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New Water Mains on Route 28 May Impact Local Residents

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This past spring Derry announced approval by the Town Council for support of an agreement for the Southern N.H. Water Project that will improve the water system in Derry. The purpose for the project is also to extend water supplies from Manchester Water Works (MWW) resources to other cities in the southern N.H. area including Windham, Salem, Hampstead, Atkinson and Plaistow to help address contamination, pressure and water supply issues.

On Aug. 22 - the Town of Derry contracted the DeFelice Corporation of Dracut, Mass. to develop 7,600 feet of new public water mains along Rocking-

ham Road (Route 28) from Ryan's Hill to the Windham town line. DeFelice will also construct a new pressure reducing valve station in the area of 205 Rockingham Road that will regulate water pressures going to the south of the new system.

This water mains project work being done by DeFelice began recently during the week of Oct. 7. The initial project phase will focus on roadside clearing and soil borings along the planned pipeline route. The actual pipeline installation will begin the week of October 14 at the Windham town line and will proceed north along the east side of Route 28 over the fall season.

As the project continues, there will be ledge blasting that will start along the west side of Route 28 at the top of

Ryan's Hill and then proceed south. Construction will continue - weather permitting - through the fall season and through 2020. At the first signs of hard winter weather, work will likely cease along Route 28 and then will resume again in the spring as the ground and related project areas permit. The goal for the Town is to complete the pipeline work by the early summer of 2020.

Mike Fowler is the Director of Public Works for Derry and Fowler has been immersed in the project's logistics. Fowler says, "The Town has been working with State officials, primarily NHDES (N.H. Department of Environmental Services) and NHDOT (N.H. Department of Transportation) to

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Community Invited to Final Master Plan Implementation Public Forum

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At the Oct. 2 Derry Planning Board Meeting, George Sioras, Planning Director, introduced the Master Planning team and consultants, who provided an overview of the Derry Master Plan Implementation work that has been under development over the past year, to the Planning Board.

Planning Director, Sioras, has announced the next town-wide Master Plan Public Forum will be held later this month as Derry's Master Plan update is ready now in its final stages for public consideration and the Greater Derry community is

invited to offer input at this public forum on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the large third-floor public and town meeting room at the Derry Municipal Center. This is the third and final forum and officials will present the finishing steps for implementing the public master plan process to the community.

Derry's Master Plan process is typically conducted every 10 years as master planning is conducted by most N.H. communities to cover all things about that community, including its residents, schools, recreation, transportation, growth, economic development, land use, zoning, and

demographic changes. Check out the Town of Derry's Planning and Master Plan sites for additional information utilized in this planning process. www.derry-nh.org/planning-board.

Planning Director Sioras, Planning-Economic Development Assistant, Elizabeth Robidoux, and the Planning staff have been working with partners, Community Circle, in association with Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, Barret Planning Group, LLC, and the BETA Group on the updated Master Plan. The end result of this plan is a dynamic, living document that will provide the basis for decision

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Fun with Beer

Zach O'Brien of Londonderry proved to be the strongest man in the Keg Tossing event at the Octoberfest event hosted by the Derry Village Rotary on Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry. Attendees had lots activities to choose and wonderful weather at the second annual event. See more photos page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Approves Commercial and Industrial Tax Exemption

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On Oct. 1, the Derry Town Council conducted a public hearing to determine if the council should provide an additional tax incentive for commercial/industrial development in Derry.

Over the recent years, the Town Council has tried

to enhanced economic development opportunities in the community as one of its primary goals. Currently, the Town offers several programs including a Downtown Derry Revitalization Tax Relief program, which provides relief from taxes on the renovated portion of an existing structure within the Downtown area for a

period of five years or more under certain circumstances.

The Town Council has also approved and recently extended town sponsorship for a Facade Improvement Program for all properties within the Derry Commerce Corridor TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District.

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Town and School District Benefit From State Budget Compromise

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As reported last week, a budget compromise was reached at the end of September between Governor Chris Sununu and the N.H. legislature, so the New Hampshire state budget for fiscal years 2020-2021 has now been passed. The outcome from the compromise should be mostly good news for both the Town and Derry Schools.

A \$13 billion state budget was approved almost three months after Gov. Sununu vetoed the first budget that the N.H. legislature passed. The final agreement between the state executive and legislative branches put an end to months of budget uncertain-

ty for towns including Derry; the approval of this compromise now also ends the temporary spending agreement initiated after the Governor's June 28 veto.

At the Derry Cooperative School Board meeting in September Dan McKenna, School Board Chairman discussed the state budget negotiations with the school board. The board has needed numbers from the state to most properly address their budget process in the face of the budget number impasse over the summer.

McKenna and the school board had to read the "tea leaves" in Sept. to move certain budget numbers forward not knowing what the state was going to provide the school district, but the board was able to navigate a

good outcome - especially given the budget numbers that the state is now going to provide for the schools.

McKenna had pointed out to board members at their meeting last month, "...I went up to the Concord hearing at the State House that the legislature held, and they proposed funding for the schools higher than what we have been given to work with at this point."

"And while I was up there, the Governor put out a new compromise plan, which would have Derry getting about \$1 million extra adequacy in year one, while the legislature's proposal is higher than that. So, at this point it seems unlikely that we will end up with something less than that, since both proposals meet at

least that \$1 million adequacy that was originally budgeted for and the differences are even more increased in year two for the budget. So, for next year, I feel confident with this new revised number based on what I heard."

According to the new state budget figures from the compromise that have now been publicly provided, Derry will receive education funding of \$1,385,394 for fiscal year 2020 and an amount of \$1,731,743 for fiscal Year 2021. This money is very much needed and will be used by the town's schools. The N.H. state budget also provides that there will also be an education infrastructural one-time grant for fiscal year 2021 - of \$3,665,165 that can be used for building

projects, maintenance and other kinds of "one time spending."

Like other town governments in N.H., the Derry Town Council was also challenged by the state budget delays. During the summer, the Derry Town Council sent a letter to both the Governor and the President of the N.H. Senate about the challenges the town council faced.

The Councils' letter ended with the following statement - "The Town Council respectfully requests that you reach a compromise and end this budget disagreement for the people of Derry and New Hampshire. Don't turn New Hampshire into Washington D.C., where compromise is seen as unacceptable. We again wish to

thank you for your communications, but at the same time we believe the true and just services for the citizens of New Hampshire would be in compromise. Respectfully - submitted by the 7 Town Councilors of Derry."

In the end, the state legislature and the governor did find a compromise along the lines that had been requested by the Derry Town Council. One of the outcomes of the new state budget is that the Town of Derry will receive a Municipal Infrastructure one-time grant of \$485,202 for fiscal year 2020 and a similar budget amount in fiscal year 2021 for Municipal Infrastructure, for such things the town might use for roads, or building maintenance.

Conservation Commission Gives Input on Folsom Road Professional Park Plan

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The Derry Conservation Commission held a bi-monthly meeting on Sept. 23 that included a site plan review for a proposal to develop a large Folsom Road Professional Office Park. Commission Chairman, James Degnan, began the review discussion by inviting the office park plan developer to provide an outline of the project's developmental plan for

commission members.

Civil engineer, Brian Pratt from Fuss and O'Neill was at the meeting to overview information from the firm's plan that would bring a multi-building project to 14 Folsom Rd. Fuss and O'Neill is a full-service civil and environmental engineering consulting firm with office locations across New England.

Pratt provided Conservation Commission members with an initial look at the project's draft plan that

would be constructed on a currently undeveloped parcel of land off Folsom Road. Pratt pointed out that the property is about 3.5 acres of mostly back lot area with a small frontage on Folsom Road across from Claremont Avenue and next to the police station.

The location for this office park is also next to the current Salvation Army property that is soon going under imminent domain as the land is to be used by the state as part of the Exit 4a recon-

struction in this part of Derry.

Pratt handed out site plans and land information and told commission members that the proposed plan would include the development of eight building structures on the site and each structure would be 3,600 square feet in size. As per the zoning ordinance in this area, the uses for building complexes will be for office space to include a mix of general business, medical and other professional office businesses.

Pratt told the commission that bringing this business usage to this part of Derry would serve the community well and that the project plans would include enough parking spaces to meet town ordinance requirements. Pratt discussed

environmental considerations of the plan including storm basins that would be developed to include an underground infiltration system and detention catch basins for the office park area that would slow down storm water conditions.

Pratt let the members know that the developers had been already working with Derry Department of Public Works (DPW) to insure the project would align with the Town's expectations and that they would continue to adjust the plans accordingly to insure the project was aligned properly with the Town's requirements.

Pratt said that the project was being welcomed by town officials, "People in Derry are excited to have some commercial business

development for this area."

Since this plan is early in the construction process, Pratt said there would be additional permitting required from the state and plan changes are possible, once all input from the town boards are considered. The Conservation Commission provided significant input to the Fuss and O'Neill civil engineer - regarding environmental considerations that should be further addressed and Pratt assured the commission that they would be careful to ensure all environmental considerations were properly supported.

Conservation Commission group members are planning a site walk of the property that Pratt said could be conducted at the convenience of the members.



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The Facade Improvement Program is a type of matching grant for work on building facades and for the demolition of eligible properties.

The Town currently maintains two separate TIF Districts - and although these programs do not directly provide tax exemptions for eligible properties, they do provide benefits by redirecting new tax revenues into a specific fund dedicated to public improvements and programs within the TIF Districts, thus accelerating appreciation of property values in those areas.

The new program discussed at this meeting - to provide an additional incen-

tive for commercial/industrial development - was historically known as the "Coos County Bill" as the origins of this program came from historic actions specifically targeting development in New Hampshire's northernmost county. The N.H. legislature later expanded that specific program statewide and, more recently, enabled town councils across the state to make decisions on applications received on a case-by-case basis, as opposed to providing a blanket approval for all eligible properties.

Council members was previously worked on this program, so the members were familiar with the program's details, as well as, the actions recommended

by the Town Administrator for adoption of the program.

Town Administrator, David Caron, overviewed the specific provisions of the program. He pointed out, "The recommended provisions for this proposed Commercial/Industrial Property Tax Exemption relief program would provide eligibility of new, rehabilitated, or replacement commercial/industrial value property and be a town wide program. The benefit of the proposed program would be that a portion of the assessed property value might be exempted from property taxation for a finite period of time. That benefit would be applied on town and local school tax rates only and there would be

both replacement structure support, as well as, a public benefit test made in an application with the maximum amount of the exemption to be set at 50% of the new value with a duration for the exemption of 10 years."

"This property tax exemption program would likely be in place for 5 years," Caron continued. "...and exemptions granted that were in place would continue after that period. The Town Council would make a determination about application eligibility within a TIF District."

Caron also pointed out, "It is difficult to estimate with precision the fiscal impact associated with this Ordinance. Passage would result in some delay with the assessment and collection of all new assessed valuation as determined by the percentage exemption and duration of the program. However, by its design, the program will attract new development which otherwise may not have located, constructed or expanded in Derry."

The town's goal for the program would be to provide additional incentives to attract more commercial and industrial development to Derry. Currently, the value of commercial/industrial property is Derry is \$445M - which is approximately 13.8% of the Town's

total taxable assessment (prior to exemptions) of \$3.211B.

During the past four fiscal years, the estimated construction value of commercial/industrial permits has been counted to be \$35.6 million, which is 25.4% of the total estimated construction activity in Derry during that time (\$140.1 million). This overall upward trend in total is promising though the percentage in FY18 - 14.7% and FY19 - 18%, compares less favorably to 34% in FY 17 and 35.7% in FY 16.

Bev Donovan, Economic Development Director, recently shared an article from the Manchester Union Leader with town officials regarding retail space that showed Derry has the lowest retail vacancy rate in the State at 5.5% - and this vacancy rate is almost half of the state's average.

Caron said, "While a low vacancy rate is preferable, it also points to a need for more retail/commercial space to be developed in the town for future growth alignment."

As the Town Council considered approval for the program, Town Administrator, David Caron, overviewed parameters established by the N.H. state legislature. Here are some the key considerations for Derry's ordinance support, as outlined by the state.

The amount of property tax exemption may not exceed 50% of the assessment on the improvements and the duration of the period cannot exceed 10 years. An exemption applies to the town and local school rate only, not the state school rate or the county rate. Currently, the total of the town and local school rates comprise 88.5% of the overall tax rate of \$26.03.

The program would need to be reauthorized every five years, or the program would terminate (exemptions granted during a previous period shall be honored).

For a program application for this tax exemption to be accepted, the Town Council would need to determine several factors including the public benefit generated, the amount of the exemption and the duration of the exemption for each application it considers. In addition, the council would need to consider the time of ordinance adoption, and the specific geographical area in which the program could apply -designating an entire community is allowed under the N.H. statute and is to be offered by the town for their program.

The Town Council voted to approve this new program unanimously and it will be put in process as another important action to support economic development in Derry.

Derry Man Arrested for Driving 136 MPH on I-95

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Gage Chandler of Derry was arrested on Sunday, Oct. 6, by State Police after driving on I-95 at 136 mph.

According to the New Hampshire State Police press release, at approximately 8:40 a.m., State Trooper Tyler Dodds, of Troop-A, was monitoring traffic on the interstate in the town of Hampton Falls.

The officer observed a



Gage Chandler

traveling at an extremely high rate of speed. The vehicle was captured on Trooper Dodds' radar at 136 mph

and the trooper proceeded to stop the vehicle, a 2009 Nissan GT-R. The driver was identified as Chandler, 21-year-old.

Chandler was placed under arrest without incident for the offense of Reckless Driving. He was later released on personal recognition bail and is set to appear at the 10th Circuit Hampton District Court on Dec. 5.

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Editorial In 1942...

Whether you have the day off, or it's business as usual this Monday, chances are you're in the majority if you decide to observe the upcoming federal holiday, Columbus Day.

Despite the less than favorable aspects of his history, Christopher Columbus, the 15th Century Italian explorer, credited with discovering America, apparently still has some admirers.

Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, is a nationally recognized holiday. President Franklin Roosevelt made Columbus Day a federal holiday in the 1930s. However, opposition to its observance has grown over time.

While there is plenty to criticize about Columbus, and what followed his arrival, there are some things that are salvageable about the October observance.

It's a fact that the conquest of the Americas by Europeans, which arguably started with Columbus, was very ugly, and involved a lot of needless violence. But violence and conquest, for better or worse, is much the same for history the world over for thousands of years.

History, in many ways, is the story of conquest. Though the majority of us deplore it, it is our shared heritage.

While there is only limited knowledge of what pre-Columbus America was like, it is inferred that many indigenous civilizations had their own versions of war, slavery, torture and brutality. It's not the intention of the observation to make excuses for the worst that happened, but rather to understand it. Many

of the atrocities that took place were not solely the essence of Columbus, but rather part of the times.

With all that said, there are still good reasons to observe Columbus Day.

Many Italians see Columbus Day as an opportunity to recognize what Italians have contributed to America, and to the world.

It can be said that Columbus Day should be seen as a celebration of exploration. It took tremendous bravery to sail off into the unknown. One of the best parts of humanity is our drive to discover, and for that reason Columbus Day deserves recognition.

More and more people have been moving towards forgoing Columbus Day in favor of "Indigenous Peoples' Day," to reflect and honor the Native Americans who suffered during the time of European exploration. This version also celebrates the culture and traditions of indigenous Americans, and the best parts of our shared history.

This year, while we celebrate Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, or both, we can take this time to learn from our shared history and to move forward into a better future. Whichever side you take, it can be agreed that both sides offer something to celebrate about the human spirit.

With all of this in mind, the second Monday in October is indeed a significant observance, and should be seen for what it is a reflection of our history and a chance to learn and grow from it.

Pinkerton Academy Students Receive National Merit Scholarship Program



Dr. Tim Powers and Susanne Tartarilla with Elizabeth Garcia, Derek Hiscox, and Vincent Villanueva. *Courtesy photo*

Pinkerton Academy Headmaster Timothy Powers and Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla announced recently that three PA students have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their exceptional academic promise.

Vincent Villanueva, of Derry, has been named a Semifinalist and will apply to be considered as a Finalist in the scholarship program.

Elizabeth Garcia of Derry and Derek Hiscox of

Chester have been named Commended Students.

Villanueva is one of about 16,000 semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. His application to be named a Finalist will continue his consideration for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists

will be awarded scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Garcia and Hiscox join about 34,000 other Commended Students. Although they will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

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facilitate construction of the project. Similar to other recent water main construction along Route 28, there will be some occasional delays for motorists. The contractor will provide electronic message boards and other traffic control devices to manage traffic during the construction phase. Winter work will depend on weather conditions, and if there is a winter shutdown, the crews will resume work in April 2020, when the conditions are suitable again to resume."

This pipeline project constitutes the first phase of the Southern NH Regional Water Project Improvements in Derry. The Town has already received bids to complete the second phase and that phase will include a new water booster pumping station on Route 28 - Manchester Road at the London-

derry town line - as well as significant upgrades to Derry's existing Rockingham Road water booster pumping station.

These improvements to Derry's water distribution system are part of the Southern NH Regional Water Project needed to upgrade the drinking water supply from MWW (Lake Massabesic and other resources) across Southern NH towns involved in the plan. This project, including the \$6.9 million of improvements in Derry, is being funded through a grant by the NH Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau.

Due to a restriction by NHDOT, who has jurisdiction over Route 28, service stub connections will be limited to select crossings of Route 28. Individual property owners will be responsible for connecting their properties to these stub locations. A full set of the con-

struction plans may be viewed on the Town of Derry website at www.derry-nh.org.

While most work will occur along the road shoulders, construction will impact some properties along their frontage areas. Residents should also expect intermittent traffic delays. Issues regarding driveways, lawns, landscaping, etc. should be addressed by connecting with the Derry Department of Public Works (DPW) office at 603-432-6144.

DPW Director Fowler points out, "Since this is a new water main installation, there will be no impact to any existing water service in the area. Residents and businesses interested in connecting to the new water main may also contact the Derry Department of Public Works (DPW) office at 603-432-6144 for additional information."

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Rotary's Octoberfest Brings Out the German In Everyone



The second annual Octoberfest celebration hosted by the Derry Village Rotary at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry had a little something for everyone to enjoy. German beer, arts and crafts, games, music and plenty of food. Always a favorite, the keg tossing event was won by Zach O'Brien who narrowly beat last year's winner Josh Farmer. The Stein-Hold was won by Rich Lizotte who outlasted Eddie Berardi. The wife carrying race was also held later in the day.

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“Downtown Trick-or-Treat” and Other Spooky Halloween Traditions

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The month of October in New England is a time for beautiful fall foliage, final harvests before wintertime and Halloween festivities. This is a special time for kids and adults of all ages in New Hampshire to celebrate seasonal changes, attend fun parties and events, to check out special Halloween decorations as well as haunted houses, and to take time out to connect with spooky and magical things.

This time of year is especially exciting in the Greater Derry community as the folks from Derry Parks and Recreation Department are

preparing to distribute hundreds of Halloween trick-or-treat bags around the town for the children of Derry. Every year Derry, New Hampshire presents many “Spooktacular” festivities including a complete week-end of fun events that begin on Saturday, October 26.

The Derry “Downtown Trick-Or-Treat” tradition has become one Derry’s longest standing holiday. And as Trick-Or-Treat festivities keep growing here in Derry, New Hampshire – USA, there is also a recognition now about the fervor of Halloween Festivities in Derry, Northern Ireland.

The cities of Derry and Londonderry in the North-

ern Ireland area of the U.K. are now recognized globally as the top destination for observing the annual Halloween celebration; it is good to remember that this year many folks from that area of the U.K. traveled here to Derry N.H. as part of our yearlong Nutfield 300th anniversary celebration. We have been told by a good authority that some of this Halloween magic from Derry, Northern Ireland has now spread to Derry N.H. It’s wonderful to observe that both of our global communities now share a passion for these “Spooktacular” Halloween festivities.

On Saturday October 26, Halloween festivities will

begin with the 11:30 a.m. to noon costume event at the Parks and Recreation Department’s Veterans Hall. The doors will open at 11 a.m. with dancing and games followed by the free costume contest and parade beginning promptly at 11:30 a.m. Children will be able to participate in the annual costume and parade contest that will offer prizes and recognition for the most creative costume for kids up to 12 years old and for family costumes.

Nicole Ferrante of Derry Parks and Recreation tells us, “It’s such a joy to see the creativity of the children and families. I’ve seen many “Spooktacular” costumes

over the last 14-years, but each year brings something new that I would have never thought of before.”

After the contest is finished around noon, Derry’s famous annual “Downtown Trick-or-Treat” event begins and will continue until 3pm that afternoon. Every year, rain or shine, children and families bustle in and out of local stores collecting candy and prizes dressed as their favorite characters.

This “Downtown Trick or Treat” event allows the families from the Greater Derry Area to go trick-or-treating from business to business throughout downtown Derry during the day while simultaneously offer-

ing Derry businesses the opportunity to promote their local shops before the busy holiday season.

Ferrante says, “Working collaboratively has always been a tradition of the Parks and Recreation Department. We truly appreciate our partners as well as all of the businesses that make Downtown Trick-or-Treat and our Halloween festivities so wonderful, as well as, make Derry such an incredible place to live.”

For more information, the public is encouraged to contact the Derry Parks and Recreation Department at (603) 432-6136 or visit the website at www.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation

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making for the Town over the next decade.

The Community Circle group is a Lexington, Ma. based consulting organization that has been supporting Derry Town officials and the community to develop the specifics for this Master Plan update. Community Circle has a successful track record of supporting master plan implementation for many

New Hampshire and New England communities. Over the past year in Derry, there have been multiple public forums, online surveys and other data gathering actions that have pulled in statistical and historical information about the town, while supporting input from residents, business owners and other stakeholders about what things can be done that are best for the

town now, what the future holds, as well as, what people might like to see happen in Derry.

The forum on Oct. 30 is perhaps the most important community-planning forum to attend this year - as it is a chance to discuss the Derry Master Plan that has been in process with community feedback all year long. The forum itself will focus on what can make the Town of Derry most successful, what improvements are being prioritized and how the community can be fur-

ther connected in an organized vision that will benefit residents, the business community and town organizations.

The final draft of the Master Plan Implementation proposal will be presented at this forum - for final considerations by the public. Community feedback is invited to help finalize and prioritize goals plus strategies that have been identified in the planning process and that will be used as the basis for town planning over the next decade.

The previous Derry Master Plan update was last implemented in 2010. The process facilitated for developing the master plan update this time has been comprehensive, again to include detailed information about community profiles, and has included surveys and collaborative meeting forums that have joined with community stakeholders.

Community Circle prin-

icipal, Daphne Politis, told the Planning Board that the Master Plan team is ready and prepared to tell community members at the upcoming forum about the six key goals that have been developed with public and town official input. At the Planning Board meeting on Oct. 2, Politis, outlined those 6 goals for the first time for the public and to the Planning Board. These 6 goals include - making Derry a destination, encouraging economic development activity, opportunities and challenges provided by Exit 4A, promoting Derry as a place to live, health and wellness, conserve energy, and plans for resilience. At the upcoming forum, the Master Plan team intends to lead a discussion on an implementation action plan that will include other key recommendations to take the Town toward those 6 goals.

Master Plan principal leader, Politis pointed out, “This last forum is an

opportunity for the public to provide final master plan input and ideas regarding action steps and their prioritization, before we finalize the plan that will guide resource allocation and decision making for the town’s future.”

Politis further states, “In addition to influencing how people’s tax dollars are to be spent, the Master Plan also will affect phasing priorities and emphasis that the town will give to various topics. It is important that those who live and work in Derry participate in finalizing the plan at this meeting on Oct. 30.”

The Planning Board and Department says this final forum will be a worthwhile time for community residents and business folks to find out key information that will be useful to them know at this time and over the coming decade.

For information on the Derry Master Plan - visit derry-nh.org/masterplan.

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October is Fire Safety Month and a Chance to Visit Fire House

Although Oct. 6 through 12 is officially marked as Fire Prevention Week this year, many fire departments are using the whole month of October to emphasize fire safety through public education events.

Derry Fire Department is holding an Open House Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Londonderry Fire will be holding its Open House on Saturday, Oct. 14, noon to 4 p.m.

This is a good time to stop in at your local fire station, meet the crew, and pick up some pointers on keeping safe this winter.

This year's Fire Prevention theme is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape." Urging families to improve their home's safety by checking their alarms, testing the alarms regularly and adding reliable protection when replacing expired alarms. We are dedicated to helping protect what matters most because a home emergency can happen at any time and we want you to be prepared.

This is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan and emphasizes the

importance of having a smoke detector in every bedroom. Fire officials note that half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. They also say that having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances by half of dying in a reported fire.

Other tips: Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit. Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Con-

duct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find. Close doors behind you as you leave this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Having a fire extinguisher is only the first step, knowing how to use it

is the vital second step; smoke detector placement, use and testing; making a family escape plan; or the over-riding importance of getting out and staying out of a burning building, your local firefighters are ready to talk fire safety. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds so, the importance of taking fire prevention seriously is a no brainer.

Calling 911 is another focus of fire safety this month. With the prevalence of cell phones and the frequent absence of landlines, children and everyone else need to know where quick

access to the phone is in the middle of the night.

The open houses are also a time for firefighters to explain their gear and air packs to children, so that the youngsters will have nothing to be afraid of if they encounter a firefighter during a fire.

As the saying goes, they're the ones running into a burning building as everyone else is running out. Help them out and keep them and yourself safe by learning fire safety and fire prevention tips, and putting them into practice, this month and every month

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, from 5 - 8 p.m. in 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.

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Screening Hopes to Create Discussion

A screening of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at Pinkerton Academy hopes to be a catalyst for conversation.

As part of a multi-year statewide program designed to foster conversations with the public on law, justice, and civics, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education ("NHICE") will screen To Kill a Mockingbird at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre, Derry, New Hampshire on Oct. 19, 2019. The screening and post-movie discussion will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The organizers of Lights, Camera, Civics! hope that the panel discussions accompanying its film showings will encourage civil conversation on sensitive topics and promote understanding among people with diverse viewpoints. A community discussion accompanying the film showing will be led by Heidi Parenti, Pinkerton Academy English teacher; Jennifer Resmini, Pinkerton Academy Dean of Faculty; Pinkerton Academy student Alexandrine Lacasse; and Dina Michael Chaitowitz, Esq. (NHICE trustee and former federal

prosecutor).

This program was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

New Hampshire Humanities awarded NHICE the Community Project Grant for film screenings in all ten New Hampshire counties to start multigenerational conversations through film about law, justice, and civics. NHICE selected To Kill a Mockingbird to kick off the Lights, Camera, Civics! program because of the civics, social, and justice

issues it raises, and its broad appeal to a range of ages and demographics.

The event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dinacivics@gmail.com.

For more general information about Lights, Camera, Civics, including how to arrange a showing in your county, please contact Martha Madsen at martha.madsen@law.unh.edu. Learn more about New Hampshire Humanities at www.nhhumanities.org.

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'Good Witch' Delivers Halloween Spirit to Derry Area Kids

ROXANNE MCGAFFIGAN
NUTFIELD NEWS

Her name is April Kelley, but she's best known as the "The Good Witch of Derry, an apt title as the self-proclaimed Halloween enthusiast who was born on October 31.

"Halloween has been a love of mine all of my life," Kelley said.

Kelley's mission is simple: to make sure every kid has an opportunity to enjoy Halloween. Kelley does this by setting up free costume events in October like the one held on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. During each event children are invited to pick out a costume from Kelley's donations collected at no cost.

Kelley said her motivation comes not only her love for Halloween, but because times are different. Costumes cost more and parents

do not have as much time to make one.

"It kind of just came to me one day. When I was a kid, things were a lot simpler. You just threw your costume together; it was what it was."

"Today's day and age, with all the technology, and bullying and all the horrible things out there, let them have one day to be what they want to be," Kelley said. "They grow up too fast and become adults and life gets tough...And if I can help the parents because life is tough, this is why I do it."

Kelley said she saw an opportunity for the costumes, that are often used once to be repurposed and donated. What started as a single person idea, driving from town to town, to collect donations, has turned into a yearly event with several volunteers, a couple hundred kids and around 500 donated costumes.

While the concept is based around helping families who couldn't afford a costume, she says it doesn't matter how much or how little you make; all children are welcomed.

"Just keep bringing the kids with the smiles" Kelley said.

This year Kelley has 3 volunteers assisting her.

Fran O'Rourke and Kelley Lloyd, two first-year volunteers, said helping The Good Witch out has been a joy, especially seeing the happy children.

"Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes my day," said Lloyd.

"Costumes are a part of Halloween and some of them can be costly" said O'Rourke, adding what Kelley is doing is a good boost for the community.

"Traditions and rites of passage are being pushed out of society" said volunteer Randall Kelley. "This

is a great thing to try to keep that in place."

Right now, April Kelley said her biggest challenge is space.

"I need storage space... I am trying to fit it all in my attic. I do this out of the goodness of my heart. I can't afford to pay for storage year-round".

Despite the labor involved and the lack of space, Kelley said she doesn't plan on going anywhere any time soon. "As soon as I walk in and see the kids' faces, I know I will keep doing it until I can't do it anymore."

The Good Witch will have another free costume event at the Derry Community Center, 39 West Broadway in Derry, on Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Kelly said she is willing to travel to other towns, if they would like to host her. Kelly said that she is still accepting donations and she does year-round.



The Good Witch of Derry host Costume Giveaway nights at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. All costumes are free to children.

Costume donations can be dropped off with Ray Fontaine, Head of Children's Services at the Derry Public Library, in the Children's Room.

If you would like to volunteer, donate or can offer storage solutions, contact April Kelly "The Good Witch" at tallibaby@hotmail.com .

Pinkerton Academy FBLA and HOSA's Host Annual Breast Cancer Walk

On October 20, Pinkerton Academy's Future Business Leaders of America and Health Occupation Students of America will be hosting their annual Breast Cancer Walk. The walk will take place at the Pinkerton track and begins at 10 am. The walk will help raise money

in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Rachel Felder '20 spoke about why she loves being a part of this walk each year.

"I love participating in the Breast Cancer Walk because it stands for such a great cause. It helps raise awareness for breast cancer

and how it affects so many," she said. "It's a great way to bring the community together and focus on what matters: helping others."

The walk is open to the public and all are encouraged to come, walk, and donate.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Girls Volleyball Suffers First Loss to Tough South Team

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Volleyball team's undefeated run this fall season came to a dramatic end on Tuesday, Oct. 2, when the Lady Astros lost at home against another undefeated team, Nashua South Purple Panthers. The Nashua team is now one of the two Division I teams that remain perfect, Hollis-Brookline is the other, who PA will play later in the month.

South was dominant in the first set at the Hackler Gym, jumping into an early lead and winning 25-10. The Astros responded well, jumping out quickly to a 8-1 run, and taking the second 25-23 and third set with the same score, 25-23, but after that, the visiting team to leveled the match, by winning the fourth set, 25 to 21. In the tiebreaking set, the two teams went toe-to-toe, and Pinkerton was just one point away from winning,

but eventually lost 17-15.

Ellie Cashman recorded 12 service points, including three aces. Lily Heywood had 10 service points and six kills. Ella Dandrade finished with 13 kills and 30 digs and Ella Koelb had 32 assists.

On Friday, Oct. 4, Pinkerton bounced right back to its winning ways, and survived a tough road game in Salem against the Lady Blue Devils in five sets. The Devil side struck first, winning the opening set 25-20. Pinkerton answered with 25-21, but Salem retook the lead with 25-22. Facing a second loss in a row, the Lady Astros showed their toughness by tying the match with a 25-21 victory in the fourth set and winning the tiebreaker, 15-13.

Cashman led again with 19 service points. Dandrade had 10, 16 kills and 33 digs and Koelb finished the game with 46 assists.

Things went a bit smoother for the Lady

Astros at home on Monday night, Oct. 7, against a good Dover High School team (9-3).

Pinkerton started the game well, winning 25-16 and 25-14 in the first two sets. Dover answered with a lopsided 25-9 in the third, but the Astros woke up in time to finish the job with 25-20. Ella Dandrade, who had a good game in serve receiving, finished with five kills and 24 digs. Sarah Taylor led with 13 kills, Ella Koelb had 29 assists and Sierra Edgecomb provided 13 service points and 13 digs. Ellie Cashman had five aces.

"The girls came out strong and played hard all night," commented coach Todd Royce. "They were able to bounce back again after a tough game 3 and turn the momentum in their favor."

Royce and his team have a Friday, Oct. 11, home game against the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals (6-6).



Pinkerton Academy's Girls Volleyball squad battled back in fourth with Nashua South last week, but finally fell in five sets to the other undefeated team. At left, Sarah Taylor goes for a kill, at right, Ella Dandrade defends the net.



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Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 30



**Macy Graves,
Senior, Girls Soccer**

In two games last week, her team was down at halftime and had to work hard to come back. Macy controlled the midfield and played with energy in both games, helping the team to come back from the deficits. She scored the tying goal against Dover, and the winning goal in double overtime against Salem.



**Ella Dandrade,
Senior, Girls Volleyball**

Ella has been outstanding all year. She leads the team in kills, digs, service points and service receives. In the past week, she has had 40 kills, near 100 digs and is superb in service receive and team defense. She is at the 1,000 dig mark on her career, an excellent accomplishment.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Pinkerton Field Hockey Squad Keeps Rolling Over Division One Opponents

**IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS**

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Field Hockey team kept its perfect season alive on Saturday (Oct. 5), with a 2-0 road victory at Salem (3-7). The Lady Astros squad has only four games left to the season, two at home and two on the road.

The Lady Astros scored once in each half: First it was Lauren Lisauskas, on an unassisted goal and after the break, Mari Shea doubled Pinkerton's lead on a stroke.

Khaliyah Ellis had an exceptional game, making two saves and earning the team's sixth shutout in nine games this season.

On Monday, Oct. 7, coach Katie Littlefield's team traveled to the coast and played the Winnacunnet Lady Warriors, in a game

that was postponed from last Wednesday. There, the PA team got their third 4-0 victory of the season, to remain perfect, at 10-0.

Emma Johnston scored an unassisted first half goal and Quinn Mailloux doubled the lead before the break. After halftime, it was Lauren Riviere on the assist from Johnston and Johnston herself, with her second goal of the game. Ellis made five saves.

The Astros will have a third straight road game on Wednesday, after the Nutfield News press time and will face a strong opponent, Concord High School (8-3). They will then have a home game against Keene (8-3) on Saturday morning, Oct. 12,



Emma Johnston scored two of the four Pinkerton goals against Winnacunnet last week. Photo by Chris Paul at Memorial Field.

week against two fair weak opponents, Nashua South (2-8) and Exeter (2-9).

Cross Country Teams Take Fifth in Annual Border Battle

**IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS**

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' and Girls' Varsity Cross Country teams both took fifth place in the 2019 Battle of the Border, held at Alvirne High School on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The event featured high school teams from New Hampshire and Massachusetts and the Astros boys' team finished with 142 points (Coe-Brown won

with 37). Pinkerton's best runner was sophomore Luke Brennan, who placed ninth with a time of 16:03.66.

Following him were seniors Zach Plaza (19th, 16:24.61) and Nolan Preble (22nd, 16:28.93) and other finishers were Ethan Charles (33rd, 16:52.65), Nathan Steiger (64th, 17:42.18) and Nate Letellier (70th, 17:55.67).

The girls had Meghan Cross finishing second, with a great time of 19:02.85, 11 seconds after the winner.

Molly McGaffigan placed 15th (20:06.99), Makenna Alden 35th (20:56.25), Grace Jellow 53rd (22:20.34), Kristina Packowski 55th (22:25.51) and Emma Plaza 63rd (23:05.06). The team score was 133 (North Andover won with 51).

Prior to that, Pinkerton had a home meet on Tuesday, Oct. 1 with Salem and Dover, which the Astros Boys' team won with a score of 34, while the two other teams tied with 48 each. Letellier was PA's fastest runner, coming in fourth at 18:26. Mike Packowski took fifth (18:50), Nick Caputo sixth (19:02) and Theo Davis eighth (19:10).

The girls scored 27, beating Salem (46) and Dover (55). 12 of Pinkerton's 13 runners had the season-best results and they were led by Cross, who won her final home meet with a time of 19:44 minutes. McGaffigan finished third (20:33) and Riley Sweeney sixth (21:25). Alden, in eighth place (21:55, first time under 22 minutes) and Jellow in ninth (22:07) also cracked the top-10.

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Pinkerton Football Suffers Second Loss in as Many Weeks

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Football team started this season, they have been able to reach the Division I state finals 12 of the last 15 seasons. But this year, the Astros will have a hard time making the playoffs, after their tough season continued on Saturday, Oct.

5, with a second straight loss, the 12-0 defeat came against Salem High School.

Longtime head coach Brian O'Reilly's team now stands at 2-3, and even if the Astros manage to run the table and win their remaining four games, six wins may not be enough to get them into the post-season.

Last year Pinkerton lost at home to Salem 15-14 in

the regular season, but easily handled the Blue Devils in the postseason, on the road. The PA team's last regular season victory over Salem was back in September of 2015. The Blue Devils have won four of their five games this season and were able to shutout their opponents in each of these victories. Only the Londonderry Lancers have handed them a loss.

The Saturday morning game was held in Haverhill, Mass., where the Blue Devils have been hosting their home games this season, while the school's football field is being re-surfaced. Pinkerton's quarterback, Jeff Potvin, who suffered a head injury in last week's loss to Londonderry, did not start the game and the Astros could not move

the ball and also lost star running back Jake MacInnis, to a leg injury, later in the day.

Salem took the lead in the final seconds of the second quarter with a long drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown run and doubled their lead just before the end of the third quarter, missing the point after attempts both times

they tried.

The Pinkerton side finished the game with only 148 total offensive yards.

The Astros will try to recover from the loss on Friday, Oct. 11, at home against Timberlane Regional High School starting at 7 p.m. The following week, the Astros will host the Concord Crimson Tide on Friday, Oct. 18.

Astro Boys' Soccer Team's Troubles Continue This Season

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Soccer team's challenging season continued over the past week with three difficult losses, leaving the boys with a 1-8-2 season record.

After their dramatic 1-1 tie at home against Londonderry in the game that closed out Mack Plaque weekend between the rival schools, the Astro boys team played another home game, on Tuesday, Oct. 1, where they suffered a loss 3-1 to Dover High School.

The visitors led 2-1 at the half, with Harrison McAdams scoring for the home team after 20 minutes of soccer, thanks to an assist by Michael Curtin. "Although we created numerous scoring opportunities, we could not finish those chances and were defeated. This is a tough situation for us right now. We need to

keep fighting as a team every day and we will find positive results", commented coach Kerry Boles. "Playing well were Michael Curtin, Jake Spezzaferri, Reilly Beaulieu and Giovanni Iob."

The Astros indeed fought hard on Saturday, Oct. 5, but wound up on the losing side of a 1-0 game on the road to Salem High School (4-4). The only goal of the match was scored by Walaeddine Hounane in the first half,

causing Pinkerton to lose its fifth road game this fall season, in as many games.

The Astros had another away game, at Exeter on Monday (Oct. 7), where they lost 2-0 to the locals, following two, second half goals by Drew Richard (55th minute) and Mason Casassa (75th minute). Thomas Richmond made 10 saves for the 1-8-2 Astros. "I can't say enough about the fight these guys are bringing

every game lately", commented coach Kerri Boles. "I'm really proud of their effort and desire to compete. We will break the ice soon." He added that Andy MacDonald, Jake Spezzaferri, Reilly Beaulieu, Marcos Sconza and Andrew Lydick played extremely well for Pinkerton.

Pinkerton will be returning home this Thursday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. to face Bishop Guertin (1-7-1).



Pinkerton Academy junior, Andy MacDonald, defends the Astro side of the field at a recent home game.

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Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Squad Adds to Up and Down Season

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Soccer team

was able to quickly forget its 5-1 defeat to Londonderry on Mack Plaque weekend, with two victories last week, but the following week start-

ed with a tough loss.

The Lady Astros played at Dover High School on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and won 4-2 after a thrilling second half victory. The locals played better in the first half and ended it with a promising 2-0 lead, but Pinkerton came storming back after the break, with Sam Franks and Macy Graves tying the game, before Kayla Franks completed the big comeback. Emily Hood put the final touches on the win with the fourth goal for the Astros, Mishela Duka finished with three saves.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, PA coach Danielle St. Pierre's team got another road victory, 2-1 at Salem High School in a game that ended in double overtime.

Once again, the red-and-white squad trailed after 40 minutes, 1-0, but Mattie Sullivan leveled the score and Graves had the game

winner. Lindsay Blum, in goal, had one save and Pinkerton is five-for-five this season in away games.

The Lady Astros returned home on Monday, Oct. 7, and faced a strong Exeter High School team and saw their momentum stop with a 1-0 tough loss to one of the three undefeated teams in Division I this season (10-0). Pinkerton's season slipped to a 6-5 record. The Lady Astros kept pace with the Hawks, but let the lone-goal slip by the PA keeper early on in the first half. The local girls were never able to get the equalizer.

Pinkerton had another home game, against Manchester Memorial (3-6-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 9, after the Nutfield News press time, and will play another undefeated team, Bishop Guertin (10-0), in Nashua on Friday, Oct. 11, at 4 p.m.



Pinkerton Sophomore forward Chayse Dube heads toward the Exeter net on Monday afternoon.



Astro senior Mattie Sullivan battles with an Exeter defender on Monday afternoon during the teams tough, one goal home loss. Photos by Chris Paul

Astro Golf Team to Send Two to New England Championship

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Two Pinkerton Academy golfers, Julianna Megan and Lydia Tufts, qualified to next June's New England Championship, thanks to their rounds last Saturday,

Oct. 5, at the New Hampshire Girls' State Championship, held at Campbell's Scottish Highland Golf Course in Salem.

Megan, a freshman, shot 80 in the Championship Division (18 holes), to finish tied for third, with nine

strokes over the par. The winner was senior Meredith Morhun from Hanover, with three strokes less than Megan. Tufts, a sophomore, placed ninth overall after shooting a game of 88. In the Medal Division (nine holes), junior Mahima

Bhattacharjee finished tied for 11th, thanks to a game of 54, 19 over the par (16 away from the winner, Riley Anderson of Londonderry High School).

The Astros Varsity team had two matches last week and finished its season this Tuesday, after the Nutfield News went to print. The boys' State Championship will be held at Beaver Meadow Country Club on

Oct. 20.

Pinkerton faced Alvirne and Merrimack last Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Grean Meadow Country Club in Hudson, beating both thanks to a team total of 192, with Alvirne scoring 208 and Merrimack 238. Kyle Raspuzzi shot 35 (on par), Tylor Pappalardo 38, Megan finished with 39 and PJ Daniele and Cam Leppert with 40 each.

Two days later came the Astros' first loss of the season, when Exeter (194) bested them (195) and Nashua South (212). Pinkerton and Exeter were tied before the Astros lost the tiebreaker by one stroke. Megan, Nick Tufts and Raspuzzi all shot 38 (three over par), Leppert finished with 39 and Daniele and Pappalardo with games of 41 each.

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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. 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. 21 & 28, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m., or from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

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Infant Storytime

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Halloween Snack Attack

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Toddler Tunes and Tales

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