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Zoning Grants Waiver for Beaver Lake Property Involved in Dispute

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The Zoning board of Adjustment met on Sept. 19 to hear an applicant's request for an equitable waiver to the terms of Article VI Zoning Ordinance guidelines. This request was made by Dawn V. Merrill on behalf of the Dawn V. Merrill Revocable Trust to allow an existing attached shed to be located less than 15 feet from the side property line at 30 Coles Grove Road in the Beaver Lake area which is zoned for MDR (Medium Density Residential).

As folks living in the Beaver Lake area know well, the density of homes built here is a factor that can lead to challenges for constructing home additions or even adding a shed. Many of

the properties in the area are built close together which can add stress and privacy considerations for neighbors living almost "on top" of each other around the lake. So, it is often a good thing to have neighbors who are tolerant, quiet, and considerate of each other.

In this situation, Merrill was presenting her equitable waiver request to the zoning board as the result of unique circumstances. Merrill and her family bought their Beaver Lake property -almost 30 years ago - to be used primarily as a summer home while keeping a primary residence in New Jersey.

In 2012, the Merrills decided to move permanently from their primary home in N.J. to their summer home in Derry at Beaver Lake and set it up for year-

round living.

That same year, the family became aware that carpenter ants were destroying the woodshed that was attached to their home. After discussion, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill decided the best recourse would be to tear the woodshed down.

About a year and half later, a new neighbor moved in next to the Merrills, who had some remodeling plans for their own property. There were certain issues involved that restricted construction in this zone that led to certain legal and zoning disputes, which created ill will between these neighbors.

In 2016, the family decided to replace the woodshed that had been taken down 4 years previously.

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Derry School District Looking at Full-Time Tuition Free Kindergarten

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At their school board meeting on Sept. 24, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Connors-Krikorian, led a discussion on full-day tuition free Kindergarten for Derry residents. At the meeting the superintendent invited the district's steering committee to provide key support information for this initiative. This steering committee includes MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Jayne Boyle, Matt Olsen, Austin Garofalo, Jane Simard, Dan LaFleur, Cathy Strople and Pam McDonald.

The purpose for the Derry Cooperative School District to support Full-Day

Kindergarten in the Derry Cooperative School District was positioned with 5 key points.

- Provide a common experience for kindergarten-aged children
- Deliver a developmentally appropriate paced curriculum
- Meet state mandated play-based expectations
- Strengthen early intervention
- Balance academic, developmental and social/emotional skill sets

The discussion provided specific support of multiple benefits for students to have full time kindergarten. Beginning with equal access to educational opportunities for students and to provide

additional time for kindergarten curriculum, with increased stamina, that would further the development of social/emotional learning and peer connections.

In addition, the school district steering committee discussion provided strong proof points for full time Kindergarten from research and studies that had been conducted nationally and released by the school district in Pelletier and Hahn reports from 2014 and Cooper reports in 2010. This research shows that full time kindergarten students would benefit from Increased self-regulation, school readiness, self-confidence, and ability to work and play with others.

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Plunging Principals South Range Elementary School Assistant Principal Michelle Cremone prepares to be dunked by student Jaxson McPherson during an annual event the school has to reward students for reaching summer reading goals. See more photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Planning Focuses In On Building Aesthetics, Heights for New District

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On Sept. 18, the Derry Planning Board met to discuss proposed changes to the Land Development Control Regulations, Article XIV, Architectural Design Review Regulations, and more with regard to the new West Running Brook District that the

Planning Board has created and was recently approved by the Town Council.

Over the last year staff from the Planning Department and Economic Development office have been working with the Planning Board to review a proposed new district area, as well as, address interest for developmental opportunities located

in that part of town.

After an extensive review period, the Planning Board and Planning Department staff recommended to the public and to the Town Council for the creation of the new zoning district to be called the West Running Brook District. The Planning Department has previ-

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ously approved the proposal for the rezoning of this district and the Town Council approved the district officially last month, thus moving the district forward for updated ordinance language.

With this new district, the Town will see an expansion of its tax base that will contribute additional revenues. Additionally, the Town will see re-investment in this new

zoning district, thus preserving the nature and historical character of this part of Town while likely boosting assessed values in this area.

The Planning Board is focused to finalize the ordinances for the district that will be used going forward and has been conducting workshops on the language to be used in the ordinances.

Liz Robidoux is the Planning and Economic Development Assistant supporting the board to create

the proper documentation for this district. Robidoux said, "At the last workshop meeting, we looked at the wording changes I have incorporated for us. The board had some concern with regard to the suggested wording about building and scale...and the board wanted areas with a bit more wording with regard to aesthetics, so here is new proposed wording."

"The buildings in the new developments in those lots intended for substantial redevelopment shall show size and scale in alignment with the purpose of the district which is to maintain the historic character of the West Running Brook area. The building shall reflect a continuity of treatment consistent with new development in the district specifically in relationship to building scale and architecture. Heights of buildings in the district should vary, but no roofline should be so tall that it detracts from the overall character of the area."

Robidoux continued, "The intent of that rewording was to capture the board's concern and this updated language also addresses one of the questions with regards to height. We also removed the wording that buildings could be 3 stories high, as it was just too confusing."

The other thing that the Planning department staff

did for this meeting was to take a look at the topography of the area, so there are now area maps broken into sections to make it easier to understand the varying topography of the area. The highest elevation point is located over near the Robert Frost area in the mobile home park - way in the back area.

Chairman John O'Connor said, "The purpose of what we discussed last meeting was about a possibility of adding a restriction like what we did with the Adams Memorial. We were looking at the surrounding area around the Robert Frost Area to be based for the highest height of building and aligned with the area topography."

Planning Director, George Sioras, pointed out that the NH state historical directors have certain guidelines to support to ensure historical areas, like Robert Frost Farm, do not become view obstructed by high buildings or improper construction that will take away from the historical nature of the area.

Sioras said, "We said right in the ordinance for that zone that developers will have to come here for a day to have a pre-conceptual design to discuss the project with the board, so you're going to see that right from the beginning. This means it'll be a lot more stringent design review in this area district."

It was further discussed that the Planning Board did

not want to over restrict hotel heights in other parts of the West Running Brook away from the historical sites, so it was suggested that a 5 story height might be suited as the right height in the initial language for such buildings such as hotels. It was agreed that this type of language for the height metrics will be added in the styles language ordinance area for this district.

It was also agreed by the Planning Board that Liz Robidoux and the town staff will prepare the final ordinance language using this workshop input to make it available for the next Planning Board session for a clean read through of the Planning department language for the new district.

OBITUARY

Ottawell A. Henry

Ottawell A. Henry, 96, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 in the VA Medical Center in Manchester, NH. He was born on May 30, 1923 in Belmont, MA, a son of the late Richard and Minnie (Cole) Henry. Mr. Henry proudly served his country in the US Coast Guard during WWII. While in the Coast Guard, he served with his wife whom he married in 1945. He and his wife Barbara were happily married for almost 70 years when Barbara passed away in 2014. They also enjoyed swing dancing together for 71 years and he is forever grateful to the Boston Swing Central for keeping him going after the loss of his beloved Barbara. Ottawell was also a pilot and enjoyed flying over the White Mountains and loved auto racing.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Cobb, Janet Murphy, Patricia Donovan, Laurie Moran, Michael Henry, and Timothy Henry; 16 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara S. Henry in 2014 and his siblings Olive Theodore, Alice Flynn, and Richard Henry.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services were held on Thursday Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial followed at 11:30 a.m. in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boston Swing Central, 26 New St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Beaver Lake

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So, Mr. Merrill rebuilt the woodshed in the area of the previous woodshed not recognizing he would be in violation of the town codes.

Dawn Merrill said, "We did not realize that when you take a structure down in Derry that in one year, it is no longer set up with non-conforming support. We didn't find out until we spoke with folks at the Town office that confirmed to us that after one year of a take down, that part is now considered nonconforming and that is the reason for our request for the equitable waiver."

Perhaps given that the Merrill's neighbors had felt that they may have been impeded from doing their work on their home in 2014, they notified the Town about the woodshed rebuild that was constructed, as an attachment to the Merrill

property, and is now in violation of an ordinance.

This meant that that Merrills were notified as being in violation of zoning codes as the construction was too close to property line - even though the construction was in the same place as the previous woodshed. This distance was no longer grandfathered as acceptable to the code - meaning that the Merrills would need to request an equitable waiver to the terms of Article VI Zoning Ordinance from the town.

The complexity of the neighbor dispute came to light in the discussion about granting the waiver and there was also discussion about if there was intentional ignorance of the law with regard to this woodshed rebuilding. The council discussed that they did not feel that the Merrill's had acted in intentional violation of the law.

Stephen Coppola, Secre-

tary of the Zoning Board, read the motion for the Merrill request "...to grant an equitable waiver to the terms of Article 6 Section 165-46.C.4 of the Town of Derry Zoning Ordinance to allow an existing attached shed to be located less than 15 feet from the side property line at 30 Coles Grove Road, PID 51019, Zoned MDR as presented with the following conditions. Number 1: subject to obtaining all state and town permits and inspections. Number 1a: waiver granted upon receipt of permits within 90 days."

The board approved the request with unanimous agreement with Chairman Lynn Perkins speaking to the Merrills saying, "Your equitable waiver is granted with conditions. Hopefully you don't have to come back after 90 days and code enforcement will monitor that. And I hope everybody goes the way forward of being good neighbors."



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Derry Schools, Town Gain from Governor and Legislature Compromise

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Over the past several months, both the Derry Town Council and the Derry Cooperative School District have been challenged in their budget processes, as well as, planning for certain projects - as they did not

know what funding and support for the town and for the school district would be forthcoming from the State. Finally, just before the State's legal deadline of Sept. 30, the governor and State legislature reached an agreement that will provide an overview of what the N.H. cities and schools will

now have the funds to work with from the State.

Over the summer, Governor Sununu vetoed a record of over 50 legislative bills, though many of these bills were initially constructed as bi-partisan legislation. However these bills were contrary to what the Governor was looking for and within these bills state budgets and actions were included that impact towns like Derry across the state, now and over the next year.

Derry has some unique challenges that are affected by state funding and actions including the net zero solar project for the town, town funding for certain economic development projects, property tax rates, health care support, school stabilization, as well as, other projects and actions.

Derry's net zero solar project is in progress, though there was hope that the larger size net metering legislative bill to better enable larger solar systems ROI would be passed.

5 MW net metering support could be used for example across schools to help bring down school district costs, with a chance of even helping to lower property taxes. The governor vetoed that bill and that bill is not likely to be reintroduced for a veto override or with certain changes until early

2020.

Over the past year, the Derry Cooperative School District has had challenges keeping all of their schools and programs going smoothly due to funding that had been cut by the State over the past several years.

And the Derry Town Council went so far as to draft a letter this summer that was sent to both the Governor and the Senate President to encourage them to solve the budget problem and provide support for actions what would create a win-win for both the State and Derry.

Derry Councilor, Jim Morgan, Town Council Chairman, Neil Wetherbee, as well as, other town officials who are also members of the N.H. Legislature has been constantly monitoring State progress around budgets, actions and projects.

On Wednesday Sept. 24, with wide, bipartisan support, the N.H. House and Senate passed a \$12.96 billion deal that had been hammered out earlier in the week by the governor and legislative leaders. There was some vocal opposition to the proposal. But in the end, support for the compromise budget was broadly bipartisan and overwhelming, passing with more than 300 votes in the House and unanimously in the Senate.

State Rep Annie Warner, D-Londonderry, told us that while she felt there were a few items still missing in action with the compromise, that the deal would bring many good things to the schools and towns including Derry and Londonderry.

Warner said, "We were able to get most of the school stabilization funding program back to the schools for now while the governor was able to still work certain corporate tax breaks that he wanted. One of the things that worked out was we found a big budget item that could not actually become a state funded project that was removed in the compromise that was a win-win."

The two-year spending plan from the compromise includes some big Democratic priorities including \$130 million in extra school funding, \$40 million in state aid for cities and towns, and an increase in Medicaid provider rates. And Republicans were able to hold the line on business taxes while setting aside around \$5 million for the rainy-day fund.

N. H. House Speaker Steve Shurtleff said, "We saw strong voting on House Bill 3, as well as House Bill 4, and that speaks volumes of the bipartisan support for this agreement."

Sununu announced, "I'm just really proud that, as a

team, everyone came together all across the Statehouse, regardless of political affiliation or political party, everyone really came together to make sure that New Hampshire came first, and I think it's a big success and a big win for all of us."

Some aspects of the education aid compromise will only include one-time funding, so there is some sense there will be more challenges for school districts over the next year for long-term budget projects and funding.

However, proponents of increasing state funding for education see the new budget as a significant win, though they say it doesn't solve specific problems with the funding formula, which allocates money in the form of "adequacy aid" to school districts.

This formula is now headed to the N.H. Supreme Court, though lawmakers believe they will likely form a committee to examine the existing formula and propose new ones.

But to demonstrate the point that everyone was serious about supporting school funding, Sununu signed the compromise two-year state budget into law on Thursday in front of a group of students and teachers at Franklin High School.

OBITUARY

Donald Robert Oleson



Donald Robert Oleson, 90, of Derry, NH died peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 at High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA after a brief illness. Donald was born in Berlin, NH on July 8, 1929 to Ruth and Maurice Oleson. Donald was raised in Berlin and graduated from Berlin High School in 1947.

Donald graduated from UNH with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then entered the Air Force and attended ten months of training at Electronic Countermeasures School in Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon discharge from the Air Force in April of 1962, Donald returned to UNH and earned a second degree in Electrical Engineering.

On Nov. 23, 1955 Donald married Betty Reid from Gorham, NH. After living in NY for four years, they moved to Derry. Donald was employed by Raytheon Company in Andover, MA and Bedford, MA for 32 years. While working at Raytheon, Donald earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

In the Fall of 1972, Donald and Betty purchased a plot of land on an island on Lake Winnepesaukee. They built a camp on the island and enjoyed many years of retirement with family friends on the lake. Donald had a deep appreciation and respect for nature and spend many hours watching the wildlife and beauty of Lake Winnepesaukee. Also during retirement, Donald and Betty developed a passion for genealogy which led them on adventures to Norway, Wisconsin and Utah. Donald also followed politics and enjoyed energized political discourse.

Donald is predeceased by his wife Betty. They were married for 59 years. Donald had two daughters, Mindy (Oleson) Puopolo and her husband David of Oak Park, CA and Karen Oleson of Derry. In addition, Donald had two grandchildren, Michael Puopolo of Oak Park, CA and Lauren Puopolo and her fiancé Nick Wheaton of Williamsburg, VA.

At the family's request, there are no services scheduled at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Editorial

Celebrate Freedom to Read

Last week bears the quirky title of Banned Books Week. This is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and its purpose, of course, is to celebrate the freedom to read what you want. The week focuses on attempts to keep that freedom away from Americans by removing or restricting access to any books that self-proclaimed book banners think we should not be allowed to read.

While most challenges of books are made to libraries and schools, it's every American's responsibility to defend every other American's freedom to read. Each of us has the right to read what we choose. Banned Books Week reminds us that no one should be allowed to tell us what we can't read.

Don't take your freedom to read for granted. There are people eager to tell you and libraries and schools what they should make available for us to read, and what they should keep away from us. In plain English, that's called censorship. No other word applies. And there is no place for it in American society.

We recognize that parents may not consider all books appropriate for children. That makes perfect sense. And as long as parents apply their standards and moral viewpoints to their own children, we applaud their efforts at working to instill their values in their offspring. When they decide their standards must apply to all children or all

library patrons or students that's censorship once again.

Imagine if you didn't have the right to select your choice of books; if the books available were only those allowed by government-sanctioned censors. According to the American Library Association, 480 books were challenged in 2019. Some books that made the top 10 challenged books were "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, which make the list just about every year. "The Hunger Games" trilogy, and Captain Underpants series, written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey, made it to the top 10 this year as well.

Books are challenged for a variety of reasons religious belief, concern about profanity or slang or sexual content. But in all cases, the challenge, the attempt to ban a book from public access, involves someone saying he or she has the right to tell others what they cannot read. We can't accept that.

This week, in honor of Banned Books Week, do something to celebrate your right to think for yourself. Read a book. Any book you want. The freedom to read is as important as the freedom to speak. This also includes papers and how we get different perspectives on the issues facing our world.

Hold tight to your freedoms before you lose them one at a time.

Annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off Helps Support Salvation Army



Local chili and chowder lovers made their way to MacGregor Park on Saturday, Sept. 28, to help support the Salvation Army's annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off. Attendees sampled a number of dishes prepared by local restaurants and vote on the one they enjoyed the most. Also available at the event was face painting, pumpkin decorating and building with Home Depot.

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South Range School Students Get to Dunk Their Principals



Students at South Range Elementary School were each given a bingo card over the summer as part of the Summer Reading Program, and for each book they read, a number was covered. For those students who reached the third tier of the challenge, all squares covered on the card, Students got to dunk the school's Principal Matthew Olsen, and Michelle Cremona, the Assistant Principal. On the last really hot day of the season, last week, the top winners lined up at the dunk tank set up behind the school to toss balls at the target to dunk the two principals.

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Two Local People Arrested in Derry on Multiple Charges

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Two Derry residents were arrested last Wednesday, Sept. 25, following an altercation they had with a police officer.

One of the persons arrested was transported to a hospital. However, according to the police, before he was released on bail, the

person left the hospital without being discharged.

According to a Rockingham County Sheriff's Office press release, at approximately 8 p.m. on Wednesday, deputies from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office were conducting a warrant sweep in the Derry area and during this operation, tried to identify a wanted suspect, Jason Hunkins.

The 32-year-old Hunkins had nine active warrants filed against him by the New Hampshire State Police, following an alleged high-speed chase in Salem. The warrants included operating after certified as habitual offender, reckless conduct, driving after suspension for DWI, driving without given proof, driving after suspension, disobeying, reckless

driving, license required and misuse of plates.

He was identified and when the deputies attempted to arrest him, struggled with them, causing him and one of the deputies to fall down a flight of stairs. The two men were transported to Parkland Medical Center in Derry, where Hunkins was granted bail on the outstanding warrants from the New Hamp-

shire State Police, while he was still at the hospital. At that time, according to the press release, Hunkins fled from the hospital staff, prior to being discharged. The investigation is on-going and Sheriff's Deputies will be seeking additional charges against Hunkins for his actions during the arrest.

While Hunkins was arrested, Shannon Nelson

(33-years-old) tried to interfere with the arrest and had to be held back by two other deputies. She was also arrested and charged with simple assault, obstruction of government administration, hindering apprehension or prosecution and resisting arrest or detention. Nelson was released on an \$800 personal recognizance bail, pending arraignment.

Kindergarten

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These benefits would also lead students to increased academic achievement, fewer grade retentions, easier transitions into first grade, better socialization and self-esteem, less hurried instruction, lower child care costs and more learning opportunities for low-income children.

The district's steering committee also provided additional research information on the Impact of student achievement that has been retrieved from a 2009 report - The Effects of Full Day Versus Half Day Kindergarten: Review and Analysis of National and Indiana Data Center for Evaluation and Education Policy.

This report stated that "...studies involving academ-

ic achievement, including grade retention and special education referrals, generally support the effectiveness of full day over half day programs" and "Evidence that time in full day kindergarten programs is different both quantitatively and qualitatively...representing approximately 40-50% more instruction in full day programs than half day programs."

The discussion at the school board meeting also referenced the 2014 Gibbs report that had generated the first evidence-based study on full-day vs. half-day kindergarten in which students were randomly assigned and results indicated that full-day assignment has a substantial, positive effect. Students who enter kindergarten with low litera-

cy skills also experience particularly large gains and these assorted treatment effects have implications for narrowing or closing the achievement gap early in formal schooling.

It was pointed out that in 2017, Governor Chris Sununu reported, "Full-day kindergarten is good for children and families, and a critical tool in retaining our future workforce. It is a priority for many when considering the quality of a community's public education and when choosing a place to raise their families. It is not just a talking point, but a real plan that delivers better outcomes for kids across the state."

The steering committee pointed out further that if the District provided kindergarten at school district expense, over 87% of families in the community would take advantage of the

full time program. And at this time - according to the NH Department of Education - 90% of NH School Districts now support tuition-free full day kindergarten in NH.

The steering committee did a financial impact analysis that full day kindergarten would have on the district. There will be fiscal impact to have classroom set ups with supplies and furniture for 4 classrooms at \$62,000 total with increased staffing costs of \$557,257.87 providing a total cost of \$619,257.87.

However, some of the fiscal impact costs would be offset as half-day transportation costs are already in the budget and this would apply to full day transportation costs and offset the total by \$239,000 that is in the budget. This means the bottom-line costs for full-time tuition free kindergarten would deduct these transportation costs from the budget additions and the total cost for this initiative would project to be \$379,857.87.

Superintendent, Dr. Connors-Krikorian, announced

that that the district is moving on this initiative to gain additional community feedback, so there will likely be a community focus group involved in the near term to help provide additional input. The community is invited to send their questions about this initiative to DerryKindergarten@sau10.org.

The presentation details referenced here about the district's discussion for full time tuition free kindergarten is available for download at: <https://livestream.com/dcsdmedia/events/8826616/videos/196812608>

Federal Government Offers Student Loan Forgiveness for Teachers, Nurses

The federal government may forgive all or part of teachers' and nurses' federal student loans if they meet certain requirements. The forgiveness options, according to KHEAA, include:

- Teacher loan forgiveness. To qualify, you must teach at least five full years in a low-income school in an eligible district. Depending on your field, you may have up to \$17,500 in student loans forgiven. For complete details, visit www.ed.gov.
- Nursing loan forgiveness. You must be at least a

registered nurse and agree to work full time for at least two years in a critical shortage facility. If you fulfill your agreement, 60 percent of your loan balance will be forgiven. Another 25 percent will be forgiven if you work a third year. Nurses teaching at an accredited school of nursing may also qualify. For complete details, visit <https://bhw.hrsa.gov>.

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Great Blue Herons and Egrets Sightings Becoming Less Common

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the Greater Derry Area, there is an abundant amount of wildlife – from wild turkeys to foxes, deer and lots more.

Recently, residents Brian Salemi, who lives in Londonderry and Gail Bishop, who lives near the Island Pond area in Derry, reported having Blue Herons living in wetlands near their homes.

The Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America. It is 3 to 4 feet tall and has a wingspan of almost six feet. It has blue-gray feathers on most of its body and a plume of feathers on its chest and back, and the bird has long legs with rusty-red thighs and a long, straight, dagger-like yellowish bill that turns orange at the beginning of the breeding season. Adults have white on the top of their heads and long black plumes above their eyes.

Great Blue Herons can be found in marshes, rivers, lakes, saltwater shores and ponds and they hunt for food during the day and at night. They stand in the water and wait for prey, like frogs and fish, to pass by and then grab them with its long bill. They will also eat salamanders, lizards, snakes, shrimps, crabs, crayfish, dragonflies, grasshoppers, aquatic insects, and occasionally birds and small mammals like mice. The Great Blue Heron migrates in the fall, although some stay in the northern part of their range.

Salemi reported, “The Blue Herons in my area are very skittish to humans. However, we may have a nest near our pond, as we see a Blue Heron there every day, multiple times a day in my backyard pond.

“We also have a white bird living there too that turned out to be a Great Egret,” Salemi says. “I

spoke with the Audubon society regarding this bird too, and it is in our backyard pond all day – and has been every day for the past couple of weeks now. These big birds are quite noisy throughout the day and even late at night.”

According to Fish and Game information, southern N.H. is one of the places in New England where Blue Herons and Egrets can still be seen, though these sightings are becoming less common. Unfortunately, the bird population has been severely impacted in the U.S. according to recent newspaper reports across the country.

Time magazine reports that birds across the U.S. are disappearing in big numbers, though many of us may not have noticed. Time further reports that since 1970, North American bird populations have undergone crisis that has not been noticed by many Americans.

Scientists are now esti-

imating that 29% of its total avian population has disappeared, as was revealed in the Journal of Science in this September's issue. That's a loss of nearly 3 billion birds in the last half century.

According to UNH Extension documentation for good forestry, it is key to the survival of big birds like Herons and Egrets we pay attention to their care. Here is important information provided by UNH about these birds and with considerations about interacting with them.

Great blue herons are large wading birds that nest in colonies of several to many pairs. Nesting colonies usually are found near wetland and shoreline feeding areas, though they occasionally will nest at some distance from wetland feeding areas. Most southern New Hampshire nests occur in dead trees and near beaver ponds. Heron

colonies come and go over time often as nesting snags fall and trees lose their branches or as a nearby food source changes.

Human activity in the vicinity of a nesting colony during the breeding season may lead to abandonment; distance from human settlements appears to be a significant factor in Heron or Egret colony site selection. Great Blue Herons will flush from nests in response to intrusions at distances of roughly 400 to 600 feet early in the breeding season (April through May) before incubation has begun, and at distances of roughly 100 to 300 feet during incubation and nestling periods.

Information on location and numbers of Great Blue Heron colonies across N.H. is lacking though many known colonies are located south of the White Mountains and areas including the Greater Derry and Londonderry area.

Hérons and Egrets are protected, as are all migratory birds, under the federal Migratory Bird Act of 1918, so do not to approach them directly or harm their eggs.

Road construction in the vicinity of a nesting colony may result in nest abandonment. Nesting herons may tolerate vehicle traffic on existing roads, but pedestrians visible from nests often present more of a problem than traffic.

Within roughly 330 feet of an active, occupied heron colony, refrain from cutting live or dead nest trees. Residents and town public works departments should limit harvest activity to single tree or small group selection harvests outside the breeding and nesting season.

Please report any heron colony locations to the Non-game and Endangered Wildlife Program at N.H. Fish and Game or NH Bird Records

Lakefront Seminars Offered to Local Property Owners

The Beaver Lake Improvement Association is all about improving the quality of the lake. In as much as that is the association's goal, vision and mission, when its President Steve Anthony learned about upcoming opportunities for lake front landowners to learn about ways of managing and controlling storm water issues he made sure everyone was notified.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Watershed Assistance Section will be partnering with the Town of Derry and the

Beaver Lake Improvement Association in March 2020 for a training for landscapers regarding water quality. The DES partners with the UNH Cooperative Extension and they have completed this training in other watersheds throughout the state.

Anthony said “There was a small group of folks from NHDES and the town doing walk-throughs of recommended properties on Sept. 24.”

As part of the training, NHDES and the town personnel are looking for a home owner that would allow the team to provide

recommendations for something on or that eventually drains to the lake, has impervious areas, potential storm water issues, and some room for putting in Best Management Practices (BMPs) that a landscaper or homeowner might do such as rain gardens, buffers, grassy swales, infiltration trenches, etc.

“Do you own a waterfront property on Beaver

Lake or know of a storm water issue that could be a candidate for this opportunity,” Anthony asked his members. “If so, this could be your chance for a free consult by the NH Department of Environmental Services and local Landscapers. Please email stevenanthony@beaver-lake.org with your name and details.”

There will be a two-day

training (March 26 and 27, 2020) designed for landscapers but watershed organization members, town staff, and interested residents are welcome too. Curriculum is focused on landscaping practices to protect water quality.

• NH DES coordinates

and supplies the instructors.

• The Town of Derry will be represented to talk about local regulations and concerns

• Location of the training will be at the Town Office, 14 Manning Street, which is capable of holding at least 30-35 people.

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Ovation Theatre Company to 'Present Into The Woods'

Following the success of its debut production this past spring, Ovation Theatre Company is launching a full season of shows, starting with *Into the Woods* which will have the first of four shows starting on Thursday, Oct. 10. Their first show, *Les Misérables*, Student Edition, sold out five performances in May and the *Into the Woods* cast is prepared to deliver another talent-filled, musical production.

Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* is a brilliant "fractured" fairy tale, expanding the original Rapunzel story and weaving in other characters and plots from several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, including *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The plot brilliantly draws all of these characters together "into the woods," as they seek to fulfil

their wishes and find there happily ever after. Throughout the first act, the characters appear to achieve their goals. The real twists come in Act II, when everyone discovers what happens after the happily ever after, which isn't always so happy.

The cast is drawn from virtually every town in greater Manchester, plus Nashua and northern Massachusetts. The enchantress who propels the entire story is played by Betsy Brown, of Londonderry, and the couple who tries to break her spell are portrayed by Zac Barnaby, of Pepperell, Mass., and Tracy Hickey of Derry. They first encounter *Little Red in her riding hood* - Cailean Anderson (Hudson), heading to see her grandmother - Meara Horan, of Londonderry - only to encounter a deliciously devious wolf, hilariously portrayed by Adam Furgal, of Auburn. Meanwhile, *Cin-*

derella - Jenna Sullivan (Derry) - is hoping to get to the ball, while having to wait on her step-mother and step-sisters - Ashlynn Elkin (Derry), Michaela Horan (Londonderry) and Lauren Accolla (North Reading, Mass.). The ensemble is rounded out by stewards Jonathan Uber, of Hampstead and Luke Thibodeau, Hampstead, *Cinderella's* father, Logan Hodson, of Derry, *Cinderella's* mother/giant, Lela Spira-Savett (Nashua) and the Mysterious Man - Aleksy Garcia (Hudson).

Meg Gore leads the production team as director, partnered with Musical Director Kevin Fisher, Choreographer Mari Frederique-Streitburger and Stage Manager Tim Gore.

Into the Woods will be presented at Granite State Arts Academy, at 33 Kee-waydin Drive, Salem, N.H. on Thursday, Oct. 10, Fri-



Ovation Theatre Company's production of *Into the Woods* will begin on Thursday, Oct. 10. Cast members have been gathered from many area towns. *Courtesy photo*

day, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at OvationTC.com; anyone interested is encouraged to purchase the reserved-seating tickets in advance, as there may be very few available at the door.

While *Into the Woods*

kicks off the 2019/20 season, Ovation is also looking forward to presenting *And a Child Shall Lead*, opening January 31, followed by spring and summer productions of *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Musical* and *A Chorus Line*.

Auditions for *And a Child Shall Lead* are coming up soon (Oct. 26), with reg-

istrations available on the Ovation website.

Visit Ovation Theatre Company on their website <http://ovationtc.com/home.htm>, Facebook or Instagram (@OvationTC) for more information about all of their shows, auditions, tickets, summer camps and more.

Federal Aid for College-Bound Seniors

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school next fall should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible beginning Oct. 1, according to KHEAA.

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal grants and student loans. It is also required to apply for state grants and scholarships. In addition, many colleges use the information to award their own grants and scholarships.

The FAFSA asks for

information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information.

Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Even if they don't think they'll qualify for financial aid, students should submit

the FAFSA. They may be surprised because student aid rules change all the time.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

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DERRY SPORTS

PA Field Hockey Beats Lancers in Mack Plaque Contest

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

After a close victory over Bedford, and a strong win against the Londonderry Lady Lancers last week, the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Field Hockey team was able to remain the only undefeated team in Division I. With those two wins, the Lady Astros improved to a perfect 8-0 this season.

The team's week started on Wednesday, Sept. 25, with what should probably have been a more comfortable game, at home against a 1-5 Bedford High School team, but the Bulldogs fought hard and Pinkerton, after a goalless first half, escaped with a 1-0 victory thanks to a goal by Justine

Doyle, with 18:09 minutes left to play.

Senior Pinkerton goalie, Khaliyah Ellis, made two saves, while the visiting goalie, Rachel Noble, turned away 19 shot at her, frustrating the Astros for most of the game.

Things went a lot easier three days later, in the annual Mack Plaque home game against Londonderry on Saturday morning, where Mari Shea scored two goals in a big 4-0 Astros win over a good Lancers team (7-2). Pinkerton's first goal was scored by Kate Bennett, 5:13 minutes before half-time and Shea doubled the lead in the final second of the half, on a corner. Six minutes and a half after the break, Lauren Lisauskas

found the net after another corner and Shea completed her great day with a smart chip, with 5:31 minutes to play. Ellis made six saves.

"I had a great time", said PA coach Katie Littlefield. "In any game, rivalry or not, the first goal breaks the ice and it was a confidence boost. And the corner at the end of the half gave us momentum. That was big. Mari is one of the three senior captains and they are all doing exactly what I expect. They are being veteran and leading by example."

Pinkerton was scheduled to play at Winnacunnet High School on Wednesday, Oct. 2, and has an away game at Salem on Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.



Astros Senior Mari Shea makes her way past a Lancer defender during the annual Mack Plaque game at Pinkerton. Shea scored two of the four goals in that contest where the Astros won 4-0 to remain undefeated. Photo by Samantha Paul



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Astro Boys Soccer Team's Gets Last Minute Tie in Mack Plaque

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Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Soccer team escaped a fourth straight loss on Saturday, Sept. 28, to have a 1-5-2 record, by tying Londonderry High School with only two minutes left to play in regula-

tion during the annual Mack Plaque game on their home turf.

The Lancers were certainly the more aggressive team on the field for a majority of the game and opened the scoring on the 59th minute, when Bisan Gurung slotted the ball home from six yards in

front of the net.

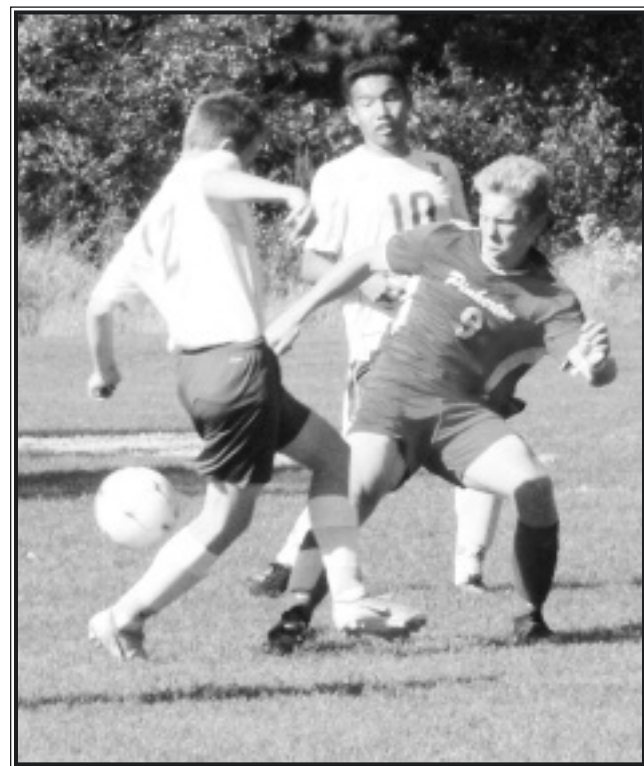
After conceding that goal, the Astros found their rhythm and took control of the game, but did not have any big chances for an equalizer until the 78th minute in the contest, when Dan Humphrey shot the ball from long distance.

That shot hit the Lancer crossbar and Marcus Sconza was right there for an easy goal on the rebound from in front of the net.

The Astros were better than the visitors in the 20-minutes of overtime, but could not find the game winner and had to settle on the tie. Coach Kerri Boles was fine with that outcome, "This is a battle, every year, doesn't matter what the records are. Both teams are struggling and

trying to find their ways right now. The kids are young, inexperienced and not used to the Mack Plaque situation. So for them to keep fighting is absolutely amazing and I'm really happy with what they did today. It was a 'no quit' attitude and I can't say enough about it. Marcus, who scored the goal, will just keep fight and fight and I'm happy they left the field with something."

Pinkerton was scheduled to play another home game on Tuesday, this time against Dover High School, after the Nutfield News went to print. They will travel to Salem on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. and Exeter on Monday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m.



Pinkerton Academy junior Marcus Sconza was the hero late in the game against the Lancers. His goal helped the team avoid a loss. Photo by Samantha Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 23



**Mari Shea Senior,
Varisty Field Hockey**

Mari's two goals against LHS set her apart from the pack. Her aggressiveness around the goal made her this week's Athlete of the Week. Scoring two goals, one of which was at the end of the first half with time expired, was the Astros main offensive.



**Andy MacDonald
Junior, Boys Varsity Soccer**

Andy has been a consistent player all year for the Astros. He works extremely hard to improve his skills each day in practice. He is a defensive workhorse, getting back on D, battling other team's best scorers, and blocking numerous shots each game. Andy gives the Astros multiple offensive opportunities for each game with his long throw-ins. He is a leader, on and off the field.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Pinkerton Academy Girls' Volleyball Team Keeping Tallies in Win Column

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For only the second time this season, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Volleyball team dropped a set but that didn't stop the Lady Astros from keeping their undefeated season going.

The week started for PA coach Todd Royce and his team with a straight set victory at Nashua North on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-22. It was a tough game for Pinkerton, who

had to dig deep, especially in the second set, where the home team had a nine-point lead. Ella Koelb played well, scoring 10 service points, including three aces and adding 27 assists. Ella Dandrade finished the game with 10 kills and 25 digs. Lily Heywood had nine service points, Reese Asselin scored eight service points and added four assists and 20 digs, Emma Bernard had eight kills and Sarah Taylor seven.

Royce commented after the victory, "The girls bat-

tled through and behind some tremendous serves from Heywood and some great net play by Dandrade, were able to battle all the way back."

The annual Mack Plaque home game against Londonderry on Saturday morning, Sept. 28, was a bit more difficult for the Astros, but they still won that rivalry contest 3-1 (25-10, 17-25, 25-11, 25-23). Pinkerton controlled the first and third sets, lost the second and almost let the fourth set get away, after building a 24-17 lead.

Sierra Edgecomb led with 12 service points, including three aces. She also had 11 digs. Dandrade finished with 10 service points, three aces, six kills, three blocks and 19 digs. Heywood had 10 service points as well, next to three blocks and five kills. Koelb provided 23 assists and Asselin finished with 18 digs.

Royce was happy with his team's performance,

"We had to fight all the way to the end. They came out with high intensity and did a terrific job game planning for us. It's a big momentum game and we jumped on them with our serves. The girls did a good job throughout the match. The last point is the hardest one to get, but they played the defense needed in the end to pull off the victory against a good Londonderry team."

On Monday afternoon, Pinkerton played at Goffstown High School and easily put another victory under their belts with a straight sets win, 25-11, 25-12, 25-7.

Dandrade had 15 service points, including six aces. Edgecomb finished with 11 service points, same as Heywood, who had five aces and four kills. Koelb provided 12 assists and 13 kills.

The Astros hosted Nashua South High School on Wednesday afternoon, and have a road game against Salem this Friday, Oct. 4, 6:15 p.m.

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Astro Girls' Soccer Squad Beats South, Loses to Lancers

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Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Soccer team had a win and a loss last week, bringing its season record to 4-4.

The Lady Astros first traveled to Stellos Stadium, where on Tuesday, Sept. 24, they were able to beat Nashua South, 2-1. Following a goalless first half, the home team took the lead after a shot from 18 yards was deflected and got away from goalie Lindsay Blum. Pinkerton found new energy after that goal and managed to score twice for a

comeback victory.

Pinkerton's first goal came when Macy Graves passed the ball to Lauren Morse on a corner kick and Morse volleyed the ball in. Shortly after that, South had trouble clearing the ball from inside the box, and Chayse Dube scored the game winner on a clear shot from 12 yards out.

Dube had the assist for Pinkerton surprising home lead over Londonderry on Saturday, Sept. 28, with Mattie Sullivan scoring.

Unfortunately for the Astros, the Lancers, who are now 9-0, regrouped and proved their offensive strength, winning the game

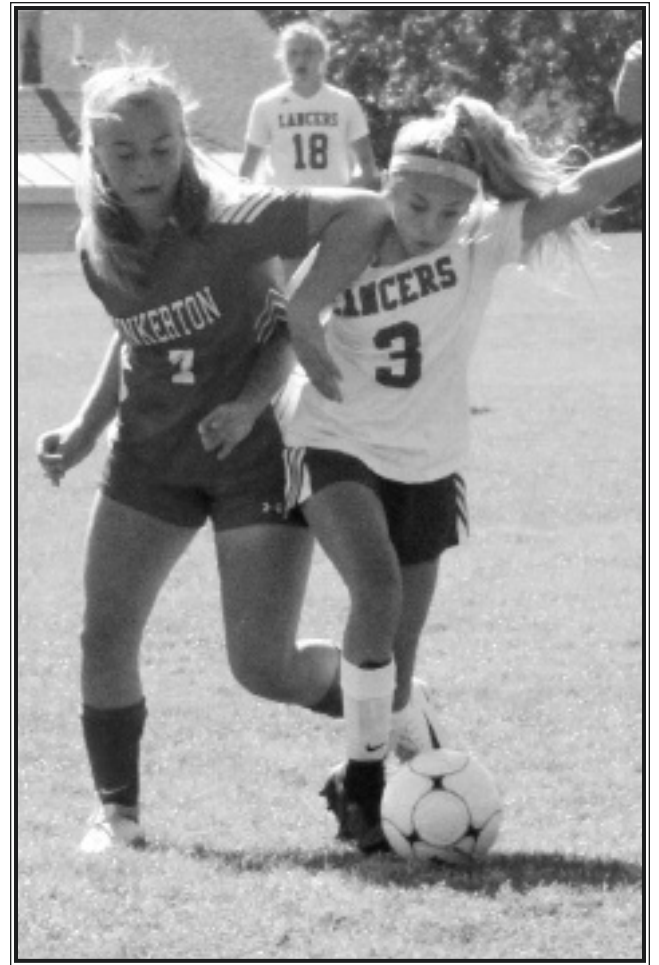
5-1.

Londonderry's Ashley Manor leveled the game in the 25th minute and Londonderry took the lead six minutes into the second half, when Lea Baum shot an indirect free kick towards the goal and Blum touched it before it crossed the goal line. The Lancers scored again in the 53rd minute and finished the game with two late goals (77, 79) when Pinkerton was still trying to stay in the match. Blum's 14 saves were not enough.

Astro coach Danielle St. Pierre commented after the game, "They got the two quick goals in the sec-

ond half and it can be mentally tough. We lost our composure there. We looked good after they scored in the first half, but didn't play well in the second. After the free kick goal our game started to change. I think the free kick was a right call, she probably tipped it."

Pinkerton was scheduled to play at Dover High School on Tuesday, after the Nutfield News press time. The girls have a road game against Salem on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m., and will be back home next Monday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m. to face Exeter.



Pinkerton sophomore Sawyer Jackson tries to slow down Lancer freshman Mia Stowell as she makes her way toward the PA net on Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Samantha Paul

Astro Golfers Keep Undefeated Streak Intact with Two More Victories

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Golf team was able to maintain its perfect record last Tuesday (Sep. 24), beating Bishop Guertin and Winnacunnet in a home meet at the Hoodcroft country Club in Derry.

The Astros shot a team total of 187, while the Cardinals were relatively close with 199 and Winnacunnet finished last, shooting 208.

Pinkerton was led by Kyle Raspuzzi, who had a

great day, finishing with a score of 36 (on par). Julianna Megan and Cam Leppert finished their games with 37 each and Nick Tufts (38) and Chris Walder (39) also enjoyed a successful afternoon.

On Monday, Pinkerton played at the Atkinson Country Club against Timberlane, Manchester Central and Nashua South, winning three more

matchups and improving to 16-0. The Astros finished with a team score of 197, besting Timberlane (210), South (236) and Central (237).

Pinkerton's top five were Nick Tufts, who shot an impressive 37 (1 over par), Cam Leppert who finished with 38, Max Lukeman and Tylor Pappalardo with 40 each and Julianna Megan, who

scored 42. She will tee off at 7:30 a.m. this Saturday (Oct. 5) in the NHIAA Girls' Golf Championship.

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Pinkerton Steak Over Lancer Football Ends with 42-24 Loss



Astro sophomore David Clark tries to make his way up field after being handed the ball during the second half of the Mack Plaque loss. Photo by Samantha Paul

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Football team's 18-year, 22-game winning streak against the rivals from Londonderry High School (4-0) came to an end on Friday, Sept. 27, when the now 2-2 Astros fell at home by a score of 42-24.

Nothing seemed to be working for the Astros in the first half, coming off two dominant wins. After Jeff Potvin's pass was intercepted in the Astros' second drive, the Lancers scored a two-yard touchdown to take the lead, eight minutes into the game and from that moment on, Pinkerton was chasing Londonderry.

Potvin recovered and in the next Astros drive, he found Trent Leduc for a 54-yard pass, but the Astros lost the ball on downs on the 32-yard line and Londonderry started the second quarter with another touchdown, to

make it 14-0.

At that point, the home team was able to respond and a two and a half minute running drive culminated with Jake MacInnis carrying the ball 35-yards and into the end zone. Unfortunately for the locals, Londonderry again found some answers and scored three more touchdowns in the final 7:26 minutes of the second quarter, to make it 35-7 at the break.

Pinkerton's pride did not allow the Astros to collapse and they came back from the locker room looking like a new team. It started with a good defensive stop, followed by a long kickoff return and a successful 38-yard field goal and continued with two quick touchdowns, one by Russell Patrikas, who caught a 46-yard pass following an interception by Rocco Mulernnan and the other by Will Brown, who made it just 35-24, four second into

the final quarter.

Unfortunately for the Astros, their comeback ended there, and after 17 unanswered points, Londonderry scored on a long drive, to put the game away. Potvin, who was sidelined for the last few minutes after taking a big hit, finished the evening passing 4-for-9, 116 passing yards and a touchdown. MacInnis ran for 79-yards and a score on 12 attempts.

Coach Brian O'Reilly commented on the game, "I don't think that anything went wrong today. They are the number one ranked team in the state. There is a reason why. They have good athletes and we had turnovers again that gave them two scores. Our offense has a tendency to put the ball in the other team's hands, and it's something that we are continually working at and we'll get better."

On Pinkerton's comeback in the second half

O'Reilly said, "We lost our composure in the first half and talked about in at half-time. We wanted to come back and set the tone for what's going to happen for the rest of the year and I thought we did it in the third quarter. Once they scored in the fourth quarter, it put the game away for us. It doesn't matter what happened tonight, it only matters if we learn from it and get better, and that's our intention."

Looking ahead, in order to get into this year's playoffs, last year's runner-ups will probably have to win the rest of their games and despite the loss, they can at least get some inspiration from their nice comeback attempt and the fact they kept fighting after a 28-point deficit at halftime.

Pinkerton will be on the road against another Division I South rival on Saturday, Oct. 5. They will play Salem High School (3-1).

Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team Takes Third in Northwood

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Cross Country team finished in

the third spot at the 2019 Black Bear Invitational, held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood. Sophomore Luke

Brennan, who has been leading the Astros runners this fall season, finished with the best result for the team, placing seventh overall with a time of

16:38 minutes. The next PA runner to cross the finish line was Stephen Connelly, who placed 11th with a time of 16:53.

Zach Plaza was the 22nd runner to come in off the trail, recording a time of 17:12. Nolan Preble finished 27th with a time

of 17:31 and Pinkerton's fifth man was sophomore Ethan Charles, placing 32nd with a time of 17:47. Nate Letellier finished out the Astros scoring with the 62nd spot and a time of 18:26.

The hosts, Coe-Brown, won the meeting with a

team score of 59. Philips Exeter came in second with 69 and Pinkerton had 99 points, beating Concord (113) and Oyster River (167). The Astros Junior Varsity team placed fifth in the JV competition.

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Model Railroad

On Oct. 11, Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association 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 Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH. Nelson LeMay will show us how he builds containers for a fraction of the cost of purchasing them. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. Each month a different AP certificate will be discussed. We will set up a swap table for modelers to bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap to other modelers. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Garden Club Fund Raiser

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Derry Garden Club will have their annual fundraiser at Mack's Apples in Londonderry from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This year their table will feature homemade pies, crisps, cookies, cakes and some dog bone cookies for your furry friends. There will also be handmade mittens, table runners and various crafts for gift giving. Please stop by. This fundraiser supports our scholarship fund and community gardens that we plant and maintain each year. Visit our website at derrygardenclub.org or call 603 396 0053.

Creating Flower Arrangements

On Nov. 1, the Derry Garden Club will sponsor a morning with Maureen Christmas. Ms. Christmas is an accredited Master NGC Flower Show judge and is widely known for her formal design arrangements. Maureen's program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and a short business meeting and luncheon will follow. There will be a charge of \$10

for non-members which includes lunch and a raffle of the designs. We are a green club, so please bring your own place setting and mug. Please join us at the Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. For more information call 396-0053 or visit our website www.derrygardenclub.org.

Trunk or Treat

All are invited to join us for "Trunk or Treat" on Oct. 26, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the parking lot of Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. There will be candy, games, costumes, food trucks, a bouncy house and more, all in a safe and friendly environment! There is no charge for this event. If it rains we'll move indoors. Visit us on the web at www.islandpondbc.com. Call us at 603-329-5959, with questions and more info.

Derry Lions Weekly

The Derry Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 West Broadway, Derry. The Derry Lions are part of one of the largest civic organizations in the world. We are looking for new members to enable us to continue our support of the community. For decades, we have provided eye exams and eye glasses for needy members of the community. For more information contact us at derrylionclub@gmail.com or google Lions International. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

Renew Clothing Opening

Renew will be open Saturday, Oct. 12, 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. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern cloth-

ing 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 or call the church secretary at 434-1516

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Mondays at 10 a.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 six months - two years meets Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so call the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Preschool Storytime

The Derry Public Library holds a Story program with Ms. Alexis for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, nursery rhymes, early literacy, and pre-school activities. No registration required. Storytimes will take place Monday, Oct. 7, & 21, at 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Minecraft Monday

Work together with friends in our Realm and hone your "craft" at the Derry Public Library on Oct. 7, 21 & 28, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m., or from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Parent/Child Workshop

The Parent/Child Workshop is a five-week program for children ages 1-3 and their parents/caregivers on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 10 - 11:15 a.m. at the Derry Public Library. This fun, informal, play-based program provides a rich environment of toys, books and art activities.

Throwback Craft Club

The Derry Public Library will be holding craft nights on projects that will really bring you back. All crafts are held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Velvet

Coloring on Oct. 8, Gimp Bracelets on Oct. 22, Dream Catchers on Nov. 5.

Bedtime Stories

An evening storytime with Ms. Alexis. This storytime puts the emphasis on fun! Stories, flannel boards, games, and crafts are included in this bedtime activity. PJs and blankies welcome. Recommended for ages 2-7. No registration required. These will take place at the Derry Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, at 6:30 - 7 p.m., in the Children's Room.

Infant Storytime

All infants and their caregivers are welcome at this lap-sit storytime for babies (birth through 12 months) on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 16, at 10 - 10:30 a.m. at the Derry Public Library. Learn fingerplays, songs, and nursery rhymes to share with your baby as she/he sits in your lap. Connect with other parents and caregivers.

Teen Writers Group

Everyone has a story to tell. Maybe it's romantic. Maybe it's horrifying. Maybe it's full of adventure. Writers group is all about writing and sharing those stories (written or drawn) by you! For Ages 12-18, on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library.

Mother Goose on the Loose

On Thursday, Oct. 10, & 17, at 10 - 10:45 a.m. Join Ms. Eileen for this exciting toddler storytime for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers at the Derry Public Library. This storytime engages young children using music, finger plays, props, and movement. No registration required.

Halloween Snack Attack

Join us every Tuesday to make delicious sweet treats from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library.

1, 2, 3 Explore!

Join us for interactive sensory play activities designed to stimulate toddlers' growing minds on Friday, Oct. 4, 10 - 10:30 a.m., at the Derry Public Library. Recommended for toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 with their caregivers. No registration required.

Cookbook Book Group

On Friday, Oct. 4, at 11:30

a.m. - 1 p.m., join us for our afternoon Cookbook Book Group at the Derry Public Library! We will chose a new cookbook for each meeting. Make something from the book and bring it in to share! Discuss tips, tricks, troubles, and eat.

Fun Club

Celebrate the Wonders of Fall with stories of mischievous squirrels, a clueless bear, a colorful art project and a surprise for the birds! On Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4 - 4:45 p.m., at the Derry Public Library, for Ages 5-7 with caregiver. Registration required and will open on Sept. 17.

Basics of eBay

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 6 - 8:15 p.m., learn the basics of selling your stuff on eBay at the Derry Public Library.

Toddler Tunes and Tales

On Friday, Oct. 11, at 10 - 10:30 a.m. a 30 minute storytime recommended for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers incorporating fun movement songs, stories, and props at the Derry Public Library. No registration required.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Town of Londonderry is hosting its Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Nelson Fields (LAFA) off Sargent Rd., (Behind the Central Fire Station). Residents who have Household Hazardous Material such as Pesticides or Herbicides, Oil Base Paints, Paint Remover or Thinner, Solvents/Degreasers, Household cleaners, Pool Chemicals, old Gasoline or Anti-freeze will be able to dispose of these items. For further information please contact Robert Kerry, Department of Public Works in Londonderry at 432-1100 ext. 137 or visit the Town of Londonderry website at www.londonderrynh.org/environmental-services-solid-waste.

Crossroads Co-parenting Workshop:

This four-session series covers how to protect your child's well-being by keeping them out of the middle and allowing them to love both parents, how to open lines of communication and recover from a divorce/separation. It will be held Sept. 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at

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Enjoy dinner with great friends while bidding on an impressive variety of silent and live auction items, including vacation, shopping, party, sports, fine dining, ski, and BBQ packages on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry. A long with a silent auction with over 80 items including gift baskets with gift certificates for museums, theatre, amusement parks, restaurants, beauty salons, spas, wineries, breweries, golf outings, and more fantastic items are coming in each day. Tickets are on sale now on our website www.urteachers.org/2-019-tur-auction, \$60 with dinner included. Benefits go to The Upper Room.

Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens, discuss concerns, learn strategies and get support at the Upper Room on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Drop-ins welcome.

18th Annual Auction

The Upper Room holds its 18th Annual Auction on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m., at the Tupelo Music Hall, Derry. Don't miss our highly anticipated cruise-themed charity event of the year! Bid on dozens of silent and live auction items, including gift baskets, travel packages and fun experiences. Dinner is included. Tickets are on sale now at TupeloMusicHall.com

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.



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