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Heated Debate Begins Over Possible School Closure

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The Nov. 13 School Board Meeting had a large turnout with citizens anticipating their turn to speak regarding possible school closures in Derry.

When Chair Lynn Perkins asked for comments to be held until the next meeting on Nov. 27, an angry buzz began in the audience.

A presentation entitled "Facilities Presentation On Viable Options to Close a School" was given, suggesting options for Derry to accommodate students while closing a school.

Perkins had asked earlier in the year for options on ways for the district to save money. No vote was sched-

uled, and final recommendations were not to be made until Dec. 11. Five options were offered, and no financial information as to cost savings were provided which really bothered all in attendance.

Option one involved using one elementary school as an early learning center for preschool and all kindergarten, having three elementary schools house grades 1-4 and keeping the two middle schools but adding grade five into them. This option closes one elementary school in 2022-2023 and involves three out of four West Running Brook computer labs being turned into classrooms. There would be a need to address solutions for losing these

computers.

Option two suggested leaving preschool at Gilbert H. Hood, having four elementary schools house kindergarten through grade 4, one middle school would be used for grades 5-6 and one middle school would be used for grades 7-8. One elementary school would be closed in 2022-2023 and all four West Running Brook computer labs would be turned into classrooms. Again would be the need for solutions to the computer loss, and there may be additional issues with special education programs needing space.

Option three left preschool at Gilbert H. Hood, had four kindergarten

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Project Impact Hearing on I-93 Exit 4A Happens Dec. 5

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All interested parties from Londonderry, Derry and surrounding areas of New Hampshire will have an opportunity to provide public comment and ask questions during the the I-93 Exit 4A Project Proposal Public Hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m.

This key public meeting will be held at the West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane in Derry. The building will be open at 5 p.m. for the inspection of the proposal plans by any interested persons.

The joint town Public Hearing will overview the

project design layout, the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study, and permit applications under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and New Hampshire Wetland Rules. Members of the project team will be available also to informally discuss project alternatives and impacts.

The goals of the the I-93 Exit 4A project include reducing congestion, improving safety, and promoting economic vitality for the towns of Derry and Londonderry, New Hampshire. The Governor and Executive Council appointed a Special Committee this past September to conduct this Public Hearing to determine whether there is the occa-

sion for the laying out of this project and to overview acquisition plans of necessary rights-of-way.

Keith Cota, Project Manager reports the project may directly impact 12-15 residential homes in Londonderry and about 170 homes in Derry, so those impacted may want to know the timelines, specific impact information and key proposal logistics.

Relocation assistance will be accommodated to each owner or tenant whose improvements or property will be directly impacted by the proposed project based their eligibility.

The Towns of Derry and Londonderry (the Towns) as

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Sofia Crnilovic, a freshman at Pinkerton Academy, Tries to get as much candy loaded onto a bridge she made with tooth picks and marshmallows at the STEMspiration: Women in STEM Conference. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Pinkerton "STEMspiration" Event Highlights STEM Skills for Girls

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STEM is an acronym from Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. And currently there is a significant shortage of skilled workers in STEM related fields that educators recognize and are addressing. For example, the New Hampshire Department of Education, Office of STEM

Education is promoting schools to host programs and conferences like Pinkerton Academy recently has done to attract students to STEM careers.

University studies, such as from UNH and Harvard, and other public programs point out that STEM education leads to the sort of critical thinking skills needed in today's high-tech workforce to meet rising business

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Town Council, School Committee Members and State Reps Meet

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On Thursday, Nov. 15 there was Joint Meeting of the Derry Town Council, School Board and Derry State Reps, as well as State Senator Regina Birdsell.

The meeting started with a discussion of House Bill 413, the bill is anticipated to give a 15% contribution back to the retirement system.

A question was raised as to how that would work out

in the legislative system. The state retirement amount is growing and is currently over a 4 million dollar line item just for the school district. Now contributions are about seven percent of the budget for the school. The state used to subsidize retirement for teachers, but no longer does. If the bill passes, possible tax relief of about \$600,000 could be anticipated on both the town side and the school side. The school board meeting on September 13 had a presentation on the NH State Retirement System which went into detail on the current state of the system. At that meeting, Executive Director George Lagos explained how the recession in 2008-2009 had taken a toll on the fund, but that it is progressing well. He did a high-level overview showing that assets were growing well since 2009 and that the fund was in a good position for investment return. The fund has a thirty-year amortization schedule and at that time the unfunded growth was at 61.8%. This is definitely below average compared to other pensions, but Lagos explained that the pension was paying for sins of the past. He believed the fund was doing well based on the time frame in the amortization schedule and that it has

done well with investments in the last five years. The bill is expected to pass the House and Senate, but the governor has the power to veto it.

Item two on the agenda was education funding. Dan McKenna discussed the two facets of funding: adequate education and stabilization grants. Adequate education refers to the amount each student is allotted financially. In Derry, this allows 3636 dollars per pupil (some additional per pupil funding is allowed for special education, students who receive free lunch, students who need to learn the English language and those who need extra reading help). On average, it is approximately just over four thousand dollars per student here in Derry. Stabilization grants are federal funds in a set amount since 2012 which are being reduced 4 % per year until they go away. Next year the amount will be 7.2 million. There is no plan in place to get this money back after it ceases. There's a bill in the House to freeze the amount and prevent a decrease, and a bill in the works to return to the original amount from 2012. The grants were never intended to be permanent, but there needs to be something else in place. Derry is losing 340,000 dollars a year each year as the grants

decrease. Questions are encouraged by Dan McKenna on education funding, so contact him at dmckenna@sau10.org with any inquiries.

Item three was a quick recap of the school board's attempt to come up with a good budget, currently at a 1% increase over last year as a starting point for grades K-8. Currently, a presentation is available on the school board's website showing Derry spends less as a community on school funding than comparable towns.

Facilities and cost-saving initiatives were discussed next. The discussion of school closure and the options presented at the school board meeting on the 13th were mentioned. The timeline was mentioned as being pushed back. December 11th will now be another presentation, instead of the date for the final recommendation. Financial information will be presented at that time. A survey asking for the town's input is still not available on the website as of the

time of writing this article, but it is supposed to be done shortly. Jim Morgan asked Dan McKenna how important full day kindergarten is in terms of improving the educational product of the town. McKenna replied, "extremely important." Morgan suggested using the space in Veterans Hall as an event hall/ restaurant and be able to receive tax money from it. He noted people were concerned about an empty school building in their neighborhood at the meeting on the 13th. He believes the town can collaborate with the school board and can find savings, which will provide money for early education that is key to improving education.

Equalized valuations came next with Town Administrator Dave Caron who explained how property evaluation occurs. State law requires property values to be between 90-110% of fair market value, and Derry had fallen under that percentage requiring the town to adjust the tax rate.

OBITUARY

James K. Mulrennan



James K. "Jim" Mulrennan, 53, of Chester, NH died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at his home. Jim was born in Manchester, NH on May 26, 1965, the son of the late James J. and Lillian (Ratay) Mulrennan. He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 1983.

He later attended Plymouth State University and graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH. Jim had resided in Chester for the past 24 years, formerly living in Derry. Jim worked as an accountant and was the co-owner of Mulrennan, Rugg & Company, P.C. of Londonderry.

Jim was an active member within the Chester/Derry community. He has been a coach for both the girl's and boy's Youth Derry Lacrosse Association as well as the Wolverines Youth Football. He followed in his father's footsteps as a Pinkerton Academy Trustee for nearly a decade. Jim loved venturing out to Saranac Lake for an annual September fishing trip with friends. He every Sunday morning chanted "ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!" as he turned the NFL network on for an all-day excursion.

He is survived by his children, Maggie Mulrennan, Molly Mulrennan, and Rocco Mulrennan all of Chester, his siblings, Brian Mulrennan of Manchester, Michael Mulrennan of Hudson, NH, Maureen Deluca of Derry, Bill Vesey of Candia, NH, Kevin Vesey of Hooksett, NH, and John Vesey of New Jersey, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, services will be held privately by the family. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family.

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New Rules to State Educator Codes of Conduct and Ethics Approved

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Earlier this year, a task force made up of 20 administrators, educators, and teacher unions analyzed rule changes and made suggestions for improvement to the New Hampshire Educator Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

On November 8, the New Hampshire State Board of Education approved new rules to the educator Code of Conduct, following the approval of an educator Code of Ethics in June of

this year.

According to a press release, this combined set of rules and procedures are not in response to any one incident or set of circumstances, but are in fact designed to build on the high standards of New Hampshire's educators, to elevate the education profession, and to provide guidance to educators.

While the Code of Ethics outlines aspirational goals for educators, the Code of Conduct precisely describes inappropriate activities and due process when rules have not been followed, contin-

ued the press release.

The Educator Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics aim to empower local school districts with shared responsibility, transparency, and clarity when addressing personnel matters.

The Code of Conduct and Ethics was created by the NH Department of Education in 2015, and was advanced by the Legislature in the form of House Bill 1457 in 2016, which called for establishing a code of ethics for NH educators, and House Bill 210 in 2017, requiring the state board to

adopt a code no later than July 1, 2018.

While educators and faculty members ranging from counselors to administrators hold themselves to a very high standard, New Hampshire has seen a number of educator misconduct investigations in recent years.

According to data from the NH Department of Education, the number of cases of misconduct grew from 170 in 2014 to 222 so far in 2018. Furthermore, between nine and 16 educator license revocations and suspensions have occurred annually dur-

ing the past five years.

Both the code of Conduct and Code of Ethics include four core principles outlined in the aforementioned 2017 legislation, including responsibility to students, responsibility to education profession and educational professionals, responsibility to the school community, and ethical use of technology.

Some of the changes to rules in education in New Hampshire include a definition of inappropriate student communication, expanded specificity as to matters of misconduct, clarifications on the process of reporting incidents, and an immediate suspension when an arrest occurs for certain egregious offenses.

The procedural improvements regarding the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics are not to be overlooked. While these rules and procedures are immediately instated, the NH Department of Education has established a process whereby educators agreed to the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics during the credentialing process.

"Educators now have clarity about inappropriate actions and the process that the department will follow when those actions are brought to their attention,"

said Frank Edelblut, NH Commissioner of Education. "We have strengthened student, educator, and community protections and have preserved due process rights."

While the changes to the documents are fairly straightforward, Edelblut mentioned that the NH Department of Education is preparing a variety of workshops to help promote them effectively to educators and to help them become better familiarized with the updates.

"(These updates) will work for communities as well," Edelblut said, explaining that from time to time circumstances occur where people of a community may be uncertain as to how the situation will be handled, and that now thanks to the changes, communities can be assured that proper processes will be followed, should these circumstances arise.

Parents, guardians, or anyone with further questions regarding these changes may contact the NH Department of Education at (603) 271-3494. A PDF of the updated Educator Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct is available on the NH Department of Education website at www.education.nh.gov.

School

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through grade five elementary schools, two 6-8 middle schools and added portable space to close an elementary school. Perkins was against this option immediately and wanted to dismiss it in order to streamline the options. Members of the board felt it was unfair to take an option off the table without having public comment first, and after some discussion, it was left as an option for now.

Option four left preschool at Gilbert H. Hood, had four kindergarten through grade four elementary schools, two middle schools with grades 5-8 and turned three West Running Brook computer labs into classrooms, again causing the need for computer solutions. Option five involved closing the SAU building for possible sale or lease and moving the employees to a new location. No possibilities on when this could

occur or where the employees would go were given

Although Perkins had tried to prevent comment until the next meeting, the board felt it was better to hear those who had come to the meeting and citizens were given three minutes to speak.

Many members of the audience took their opportunity to share their thoughts. As part of the timeline for this debate, a survey was supposed to be sent out or made available to the public to get the public's input on the decision. At the time, the survey is not yet completed or available.

The superintendent's office stated that it should be made available online shortly and that they are working to try to figure out the best way to make it available to all who live in Derry, not just to those with children in school currently. According to the timeline, the survey would be available until December 11th, at which time final recommendations

would be made. Tracey Zysk of 5 Silva Street questioned how the Board could be compiling the responses up until the time they were to give their final decision, with no time in between to process the decision. Robert Defeo of 56 Derry Rd., pointed out the lack of financial information made the decision making impossible. How could anyone know whether it was worth closing a school if no savings were determined? Janice Burke of 11 Dustin Ave., a teacher, was concerned about property values after closing a building and stated, "Listening to public input is imperative." Citizens questioned the availability of the survey, and how the public would be made aware of it if they did not have children currently in school.

Resident Jonathan Dug-

an questioned Perkins and Superintendent Connors-Krikorian as to whether they thought this lengthy process of over three years to come to this point was time well spent in the best interest of the children.

Connors-Krikorian admitted she didn't believe it was.

Many interesting points were brought up by the public, such as changing needs for children due to the opioid crisis and behavioral issues children now face. Jim Morgan of 5 Eastgate Rd., suggested the board start, "out of the box thinking to save the million dollars." Check the superintendent's website at www.sau10.org in the coming days to access the survey and show up for the public forum on Nov. 27 to share your views.

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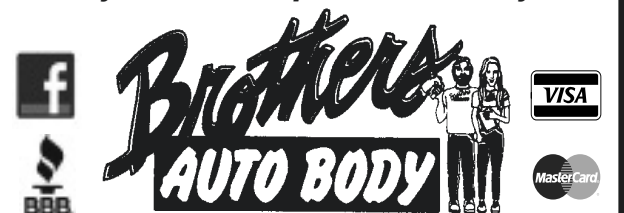
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Something To Be Said About A Smile

Kindness. Probably not a subject I should be writing about. You see, I tend to be the type of person who lets things gets under my skin. The type of person who says enough is enough and then caves in.

I guess the people who bother me the most are the ones who seem to think the world owes them something just because, well, they exist. It's as though they feel that they are the "chosen few," the only ones on earth who have a right to be where they are when they are there.

Go to any big city today, find a bench on a corner, and just sit and watch. No one seems to care about the person next to them. No one seems to even think that the other person might be going through the same things they are. It seems like no one reaches out a hand to help anyone else unless they think it's going to result in something good for them.

Being kind to a person isn't difficult. Being kind isn't a sign of weakness. No. Being kind is probably just the opposite. Being kind to your neighbor, friend, family member or a complete stranger is more a show of strength than anything else.

You see, it doesn't take much for a person to get angry. There's no self-control or discipline involved in blowing up or taking your frustrations out

on someone else. In today's world, that seems to be the norm, though. In today's world, it's more about doing unto others as they did unto you than it is do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. The golden rule seems to be a thing of the past.

A strong person learns how to reverse his or her emotions. It takes courage to step out from the shadows of everyone else and do something different. It takes strength to see the world from another person's point of view.

Just because someone stepped on your foot, doesn't mean you have the right to step on someone else's. Just because someone closed the door in your face, doesn't mean you shouldn't hold it open for someone else.

For example: walking out of a restaurant and having a complete stranger greet me with a smile and say hello. It wasn't a grand gesture. It didn't take any time out of his day. Still, that act of kindness set the tone for how I felt about the area.

Being kind isn't difficult. Being kind doesn't even have to take time away from your busy schedule. During this week, World Kindness Week, and throughout the rest of your life, why not share joy instead of frustration and anger. Be kind to your neighbor. It might just become contagious.

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solution demands.

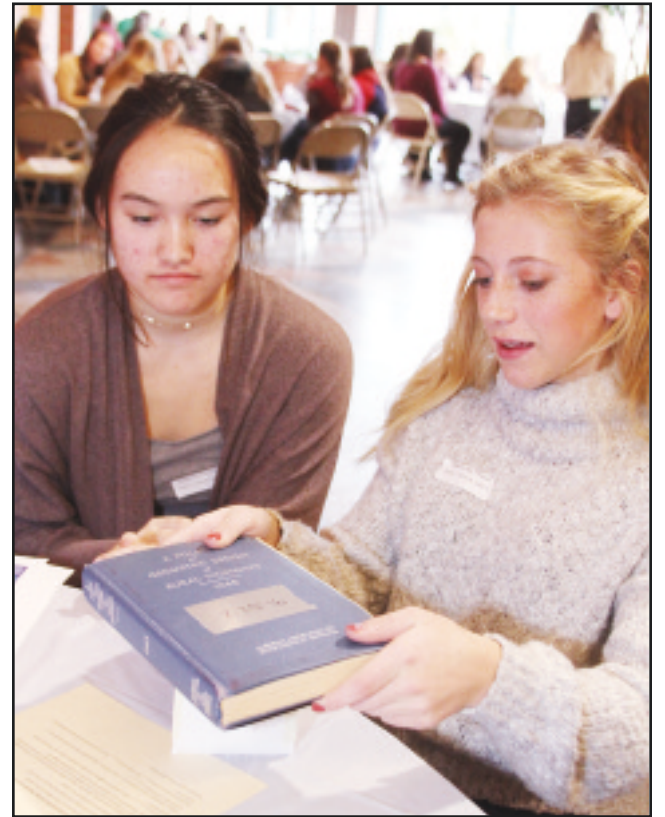
Pinkerton educates students in STEM subjects with an inter-disciplinary cohesive approach. And educators believe this method will also provide more relevant interactions as well as fun to attract more students to fuel workforce needs for STEM related jobs.

The Pinkerton Academy - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department is doing its part to provide a useful STEM focus, so on Friday, Nov. 15, at Pinkerton's Stockbridge Theater, the school hosted the "STEMspiration: Women in STEM Conference". Tracy Untiet, Pinkerton Assistant Director of CTE reports that the thinking behind this event is to help attract more of its girl students to STEM careers.

Julia Mitchell, Director of Communications at Pinkerton points out "The 'STEMspiration' conference enabled female student participants to attend breakout sessions in small groups with mentors, to ask questions and discuss the challenges women in STEM careers face."

The Pinkerton CTE program attracted approximately 120 ninth grade girls interested in STEM careers to attend "STEMspiration. 18 Mentor companies including BAE Systems, Fidelity Investments, UNH, Harvard University, Autodesk and Greenman Petersen, Inc., sent professional women - including Pinkerton CTE graduates - to the conference to mentor discussions about STEM careers.

"This is an awesome event for exposing girls to non-traditional career paths and fields that they might not have known existed," said Mentor Kim Armstrong from Greenman



Pinkerton freshmen, Rebecca Farnum and Madeline Frank see how much weight the structure they built out of paper can hold at the STEMspiration: Women in STEM Conference.

Photo by Chris Paul

Petersen, Inc. who is a Pinkerton Academy Graduate. "It's great that the people presenting the various fields are all female, so it removes a lot of the misconceptions about females succeeding in STEM fields."

So why is STEM for Girls so important? According to the U.S. National Science Foundation, today women are a minority of the current STEM workforce, though the number of women pursuing STEM careers has been increasing on a yearly basis for the past decade.

The growth of STEM jobs is expected to sky rocket over the near term to include more women. Contrary to past thinking, there's no evidence that girls are less capable in STEM fields, tho many girls often 'feel' less capable, partly due to historic stereotyping. There's the tendency for STEM jobs to be higher paid, meaning that the lack of women in these roles at equivalent salaries for men, is con-

tributing to gender salary gap. A lack of women in these fields also means fewer female role models, both for current female STEM employees, and for girls still forming career choices.

The conference ended with three current Pinkerton students including Katie Allan - a Pinkerton Senior, speaking about their experiences within Pinkerton CTE program and courses. Katie pointed out "One of the major roadblocks I had to overcome though, is being one of two or three girls in a class of 20 guys... though it has gotten better over the years. I really encourage all of you to consider STEM as a possible career choice for the future, as it can open so many doors for you."

Programs like the Pinkerton's CTE program are important for more workforce growth to include women in a competitive world where STEM fields play an important role for business growth in NH, our country and globally.

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Kids Coop Theatre's Newsies Fills the Derry Opera House



The Kids Coop Theatre performance of Newsies filled the Derry Opera House on Friday night as the cast of about 50 young actor and actresses presented the musical "Newsies." The show featured performers from all over, with the bulk of them being from Hampstead Derry and Londonderry. Leads were played by Zac Barnaby, of Pepperhill, Mass. Ella Burroughs of Hampstead, Michael Hughes of Hampstead, Michael Overko, of Hampstead and Amelia Hansen of Hooksett. The play was directed by Meg Gore, Kevin Fisher and Mari Frederique-Steitburger.

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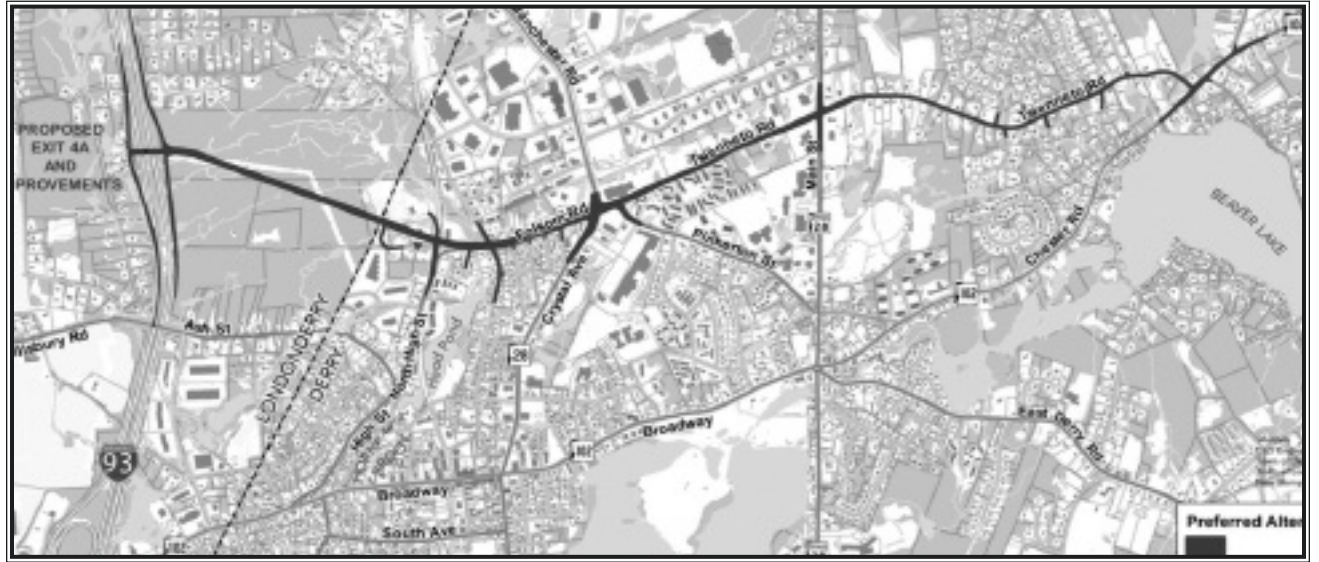
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well as the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are advancing an updated environmental study for the I-93 Exit 4A Project. Written comments will be accepted for up to 30 days after the Public Hearing for inclusion in the official record to also include comments about Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is currently available for public review. The review period to submit comments on the EIS is open until Jan. 4, 2019.

The proposed construction will include a new roadway extending east from the proposed interchange project for the approximately

0.75 miles to join North High Street in Derry near its intersection with Madden Road. Improvements to I-93 related to the new interchange will extend approximately 0.6 miles to the north and south. The project will also include reconstruction of North High Street from Madden Road to Franklin Street, Folsom Road from Franklin Street to NH 28, and Tsienneto Road between NH 28 and NH 102.

Planning for the Project began in 1985, with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) being completed in 2007. In Oct. 2015, the Governor's Office directed NHDOT to accelerate the Exit 4A Project, and the Project was subsequently incorporated in the state's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017–2026. NHDOT and the Towns entered into an



This map shows the proposed path of Exit 4A Through Londonderry and Derry.

Courtesy photo

agreement under which NHDOT will provide administrative oversight to complete the environmental review process, then the Project will transition to NHDOT control during final design and construction.

After completion of the Supplementary EIS and the

presentation of a Preferred Alternative Plan at this Public Hearing, a Proposed Action will be chosen with input from State and Federal Agencies; State, Town and local officials; and the public. NHDOT and FHWA will complete the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) review process by issuing a Combined Final EIS (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

Construction of the project if approved, is anticipated to begin in 2019 and be completed by 2022. The calculated cost of the Project within the 2017–2026 Ten

Year Plan is \$56,855,000, including preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs.

All local residents or property owners who are impacted, or have questions or comments should be sure to attend the Public hearing in Derry on Wednesday Dec. 5.

Journalism Program at Pinkerton Gets Students Involved

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy is one of New Hampshire's biggest schools. The school offers a range of clubs, organizations, and classes, all in one. Some clubs include; Model UN, Philosophy, Mock trial team, Guitar club, and many other different clubs. Classes include but are not limited to; clunairy, AFJROTC, AP Government classes, music classes, and of course, a journalism program. The students at Pinkerton love to

take advantage of these opportunities and dive into what Pinkerton has to offer. Walking around campus, there is always new and different things happening, Pinkerton has various walks of life that help the community. The programs, leadership, teams, that are at Pinkerton all help in some way or another. Today, Journalism is the main focal point.

One course Pinkerton provides is "Intro to Journalism." Intro to Journalism is a half year course. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

are able to take the course, and see what it would be like to write for an online newspaper. The program was very small last year, compared to this year. This year the program is thriving with a completed class with 14 students who are interested in writing. Everyday, the students come in to write articles on what is happening around the school, feature articles on special people in the community, and some opinion articles, sports articles, as well. With students being able to write a variety of things, the school

can see a different side of what's around them, when they read the online newspaper.

The program has written a very wide range of articles from; events, fundraisers, opinions, sports, fashion, entertainment, music reviews, book reviews, school policies, and many other informative articles.

When asked what he thinks about the program, Giovanni Barreiro said "Well, it's very interesting. The way everything is handled. It's very diverse, the certain topics we write about. Personally, I think it's the best program to be in." Giovanni has been in the

program since the start of this year. He has written many articles, along with other classmates.

Ms. Mitchell is the current teacher of this program. She has taught the students; Journalistic vocab, different ideas/topics to write about, about the media, and formatting thus far. The student body of this program has gone on a field trip. They went on a trip to Oyster River High School located in Durham New Hampshire. At the highschool, students got to listen to the first Congressional candidates. Then they had the important job of writing articles on what they learned, and put the pictures

(they took) on the articles.

While, the program is done in January (until next year), there will still be a Journalism club. The club will be helping to keep up on the website, and produce more content that readers should be looking forward to.

If you or someone you know, is interested in joining the Journalism program/club at Pinkerton, please contact Mr. Cavallaro. The club/program is always hoping to have new members join them in the quest to help deliver news to Pinkerton Academy, and the surrounding community. Have your voice matter, today!

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Work Begins on Field Resurfacing at Pinkerton Academy

IDAN VANINSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's varsity football team finished their season last weekend with a loss in the state finals at the University of New Hampshire, and it looks like they are about to have an important improvement, starting next season.

Work was begun recently on the school's football field, Memorial Field to replace what was previously

grass. The grass was removed and a few large construction trucks appeared to be preparing the surface for a inside the track for new turf. In a field that knows plenty of muddy and soggy football games, this might be a big change.

The school's new Director of Communications, Julia Mitchell, issued an official statement about the construction. It reads, "Through a generous donation, planning has begun on

multiple projects to benefit the Pinkerton community. The first visible piece of these efforts has been the work to renovate an existing field, Memorial Field.

Work will continue through the winter with the anticipation of it being ready for the spring season. This is just the start of efforts to further involve parents and the community as we continue to look to build Pinkerton's future."



Work was started recently on the Pinkerton Academy football field, the grass was removed and a few large vehicles are preparing the surface for new turf.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Settle for Second Despite Second Half Charge in Finals

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's football season ended Saturday night, Nov. 17, and not with the result the Astros had hoped for.

After advancing as the number four seed to the state finals at Wildcat Stadium at the University of New Hampshire with road wins against Londonderry and Salem in the previous two weeks, PA lost 28-14 to the undefeated Bedford High School Bulldogs in the state finals. This was the second title in three years for the Bulldogs, while Pinkerton, playing in their twelve final in the last 15 years, lost for the second season in a row.

On their way to the finals this season, the Bulldogs faced very little competition, besting almost every opponent easily. In the first two quarters of Saturday's game, that seemed to be the case once again. With 2:20 to play in the first quarter, Bedford was able to find the end zone with a one-yard run by Harrison LeGoullon, after a long drive that started on their own 25-yard line.

Pinkerton had a good



Astro senior wide receiver Aiden Conroy narrowly missed this catch in the endzone during the final drive of the PA season.
Photos by Chris Paul

chance to quickly level the score, but quarterback Aiden Goujon's pass was intercepted on the one yard line. That turned out to be costly, as the Bulldogs added seven more points to their lead with a 99-yard drive with a 25-yard pass that was caught for a touchdown by Tim Greene. The Astros still found the time to bring the ball back into Bedford's territory, but lost it on downs on the 20-yard line and the first half ended with a 14-0 lead for Bedford.

Things changed quickly in the third quarter, and hope

spank up for Astro fans. Bedford received the ball to begin the second half, but fumbled the kickoff at their 10-yard line, with Pinkerton recovering. Less than two minutes later, The Astros got their first points of the evening with a fourth down run from the 2-yard line by Gannon Fast, who made it 14-7. Bedford quickly responded, needing only three minutes to take the ball all the way to the three-yard line. From there, it was LeGoullon who punched it in with a run.

A good kickoff return

gave Pinkerton some new hope and a second interception of the day for Goujon took it away. The Astros regrouped just in time and with their a strip sack by Robbie Fahey and got the ball on the Bulldogs nine yard line, Fast found the end zone once again with a one-yard run and with almost a quarter and a half to play, it was just a seven point lead again for Bedford, 21-14.

The momentum seemed to be on PA's side in those moments and they stopped Bedford's fourth down and had the ball on their rivals 46, but that momentum shifted on the very next play, when seconds before the third quarter was in the books, Pinkerton lost the



Astro senior quarterback Aiden Goujon looks for running room at the DI finals at UNH on Saturday evening.

ball for the third time in the game, this time thanks to a fumble. A few plays later, a 13-yard run by Ryan Toscano made it a 14 point game again, with 10:40 left on the clock. That was also the last score of the game (PA got to the red zone, but could not score another touchdown) and the Bulldogs erupted in celebration after the clock hit zero.

Pinkerton only managed to get 230 yards the entire game, while Bedford had a total of 395 offensive yards,

246 of these coming from their impressive run game, that also gave them 14 first downs, out of a total of 21, compared to Pinkerton's 12. The Bulldogs had the ball for over 27 minutes, seven more than the Astros.

Gennaro Marra led the Astros with 96 rushing yards on 12 carries; while Fast was held to just 32 rushing yards on 12 carries as well. Goujon went 4-for-15, passing the ball for 70 yards (including a 47 yard pass to

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Pinkerton JV Field Hockey Team Enjoys Undefeated Season

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Field Hockey JV team achieving

14 wins, zero losses, 61 goals scored, just two goals conceded and a total of 13 shut-outs the team defined the word "dominance" this season.

When you look at those fantastic numbers and take into consideration the fact that the varsity team made it all the way to the state semi-finals this year, the future

looks very bright for the Lady Astros Field Hockey program.

Coach Kathie Garrish and her team won their 16 team JV Tournament. They won their Round Robin, and went on to win the semifinals and finals, in penalty strokes, on Oct. 14. They didn't even concede a goal during the 16 team tourney, while scoring 13 times: "The team stayed strong all season, working together as a team to make things happen", told coach Garrish to the Nutfield News, "Each of them has great skills but together they were unstoppable. It was with great pride that I was able to be a part of this team this year".

The team's goalie this season was sophomore Kylie Coupal and she managed to stop almost every opponent thanks to help from her defenders, led by Captain Mya Landry (junior) and sophomores Abby Murphy and Nina Coviello. Other members of the defense were freshmen

Hannah Menczywor and Mia Ward. Midfielders Captain Maddi Cresta (junior), Lauren Riviere (sophomore), Quinn Mailloux (freshman) and All-Tourney player, Eliza Taylor (sophomore) were all key offensive and defensive players throughout the entire season, while the team also had plenty of talent in the forward position, with juniors captain Maddy Curley, Holly Cardoza and Jess Johnson, sophomores Valencia Mills, Aleks Carney, Gabby Jimenez and Brinley Stinson and freshmen Jordyn Wasiejko, Maggie Berrigan and Peyton Knowlton.

The school's girls' freshmen team, led by coach Meagan Sojka, finished their season with five wins, one loss and two draws. They began the season with consecutive 3-0 wins against Exeter and at Portsmouth and also had a 5-2 win at Souhegan High School, two months ago. Sojka said the "being able to play in the JV Tournament was a great

opportunity. The team had such a successful season that being able to compete against teams that were older and possibly more experienced was something I felt they could handle. The tied the first three games and won the last one".

She added: "This team was great to work with, one of my favorite teams to help coach. All the girls seemed to get along, cheer for one another and be good people. They all seemed animated and always happy to be at practice. I miss not seeing them now that the season is over".

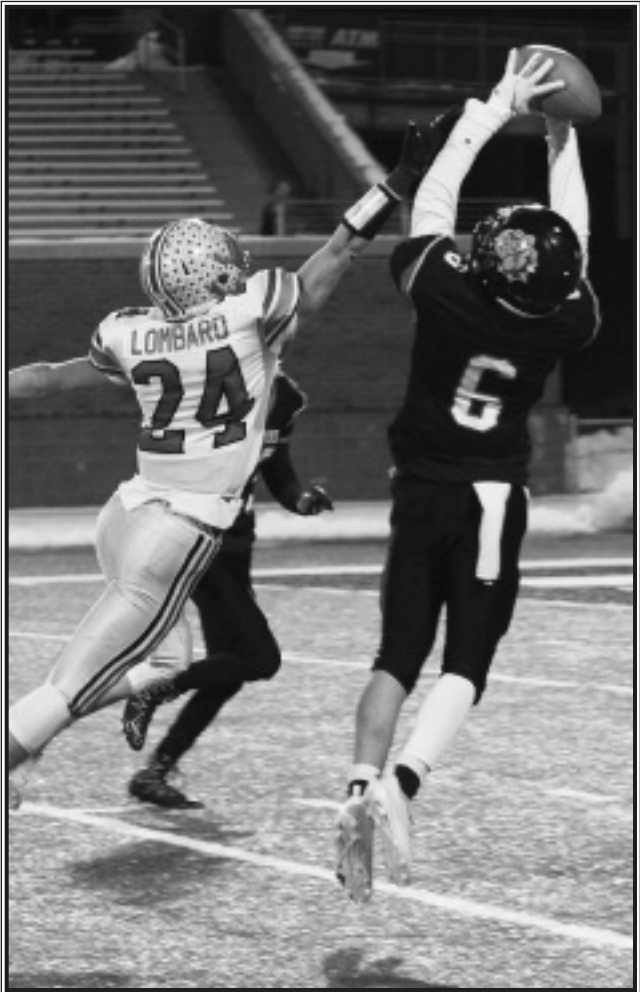
Team members for the 2018 season were: goalie Abbey Rowe, defenders Skyelar Levesque, Isabella Braciska, Mia Ward and Adrianna Clark, midfielders Diamond Page, Sarah Pinard, Kacie Moran and Hailey Laskiewicz and forwards Peyton Knowlton, Jillian Severance, Maggie Berrigan, Sage Wing, Lauren Sweeney and Jaclyn Dubray.

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Michael Sarette), but also throwing for three interceptions and getting sacked twice. Senior Toscano was completely unstoppable for the winners, gaining 185 yards in 26 rushes. QB Thomas Morgan throw for 149 yards (13-for-21) and a touchdown, Greene caught the ball for 83 yards and TE LeGoullon ran for 24 yards and two scores and added 56 yards in six catches.

After the game, Astros coach Brian O'Reilly responded to the loss, "It was a good season and a senior class that lead us to two straight Championship Game appearances. I'm proud of the way the team responded at the end of the season, defeating three quality opponents on their home fields. Our players gave everything they had in the Championship Game, but credit goes to Bedford for controlling the line of scrimmage."



Pinkerton Senior Nick Lombard is unable to get to the ball and prevent a Bedford reception and eventual touchdown at the DI finals on Saturday at UNH.

Astro Hockey Team Getting Ready for a New Challenge

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

While the girls' ice hockey team at Pinkerton Academy is getting ready for its inaugural season, the boys' team has a long history behind it, including two state championships, in 2009 and 2012. Now, after finishing in the third place in Division 1 last year, the skaters are waiting for their new season, hoping to make

the small leap to the first place.

The first puck for the 2018-19 Astros season will be dropped on Dec. 8, 7:05 p.m., when coach Samuel Littelfield's team will face Windham High School.

Pinkerton will play a total of 19 games throughout the season: "The Londonderry game is always a good one to see", told Littlefield to the Nutfield News, regarding the rivalry game

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Pinkerton JV Volleyball Nearly Wins Final Tournament

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' JV volleyball team was only three points away from winning this season's JV Tournament, before losing 25-22 to Nashua South. Coach Megan Evans' team beat the then undefeated Nashua South during the regular season, also ending an undefeated run for Bishop Guertin.

After posting a 15-5 record in the regular season, the Lady Astros won three games and lost another three in their tournament pool, enough to advance to the bracket part of the tournament. There, they had a great performance, eliminating

hosts Hollis-Brookline with a one-sided 25-10 win. The girls' next game was a semi-finals win against Spaulding, before falling to Nashua South in a close and dramatic game: "We had some big wins this season", says Evans, "We had a victory over Londonderry at Mac Plaque and defeated Spaulding on the road for the first time in several years at the JV level".

"We are very proud of how the girls performed and grew as players throughout the season. What impressed me most about this JV team was their cohesiveness as a unit. They are all talented, young volleyball players who are fiercely competitive and when they came together

on the court, amazing things happened. It was so awesome to see them improve individually and then put it all together during the end of the season, especially at the JV Tournament".

The JV Volleyball players in 2018 were: sophomores Ellie Cashman (Defensive Specialist), Genevieve Clark (Rightside Hitter), Katelynn Goy (Middle Hitter), Madison Pomeroy (Middle Hitter), Aubrie Sansing (Outside Hitter), Abby Stallings (Defensive Specialist), Kathleen Snyder (Rightside

Hitter) and Sarah Taylor (Middle Hitter) and freshmen Sierra Edgecomb (Outside Hitter), Lexa Galler (Setter/Defensive Specialist), Lily-Anne Heywood (Outside Hitter), Ella Koelb (Setter).

The Pinkerton freshman team, coached by David Rhoads, had a bit of a rough season, winning only five of their 15 games this season. Coach Rhoads shared his thoughts, "The goal of any freshman program is to develop the player's volleyball skills and competitive-

ness so that they may be contributing in the future, at the JV and Varsity levels. This year's team met that goal in many ways. The majority of the players had never played organized volleyball before, but is now ready to continue their development at the JV or Varsity levels next year. It was a fun season".

As is usually the case with the freshman squad, the year's best performances came in the annual Freshman Volleyball Tournament, held at Salem High, where

PA's team took games from teams that beat them earlier in the regular season and showcased their skill development and team play.

The Pinkerton Academy freshman soccer team members were: Brooke Berlied, Jessica Bolduc, Leah Cincotta, Paige Douglas, Morgan DuPont, Lexis Hanscom, Rachel Keisling, Abby Leppert, Jillian Lynch, Olivia Mason, Jenna Moyer, Olivia Palermo, Maddy Donohue and Shannon Hawkes.

Astro Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Team Players Ready for Next Step

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' varsity soccer team has won the state title twice in the last four years (2015 and 2016) and now, after posting a 12-3-2 record this season, they are ready to receive some of the younger talents that enjoyed a pretty good season in the school's Junior Varsity team.

The Astro JV team, coached by Ben Winchell, won ten games this season,

while losing only four times with one draw. Some of those ten wins were highly impressive, such as 6-0 victories against Timberlane Regional and Spaulding in the beginning of the season, or a 5-0 thrashing of rivals Londonderry on Sep. 21. On the other hand, there was also a 7-1 tough loss at Exeter High School on Oct. 1.

But the game that impressed most coach Winchell was not one of those heavy wins: "our best performance of the season

was a 3-2 comeback win in an away game against Alvirne", he says about the match that took place on Sep. 17th.

Asked about his team's season as a whole he says: "This year's team exceeded all expectations for the season. The ladies came together strongly as a team, on and off the field, and made for a fun year of soccer".

The team members were juniors Mishela Duka (goalkeeper), Abigail Nelson and Mackenzie

Rockhill (defense), Miranda Eckerman and Bronwyn Reed (midfielders), sophomores Isabella Woods (goalkeeper), Sofia Camilleri and Lily Sebastian (defense), Aisling Corcoran, Caryl Huebner, Irelyn Mullen, Olivia Pavao, Hannah Risteen and Anabel Veale (midfielders), Hannah Borges (Strikers) and freshmen Maddy Croteau (Defense), Maddie Frank, Sawyer Jackson and Grace Preston (midfielders) and Grayson Tellier (striker).

Athletes of the Week

Week of Nov. 12



**Gennaro Marra,
Football, Senior:**

This talented running back finished his senior season as Pinkerton's leading rusher. In the state finals game against Bedford, he carried the ball 12 times for a total gain of 96 yards.



**Jackson Clark,
Football, Senior:**

The Astros defense had a long day against Bedford in the state finals, as the Bulldogs had possession for 27 minutes. Pinkerton was able to stay in the game until the end, in part thanks to a game-leading 10 tackles by Clark.

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Six Pinkerton Academy Soccer Players to All-State Teams

Idan Vinitzky
Nutfield News

Six players from the Pinkerton Academy varsity soccer teams received recognition and were selected for the New Hampshire All-State teams at the end of the 2018 season. There were four boys and two girls recognized for their play by DI coaches.

The Pinkerton boys' team finished with a 13-4 record this season and advanced to the state's quarterfinals, before falling against Concord High School. Senior Captain Alex Rust, a second year starter, was selected for First Team All-State after leading PA in goals (10) and adding seven assists.

"Alex is a tremendous kid, with an amazing work ethic," said his coach, Kerry Boles, "His motor never stops. Even when he gets knocked down, he gets right back up. He leads by example, on and off the field".



Senior forward captain, Alex Rust was named to the First Team All State squad.

Senior Captains, goalkeeper Max Fairbank and defender Jon Tremblay entered the Second Team All-State. Fairbank, a two-year starter, had eight

shutouts this season and allowed just 15 goals in 18 total games: "He is a great kid with a bright future. He was vocal, positive and a supportive leader. As clearly



Senior goalkeeper Reagan Kolinski was given First Team All State recognition.

indicated by the vote, he was one of the top goalies in the state. He has an excellent work ethic and will be hugely successful in all of this future endeavors".

Tremblay, a three-year starter, was the team's best defender and received the third highest votes for defenders in Division 1: "Jon is a quiet leader. We

relied on him heavily to keep opponents away from our goal. He did a great job throughout his career and it will be difficult to find a better defender and a bigger challenge to replace him a person".

Senior Henry Andrews received an Honorable Mention after scoring five goals and assisting ten more: "He always stays late after practice. He had the best soccer skills on the team, physically and mentally".

The girls' team had a 12-3-2 record this season and also managed to get to the state's quarterfinals game, where they were eliminated by Exeter High School.

Two of the team members received the All-State honor. Senior goalie Reagan Kolinski was selected for First Team All-State after conceding only nine goals in the regular season and helping the team's nine shutouts. Defender Macy Graves entered the Second All-State team.

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Garden Club Green Workshop

The Derry Garden Club will be hosting its annual Green Workshop on Friday, Dec. 7 starting at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Lesley Verity will demonstrate wreath making. Members will bring greens to share and their own container to create a holiday piece for their home. Members will also make small arrangements in mugs to donate to Meals on Wheels. Bring a ring if you plan on making a wreath and mugs for the Meals on Wheels arrangements. The committee will provide casseroles, dessert and beverages. As always, new members are welcome.

St. Mark's Tree Sale for Charity

St. Mark's Council #10488 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce details of its biggest fundraiser of the year, its 29th Annual Christmas Tree Sale. It will begin on Saturday, Nov. 24, at Chuck's BP Station on Rte. 102 in Londonderry, between Dunkin Donuts and Crossroads Mall.

Democrat Meeting

The Derry Democratic Committee normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. Join us in November on the 5th Thursday of the month, Nov. 29. We will be talking about how the election went and upcoming plans. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Used Toy Sale

St. Gianna's Closet is accepting toy donations for its used toy sale. Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. - noon at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Please consider donating your gently used toys to the following drop off locations: 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry (simply leave on driveway), St. Mark's Church Londonderry during office hours (Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.), St. Thomas Church Derry during

office hours (Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.), St. Matthew Church Windham during office hours (Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.), 12 Rolling Ridge Windham (leave on driveway). Proceeds from this sale go to help the needy in our community through St. Thomas' and St. Gianna's Closet's outreach programs. Donations will be accepted until Nov. 30.

Renew clothing opening Dec.

Renew will be open Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. 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.

Holiday Gift-Making Extravaganza

The Derry Public Library, will once again hold its Holiday Gift-Making Extravaganza for adults who wish to avoid the shopping lines. Join in the DIY fun and make a few gifts from the heart. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will make bath salts, candles, cocoa cups, Sharpie art, and jewelry! The event is free but registration is required. Call the library at 432-6140 or sign up online at www.derrypl.org

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 sil-

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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 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 or call 432-6140.

Basketball Tryouts

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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.

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@use.salvationarmy.org.

Free Meals

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Story Hour with a Craft

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Tiny Tots

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Continuing Education Program

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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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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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