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## District Sees Students Falling Behind State and District Goals

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NUTFIELD NEWS

At the School Board meeting on October 23, Assistant Superintendent Chris Kellan presented a report on the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System and Derry's results from Spring 2018.

Students in grade 3-8 take a common assessment in English/ Language Arts and Mathematics. Students demonstrating proficiency (level three) or proficiency with distinction (level 4) were compared to the previous year's assessment, at that time the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium. In 2018, a new test was implemented for the first time called the NH

State Assessment System. They are not the same test, but both were used to measure student performance with respect to NH state standards.

The results were broken down by grade level and compared to district goals as well. The district goals averaged three years of data of percent of proficiency from 2015, 2016 and 2017 per grade level. A three year goal was set for the district to improve by ten percentage points, four points the first year and three for the second and third years. A chart was created to compare the spring data against the state standards and the district goals. Derry students fell behind the district goals and the state standards in

every grade for English/ Language Arts.

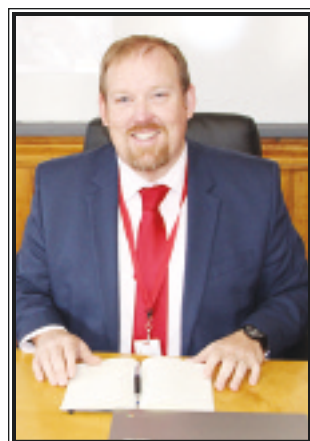
A bright spot was third grade math, where the students exceeded both the state standards and the district goal. Fourth grade exceeded our district goal but was short of the state standard. Grades 5-8 fell short on both state standard and district goals. As a response to the results, Curriculum Committees have identified target areas for both subjects and each school has set aggressive goals for grade level in English/language arts and mathematics. Instructional practices are being looked at. Kellan stated, "We have a true sense of urgency in order to address our stu-

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## Pinkerton Academy Names Powers as School's Headmaster

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The President of Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees, Dr. William A. Nevius, announced that Dr. Timothy J. Powers has been elected as the school's next Headmaster, effective July 1, 2019. Powers currently serves as the Interim Headmaster for the current school year. His experience at Pinkerton Academy has included the positions of Athletic Director and Dean of Students. Before being named Pinkerton's Athletic Director in 2010, Powers was Athletic Director at Pelham High School where he also taught mathematics. Powers is a member of the



Dr. Timothy J. Powers

Derry Village Rotary, volunteers on several NHIAA (New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association) committees and coaches youth programs. Powers graduated from Saint Anselm College with

a Bachelor's of Arts in Business before completing his EdD in Administrative Leadership from Walden University.

Powers said, "I am honored to be selected as the next headmaster. The different roles I have had here have given me many opportunities to see Pinkerton's care and commitment to its student-centered mission and vision. The skill set needed to honor that commitment matches my passion for teamwork and community building, which is the cornerstone of the over 200-year tradition of excellence that is Pinkerton Academy."

"Dr. Powers will continue on page 6



**Weird Series Winner** Ryan Whalen was one of the many winners for his costume creation at the annual Derry Parks and Recreation Halloween Costume Contest held Saturday morning at Veteran's Hall. Prizes were given in many age groups. See more costumes on page 7.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Derry Voters Will Decide on a Number of Races on Nov. 6

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Tuesday, Nov. 6 Derry voters will head to the polls for the General Election and vote in a number of key state officials. Local voters in Districts One and Four will cast their votes at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, while voters in Districts Two and Three will

report to West Running Brook Middle School starting at 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For Governor, voters will choose between incumbent republican Chris Sununu, Molly Kelly, the democratic candidate or Jillette Jarvis, the Libertarian. Sununu is running for a second two-year term.

There are also three choices in the U.S. Repre-

sentative in Congress race. Eddie Edwards, Republican, Chris Pappas, Democrat or Dan Belforti, the Libertarian.

The Executive Council position is being sought by Russell Prescott, the Republicans, Joe Pace, Democrat or the Libertarian James Jarivis.

Their will be two choices on page 2



# Southern New Hampshire Services Taking Fuel Assistance Applications

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Southern New Hampshire Services is currently taking applications for their Fuel Assistance and Electric Assistance Programs for the winter season that runs from Dec. 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. The program expects to open on Dec. 1, 2018, pending the release of federal funds. The programs are run by Southern New Hampshire Services in Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties. The program pro-

vides grants that do not need to be repaid and the benefits awarded range from \$105-\$1575. The benefit amount is based on household income, annual heating costs and housing type. If your heat is included in your rent, the benefit can be sent to the landlord as a rental payment if your rent is not subsidized.

To qualify, an in-person interview begins the process. Call any of the ten offices to make an appointment, and if you are unable to go to them, they will

come to you. While on the phone, the office will let you know what to bring with you. The assistance is determined by household income, so the usual documents requested include pay stubs or a wage form from your employer, social security award letter if applicable, your recent electric bill, a landlord form if renting, a tax return and photo identification. The appointments are scheduled for thirty minutes but do not necessarily take that long depending on individual circumstances.

After the proper documents are submitted, the agency finalizes the paperwork and does the work for you.

Last year, SNHS was able to assist 13,010 families with fuel and electric assistance, and this year they hope to assist many more. Gerald C. Walsh, the Fuel Assistance Director at SNHS, feels that many people mistakenly believe they will not qualify for assistance. He reveals that the income level amounts have increased to 60% of New Hampshire's median in-

come. A family of four can earn up to \$63,386 and still receive a benefit. The Electric Assistance Program can reduce your electric bill from 8-76%, and the money is directly paid by SNHS. Neighbor Helping Neighbor is another program offered by SNHS which may help pay your electric bill if you are having financial difficulty and have received a shut-off notice. Walsh says, "We are always looking to see what else we can assist our clients with. They can come in on their lunch break and

they can go to any location. We want people to know we are here." Applications can be completed all the way through the season, but it is recommended to apply early in order to receive the assistance for the entire winter season.

To apply in Derry, call the Rockingham Community Action Center (located at 9 Crystal Ave.) at (603) 965-3029. To find income limits, other offices or more information, please visit [www.SNHS.org](http://www.SNHS.org).

## Election

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es on the ballot for State Senate, incumbent Republican Regina Birdsell is looking to retain her seat against her Democratic opponent Kristina Durocher.

There are 10 State Representative seats available in Derry's district. The Republican contenders are: David Milz, Katherine Prudhomme-O'Brien, John O'Connor, Stephen Pearson, John Potucek, Frank V. Sapareto, James Webb, Brian Chirichiello, Phyllis Katsakiores, and David Love. The Democrats have

seven names on the ballot, Paul Doolittle, Mary Eisner, Owen Ingram, Micelle Sawyer Moge, Fred Bates, Sean Cohen and Ronald Cooper III. Anne Copp will be running as a Libertarian candidate.

The County Sheriff position has only one name on the ballot. The Republicans candidate Chuck Masahos is running unopposed.

Patricia Conway looks to remain the County Attorney as she is also running unopposed.

The position of County Treasurer has Scott Priestley, Republican, running against David Ahern, the

Democrat.

The County Commissioner position is being sought by two Derry residents. Kevin Coyle, who currently holds that position as a Republican is running against Joshua Bourdin, the democratic candidate who also holds a Derry Town Council post.

Republican Cathy Stacey is running against Bill Tappen for Register of Deeds.

Register of Probate has three candidates. Ray Tweedie is on the ballot for the Republicans, Bob Davidson is the Democrat and Griffin Poutre the Libertarian.

There will also be two Constitutional Amendment questions proposed by the 2018 General Court.

1. "Are you in favor of amending article 8 of the first part of the constitution to read as follows:

[Art.] 8. [Accountability of Magistrates and Officers; Public's Right to Know.] All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive.

To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted. The public also has a right to an orderly, lawful, and accountable government. Therefore, any individual taxpayer eligible to vote in the State, shall have standing to petition the Superior Court to declare whether the State or political subdivision in which the taxpayer resides has spent, or has approved spending, public funds in violation of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision. In such a case, the taxpayer shall not have to demonstrate that his or her personal rights were impaired or prejudiced beyond his or her status as a taxpayer. However, this right shall not apply when the challenged governmen-

tal action is the subject of a judicial or administrative decision from which there is a right of appeal by statute or otherwise by the parties to that proceeding."

(Passed by the N.H. House 309 Yes and 9 No; Passed by State Senate 22 Yes 2 No).

2. "Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-a a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 2-b. [Right to Privacy.] An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent."

(Passed by the N.H. House 235 Yes and 96 No; Passed by State Senate 15 Yes 9 No)

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# The Who, What, When, Where, and How, and Why Your Vote Matters

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The people of the United States are blessed with the privilege of having a say in who represents them in various stages of government. Yet there are thousands who choose to ignore this privilege, and thousands more who complain about the actions, or lack thereof, that are taken in their communities, without having made the effort to make a change.

Though it can feel like a futile effort to some, the importance of voting is vast. There are several reasons why many choose to forgo the polls, however, there are also several solutions to these often self-imposed obstacles.

If you are unsure of who to vote for or where you stand on certain community and national issues, all it takes is doing a little bit of homework.

First things first, it is important to know what

issues are important to you and where you stand politically. If you are still unsure of where you fall on the political spectrum after looking into all of the political parties (after all, there are more than just Republican and Democrat), then the next step is to find out who is running in your community and to do your research on each candidate individually, to see where your values align.

Sample Ballots can be obtained via local newspapers and on town websites and provide the names of all of the candidates running for local office. From there, you can conduct independent research on each individual running in all of the parties to see who you feel would be best suited for the position. This way, you can make determinations as to which party's ballot you will be voting on, if you do not already identify with a particular political stance.

A great way to get to know certain candidates is by watching their debates. Candidates for open positions from Congressman to Governor will take to the stage during televised and public debates, where they will be asked questions relevant to the issues they will be taking on when and if they are voted into their respective offices. By attending or viewing these debates, you can get a feel for who the candidates are as close to in person as possible.

While some feel there are too many options when it comes to Election Day, some may feel there aren't enough. At least when it comes to which political parties get attention. This can lead to some voter resentment and apathy.

By election day, it often feels as though it comes down to either Democrat or Republican. But not everyone is so one-sided (although there are spectrums on either end), and with a little bit of research you might find yourself agreeing with most things one candidate has to say, even if your overall political views do not align.

When it comes to voting on the different issues pertaining to your town, attending town meetings, or at least reading about them in the paper or sending a proxy in your place, will help you learn about important matters to be voted on in your town and help you figure out where you stand.

For some, the simple act of going out to vote can feel like a chore. Aside from completing hours to days to weeks of research on candidates and articles, fighting traffic and finding parking,

to navigating lines and figuring out how and where to go, the prospect of just going out to cast a vote may be too overwhelming for some.

While not much can be done in terms of what traffic and turnout will be, setting a timeframe and voting plan may help to alleviate some of the unknowns of election day. By giving yourself an extra hour or two out of the day in case of lines or traffic jams, this can help cut down on any stress to get from one point to another.

Not going to be in town for election day? There's an absentee ballot for that. These ballots can be completed and mailed in advance of an election by a voter who will be unable to physically be at their polling place on election day.

In the state of New Hampshire, an absentee ballot can be obtained if a person will be absent from the county, city or town in which he or she is registered to vote, if he or she will be unable to appear in public due to an observance of a religious commitment, if a person cannot go out to vote due to a physical disability, if a person will be unable to vote in person by reason of military service, or if a person is unable to appear at all during polling hours because of an employment commitment, which includes the care of children or disabled adults, that requires a person physically remain at his or her place of work, or be in transit to or from work during polling hours.

Absentee ballots and fur-

ther information on how to vote by them can be obtained online by visiting [sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx](http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx).

When it is all said and done, the old adage is true: Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Whether you are passionate or apathetic when it comes to voting, your vote does matter.

At the very least, by placing your vote this election day, if things do not turn out the way you had hoped, you will be at more liberty to complain about it, and you will be that much more informed and prepared for the next election.

Election day is Tuesday, November 6th. See the calendar section of this paper for more information on where and how to vote in your town.

## Governor Proclaims Rotary Week

Governor Chris Sununu recently proclaimed the week of Oct. 22-28 to be Rotary Week. And the Derry Rotary would like to take the opportunity to share how it impacts the citizens of Derry and the community.

The official description of Rotary is, "Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

According to the local club, Rotarians come from all walks of life, and the Derry Rotary Club is no different. Their members come from many professions and backgrounds, and range in age from their 30's to their 80's. This allows for a broad and deep perspective on the

community that lets us see needs and then work to address them.

Over the last ten years, in addition to numerous specific projects, the Derry Rotary Club has donated over \$500,000 to local organizations, allowing them to further their missions. Recipients include: The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, CASA, Community Caregivers, Derry Veterans Assistance Fund, Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Make A Wish, Marion Gerrish Community Center, Scholarships and awards for Derry Middle and High School students, The Upper Room, and many others.

Our fundraising is almost entirely locally-sourced.

In addition to the money, Rotarians contribute from their own pockets, funding comes from other local citizens and small business owners too. The Derry community trusts the club to use their dollars wisely, and that is what they work to do all year round.

If you are interested in joining Rotary, assisting with an event, donating, or simply want to come to a meeting as a guest to see and hear more about what the Rotary does, please find us on Facebook or at [www.derryrotaryclub.com](http://www.derryrotaryclub.com)

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Sargent



Barbara (Bell) Sargent, 72, of Derry, passed away surrounded by her family on Oct. 24, 2018, at Warde Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Windham after battling Alzheimer's for several years.

Barbara was born Aug. 1, 1946, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Dorothy and Warren Bell. She graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1964.

Barbara was a long-time resident of Derry, where she lived since 1976. Barbara was a skilled seamstress, she volunteered her time at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen and loved the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics. She welcomed family and friends to her home, most times with a smile and chocolate chip cookies.

Survived by her husband Robert of 51 years, two daughters, Susan O'Neill and her husband Daniel O'Neill of Talking Rock, Georgia, and Barbara Marshall and her husband Lindsay of Milton, Georgia. A son Scott Sargent of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Rebecca (O'Neill) Addison, Rachael O'Neill, Ryan Marshall, Andrew Marshall, Caroline Marshall, Zofia Sargent, Elise Sargent, one great granddaughter Lucy Belle, one brother Warren Bell and his wife Gloria Jean of Derry, NH and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Berry Sargent of Sharron, MA.

Barbara's mother, father, and one son, Bobby Sargent, preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours. Family and friends will gather at a celebration of her life on Friday Nov. 30, at 3 p.m. at Warde Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 21 Searles Rd., Windham, where she spent the last 15 months lovingly cared for by many.

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Editorial

Every Vote Counts

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, and we have the opportunity once again to cast our votes for candidates ranging from Governor, to state representatives. Those elected will be placed in positions of power and asked to make vitally important decisions that in many cases affect our daily lives.

When you vote for a candidate, we hope you consider what that person stands for. All candidates make generalized pledges that they will support veterans, they will lower taxes but no one acting alone can accomplish those things. And just about every decision requires money to back it, which translates into some form of increased taxation, regardless of your candidate's political party.

We suggest you look deeply into who you support as a candidate, do they actually bother to attend to their elected duties.

When questioned about the real issues, many candidates choose to answer with platitudes rather than with facts. Few are honest enough to admit that in just about all cases, one person alone cannot effect broad-based change.

We remind you that every candidate is going to smile broadly, shake as many hands as possible, promise wonderful things, whatever it takes to persuade us. Even if you've already made up your mind, consider your choice again. Read as much as you can about each candidate, and ask questions. If you've always voted one party, be open-minded and listen to what the other party says as you make your decision. Do they vote the strict party line or seek to compromise; are they someone who reaches across the aisle? Whatever your preference on that issue, you should know what to expect of the people you seek to elect.

Because local elections usually impact our wallets the most, we encourage you to pay particular attention to your state legislators' records. It's worth asking them how they propose to handle continually rising property tax-sand energy costs, as well as support our schools and local government.

It's an answer and more importantly, a solution that needs to be found right away before none of us will be able to afford our homes and business.

Your vote counts, but it means so much more if it's not based on inflammatory rhetoric or physical appearance or a bright smile or a party label. All those will become nothing more substantial than a fading memory after the election. Think about what kind of State you want this to be. Don't sit out the election because you don't like anyone on the list. Someone will win the election, and we suspect you'll be sorry if you haven't weighed in. So don't forget to vote Nov. 6.

Letters

Derry Residents & Taxpayers

As a Constitutional Conservative, I fight to ensure the citizen's rights in New Hampshire are not usurped. You may have received your tax bill by now and I am so glad it is before the Nov. 6 election. You now have a chance to send a loud message; it's time to ask your public officials what they are doing with your tax dollars. This is your Town, your School's and your Government, help fiscally responsible Representatives fight for you!

You need legislators true to their constituency, not "R" In Name Only!

The bottom-line is: I am a Constitutional Conservative, Pro-Liberty, Smaller Government, Tenacious Candidate; one who does not opt for the path of least resistance. In Derry your choice is crystal clear.

On the General Election ballot choose LIBERTY candidate ANNE COPP for State Representative the Liberty candidate. Thank you for the opportunity to EARN your vote in the General Election on Tuesday Nov. 6.

Anne Coop  
Write In Candidate  
for State Representative  
Derry

**Elect Kristina Durocher  
NH State Senate dist #19**

To the Editor,  
Living in New Hamp-

shire where there has been a lot of growth over the years since 1979. Back then it was more picturesque and a typically photo scenic of NH. Today we have more traffic lights at key intersections. Yet there are more motor vehicles and more longer & dangerous commutes to better paying jobs in Mass. Yet what's left of NH rail infrastructure goes to abandonment or rail trail use. Not in the least to say that biking /walking trails can coexist along side active rail lines even if the rail line was electrified. Most Republican don't like rail because their claim is "costs too much"? Or it is 19th century technology that belongs in a museum. State Sen Regina Birdsell says that a bus on the typical highway is adequate. To me buses are 18th century technology that is nothing more than a motorized stagecoach that used to ride over bumpy early America roads as opposed to today's roads in which buses get caught in gridlock highway traffic. I'm not totally against bus transit but according to stats from the Federal transit administration, is that the subsidies for bus on highway with dedicated lanes cost more than a single rail line even when electrified.

An issue I have with Regina is that she voted against NH house bill # 2018 which was the appropriation from the federal government of \$4 million

for the study of the capitol corridor passenger rail project. "Shame on you "State Senator Regina Birdsell for not looking into alternative inter-modal rail transportation. It seems like you would rather see more granite being blasted away from a once photo scenic area for more highway construction as opposed to revitalizing existing abandoned rail infrastructure carved out from the 19th century era. Where is the balance in the state's availability on public rail transit? Photo-scenic was a word that was once on the New Hampshire vehicle license plates back in the 1950s early 1960s. I remember.

Eversource electric utility has high cost per kilowatt-hour. Just take your electric cost for the month and divide it by the total kilowatt hours consumed and you will average out a cost per kilowatt hour rate of over \$0.22 per hour. That is high compared to a municipal run utility of Peabody Mass., with an average cost per kilowatt hour of just \$0.11 which is less than about the cost. High local property taxes on Eversource could be a partial determining factor. Seniors are hit hard on this issue.

Another ignored issue is that local property taxes have run amuck. With 18th century form of property taxation.

Paula Walach  
Derry

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Goals

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dent's achievement." The Superintendent noted that increased literacy improves performance in math and that it is only the third year since the implementation of Envisions 2.0. Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian stated, "In order to improve mathematics one must improve lit-

eracy with mathematics. So, with improvement in one area, it kind of blends improvement into another."

Connors-Krikorian believes the Envisions 2.0 program will continue to give students a strong base for math with an acquisition of vocabulary and concepts. Instructional targets are being specified for each grade level to improve.

NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) test numbers were stated to be stronger than this test revealed. The writer workshop model is believed to be very helpful going forward for grades 5-8, and Connors-Krikorian believes improving "authentic literacy" will result in a significant difference in assessments.

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# Sweet Spookfest Celebration at Barka Elementary School



Elliott Lempke and Owen Capistran, National Junior Honor Society eighth graders, help Braden Gaarder-Horvath, second grade, to make a ghost pop. Photos by Lynn Thomas

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Spookfest celebration organized by the Barka Elementary PTA was filled with games, fun, costumes and lots of sweets. The multi-night celebration is separated into a milder version for grades kindergarten through two, and a spookier version for grades three through five. The older children got to experience a "Haunted Hallway" put on by Mr. Manchester and the National Junior Honor Society eighth graders from Gilbert H. Hood on Tuesday evening. The younger kids celebrated Thursday night minus the fright.

To start off the fun in the school's entrance, there were donuts on a string to try to eat without using any hands. There were games to play for candy in the gymnasium, from ring toss to

bowling. In the cafeteria there were several stations set up for coloring, creating "ghost" pops, getting tattoos and of course, a guess how much candy is in the jar contest. There was a "trick or treat hallway" with members of the staff and of the National Junior Honor Society giving out the treats. Principal Daniel Lafleur and Vice Principal David Brown were both in attendance to greet the students, compliment the costumes and socialize with parents. Brown loves the trick or treat hallway and says, "My favorite part of the event is seeing the little children trick or treat in the hallway in their costumes. They love getting candy."

Stacy Williams of the Barka PTA was thankful to the administration, the custodians and the volunteers who helped to organize the event. The PTA has been doing an annual celebration

for many years and they count on box top money and fundraising money to help defer the cost. Williams enjoys the event and is glad the age groups are separated. "One of the things I like about the event is that it is all-inclusive. In case the haunted hallway is too scary for the younger kids, with the eighth graders popping out from hiding places and flashing lights, we have a second night where there is nothing but fun."

There was a good turnout for the event, and

there was a lot of sugar consumption. Many kids were running around playing, enjoying the time to see their friends. There were some very creative costumes, from witches to ninjas to princesses and even foam big heads. There was a colorful witch costume worn by first grader Isabella Weber and a Lightning McQueen, whose headlights actually turned on, worn by first grader David Leavitt. The kids all got to take home a bag of candy and other goodies from the celebration.



Barka Elementary first grade student Isabella Weber, 6, poses in her scary witch costume at the.

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# Pinkerton Academy Addresses Addiction Crisis with Prevention

For the week of Oct. 23 to the 26th students at Pinkerton Academy were invited to sign pledges to live drug free. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention campaign that began in 1985. Pinkerton marked the week this year with daily themes and classroom education led by Prevention Specialist Julie Donovan and student members of the Academy Mentor Program to draw attention to the campaign.

After several years of not recognizing the week, Donovan worked with Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla to bring it back to campus. In its third year, Red Ribbon Week is part of a larger program that Donovan is working to implement in the school community.

“Pinkerton is trying to raise awareness for both the students and larger community about current drug trends and offer education in order to prevent drug and alcohol use in our youth,” said Donovan. “Red Ribbon Week is a conversation starter.”

This year Donovan established the Positive Action Committee, a club for students who want to live drug free and help educate their peers of the dangers of substance abuse and make Pinkerton a positive experience for all students. She recently held an information session on the dangers of vaping among high school youth.

“We are in the midst of an epidemic,” said Donovan. “Parents, teachers, and members of the community need to know they have resources to help them. It’s my hope that Pinkerton will lead the discussions on these important matters.”

“We are responsible, as educators, to teach students beyond just the lessons in the classroom,” said Tartarilla. “The creation of the Prevention Specialist position and the work Julie has done are reflections of our efforts to address these important issues.”



Director of School Counseling Kristy Butler and Prevention Specialist Julie Donovan promote the Positive Action Committee at Pinkerton's club fair.

Courtesy photo

## Headmaster

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ue leading Pinkerton Academy with unpretentious care, integrity and intelligence. Tim has proven to be truly committed to Pinkerton's student-centered mission and vision, and has demonstrated his passion for teamwork and collaborative leadership," said Dr. Nevious. "The Board of Trustees is confident that Dr. Powers will capitalize on the strengths of Pinkerton's historic traditions while maintaining and motivating a highly qualified and diverse faculty and staff to provide students with opportunities and skills for the 21st century."

"I'm excited to continue working with the exceptional Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students of Pinkerton Academy," said Powers. "We will continue to explore ways to make our school even better and be sure that everyone feels like a part of the community."

Powers and Dean of Institutional Advancement David Brown announced that Julia Mitchell, a dedicated Pinkerton Academy employee (and alumna), has been named the

school's Director of Communications. Mitchell will oversee marketing, communications and public relations. In her new role, she will be the voice of the school, work to build relationships with the public, and highlight the many talents of our students, faculty and staff. "This opportunity came at a perfect time," said Mitchell. "After many years of seeing extraordinary things that happen at Pinkerton, I knew I wanted to help tell the stories of how amazing this school really is. It is an honor to represent such an incredible institution."

Mitchell has taught English at the Academy for seventeen years and has been the assistant advisor of the award-winning Critic, the school's yearbook, for the last six. She is the founder of the Astro Striders, a running club for female students. Mitchell graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Saint Anselm College and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Media Communications from Webster University. "Pinkerton is

lucky to welcome Mitchell to this position," said Dr. Powers. "She is a wealth of knowledge and we are so fortunate to have someone who not only understands its incredible history, but has also taken part in it."

"Julia Mitchell is going to be instrumental in helping build a strong Institutional Advancement department," said Brown. "She knows Pinkerton inside and out which puts her in a great position to represent the Academy with passion, confidence and integrity."



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# Kids Coop Theatre Presents the Premiere of Newsies



Kids Coop cast members are set to perform "Newsies" at the Derry Opera House on Nov. 16 and 17.

Photos by Chris Paul

**TIM GORE**  
SUBMISSION

The Broadway musical *Newsies*, based on the Disney film of the same name, is a vibrant show filled with upbeat music and energetic dancing. Six years after it opened on Broadway, Kids Coop Theatre will present its southern New Hampshire premiere at the Derry Opera House Nov. 16 and 17.

*Newsies* tells the story of the Newsboys' Strike of 1899. Jack Kelly, played by Zac Barnaby, and his group of Manhattan newspaper boys stand up for what they believe is right, even if it means having to face the political giant Joseph Pulitzer, played by Ryan Geary.

One of the newsies in this show is played by Garrett Olsen, and he notes that the musical showcases the importance of sticking together against the odds.

"It's the story of newsies fighting an oppressive power," Olsen said,

"but it's really just about brotherhood and togetherness in the face of adversity, and I think that's a really important message to send to children and the audience at which the show is targeted."

Zac Barnaby (Jack Kelly) agrees with Olsen, saying one of the major themes in the show is the difference between the older and the younger generations.

"There's one line in the show that I think sums it up really well," Barnaby said. "It says that there comes a time in each generation where they need to rise up and demand a place at the table. That's really what this show is about. There's all these injustices, and they start to realize these things for themselves. They start to push back."

Barnaby has an additional perspective. He thinks that one of the messages of *Newsies* has to do with being a dreamer.

"It's good to dream," he said. "But there comes a

time when you have to realize that there's a huge possibility that what you're looking for is right under your nose."

Jack's friend Crutchie is played by Michael Overko. Overko enjoys the high energy and the strength that is conveyed through the show's music.

"It's truly a remarkable show," he said. "We have a great cast and the energy brings so much to the table, and it's in your face. It makes you feel good, you want to support these kids, you want to stick up for them, you want to cheer for them."

The character in Davey, who is played by Michael Hughes, became a newsie at the beginning of the show to support their family after his father was laid off. Hughes believes that this story and its message are still powerful and important in the present day, just as they were in 1899.

"I think this story really connects with today,"

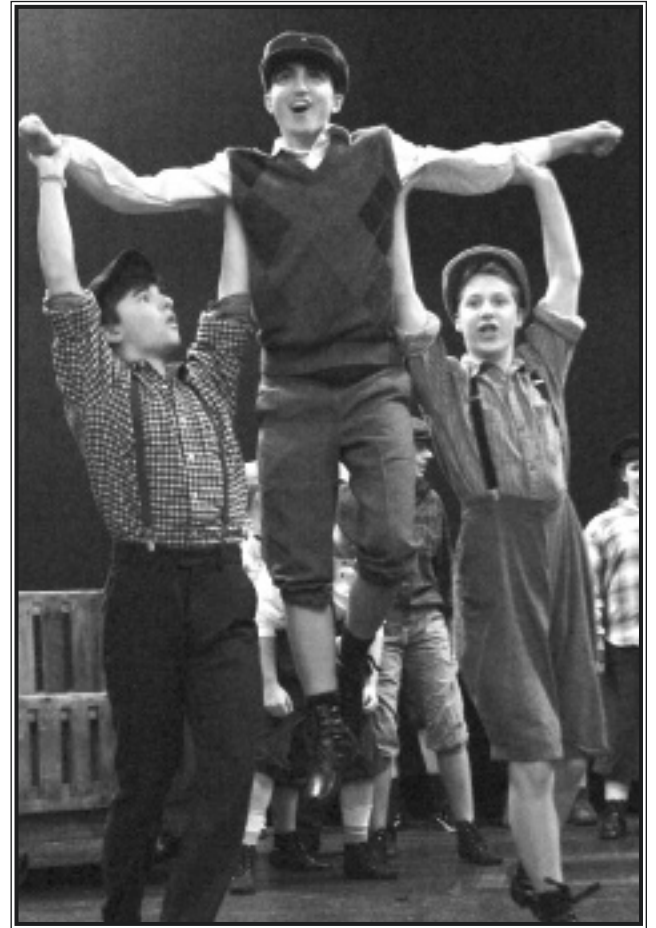
Hughes said. "A younger generation is being seen as very different than the older generation, and that younger generation needs to take its foothold in what has been presented to it."

Olsen also appreciates how this show speaks into today's world.

"Kids today are sometimes brushed under the rug," Olsen said. "This show involves kids that are intelligent and that understand how the world works and what they're talking about. They don't deserve to be swept under the rug, they deserve to be paid attention to and listened to, and they deserve the same rights as the people who control them."

Overko says that it is important to have courage and to make your voice heard. He connected the story with the Dr. Seuss quote, "a person's a person, no matter how small".

He said that in *Newsies*,



Cast members Zac Barnaby, Michael Overko and Garrett Olsen rehearse a scene from *Newsies*.

"There are these people facing this person so up high. They might be small figuratively, but they have such a big voice and they can make such an impact. And today, as the younger generation, we can achieve that. Since we're playing young kids, that resonates so much with us, and we get to feel this power and emotion through this powerful show."

*Newsies* opens at the Derry Opera House on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. The cast

will also perform on Saturday, November 17 at 1 and 7 p.m.. Tickets are \$13.50 and can be purchased online at [www.kids-coop-theatre.org](http://www.kids-coop-theatre.org). Some tickets may also be available at the door.

Derry cast members include: Ryan Carrigan, Jack Downey, Brenna Kimball, Kaylee Gifford, Ryan Geary, Rowan Gifford, Dakota Gosselin, Kylie Gosselin, Heidi Krantz and Megan Lautieri.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## PA Field Hockey Falls on Corners in the D-I Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In truth, there probably isn't any "good" way for a field hockey team to have its championship hopes dashed in the state tournament semifinals. But the way in which the Pinkerton Academy field hockey squad had their 2018 season brought to an end last week certainly holds a sting all its own.

The second-seeded Lady Astros - who entered that huge final-four match having won eight straight games - were a mere 71 seconds away from advancing to the Division I finals. But the locals had their 2-1 lead clipped by the third-ranked Winnacunnet High Warriors of Hampton in their semifinal battle at Exeter High School on the bone-chilling night of Thursday, Oct. 25. And after two fruitless overtime periods, the Lady Warriors potted the winning shot in the fifth round of penalty corners to end the academy crew's hunt for its first state title since 2012.

"It was a fantastic game that was in every sense of the term 'a playoff game.' Both teams battled hard for over 90 minutes of play, and then some. It's obvious both teams wanted the win," said PA coach Katie Van Nostrand. Winnacunnet kept powering through even with

less than two minutes left in regulation, which is when they scored."

Pinkerton was the stronger of the two squads in the first half, but the Lady Warriors landed their only shot on the PA goal during those 30 minutes and carried a 1-0 advantage to halftime. Winnacunnet all-state senior goalie Nikki Treadwell turned aside six Pinkerton shots during that stanza and would play a vital role in the final outcome.

The locals netted the tying goal just 3:23 into the second half when Justine Doyle smacked home a turnaround shot from the slot in front of the rival net, with Mari Shea collecting the assist. And PA bagged its first and only lead of the night on a pretty ingenious goal by Lily Auger with 5:44 showing on the game clock. Auger lofted a pop-up shot over the Winnacunnet defense and stunned keeper Treadwell and into the net after taking a pass from Ava Dorci.

It looked as though the Lady Astros would ride that goal to their first trip to the D-I title match in three years, but the Warriors showed toughness and diligence in knotting the score at 2-2 with a mere 1:11 to go in regulation time.

"(PA goalie) Khaliyah (Ellis) made a great save, but we couldn't clear the re-



Senior Ava Dorci (left) notched an assist in her team's tough tournament loss to Winnacunnet last week, but her teammate Lauren Lisauskas was held in check where scoring was concerned. *Photos by Chris Pantazis*



bound," lamented Van Nostrand. "It was tough to see and tough to swallow for sure, knowing that we worked so hard to pull ahead with Lily Auger's clutch, aerial corner goal."

When the buzzer sounded ending regulation time, the two squads regrouped to battle it out in one 15-minute "golden goal" overtime stanza which turned into two such periods when neither side was able to score. But Winnacunnet enjoyed a big 11-1 advantage in shots on net during

the overtime periods, with PA star keeper Ellis coming up huge for her side.

It was then on to penalty corners, with each round consisting of a corner attempt by each team.

The deciding goal didn't come until round five - with Winnacunnet shooting second - as Ellis made three big stops on a series of blasts before the seacoast side

finally whacked consecutive attempt number four in.

"It is disappointing that a game of that caliber does have to come down to corners, but we definitely had opportunities to put it away - in regulation time as well - that we couldn't capitalize on," said Van Nostrand. "I hope that my girls remember that we had an unbelievably successful season and that

this one game should not overshadow the accomplishments made earlier in the season."

The record books will show the Pinkerton varsity girls' field hockey squad having compiled a 13-2 record and eight victories in its final nine matches. But the ultimate goal of a state title ended up being just out of reach.

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# Astro Football Team Rises to Challenge With Seacoast Victory

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy football squad was facing a pretty dire but clear-cut scenario as it headed into the final regular season game on its 2018 slate Friday night, Oct. 26 - win and advance to

the playoffs, or lose and put your uniforms away until the summer of 2019.

That huge game - from the Pinkerton standpoint - pitted the 6-2 Astros against the 6-2 Winnacunnet High Warriors in Hampton in a rematch of the 2017 Division I championship game

won by the seacoast side.

The Warriors already had a playoff berth prior to kickoff, but they certainly weren't going to just hand PA the win. But Winnacunnet miscues combined with a strong Astro performance left the locals celebrating a 40-14 victory which placed PA in a quarterfinal-round playoff game at Londonderry High against the host Lancers this coming Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.

The Warriors turned the ball over five times - four on fumbles - and the Astros put forth a pair of extremely impressive efforts on Winnacunnet fourth downs in the second half when a Warriors' comeback was still a possibility.

"This answers some questions about ourselves," said Brian O'Reilly, whose squad fell to Windham quite surprisingly a week earlier. "We didn't do a very good job last week or the week before, and we had to ask ourselves, 'What do you want to be?' And we knew that if we couldn't beat a good team in order to make the playoffs we didn't deserve to be in the playoffs."

The locals raced out to a 6-0 lead on just the second

offensive play of the night when junior halfback Avery Battle emerged from a scrum of players near mid-field and tore off a 53-yard touchdown run. The Astros missed the extra-point kick.

But the Warriors responded almost right away by putting together a seven-play drive which culminated with a 21-yard scoring sprint from junior back Jordan Fuller, who would end the half with 107 rushing yards on the way to 164 on 23 carries. They got the extra point to go up 7-6.

But the Astros grabbed a lead they'd hold for the rest of the night minutes later with a five-play drive and an eight-yard scoring run by Nick Lombard. Their two-point conversion try would fail, but they'd be up 12-7, and not lose the upper hand the rest of the way.

Pinkerton sophomore

linebacker Evan Wilson would scoop up the first of his two fumble recoveries with 4:38 to go in the first period, and his team's offense went on a 10-play drive which produced points on a three-yard run by Gannon Fast to make it 19-7 in the first minute of quarter two. Fast would finish the evening with 128 rushing yards on a dozen carries with three scores.

Winnacunnet answered with a productive nine-play series of its own which culminated with a short run to pay-dirt by Fuller. And the kick made it a 19-14 game, which is where the score stood at halftime.

Both sides coughed up the ball on fumbles early in the third quarter, and the PA defense came up huge with 4:41 to go in that quarter when a Winnacunnet series fizzled on a fourth down

when PA defensive back Dylan Poulin broke up a promising pass attempt at the back of the end zone.

The Astros then covered some 88 yards quickly with points being tallied on a 65-yard pass play from quarterback Aiden Goujon to Aidan Conroy with 2:52 left in the third. And the successful kick by Alex Tveter made it a 26-14 contest.

Pinkerton would get the ball back just seconds later - on the first of two Jake MacInnis fumble recoveries - and score again on a short Fast run with 1:37 remaining in that quarter.

The locals would then put the win away on a 62-yard scoring sprint by Fast with 6:50 showing on the game clock.

Pinkerton finished the night with 422 total yards worth of offense while Winnacunnet managed 333.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 22



Max Fairbank, Senior,  
Boys' Soccer

This skilled goalie helped his Astros to a 3-1 record in their last four games, including a 4-1 victory to start the NHIAA tournament. In the quarterfinal game vs. Concord he made numerous huge saves to keep the Astros alive.



Reagan Kolinski, Senior,  
Girls' Soccer

This superb, veteran keeper posted a shutout in the first-round playoff game against Goffstown, including two amazing breakaway saves. In the game-deciding penalty-kick segment she stopped kicks and scored on one.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

## PA Volleyball Crew Finished

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad's hopes for a 2018 state championship withered on the vine with a Division I quarterfinal-round tournament loss to the three-time defending champions from Hollis-Brookline in Hollis last Saturday night, Oct. 27.

The eighth-seeded Lady Astros went 12-8 overall this season and 4-2 in their last six matches, with both of those defeats coming at the hands of the unbeaten and top-ranked Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers.

The reigning state champs won the quarterfinal match in straight sets with

victories of 25-11, 25-17, and 25-13.

The brightest news of the evening from the Pinkerton standpoint came from senior standout Amelia Graves, who tallied a team-high eight kills with the very last of those being the 500th of her high school career. The veteran also had 17 digs for the Astros, who also received 11 assists and five service points from Ella Dandrade, six kills from Leah Wang, and two blocks from Bekah Stallings.

Things went far better in their opening-round tourney match on the seacoast at Portsmouth High against the eighth-seeded Clippers two nights earlier. Pinkerton bagged a 3-1 victory over an

opponent which was very hot heading into the post-season having won eight of its last nine.

The academy won game one with an exclamation point, thumping their host by 25-12. But Portsmouth evened the match at 1-1 by winning set number two by a 25-18 count.

Pinkerton rallied to win sets three and four by scores of 25-21 and 25-15 to win going away.

Graves had a good night with 22 digs and 11 kills, Dandrade contributed 34 assists and six service aces, Reese Asselin was good for 17 digs, Wang notched 17 service points with six aces, Brooke Kane bagged six kills and three blocks.

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# Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Squad Goes 1-1 in the Division I Tournament

**PINKCHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A lopsided first-round tournament victory over a seacoast opponent had the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad feeling good about its chances of driving deep into the tourney. Alas, the Atsro boys would only last one more match.

The fifth-ranked Astros advanced to the quarterfinal-round of the tournament Wednesday, Oct. 24, with a 4-1 drubbing of the 12th-seeded Winnacunnet High Warriors in Derry in opening-round play.

The hosts drove out to a 2-0 lead in the first half before the Warriors netted their one and only goal with 10 minutes remaining in

period number one. And Pinkerton ran away with the match with its two unanswered markers in the second half.

The victors got two goals from Henry Andrews and a single goal and an assist from Alex Rust in advancing to a quarterfinal-round battle with fourth-seeded Concord.

"This was a good battle and it tested our resolve," said PA coach Kerry Boles. "We were able to respond well despite the Warriors' applying pressure after our two-goal lead. We made some mistakes today, but they are fixable. I'm looking forward to practice for the next couple of days and gearing up for Concord on Saturday for a chance at

another trip to The Final Four."

Rust handed his side a 1-0 lead - on a set-up by Trevor Demers - just three minutes into the contest, and PA went up 2-0 five minutes later when Will D'Amico set up Andrews for his first tally. But the Warriors sliced their deficit in half with 10 minutes to go in the half.

However, tallies from Conrad Demers (assisted by Rust) in the 63rd minute and Andrews again (unassisted) just two minutes later handed the Astros the 4-1 lead with which they'd win. Standout veteran goalie Max Fairbank turned in a seven-save effort for his winning crew. The offense in front of him peppered the Winnacunnet net with some

16 shots.

Pinkerton had to go to the neutral site of Laconia High School for its quarterfinal battle with fourth-ranked Concord Crimson Tide on Sunday afternoon the 28th. And the locals wound up having their championship hopes evaporate with a truly tough 2-1 loss in double overtime.

The Astros' goal came from Terry Coyle on an assist from Rust, and it evened the score at 1-1.

Those two contingents didn't meet up during the regular season, and the Tide rolled into the big quarterfinal contest having gone 5-0-1 in its last six matches. And the crew from the state capital kept the winning ways going.



Pinkerton soccer player Jon Tremblay attempts to keep the ball away from a Winnacunnet opponent during his team's tourney win. *Photo by Chris Pantazis*

# Lady Astro Soccer Squad Gets as Far as Division I Quarters

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There was every reason for the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad to feel just great about itself heading into the Division I tournament recently.

The locals bounded in having completed their regular season with a glittering 11-3-2 record and with a six-game undefeated streak rolling during which they went 5-0-1. And that great success earned the Lady Astros the number six seed in the tourney.

Second-year coach Danielle St. Pierre's crew pushed its unbeaten streak to seven games with an

intense, penalty-kick victory over number 11 Goffstown in round one of the tourney before running into an Exeter High contingent which would end the locals' campaign.

The first-round battle with Goffstown on Thursday, Oct. 25 in Derry went completely scoreless through regulation time and overtimes before the hosts managed to win a shoot-out battle by outscoring the vis-

iting Lady Grizzlies by the slimmest of margins at 7-6.

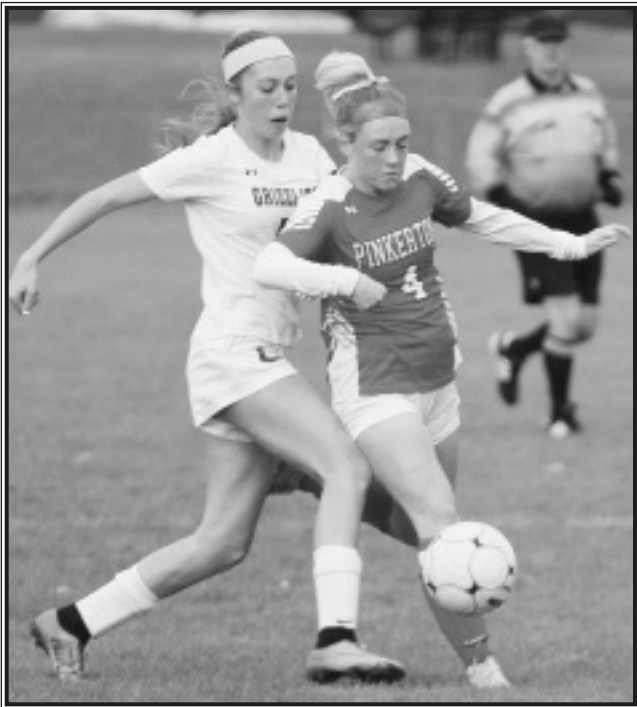
PA senior Sierra Mielens netted the game-winning goal, and star goalie Reagan Kolinski was nothing short of superb in net during the PK's while also stepping up into the unfamiliar role of shooter herself and scoring.

The academy crew then had to hit the road this past Sunday the 28th to take on the always-tough, third-seeded Exeter High Lady

Blue Hawks on their home pitch.

And the one and only goal scored in that battle was potted by the hosts, who did so just before halftime and then hung on tight to advance to the final four.

The Lady Hawks had enjoyed a 13-2-1 regular season, and they bested Pinkerton by a 2-0 tally when the two contingents faced off in regular season action back on Oct. 1.



PA soccer stalwart Katie Ziniti battles a Goffstown Lady Grizzlie during the long tournament battle the two squads engaged in recently. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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# PA Girls' Cross-Country Four-Peats, Boys Bag Third Place

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Neither rain, wind, nor determined opponents could keep the Pinkerton Academy cross-country squads from impressive performances at the Division I championships in awful weather in Manchester's Derryfield Park Saturday, Oct. 27.

Everybody knew the fall Nor'Easter was coming, and a number of area football games were cancelled due to the forecast. But the state's cross-country runners would not be sidetracked, as all of the New Hampshire high school classes held their championships that day.

Among the biggest news was the Pinkerton Lady Trailblazers' squad's fourth consecutive title win, which coach Amy Bernard's bunch managed despite a strong performance by the upstart Exeter High Blue Hawks.

Longtime PA boys'

coach Mike Clark had many reasons to be proud of his Long Red Line crew, which placed third behind the state champs from Concord and the runner-up Keene High Blackbirds.

### GIRLS

The Trailblazers were pushed to the wall by the Exeter contingent in the race for their fourth consecutive D-I crown. But when all the numbers were tallied, the local girls still had the title in their grasp.

Pinkerton finished with a team score of 81, three better than Exeter's tally of 84. Concord was a very distant third with a score of 136.

"In first for the team and placing third overall with an outstanding, tough performance was junior Meghan Cross with a time of 19 minutes and 17 seconds," said coach Bernard. "This makes her the fourth fastest PA junior on the Derryfield course ever. Next in for us was our

fantastic freshman Mariesa Preble, who finished 13th overall with a time of 20:11. Right on her heels was senior captain Ciara April, who always comes through for the team. She finished 15th overall with a time of 20:15."

The PA cause was also helped greatly by the strong performance of ninth grader Riley Sweeney, who earned top-25 honors by finishing 22nd overall with a time of 20:36. Molly McGaffigan rounded out the scoring for the reigning champs by crossing the line 29th overall. Jordan Vaillancourt and Olivia Welch also ran strong races for the locals on an uncomfortable but ultimately successful day.

"We couldn't be prouder of this team," said the PA coach, herself a former standout runner at the academy. "They have come so far this season, worked so hard, and they fought for every last point today. This might



There were certainly reasons for the Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country squad's members to be all smiles after winning their fourth straight D-I championship in challenging weather last weekend.

Photo by Chris Pantazis

have been our toughest battle yet. The girls are very motivated going into next week's Meet of Champions at Nashua South High School on Saturday."

### BOYS

It was an open secret that Concord was the big favorite to win the boys' title, although some folks hoped that the wet and windy

weather might slow the Crimson Tide down a tad.

But that didn't happen as the state capital-dwellers notched a team score of 48 to easily best Keene (91), Pinkerton (104), and the rest of the D-I field.

From the PA standpoint, however, the third place finish was excellent.

Thanks to the strong

efforts of Joe Gagnon (seventh overall in 16:31), Nolan Preble (18th in 16:53), Luke Brennan (23rd, 17:03.0), Jeff Mize (24th, 17:03.4), and Nathan Steiger (32nd in 17:25).

The Long Red Line also had Steve Groulx (36th) and Zach Plaza (42nd) place among the top 50 finishers in a rough race which had 126 finishers.

CHRIS PAPPAS

CONGRESS

A photograph of Chris Pappas, a man with short brown hair wearing a light blue button-down shirt, smiling and talking to a group of people outdoors. There are two women and another man visible, though they are partially obscured or seen from the back. The background shows trees and a playground structure.

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## Protein, AKA the Body's Own Superman

On Wed, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. learn about the role of protein in your body and the importance of lean protein in your diet at the Derry Public Library. Part of a series of afternoon nutrition programs presented by Southern New Hampshire Services. Register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Keep Our Veterans Warm

The 4th Annual "Keep Our Veterans Warm" Project will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Clothing Items Needed: Men's shorts waist sizes (30-34), Men's work-boots, sizes (8-13), Mens sneakers all sizes Men's Jeans waist sizes (30-34), Winter boots, Hooded, sweatshirts, Men's boxers all sizes, Flannel shirts, Fleece jackets, Thermal shirts, Windbreakers, Thermal Underwear, Winter coats Women's clothing Warm socks Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Paper towels, Toilet paper, 35 gallon trash bags, Air freshener, Shaving razors (disposable), Shaving cream, Deodorant, Full size conditioner, Full size shampoo, Body wash. All Items Will Be Donated To The Liberty House In Manchester. Special Thanks To Leah Bourdon, Debbi Grochmal, The Derry Veterans Assistance Fund, The Derry Vfw, The Derry American Legion.

## Christmas at the Newport Mansions

Join the fun as Sandown Recreation travels to "Christmas at the Newport Mansions" on Friday, Nov. 30. You'll tour 3 beautiful mansions decorated in festive themes and sparkling with silver and gold. View rooms filled with decorated trees, thousands of poinsettia plants, wreaths, garlands and flowers. You'll visit The Breakers; The Elms; and Marble House to view their holiday finery. Cost is \$50 per person for residents of Sandown and co-sponsoring Plaistow. Non-residents are additional \$5. Fee covers coach bus trans-

portation and admission to mansions. Depart at 7:30 a.m. from Park & Ride lot in Plaistow and return approximately 7:30 p.m. Lunch is on your at Brick Alley Pub (or another eatery if you so choose or bring a bag lunch) All details may be found by visiting [www.sandown.us](http://www.sandown.us) and navigating to the Parks & Recreation page. Full payment or 50 percent deposit required with registration. Deadline of Nov. 15, for registrations and all payments. Contact Deb Brown at 887-1872 or via email to: [recreation@sandown.us](mailto:recreation@sandown.us) for space availability or if you need additional information. Walking advisory: there will be a minimum of 6 times for boarding the bus throughout the day.

## Alzheimer's and Effective Communication Strategies

An important program for the holidays and year-round will be held on Wed, 11/14 at 6:30 pm. At the Derry Public Library. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. Presented by Charlie Zoeller of the Alzheimer's Association. Register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## DIY Holiday Gift Extravaganza!

It's back! Forgo wandering the mall and fighting for a parking space. Go to the library and make a gift from the heart on Wed, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library! Featuring favorites like bath salts and new crafts. Registration strongly requested. Register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Thursday Night Craft Night!

Thurs, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm. Popular monthly craft program for adults. For November, make: Waterless Snowglobes! Register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Basketball Tryouts

NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding tryouts at the Sports Zone on 7 A St, Derry. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd-8th. First tryout date is Nov. 24. Times are: boys and girls grades 2nd - 6th from 1 - 2 p.m.; boys and girls grades 7th & 8th from 2 - 3 p.m.

## Property Auction

Town of Derry Property Auction Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. Derry Police Department Municipal Drive, Derry, NH. Property list available at [www.derrynh.org](http://www.derrynh.org).

## Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11am. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

## Israel, 2048

On Friday night, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m., Noam Wolf, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Shlichah ("emissary") from Israel will present a gallery and discussion on "Israel 2048." Noam will discuss some interesting predictions for Israel at 100 years old at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. The event is free. Services will follow.

## Jews In Law Enforcement

The public is fascinated with law enforcement. On Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. two Jewish mem-

bers of the local law enforcement community-a Manchester Police Department officer and a retired FBI agent--will provide their perspectives and insights, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. They will talk about prejudices they have encountered and discuss the many positive elements of their careers. This program is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff, and is free to the public, although donations to the synagogue are gratefully accepted to allow us to continue with these and other programs.

## Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, the Community Meals Network (a group of organizations that provide free monthly meals) will jointly host a free home-cooked Thanksgiving Day meal, from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, in Derry. The dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, veggies, and pies. Come and have a delicious meal in a warm and friendly environment. If you are interested in helping put on the dinner, please contact Lieutenant Kathryn Mayes, Salvation Army, at [kathryn.mayes@us.salvationarmy.org](mailto:kathryn.mayes@us.salvationarmy.org).

## Garden Club Meeting

The Derry Garden Club will hold it's Nov. meeting on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry, starting at 10 a.m. The meeting will include a lecture by Tony Todesco, a design consultant for National Garden Club and Flower Shows school committee. Todesco's colorful style and expertise make him a sought after design lecturer and commentator. There will be a raffle for the designs that he creates at the meeting. There is a charge of \$10 for non-members attending this presentation that will also includes lunch.

## Candy Cane Fair

Saint Thomas Aquinas parish will be having their Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. Free admission and parking. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale table, a white elephant sale along with

over 50 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. Please join us.

## Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth

On Nov. 7 the Amoskeag Mills Questers will present "Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth, 1895-1913" hosted by Dr. David "Lou" Ferland, Portsmouth, N.H. Chief of Police (Retired), Executive Director- U.S. Police Canine Assoc., and Adjunct Professor SNHU. He will be appearing in a historic police uniform, Dr. Ferland will present a visual history of crime and law enforcement through the facts and lore of Portsmouth, NH. The event is free and open to the public and begins at 10 a.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Contact Meredith Hatch 434-8673 for more information.

## 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 on Nov. 11 from 5-6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Dinner on Nov. 17 from 5-6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's church, call for more information at 434-4767; Thanksgiving on Nov. 22 from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Breakfast on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Lunch on Nov. 25 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Church, call for more information at 432-3333; Dinner on Nov. 30 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish, call for more information at 434-0628; Dinner on Dec. 9 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 5432-2130; Dinner on Dec. 15 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's church, call for more information at 434-4767; Breakfast on Dec. 16 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, call for more information at 432-0004; Dinner on Dec. 28 from 5-6:30 p.m., at First Parish, call for more information at 434-0628;

Lunch on Dec. 30 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, call for more information at 432-3333. For more information, please visit: [freemealsinderry.blogspot.com](http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com).

## 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 [soreffs-15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs-15@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](mailto: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.



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