderry finished with a total of 341 offensive yards to Pinkerton's 379, with LHS senior quarterback Evan Cormier throwing for 219 yards on 22-for-32 passing with two scores.

The Astros' three first half scores came on a 32-yard run by Gennaro Marra at the end of Pinkerton's first offensive series, followed by an 8-yard jaunt to the end zone by Fast with 1:02 left in the first period, and then a 1-yard push to pay-dirt by quarterback Aiden Goujon

with just 10 seconds remaining in the half.

The Lancers turned the ball over on an interception and a fumble during the first quarter as they worked to keep pace with PA.

PA lefty signal-caller Goujon threw six straight incomplete passes before finally completing one, and he ended the night 2-for-12 passing for just 39 yards.

But in the big picture it didn't really matter. PA already had 246 offensive yards - 207 on the ground - at the halftime break and that commanding 21-0 lead.

Londonderry showed distinct signs of making a comeback to start the third quarter when it reeled off a 12-play drive which concluded with a 15-yard scoring connection from Cormier to Jeff Wiedenfeld. "Give them credit. They came out in the second half and went right down and scored," said PA leader O'Reilly.

Now trailing 21-7, the LHS defense then forced the opposing offense into a three-plays-and-out punting situation on Pinkerton's next offensive series, but the Lancers weren't ever able to trim their lead down any lower than 14 points. The Astros bumped their lead up to 28-7 on a 3-yard scoring sprint by speedy back Avery Battle on the first play of the fourth period, and the visitors pushed their advantage up to 34-7 midway through that quarter on Fast's 45-yard touchdown run.

Londonderry closed out

the scoring on a 45-yard touchdown pass from Cormier to Alex Tsetsilas with 4:03 showing on the game clock.

Tsetsilas finished the eventful evening with six receptions for 70 yards and the one touchdown, and quarterback Cormier completed five passes to Wiedenfeld and four to Jake Holland.

Along with Gannon Fast's big running night, the victorious academy side received 84 yards on 10 carries from Marra and 81 yards on nine carries from Battle.

When asked if his squad's line play was acceptable, LHS coach Lauzon stated that he needed to take a good look at the game film to determine if there had been weaknesses there. But he did state, "I don't think we got pushed around the way we have in past years (against Pinkerton). But they just make plays at such a high level its hard to stop them on a consistent basis."

Pinkerton will be back at home in Derry for its next game against the tough Salem High Blue Devils who sit at 3-1 rolling into this coming Friday night's gridiron action.

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Overtime Goal Pushes PA Girls' Soccer to Dramatic Mack Win

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

When a soccer match goes to overtime, a timely bounce or roll or fall can make the difference between victory and defeat to the opposing contingents.

And with plenty on the line last Saturday morning and early afternoon during the Mack Plaque match pitting the undefeated Londonderry High Lady Lancers and the developing Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros at LHS, it took a couple of overtimes for the visiting academy crew to hand its hosts their first defeat of the 2018 campaign.

A key to that effort - which wound up being a 2-1 double-overtime comeback victory for Pinkerton - was the work of versatile Lady Astro sophomore Macy

Graves, who wound up potting the winning goal seven minutes into that second OT.

"We came back from a 1-0 deficit to defeat an undefeated, strong Londonderry side," said Pinkerton's second-year coach Danielle St. Pierre. "Macy Graves came up big, moving from defense up to center-midfield to develop both goals."

The host Lady Lancers had stepped into that match with a perfect 6-0 record in tough Division I while the visitors were seated at 4-2. Their dramatic success in the Mack match was the Lady Astros' third win in a row.

Londonderry bagged a 1-0 lead in just the third minute of play when Alyssa Anderson was set up for a pretty goal by veteran stand-out Darby Dupuis, who would end the day battered

and bruised but still upright.

Dupuis dealt the ball to Anderson who booted a hard, low shot toward the left post of the Pinkerton cage. PA star goalie Reagan Kolinski made a dive at the ball but couldn't get it as the hosts went up 1-0.

The hosts would pelt another dozen shots on Kolinski but not put another by her in absorbing their first loss of the campaign and moving to 6-1 overall.

After going to halftime with Londonderry leading 1-0 and both sides having put four shots on net, Pinkerton potted the equalizer with 8:51 remaining in regulation time when Katie Ziniti blasted a shot from the high slot in front of the LHS cage and into the upper-right corner of the net. Enya Vanasse tallied the assist.

The score remained

deadlocked right there at 1-1 through one 10-minute overtime and into the second, with Graves - who had clanged a shot off of the crossbar of the LHS net just as the clock hit the two-minute mark in the second half - getting a breakaway opportunity and finishing it seven minutes into the second OT to send the Lady Astros into full celebration mode. Mattie Sullivan collected the assist.

Both PA goalie Kolinski and LHS keeper Jasmine Richards finished with a Baker's Dozen of 13 saves.

The Lady Astros started a three game home stand on Tuesday, Sept. 25 when they played host to Dover, after Nutfield News press time, followed by a game Thursday with Nashua South and a game on Saturday afternoon with Salem High.



Pinkerton's Macy Graves chases the ball with Lady Lancer Darby Dupuis during last weekend's Mack Plaque play. Graves netted the winning goal in double-overtime. Photo by Chris Paul

Academy Harriers Test Their Mettle at Manchester Invite

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's girls' and boys' cross-country squads tested their skills and gained experience by taking part in the 44th annual Manchester Invitational in historic Derryfield Park last Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Queen City races draw skilled teams from across the New England region, and the 2018 events were no different.

Coach Amy Bernard had her defending state champion PA Trailblazer girls take an impressive second place out of 16 teams in the freshman race and other harriers acquit themselves well in the junior varsity and large school varsity races as well.

In the boys' races, PA mentor Mike Clark's Long Red Line was well represented at all three levels as well, with newcomer Luke Brennan bagging second place in the freshman race.

GIRLS

The Lady Astros locked in an excellent second in the frosh race - behind only Concord - with Mariesa Preble pacing the way by winning that event in 13 minutes and 31 seconds. She was trailed by Riley Sweeney in ninth place overall (14:41) and Hailee Langill in the 20th position (15:48).

Pinkerton only had three young ladies run in the JV 'B' race, with Molly Rapoza pacing the PA charge by

finishing 49th overall with a time of 23:49, which is her best time on the Derryfield course.

In the varsity race, the Trailblazers finished 18th out of 37 competing teams with Meghan Cross finishing first - and 25th overall - in a time of 20:12.

BOYS

The Astro males' biggest

news was made by young teen Brennan, who placed a superb second in the frosh race in a time of 11:28. Second for the locals was Ethan Charles in 15th (12:23). As a squad, the PA freshmen finished 12th out of some 21 teams.

In the JV race, Pinkerton took an excellent fourth out of 41 teams in a

performance which was spearheaded by Steven Groulx and his ninth place finish (17:54).

In the varsity large school race, PA ended up 13th out of a big field of 40 teams, with senior stalwart Joe Gagnon placing 22nd overall (16:35) out of 276 individual racers.

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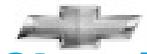
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Pinkerton Field Hockey Crew Makes a Return to the Winning Path



Hailey Peredna and the PA field hockey squad returned to their winning ways with a Mack victory at LHS.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the wake of its first and only loss of the season, the Pinkerton Academy field hockey squad jumped right back on the winning path with a 3-1 defeat of the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers in 2018 Mack Plaque play at LHS last Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Lady Astros shoved their Division I record up to an excellent 6-1 with the defeat of an LHS contingent which had won four of its five most recent matches and advanced to an excellent 6-2.

Pinkerton second-year coach Katie Van Nostrand - herself a former PA field hockey star - saw her team

snag a 1-0 lead a little less than nine minutes into the Mack contest when Kate Bennett was set up by Lauren Lisauskas.

But the host Lady Lancers knotted the score at 1-1 with 11:28 to go in that opening stanza when Lauren Doherty set up teammate Courtney Shay for the equalizer. And 1-1 was where the game tally sat at the halftime break.

The Astros scored what would prove to be the winning goal a little less than six minutes into the second half when Hailey Peredna was set up by Lisauskas and Abby Jowett. And the academy side added an insurance marker on a Julia Samiotos marker on which Jowett assisted.

The victorious Astros received five saves from all-state goalie Khaliyah Ellis while Londonderry got three stops from its keeper Morgan Brutus.

"I'm very pleased with how they played," said PA coach Van Nostrand following the success. "Their speed, decision-making, and composure were commendable, and it was definitely a success because it was a team effort."

Londonderry's second-year coach Nichole Treadway was left lamenting the fact that her charges didn't put forth a more complete performance in their big Mack match.

"We played them well in the first, then we had an opportunity to take the lead

and their goalie had an amazing save which resulted in a (penalty) stroke. Unfortunately we couldn't capitalize on that. We lost steam after that point. Some of my key players were off and that made a big difference, but we also made costly little mistakes. They are the best overall team we've seen with great passing and excellent double-teams. We just couldn't keep up in the second."

Both talented teams came into this week looking at Wednesday, Sept. 26 matches - after Nutfield Publishing press time - with Pinkerton at home against Winnacunnet's Lady Warriors of Hampton and Londonderry at Bedford's Lady Bulldogs.

Pinkerton Golfers Beat Out LHS in Mack Plaque Match

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Looking at 2018 scoring and results, it was pretty predictable that the Pinkerton Academy varsity golf squad would be able to best the rival Londonderry High Lancers in the Mack Plaque match played between those squads on the Lancers' home

links at the Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield last Wednesday, Sept. 19. And that's just what happened.

The Astros and Lancers teed it up with the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua in a three-team battle on that Litchfield course, with Pinkerton winning with a team score of 196, host

Londonderry finishing second with a 204, and Guertin grabbing the third spot with a 210.

Those results left coach Jeff Sojka's academy crew with a strong 11-4 season record, coach Dan Grant's Lancers with a 5-8 mark, and the BG bunch at 6-8 overall. And quite importantly to both the PA and

LHS contingents, those results left Pinkerton with a 2-1 lead in Mack Plaque contests going into Friday night's much-anticipated football game at LHS.

The academy golfers were led by Cam Leppert with his score of 35 while Matt MacDougall notched a 38, Jacob Tinker tallied a 39, P.J. Daniele landed on a 40, and Nick Tufts was good for a 44.

Londonderry received a career-best round of 34 from senior standout Brian Boyle while freshman James Griffin and junior Sam Seibert each fired a 41.

The Astros then rolled toward their final regular season matches of the 2018 campaign this week with a visit to Souhegan Woods in Amherst against Merrimack and Dover on Wednesday the 26th - after Nutfield



Jacob Tinker shot a 39 to help his Pinkerton Astro golf squad to a victory over Londonderry at the Passaconaway Country Club. Photo by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Finds Ups, Downs in Hitting 5-3 Mark

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NUTFIELD NEWS

A slim victory sandwiched between two tight losses left the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad contemplating its 5-3 season record coming into this week. And longtime PA coach Kerry Boles seemed to be heading toward investing big in Roloids or some other stomach acid reducer.

Boles' boys were nipped by Nashua South early in the week, rebounded for a tight success over an Alvirne crew which slid to a dismal 0-7 with that loss a few days later, and then dropped a deeply upsetting 2-1 loss to Londonderry High's Lancers in the big annual Mack Plaque match

at LHS last weekend.

The Astro booters had seen their season record slip to 4-2 with a slim, 1-0 loss to the Nashua South Purple Panthers in the Gate City last Tuesday, Sept. 18. And coach Boles was absolutely not a happy camper following that match, which the host Purple Panthers won thanks to a successful penalty kick some 28 minutes into the second half. The Nashuans advanced to 5-2 with that success.

"This was a troubling defeat today," said the coach. "We made many, many silly mistakes and didn't take care of the ball today. When that happens, bad results follow. We had several opportunities to

snare a draw, but we missed a penalty kick with four minutes remaining and then hit the crossbar a minute later. A tough day, but we need to turn the page and get ready for Alvirne on Thursday."

Despite the frustration, the PA mentor felt his crew received strong performances from goalie Max Fairbank (seven saves), Hunter Rathburn, Mac Johnson, and Jon Tremblay.

In the subsequent home match against Alvirne of Hudson in damp weather, Pinkerton returned to the winning path with a 2-1 edging of the winless Broncos despite the fact that Boles' bunch didn't acquit itself particularly well.

Trevor Demers scored both of the Pinkerton goals, with Henry Andrews setting up the first seven minutes into the contest and Nate Polyukhovich assisting on the second in the final minute of play. Fairbank contributed six stops to the success which made his Astros 5-2 and was accomplished despite the fact that Alvirne played better than the locals.

"Despite being outplayed in every aspect except the scoreboard, we were able to come away with a victory behind the two-goal effort of Trevor Demers," said coach Boles. "This was not a pretty performance, but it was enough to get by today. I'm not sure if we were looking toward our weekend match-up against Londonderry or if we looked at Alvirne's

record and thought this was going to be easy. It was anything but easy. We have a short turnaround time to get ready for an always tough battle during Mack Plaque. The way we just played, I'm not feeling great heading into this game."

And the former Londonderry High soccer standout was not smiling following his team's 2-1 loss to his alma mater's contingent on Saturday the 22nd either. The Astros were pretty mistake-prone in that loss, but what drew Boles' ire most was the game officials who the PA coach felt lost control of the game to the academy squad's detriment.

Pinkerton was forced to play without standout Rathburn due to an injury, so the Astros didn't enjoy much roster depth. And when the game was in its final minutes and the academy side was seeking the tying goal, it didn't have the strength to net that equalizer.

"I expected physical (play) but I didn't expect dirty," said Boles. "We don't have a lot of depth right now, and playing 13 against 11 isn't something we could do. During the last 10 minutes Londonderry took over because we were gassed."

The Lancers netted the only goal of the first half with 8:41 to go when Keith Fletcher sailed a shot from about 30 yards out into the upper-right corner of the Pinkerton net, just over the leap of PA keeper Fairbank.

That advantage stood up until a little less than five minutes were gone in the



Pinkerton's Alex Rust, left, fights for the ball against Kieth Fletcher during the Mack Plaque match with Londonderry.
Photo by Chris Paul

second half when Alex Rust was set up by Andrews for the tying tally.

And the match score remained at 1-1 for about seven minutes before the Lancers potted what wound up being the winning goal when Tyler VanAvery scored a downright strange marker.

The Lancer took a direct kick from the right wing in the Pinkerton zone, with the ball hitting PA goalie Fairbank in the knee, clanging off the right post of his net, and bounding back and

hitting his body before rolling into the net.

That would be it on the scoring, but the play became more aggressive and unruly with the officials threatening to react to physical play but not really doing so.

There were 15 shots on net in the second half, with the victorious Lancers bashing eight and PA notching seven. All in all, Fairbank finished with 11 total saves and Londonderry's Alex Hufford notching 10.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 17

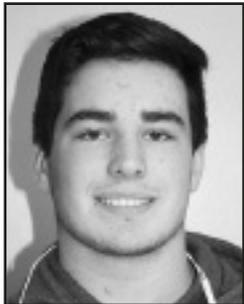


Macy Graves, Sophomore, Girls' Soccer

This young booter became the hero for her Astros in the annual Mack Plaque match with LHS. She played strong defense in the first half and then moved up to the midfield to help set up the tying goal and then pot the winning goal in double-overtime.

Jake McInnis, Junior, Football

This talented 11th grader played a vital part in his team's 34-14 win over LHS in Mack Plaque play. He was his squad's leading tackler with some dozen smacks on a successful night for the Astros.



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Lady Astro Volleyball Crew Bags a Pair of Shutout Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After dropping a pair of decisions - its first losses of the 2018 season - to Spaulding of Rochester and Bedford during the week of Sept. 10, it's quite likely a lot of folks were wondering how the Pinkerton girls' volleyball squad would respond. But coach Todd Royce and his charges were able to answer with exclamation points in the form of two shutout successes.

The Lady Astros pushed their season record up to a strong 5-2 with a 3-0 blanking of the visiting Nashua North Lady Titans last Wednesday, Sept. 19.

The hosts bagged individual set wins of 25-18, 25-18, and 25-17 to end the match, and Ella Dandrade and Reece Asselin were the big number gatherers for the victors. Dandrade was good for 18 assists and eight service points, and Asselin tallied 17 digs and 13 service

points. Other noteworthy contributors included Leya Wang (12 kills), Ella Koelb (eight service points with four aces), and Emma Bernard (three blocks).

Then it was on to the much-anticipated Mack Plaque match with the host Londonderry High Lady Lancers at LHS on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 22. And Pinkerton was able to fend off a fighting Londonderry crew to the tune of a second straight shutout to advance to 6-2 on the season.

The academy side claimed a 25-19 win in a first game which featured a handful of ties, a 25-21 success in a second set which was tied some seven times, and a 26-24 comeback win in game three which looked like a sure Londonderry victory before PA put the proverbial pedal to the metal with an impressive late flurry.

In set number one, the score was tied at 10-10

before the Lady Astros exerted their powers and outscored their hosts 15-9 the rest of the way to go up 1-0 in games.

The tie-packed second set finished with PA tallying three of the final four points to put it away, and coach Royce's roster managed to overcome a 22-14 deficit - just when it looked when the Lady Lancers were about the take game three - thanks to the superb serving of Leya Wang and the support of her teammates.

Wang helped her side to a vital and lengthy run at the service line, contributing three aces and getting her squad back to within a point of the lead at 22-21.

A Pinkerton service fault followed by another point pushed Londonderry to within one point of the win at 24-21, but the Lady Astros came flying back to win the game and the match with a 5-0 final run which was capped off by a loud Ella Dandrade kill.

"The girls played a very inspired game today," said coach Royce. "They came out with a lot of emotion and carried the rivalry to a good level."

PA got 11 service points with five aces along with three kills from Wang, 17 digs from Reese Asselin, 13 assists and four kills from Dandrade, 13 digs from Kiley Davis, and four blocks apiece from Rebekah Stallings and Brooke Kane.

After a day away from competitive play the Lady Astros were right back to it on their home court this past Monday against Goffstown's Lady Grizzlies.

And coach Royce's roster ended up dropping a 3-2 decision to a Goffstown group which has had a very up-and-down campaign despite leaping out to a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Astros took games one and two by scores of 25-13 and 25-20 and looked to put the match away. But the Lady



Emma Bernard returns a shot from a Londonderry player during the Pinkerton volleyball squad's shutout win in Mack Plaque play. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Grizzlies then grabbed victories of 25-21, 25-14, and 15-12 to end up victorious. PA effort with 19 service points with three aces, and Stallings was good for three blocks. Kiley Davis paced the

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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! On Sept. 28, a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry; On Sept. 30, lunch is served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

Aviation Museum Gala and Auction

The Aviation Museum 18th Annual Gala and Auction; Fly in a cockpit through virtual reality, videos, autographs, memorabilia, unique and exciting auction items and much more. On Sept. 29, at Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House 393 NH-101, Bedford, starting at 5 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, virtual reality experience & silent auction. Buffet Dinner 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75, attire is semi-formal or please wear clothing that represents your affiliation with aviation.

Spring Hill Farm Fall Festival

On Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Local vendors, music, arts and crafts, wagon rides, garden tours, trail guides, history displays, and more. Currently seeking interested vendors! \$10 reserves a spot. Email response or questions to: SHFAC@ChesterNH.org

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.

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays and 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.

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 soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this 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

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.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. 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.

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.

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