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## Derry Economic Committee Looks for Input on Future

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The Derry Economic Advisory Committee (EDAC) met on Monday evening, Dec. 3 with the main goal being, to facilitate keeping the ball rolling as the try to extract information on how to develop economic growth for the town of Derry through the businesses, residents and town departments.

The group invited local business owners for the meeting to help understand what can be done to help grow business in town.

Chair, Elizabeth Chircharo invited folks attending to speak on the challenges they face as business owners.

Though there were people in attendance, no one chose to address the board, so Derry Economic Development Director, Beverly Donovan spoke, say that maybe they could start by talking about some of the long-term projects along Route 28.

Derry Planning Director George Sioras took the lead on the suggestion and explained how the water and sewer lines along Route 28 have been extended from the area near Parkland Medical Center to the intersection near Clam Haven. The extension travels north to the circle and south to about the Robert Frost Farm Museum.

The state also extended

the water lines to about the top of Ryan's Hill and the plan is to eventually extend it through Windham and to Salem.

The goal was that by doing this it would help promote those areas to create new businesses and help with the tax base.

Sioras continued saying that the long term goal is to bring sewer through to the southern area of Route 28.

Donovan added, that the hope is that, gas lines will be brought to those same areas.

She also mentioned that her department is having discussions with almost every land owner along that area to help develop and

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## The Process of Derry's New Master Plan Gets Going

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Picture what Derry can look like over the next 10-15 years. Conversations and actions have started for the Derry Master Plan Update with input from Town residents, business leaders, and Town officials. The planning process invites your vision for Derry and will continue for approximately the next 12 months.

The seeds for Derry's future were planted last week on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Building as the Town of Derry Planning Board and the Derry Master Plan Update project team kicked off the Town's master

planning process.

At the kickoff, there was an overview presentation of the planning process as well as a workshop.

The breakout workshop, held in the cafeteria, was arranged into small groups from the attendees, to discuss questions concerning the most and least favorite things about Derry, as well as one thing to improve in Derry.

These smaller groups developed answers for these topics and then each group presented a summary to all attendees. The results of this input will be compiled over the near term for further public discussion.

During the logistics of the overall planning process,

the project team will inventory existing Derry resources and develop a vision with goals for the Town. They will look for input from all concerned constituents on opportunities, challenges, and priorities as well as how to implement a plan to represent the Town and the Community's best interest.

The Master Plan for Derry was last updated in 2010 and is done every 10 years according to Derry Planning Director George Sioras.

The end result of the plan update is expected to be a dynamic, living document that will provide the basis for decision making for the

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Retiring Derry Fire Lieutenant Richard Houle spoke to those gathered last week at the Derry Municipal Center about his 37 years with the department. Fellow Lieutenant, Bill Ruterford was also recognized that evening.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Fire Department Fills Town Hall for Promotion Ceremony

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Town Council Chambers at the Derry Municipal Center was filled to capacity during the Thursday, Nov. 29 Promotional Ceremony for members of the Derry Fire Department.

Six new members were welcomed to the Derry Fire Department family by their peers that evening,

as well as one member who was elevated to Lieutenant, and two long-time firefighters were bid farewell.

That evening Paramedics Jason Landry, Zhifeng Lian, Thomas Gillis, John Davis, and firefighter Alex Phillips were welcomed and pinned as new Emergency Operations Personnel. David Eastman was honored as a new Fire Prevention Personnel member.

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# Derry Residential Home Real Estate Market May Be at a Tipping Point

**MACK LEATHURBY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The residential Real estate market in Derry continues to be hot, though the market appears to be reaching a tipping point for home sales prices in Derry and NH. Prices will likely continue to rise a bit more, though the residential home sales market is likely shifting as market pressure are being reflected on both buyers and sellers.

With the recent Derry Valuation Update that provided revised home appraisals, many homes are now at a higher valuation than ever before. So, what does this valuation mean in the current home real estate market for Derry?

The Valuation Update along with a slightly lower tax rate in Derry, combined with new construction projects, still provides good sales opportunities for homeowners. So, the outlook for residential sales looks solid with certain caveats regarding local and national economy.

Interest rates are rising and have reached their highest level since September 2013 with more rate increases expected. A

one-point difference in mortgage rates will increase a homeowner's monthly payment by more than \$100. However, mortgages are still not far from historic low rates and the current rates are a significant advantage for new homebuyers.

Through November 1, 2018 and in the previous 12 months, there have been 358 single family homes were sold in Derry which is within 1% of the previous year. Currently the most attractive market for single-family home sales in Derry is in the \$200K to \$300K where 143 homes sold over the 12 months previous to November 1, 2018. There were 122 homes sold in the \$300-\$400K price range during the same period.

So, these ranges include about 75% of all the homes sold in Derry over the 12 months previous to November 1, 2018. This price category (\$200-\$400K) may be characterized as a slight seller's advantage — meaning that inventory is not enough to generally meet buyer demand and the homes in this price category are typically sold quickly at or near peak pricing, as there

is a very competitive buyer market.

The market in Derry for condominiums over the past 12 months (as of Nov 1, 2018) saw a total of 203 condominiums sold — within 2% of last year's rate. The sweet spot for condominiums includes the \$100K - \$200K where 115 condominiums were sold and the \$200K - \$300K where 62 condominiums were sold. So, these 2 most attractive ranges include 85% of condo sales. Thanks to Keller-Williams Metropolitan of NH for their specif-

ic home absorption rate information for Derry as stated here.

New Hampshire home prices continue to rise, making homeownership challenging, especially for first-time buyers though. The increase in home prices reflects the lack of inventory supply; the amount of new affordable homes in the most attractive price segments being built, and the strength of the economy. Increasing mortgage rates will start to pose a challenge for first-time buyers and rising rates may begin to cool the mar-

ket.

Since late spring, a crescendo of expert voices in NH and Nationally are implying that the housing market is starting to soften after years of home price growth and historically low inventory. The next year still looks good for Derry though the affordability indexes for buyers is starting to stress buyers and may impact sales. And the

rise in home sales prices seems to be stabilizing with many sellers needing to make price reductions in certain market segments to sell their homes.

The real estate market in Derry is nearing a shifting point and transition, so take advantage over the next year of this residential home sales market that is good for both buyers and sellers.

## OBITUARY

### Donald Scott



Donald G. Scott, 90, of Derry, NH, died Sunday Dec. 2, 2018 in Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. He was born in Derry on April 19, 1928, a son of the late Arthur and Ethel (Hawley) Scott.

Donald had been a resident of Derry for most of his life. Don was a 1946 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry and later received an associate's degree in Machine and Tool Design from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Don was a US Army veteran and a recipient of the Army Occupation Metal while serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He had been employed by Polaroid as an engineer where he had several patents credited in his name. He also owned and operated Scott Machine in Derry. Don was a private pilot and flew in and out of Beaver Lake in Derry. He was a lifelong blood donor and supporter of the American Red Cross. Don and his wife Gloria were world travelers following his retirement.

He is survived by his wife Gloria C. (Butterfield) Scott of Derry; several nieces and nephews; a brother and sister-in-law. He was predeceased by his daughters, Lysa Scott in 2010 and Baby Donna Scott, and his two brothers, Arthur and Leroy Scott.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Richard Taylor, Jr.



Richard H. Taylor, Jr., 57, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Nov. 29, 2018 in his home. He was born in Manchester, NH on Dec. 11, 1960, a son of the late Richard and Theresa (Martel) Taylor, Sr. He had been a resident of Derry since 2006, formerly living in Weare, NH. Richard was self employed as a commercial drywaller, and had a strong work ethic. He enjoyed riding his Harley, ATV-ing, his truck, and being outdoors.

He is survived by his wife Pantipa "Cee" Taylor of Derry; his children, Richard H. Taylor, III of Manchester, Jessica A. Gile and her husband Josh of Derry, and Stephen M. Taylor of Derry; his granddaughter, Sammy Gile of Derry; three sisters, Connie Gagnon of Derry, Kathy Sands and Tari Pare both of Manchester.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry.

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## Economic Development

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market the properties.

It was also mentioned that there are still some significantly large pieces of property along Route 28, one of which, is closer to town of about 40 acres.

Town Council Representative Jim Morgan interjected, he thought a housing subcommittee on density should be added to the EDAC. He felt that the key to Derry's growth will be achieved through density.

He went on to explain that he would like to see the south corridor of Route 28

and the downtown used to support housing density. "We need to create density in the downtown, but we need to do it correctly."

"What we should embrace, is one bedroom and studio apartments," Morgan said. He explained that this would help keep younger residents in the state.

Donovon agreed, saying she has been talking with landlords and real estate companies in the area, and the one bedroom apartments available have a waiting list a mile long.

So she felt the market

was very strong for that, and added those people will be the people who support the businesses.

Morgan added that he thought the sub-committee could set five or six reachable goals in regard to density along those areas.

During the meeting, members also discussed the low turnout of the first Master Plan Update meeting. They felt that despite their effort to get the word out, spending \$100,000 on the Master Plan with the input of 30 people will just not work.

There was also some time spent on the on-line Master Plan survey that is

available on the Derry website. The survey will allow residents to share their needs and cannot be weighted by one person filling it out multiple times.

Again, Chircharo invited folks attending to speak on the challenges they face. Most explained that they were attending just to listen, but one of those in the audience expressed the need to create hiring paying job opportunities, such as medical buildings.

Morgan thought that the medical industry was a perfect fit with Derry, especially considering the age demographic that continues

to rise.

Another attendee mentioned that though the focus of the committee is on business, there is a lot of growth around Derry and one focus should be on getting in and out of town.

Chircharo agreed, saying she chose Derry as a place to live because of its proximity to surrounding cities. She thought that focusing on housing for younger residents was a good focus for the group.

At one point in the meeting Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron was asked if Conservation Land could be used to cultivate a vineyard.

Caron's immediate thought was yes, saying he'd have to look into the language written into the easement, but that sort of thing is usually encouraged by conservation.

"I'd be surprised if there were any limiting language in our documents from the Conservation Commission on the properties the town has purchased in the past," Caron said.

It was noted toward the tail end of the meeting, that Derry Express is leaving, there is a "now leasing" sign in their window.

The next meeting of the EDAC will be Jan. 7.

## Master Plan

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next decade.

Sioras and the Derry Planning Department point out that master plan updates are dynamic priorities to align with budgets and changing situations such as the I-93 Exit 4a project. Previous plans have been focused on areas like the downtown revitalization that was implemented including streetscape updates, sidewalks and lighting.

Derry Planning has teamed with Massachusetts-based Community Circle in association with Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, Barret Planning Group, LLC, and BETA Group as well as other Derry residential groups for this plan update.

The Master Planning Meeting last week was organized for the community at large, with an overview presentation from Community Circle Principal and Project Leader, Daphne Politis. She discussed how Derry's priorities will be identified and refined. The project leader reported that input from the community is key to identifying those priorities. Politis also pointed out what actions are in progress, where to connect to get involved, and how to get information including events and goals to align community participation.

Derry has currently allocated and approved about \$100,000 for the planning update. Derry Town Offi-

cials including Economic Development Director Beverly Donovan and Elizabeth Robidoux, Derry's planning and economic development assistant are well immersed and excited about making the planning update project successful.

Participation from Derry residents promises to be fun and rewarding as residents can influence the vision and provide ideas to help shape the future of the community. So, it's time for all residents to get creative and thoughtful about what will make life in Derry even better in the near future.

And it is easy to get involved. There will be additional public events for Master Plan input, comment boards in the Town Library, the Town Center building and other places, and there will be booths for inputs at certain Town events.

Currently there is the Derry Age-Friendly Survey



Groups gathered to participate in the Master Plan Update Workshop held at the Pinkerton Academy cafeteria last week.  
Photo by Mack Leathurby

that awaits your participation. Take this survey at [tiny.cc/PlanDerry](http://tiny.cc/PlanDerry) (Note: the link is case sensitive).

Please check out the Derry Town link to Master Plan Update, [www.derrynh.org/planning/master-plan-update](http://www.derrynh.org/planning/master-plan-update). It is recom-

mended to bookmark this plan is updated over the next link and check back as the 12 months or so.

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# Editorial

## Remembering Pearl Harbor & an American President

December 7, 1941: a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep awoke to explosions. Many U.S. sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2,403 American citizens would be lost on that fateful day.

The numbers tell a morbidly fascinating story of that morning the United States came under attack without warning. Our nation was well aware of the turmoil and horrific events taking place overseas in Europe, but at that time we had our own battles—those of exceptional economic distress—and war was the farthest thing from our minds.

But this day would change all of that.

The Greatest Generation mourned a tremendous loss of human life in the days following Pearl Harbor, and they would rally behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms without looking back.

Today, there is time to look back with awe at ordinary people becoming extraordinary and to personally thank, if possible, that shrinking number of individuals who were there when everything changed.

In his speech to Congress and the nation on Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the Ameri-

can people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

Sadly, the progression of time has dimmed the voices of the men who were on ships, who clamored to battle stations, who cried over lost comrades. Much of today's generation will hear of these events only from sterile textbooks and dry classroom lectures, information that may go in one ear and out of the other.

There is much that divides us today—some of it is of consequence, and some of it is merely the result of too little generational sacrifice, a lack of understanding of what is and is not important.

We should remember this event and inform future generations of this event not just by moments of prayer and reflection, but by focusing on being better Americans, and along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during World War II in within the United States. Out of fear and prejudice, Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes and put into internment camps. Two wrongs do not and never have made a right, and we would be wise to remember this today.

Freedom is important. We owe ours today to the heroes of Pearl Harbor and to the heroes of the battles that would follow. We remember them and learn. And we offer thanks.



Fire Chief Mike Gagnon swears in Ron Sebastian as the department's newest Lieutenant as his wife, Amy, and two daughters look on. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Fire Ceremony

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Lieutenant Bill Rutherford and Lieutenant Richard Houle were recognized for their years of service to the community as they retired from the Derry Fire Department and Ronald Sebastian was promoted to Lieutenant.

Derry Jr. Battalion Chief William Gillis was the Master of Ceremonies that evening which began with the Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by the department's Color Guard.

Salvation Army Chaplain, Lieutenant Kathryn Mayes was present for the event's Invocation.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jackson spoke to the crowd assembled about what it means to be a member of the Derry Fire Department saying, "We're here to help people on their worse day and to make a difference."

Derry Town Councilor Jim Morgan also attended the ceremony, he read a proclamation from the

council as well as presenting Chief Mike Gagnon with a plaque from the New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards and Training. The Derry Fire Department was awarded the 2018 Bound Tree Corporation EMS Unit of the Year.

State Senator Regina Birdsell spoke briefly and thanked the families in attendance. She had individual Resolutions from the state for each member being recognized that evening.

Birdsell was followed by Fire Chief Gagnon who expressed how "Proud and fortunate" he was to be the Derry Fire Chief. He was emotional as he introduced Ron Sebastian as the department's newest Lieutenant.

Sebastian was accompanied by his wife, Amy, and two daughters, as he was sworn in as Lieutenant by Chief Gagnon. Amy later pinned her husband's new badge to his uniform.

Lieutenants Bill Rutherford and Richard Houle were presented plaques by Derry Firefighter Union #4392 Vice Presidents Rick Fisher and Tim Hebert. Rutherford was presented a large plaque featuring a golden axe, while Houle was given one of his favorite tools and a plaque for his 37 years with the force.

After the retirement recognition, a new member of Derry Fire Prevention Personnel, David Eastman, an Inspector, was officially sworn in and pinned by his mom and dad.

The evening ended with the welcoming of the five new Emergency Operations personnel members. Paramedics Jason Landry, Zhifeng Lian, Thomas Gillis, John Davis, and firefighter Alex Phillips were all sworn in and pinned by their family members that attended that evening.

After the ceremony, Chief Gillis invited all who attended to Halligan's Tavern for a reception.

*See next page for additional photos.*

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# Derry Fire Department Honors Those Coming and Going



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# Santa Claus Arrives at Aviation Museum by Helicopter, Saturday, Dec. 15

Families are encouraged to come out and greet St. Nick as he arrives by chopper for museum's holiday party. All are welcome to greet Santa Claus when the Big Guy arrives by helicopter at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Santa will serve as special guest at the museum's annual holiday party and open house, which starts at 10 a.m., that day.

Santa's arrival is scheduled to take place, weather permitting, on the lawn outside the Aviation Museum. All are welcome to see Santa arrive by chopper, provided courtesy C-R Helicopters of Nashua.

Families wishing to see Santa's arrival are requested to arrive before 10:30 a.m., and to follow instructions in the museum's parking lot.

Santa's arrival, preceded by a fly-over, is expected to take place at 10:45 a.m.

For safety reasons, all are asked to follow instructions from Santa's ground crew as he disembarks from the helicopter and enters the museum.

Inside the museum, the public is invited to meet Santa, who will chat with children, answer questions, and take requests. The Museum's holiday party will also include games, stories, holiday crafts, and snacks.

The party is free for children 12 and under with paid admission of \$5 per accompanying adult. Volunteers will be on hand to lead holiday activities and answer questions about the Museum's many exhibits.

"We're thrilled that Santa will arrive this year by helicopter," said Jeff

Rapsis, the museum's executive director. "Santa coming in by chopper was a highlight of the holiday season that many of us remember growing up, and where better to revive this grand tradition than at the Aviation Museum?"

Although Santa still travels by magic sleigh on his Christmas Eve rounds, he prefers modern helicopters for pre-holiday personal appearances to avoid tiring out Rudolph and his team of flying reindeer, Rapsis said.

The Aviation Museum is located on 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. The museum is accessible via Harvey Road, on the other side of the airfield from the terminal at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

The museum is housed in the Manchester airport's original 1937 passenger terminal, a WPA project



Santa Claus (seen here during a previous visit) will arrive by helicopter this year at the Aviation Museum

that was built in an Art Deco style and is highlighted by a small glass tower.

"A big part of our mission at the Aviation Museum is to encourage young

people to become the next generation of pilots, mechanics, and aerospace professionals," Rapsis said. "What better way to inspire a kid than to be there when Santa flies overhead and

then touches down in an actual helicopter?"

For more info, visit [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) or call (603) 669-4820.

## FBLA a Helping Hand in the Pinkerton Community

CORINNA MCJURY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

FBLA: a helping hand at Pinkerton Academy by Corinna McJury

FBLA is a club/organization at Pinkerton Academy and a national organization across the country. Their goals are to strive to

do better and help in the community around them. They do things such as fundraisers, food drives, and other things that help the community stand together and help each other. As the club helps those in need, they also learn about business.

At Pinkerton the FBLA

meets regularly. "We have weekly officer meetings and full club meeting are held monthly, with varying dates," said Grace Burns, the club's communications coordinator. There are multiple students who attend the meetings and are a part of the club. Burns stated the main

focus of the club is "Building leadership and business skills while giving back to our community... We work closely with Make a Wish often, but we also recently did a food drive and donated the proceeds to NH food bank."

Grace Burns works as communications coordinator for the club, gaining real world experience as she attends high school. "I am the communications coordinator, so I run all the

social media and communicate with press such as Derry News," said Burns. In her position, Burns highlights the work the club does for the community. "So far we have done a Make a Wish fundraiser, a food and coat drive, hosted a breast cancer walk and the proceeds from Pinkerton's Got Talent will go to Make a Wish."

The connection between business and community service is clear to

Burns. "Businesses, being an active part of the community, are important, and as a business club we try to follow in the same path. We think that it is very important to give back to your community, and to maintain a positive reputation in the community."

FBLA is always accepting new members at Pinkerton Academy. See Mr. Smith for more information.



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# Two Pinkerton Teams Win at Third at VEX Tournament

The third VEX Robotics tournament of the season was held on Saturday Dec. 1, at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke N.H.

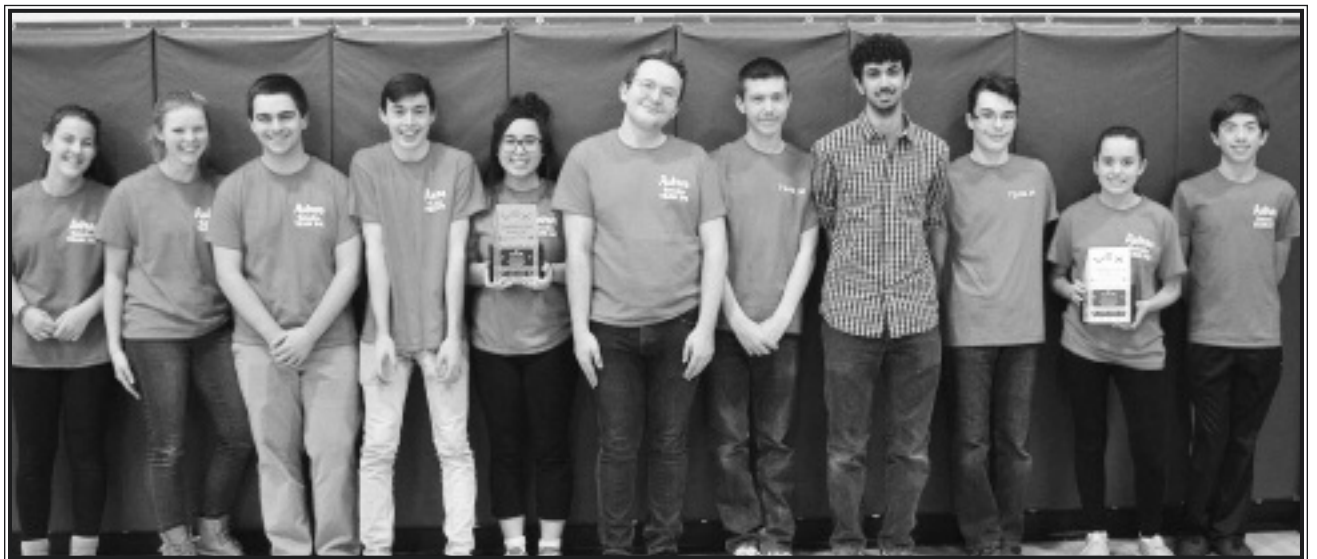
There were 40 teams competing from across the state including all six Pinkerton Academy Vex teams. Four of Pinkerton's teams made it through the 78 qualifying matches with Team Driven - 241D, the second place finisher and the A-Team - 241A a tenth place finisher becoming an alliance throughout the quarter, semi, and final rounds.

In the one-and-done

event finals, the teams have to be ready. Driven and A-Team made it to the final match, beating the #1 seeded Trinity High team, and the #3 seeded Kennett team in the last match by only one point.

In this third competition so far this year, Pinkerton Academy teams have won awards or have become tournament champions in all three.

This now adds A-Team as qualifiers to attend the regional tournament in February with a chance to get to the VEX Worlds Finals in April.



Pinkerton's A-Team and Team Driven pictured from left. A-Team members: Hailey Sauer, Allyson Turner, John Horan, Gabe DeManche, captain Katie Allan, Nick Kahn. Team Driven members: Jason Morton, captain Adrien Anderson, Devin Shattuck, Diamond Pope, Patrick Garcia  
*Courtesy photo*

## Parenting A Second Time Around

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry, will hold an information night about Parenting a Second Time Around on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Parenting a Second Time Around (P.A.S.T.A.) is a free support group for family caregivers and grandparents who are in the position of raising children again. Topics to be discussed include child development, discipline and guidance, caring for oneself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues and advocacy.

The six week program will begin in February 2019 at the YMCA. The P.A.S.T.A support group is provided in partnership with Greater Derry Community Health Services, Inc and South Central NH Public Health.

There is no cost to

attend, all are welcome.

The information night will take place at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry at 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, on Dec. 13 from 6 - 7 p.m. Snow date is Dec. 20.

Child care will be provided for the info

night as well as the six week program.

For more information, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald, Executive Director at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry at 603.437.9622 or email lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org.

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# West Running Brook Enjoys Another Reindeer Romp



The annual West Running Brook Middle School's Reindeer Romp took place on Friday night Nov. 30 with lots of festive activities for attendees to take part in. Along with the dozens of crafters on-hand there was also many raffle baskets and gift cards available, a wreath auction, holiday crafts, a Tattoo booth, and a Chili Contest. Chorus members could be heard throughout the events singing Christmas Carols and Danielle Higgins, at right, played the trumpet for attendees.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Girls Basketball Squads Prepare for New Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Tryouts were held at Pinkerton Academy last week for the Astros Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman Girls' Basketball teams.

About 50 girls, the average number in recent years, showed up for the three-day event to compete for a position on the team this year.

The Astro varsity team, coached by veteran leader Lani Buskey, made it all the way to the Division I State Finals last year, losing to Bishop Guertin in a somewhat lop-sided 54-34 battle.

The Pinkerton Academy girls varsity squad

have not won the DI title since 2006.

Now, after tryouts and with many returning players from last season, expectations are high again, "This team is going to be a nice collaboration of experience and youth and I think that will be a lethal combination," said Buskey once the tryouts were over and the roster confirmed, "We need to continue our strong culture of dominant defense and to find our consistent options on the offensive end. If everyone understands their role and buy into it, we can be a dominant team again this year. This will be led by our captains Brooke Kane and Madison Ma-

honey".

The team took part in the Dover Jamboree with the Lady Astros playing three 15 minute games this past Saturday, Dec. 1. This year's roster will have a scrimmage against Pelham next week before playing its first official game at Manchester Central High School on Dec. 11. The tip off for their game against the Little Green will be at 6:30 p.m.

The teams first home game is three days later, against Concord High's Crimson Tide. That game is also scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gymnasium.

"At our practices before the first game we will get

into basketball shape and build our team chemistry", adds Buskey, "The addition of Jesse Ames, Sofia Riccio, Alyssa DiMauro and Megan King into the starting five and the sixth man position should help with the depth of the team. Add that to the talented bench and this season looks very helpful".

The final roster set for the varsity team this season features: Seniors Brooke Kane, Madison Mahoney, Megan King and Mackenzie Dolan, juniors Jesse Ames, Sofia Riccio, Alyssa Di Mauro and Mya Landry, sophomores Allison Ingalls and Samantha Frank and freshmen Avah Ingalls and Casey Ames.



Pinkerton senior Brooke Kane will try to help lead her team to another appearance at the Division I finals as the winter season gets going. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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# PA Freshman Football Team Wins All Nine Games in 2018

Idan Vinitzky  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity football team proved again that they are one of the best programs in New Hampshire, after qualifying for the 12th time in 15 years to the state Championship Game. And in order to make it to the final almost every year, a successful program must have continuity.

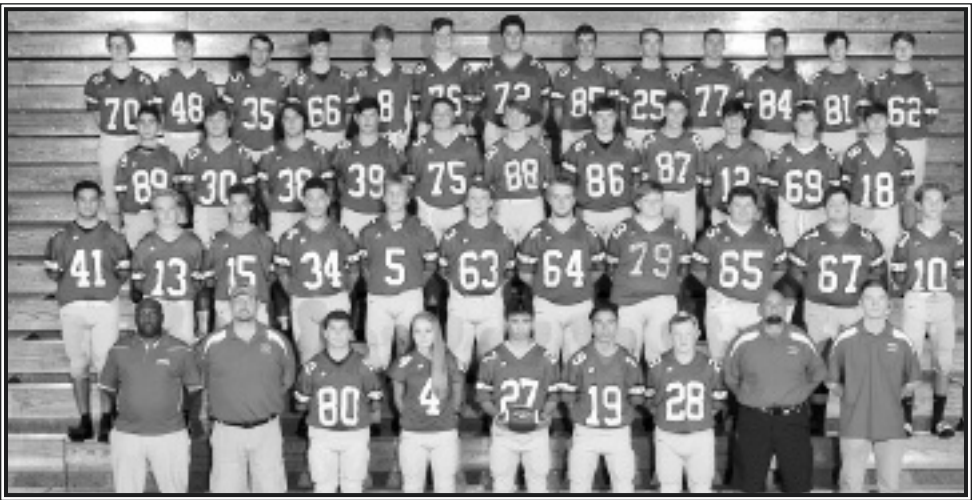
This season the Astros' freshman team showed that the varsity team can count on them for the next few years. Coach Eric Dugas' players won each one of

their nine games this fall, finishing as the number one seed in their division. When asked about the season, Dugas said, "This team was more than I could have expected. They came in with a lot of talent and ability, but lacked cohesion. These kids worked hard and developed into stellar student athletes. The Varsity program has a strong future ahead of it".

The young Astros kicked off their season with a 36-16 decisive win at Spaulding High School and had a 26-0 shut-out win against rivals Londonderry at home on

Sep. 20. They finished their regular season a month later win a 38-6 beating of Winnacunnet and went on to play in the Freshman Tournament at Alvirne High School, "That was our top performance this season", said Dugas, "Our team rolled through the competition. It was almost five hours in the windy and cold temperatures, playing against all levels of competition in an overtime format. After fighting through to the finals, it took double overtime and a slip in the mud for the Salem Blue Devils to beat us 8-6".

The Pinkerton Academy Freshman team members were: Athena Tsetserano (WO, Kicker), Riley Spellman (HB, DB), Aiden Garone (QB, DB), Jacob Marchand (FB, LB), Russ Patrikas (WO, DB), Matthew Koza (WO, DB), Braydon Bourque (WO, DB), Nathan Campos (QB, DB), Andrew Small (WO, DB), Picasso Bates (TE, DE, Kicker), David Clark (HB, DB, Kicker), Don Terrio (HB, DB), Nathan Griffin (FB, LB), Jack Mackiernan (FB, LB), Anthony Terrenzio (FB, LB), Brady Lang (WO, DB), Dominic Breda (FB,



The Astros' freshman football team showed won each one of their nine games over the fall season.

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LB), Elijah Chantasiri (HB, LB), Jeremiah Molina (OL, LB), Logan Pezzuto (WO, DB), Maxwell Van Dixon (OL, DL), Riley Cox (OL, DL), Andrew Minzner (OL, DL), Jason Santuccio (OL, DL), Kaleb Owen (OL, DE), Bryan Parker (OL, DL), Gavin O'Brien (OL, DL), Jacob Harrison (OL, DL), George Nigro (OL, DL), John Bergeron (OL, DL), Edward Van De Veen (OL, DE), Travis Wiltshire (OL, DL), Seth Carroll (OL, DL), Benjamin Adams (OL, LB), Jake Cooper (WO, DB), Daniel Nelson (OL, DE), Anthony DeSalvo (TE, DE), Caden Kelly (TE, DE), Gavin Kattar (TE, DE), David Dow (TE, DE), Michael Abiraad (WO, DB).

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Nov. 25



**Jason Barton,**  
Senior, Bowling

Barton's consistent scoring in both the Standard Ten Pin and Baker matches gave the Astros varsity bowling team a third place finish in a match of close games in their season opener last weekend. His leadership kept the team focused.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

## Astro Indoor Track Teams Gets Ready for the Season

Idan Vinitzky  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Boys Indoor Track team is not going to set the bar low. After bringing the Division I championship title back to what by now has become a familiar home, coach Ian French knows The team has an excellent shot at repeating.

The Astro athletes finished in second place in the 2016-17 season, but other than that, it has been all gold for the team, winning six of the last seven titles. The squad, as of press time, has not be finalized, but some strong returnees from last year's title team should be

again among the top in the state in their events. Some of those include, Conor Seleny in 300m and hurdles, John Brooks in 300m, 55m and Long Jump, Adam Spencer in hurdles (the number 1 returner in New England) and High Jump, Terrene Coyle and Zach Plaza in 1,000m, Joe Gagnon in 1,500m and 3,000m and Colton Boursier in High Jump. The relay teams look strong as well, particularly the 4x200m one.

The Boys Indoor Track season will begin on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. with the University of New Hampshire meet at UNH and will conclude on Feb. 3 with the Division I State

Meet that will be held at Dartmouth College.

Pinkerton won the "double" last season, when the Indoor Track girls' team was crowned as Division 1 Champions, for the first time since 1981. The girls coach, Michael Karthas, expect them to compete for another title this year and marks the Dartmouth Relays meeting, that will take place on Jan. 11 and 12, as one of the marquee meetings of the season (before the Championship Meet), where many of the best athletes from the Northeast will test themselves against each other. Pinkerton will bring around a dozen athletes to that

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# PA Bowling Team Gets Season Rolling at Home Event

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy bowling team opened their new winter season on Saturday, Dec. 1 by hosting the first meet of 2018-19 at Strikers East in Raymond.

The meet featured four other schools, Goffstown, Hillsboro-Deering, Merrimack and Stevens. At the end of the day, the Astros finished fourth in the meet, with a two-game standard total of 1,514 points.

The varsity team captain, Meghan Slater, had games of 121 and 138 while the other team captain, Jason Barton, scored 165 and 151. Bryant Nourse finished his two games with 127 and 120, Lance Lemieux with

146 and 147, Harry Michaud scored a fantastic 226 in his first game and 173 in his second and Colby Wong gave the team 131 and 136 points.

Stevens High School won the meet, with an impressive 2,086 points, and Merrimack finished second, scoring 1,997 points. Goffstown were third with 1,595, just 81 more points than the Astros, who finished ahead of Hillsboro-Deering (1,403 points for the day).

The Astros faced Hillsboro-Deering in the single head-to-head Baker game in the preliminary round, winning it 164 to 126. Then, PA had a Round 1 match against Stevens, losing the first game 142-119. The sec-

ond game was closer and finished 154-144 in favor of the Cardinals. Pinkerton went on to meet the Goffstown Grizzlies in Round 2. They played a great first game, winning 213-133 and continuing to a second win, this time 147-130.

The Astros took a total of five points for the day, giving them the third seed among the varsity teams, with Merrimack finishing first, Stevens second and Goffstown fourth. Pinkerton's JV team's standard two-game total of 1,037 points gave the school the fourth overall seed for the day.

Memphis Kirkland had games of 84 and 87, Connor Grimard scored 124 and 80, Jarod Wong finished his day



The Pinkerton Academy Bowling Team started their season with a home meet at Strikers East in Raymond on Saturday, Dec. 1

*Courtesy photo*

with 95 and 116 points, Courtney Crivello scored 104 and 87, Matthieu Gagnon had a great 152 points game and a 108 game, Mike Fiandaca scored

79 and 61 points, Mike Barnard gave the team 126 and 113 points and Preston Chandler had 33 and 45 points.

The JV team faces

Stevens in the Baker rounds, winning once in three games. Then, they repeated that result in the match against Goffstown, sending them to a fourth place finish.

## Young Pinkerton Ice Hockey Squad Ready for Face Off

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It has been an interesting and action packed week for the Pinkerton Academy

Ice Hockey team, as coach Samuel Littlefield and his staff held tryouts for almost 50 kids, just a couple of weeks before the first puck drops and a new season

begins: "It was a large number, but we usually have a good showing for tryouts", said coach Littlefield, who had the tough task of selecting the 32 kids that got into

this year's roster.

"We have assembled a talented young team," explains the veteran Littlefield, "We have several freshmen and sophomores, with very strong leadership from our upperclassmen".

The Varsity team's first official game of the 2018-19 winter season will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 8:25 p.m., at home against Trinity High School. "We

have a lot of work to do between now and our first game", says Littlefield, "We have a preseason scrimmage against Windham, this Saturday".

The 2018-19 roster: Dakota Robinson, Gennaro Marra, Shawn Tewksbury, Brendon Banks, Jon Last, Connor Trask (seniors), Joseph Marra, Mason Drouin, Jack Normand, Ethan Livingston, Scott Cavan, Brett Masterson,

Gavin Goyetch, Matt Gilliland (juniors), Hunter Drouin, Patrick Last, Aidan Price, David Laporte, Paul Lescovitz, Cole Popkin, Evan Samiotes, Ethan Burgess, Jake Masterson, Jared Barcelos, Timothy Barcelos, Jonathan Capringo (sophomores), Dillon Romano, Ryan Leighton, Aidan Curran, Tylor Pappalardo, Mark Lucca (freshmen).

## Pinkerton Alum Selected as Rookie of the Week in Rivier

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The women's basketball team at Rivier University had some difficulties early in the season, losing its first six games during the month of November. But at least one of the Raiders' players is using this opportunity to shine: Cydney Lessard, a Pinkerton Academy alum from last year, was selected

Rookie of the Week for the GNAC (Great Northeast Athletic Conference).

Lessard became the Raiders first freshman to receive this honor since Deanna Purcell, way back in Feb. 7, 2012. This is also the first GNAC Weekly honor to be awarded to a Rivier Women's Basketball player since Savanna Butterfield won the conference's Player of the Week award on Dec.

5, 2016.

In her first six appearances for Rivier, Lessard scored 6.8 points-per-game, in 22.3 minutes on average, with her two best games coming against Plymouth State on Nov. 15, a 12 point, 5-for-8 from the field game and a career high of 15 points (7-for-7 from the free throw line) on Nov. 20 in an away game at Fisher College.

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# RAYS Swimmers Help With “68 Hours of Hunger” Fight

**IDAN VINITSKY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Rockingham Area Youth Swim (RAYS) understands that there are bigger things in life than a good swimming result, and on Saturday, Dec. 1, 40 of the team’s swimmers, plus parents and coaches helped the “68 Hours of Hunger” organization pack meals for kids in need.

After collecting the food for the last few weeks, team members, aged 5 to 18, loaded up 23 backpacks that will be handed out to kids in area schools that otherwise might not eat over an entire weekend at their homes.

Program Coordinator Rachel Yakey and her husband Brian were on hand to help the volunteers that gathered on Saturday, at the Workout Club in Londonderry, to organize filling each of the backpacks.

The backpacks were

filled with a total of seven meals, a Friday dinner, and a breakfast, lunch and dinner for both Saturday and Sunday. All the food is dry and has a long shelf life.

The “68 Hours of Hunger” organization has a new branch in Londonderry, one of over 30 branches in New Hampshire. About ten more braches are spread across the US, including Ohio, California, Florida, Illinois, Maine and Massachusetts. “They have 85 kids on their need list, but only have enough to service 15 right now”, says Noelle Schreiber, who has two kids on the swimming team and acts as vice president of the RAYS Parents Advisory Board. She added, “Everybody really wanted to do this and supported. The parents in charge of team bonding organized it. We try to do team bonding activities that include community service in them”.



Asked about the values that the kids can receive from such community

service, Scheriber says: “Understanding how it feels to give back and that people who might be seat-



Hundreds of food items were collected and packed into back packs by the RAYS swim team on Saturday to help end weekend hunger. *Photos by Chris Paul*

ing next to you at school or live across the street, can’t eat when they are home. Being able to do something

small will give someone else something big. If kids can’t eat, they can’t learn. 68 Horus of Hunger is a powerful organization that came up with this idea. It is teaching strong values for our kids, like not taking for granted something simple like being able to eat”.

Brandon White, a Londonderry High School student and RAYS swimmer said: “It feels great to help other kids in our community.” Other Londonderry kids who participated were Kyla Collins, Typer Corcoran and Chase VonPichl, and from Derry, Jordyn Schreiber, Kyle Schreiber, Robbie Shea, Zoey Li and JT Patel, whose mother Vaishai Patel helped organize the event.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## Derry Fun Night

National Model Railroad Association of the Seacoast Division is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Each month a clinic or make-and-take project is presented by modelers for modelers of wide ranging topics of model railroading. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

## Free Discover Girl Scouts Event

Come discover what makes Girl Scouts the leading expert on girls! Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains will host a free information session for girls and parents on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 6 - 7 p.m. at Derry Village School, 28 S. Main St., Derry. Girls and their families can meet local Girl Scouts and volunteers; learn about expanded STEM and outdoor programs; enjoy fun, girl-led activities; explore programs; learn about volunteer opportunities; and register to become a Girl Scout. Plus, girls will receive a free Discover Girl Scouts embroidered patch. To learn more about Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, visit [girlscoutsgwm.org](http://girlscoutsgwm.org), or call 1-888-474-9686 if you have any questions.

## The Real Gifts Of Christmas

This Holiday Season, join Calvary Bible Church to learn what the Real gifts of Christmas are! This Free program, "The Real Gifts of

Christmas", features a dramatic presentation and a choir, in which we will explore what it means to celebrate the reason for the season - the birth of Jesus Christ. Join us at Calvary Bible Church at 145 Hampstead Rd. in Derry on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. Nursery is provided.

## Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table is offering a free holiday breakfast on Dec. 16, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Elijah's Table is a joint project of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration and Etz Hayim Synagogue. The Dec. 16 breakfast will be held at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Come in from the cold, and enjoy a special breakfast in a warm, comfortable, and friendly environment. For information about other free meals, please go to our blog at <http://freemealsin-derry.blogspot.com>.

## Elf Training

Elves-in-training will make special elf hats, decorate cookies, create a beautiful ornament, sing songs, and play reindeer games! Children ages birth through 11 are invited to join us for hands-on holiday fun on Dec. 6 from 1 - 2 p.m. or 3 - 4 p.m. or 6 - 7 p.m. at the Derry Public Library! Registration required Contact: Raymond Fontaine [rayf@derrypl.org](mailto:rayf@derrypl.org) There are 21 spaces available.

## Stop Motion Animation Class

This Is An Ongoing Class and Meets Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 3, 17, 31, and Feb. 14, and 28 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. This hands-on class teaches the step-by-step process of creating stop motion animation, from the making of flexible characters out of clay, all the way to the completion of a finished scene. Using more modern frame grabbing technology to capture images, students will be able to see their progress each day. Ages 12-18 Registration Required. Contact: Erin Robinson 432-6140 [erinr@derrypl.org](mailto:erinr@derrypl.org) There are 6

spaces available.

## 1, 2, 3 Explore!

We have so much to explore! Join us for interactive sensory play activities designed to stimulate toddlers' growing minds. On Dec. 7 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 with their caregivers. No registration required.

## Cookbook Book Group

We will pick a new cookbook for each meeting. Make something from the book and bring it in to share! Discuss tips, tricks, troubles, and eat! Cookbooks will be available to borrow at the front desk of the Derry Public Library. This month's cookbook will be: Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines, and we'll meet on Dec. 7 from 11:30 - 1 p.m.

## Film Discussion Group

Join our IFC film group and make it happen! We will provide the film for you to watch at home, and the discussion will be here on the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. No registration is required. This month's film will be: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...and Spring, and the meeting will take place on Dec. 12. Films will be available to pick up at our front desk of the Derry Public Library and are loanable for one week.

## Mother Goose on the Loose

Exciting toddler storytime for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers. This storytime engages young children using music, finger plays, props, and movement on Dec. 13 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. at the Derry Public Library. No registration required.

## Harry Potter Club

Fantastic Beasts hit theaters in November! Let's delve into the world of Harry Potter this winter and spend the cold months working on magical crafts. On Dec. 13 from 3:30 4:30 p.m. make a Golden Snitch Ornament. For Ages

10-18. Registration is Required contact Erin Robinson at 432-6140 or [erinr@derrypl.org](mailto:erinr@derrypl.org) There are 15 spaces available.

## Women Writers Group

The Greater Derry Creative Women Writers Group will meet on Dec. 13 from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Women writers of all ages and skill sets meet monthly to critique original writings, share information and offer seminars on topics related to writing.

## Toddler Tunes and Tales

A 30 minute storytime recommended for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers incorporating fun movement songs, stories, and props. No registration required will be held on Dec. 14 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. at the Derry Public Library.

## The Roving Beaders

Classes offered to learn jewelry techniques focused on beadwork on Dec. 15 from 12 - 4 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. There will be a fee for materials and supplies.

## Christmas Party

Christmas Party with Upper Room on Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Derry Pubic Library. Join us for Cookie Decorating and Cocoa with SANTA! Brought to you by your friends at The Upper Room [www.urteachers.org](http://www.urteachers.org)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com).

## 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 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. 23 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.

## 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.

## 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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