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Master Plan Group Presents Town's Vision for the Future

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On Wednesday, October 30, Derry's Planning Director, George Sioras, was on hand to roll out the final public wide presentation and feedback session of Derry's Master Plan Update for the next decade. Sioras introduced the Master Plan process team leader from Community Circle, Daphne Politis, who presented an overview of the final draft of the plan.

Planning Assistant, Elizabeth Robidoux, helped facilitate some of the key feedback during the meeting and she was joined by other key team planners including Martha Lyon of Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, Judi Barrett and

Fiona Coughlan of Barrett Planning Group, LLC and Jeff Maxtutis of BETA Group Inc.

Over the past year this team has been profoundly involved with town officials, businesses and residents to develop the Master Plan Update that is developed every decade by the Town.

Politis noted, "About 90% of the last Master Plan that was done in 2010 was implemented by the Town and this new plan has been developed to ensure that Derry's desirable features are preserved, as well as, for new challenges to be prioritized and addressed. The new plan has been a good opportunity for the town to consider how to make Derry an even better place to live, work and play."

Politis noted that Master Plans in the State of NH are developed as a basis for decision making for future development, and that this past year has seen a process that has led to a new plan of action based on the town's shared values and goals. The new Master Plan that Politis presented at this public meeting is intended to help set priorities for addressing a full range of issues facing the town.

During the year long process, there has been a community conversation that has developed input from residents, business leaders, and Town officials. The plan was focused on 4 areas including taking an inventory of existing resources, developing a vision

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Derry Dog Park Illness's Make Dog Owners Anxious About Pets

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An unknown problem recently caused illness for some dogs after visits to the Derry Dog Park, and exasperated dog owners are searching for answers. These dog owners are looking for additional support, solutions and disease prevention efforts after several dogs fell sick shortly after park visits, with one dog's death believed to be linked to a park excursion.

The Derry Dog Park is an off-leash dog environment located on Fordway off of Route 102 and the park is also set up with a small dog area, agility obstacles, and tunnels for dog owners to

have a place in Derry to bring their pets. The area is completely fenced in, with a double gate to enter, allowing dogs the opportunity to run and play freely in a safe and enclosed environment.

Dog owner, Erin Viveiros-Firth, from Derry has been in touch with other dog park users who expressed anxiety about problems encountered with their dogs after recent park visits. She reported, "Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and a couple of instances of vomiting blood have dog owners concerned...we didn't know if it was a sickness or a poison or if there were berries growing?"

Veterinarians recommend dog owners should

take safeguards before heading to any dog park. Vets suggest that dog and other pet owners should keep up to date with their pet's immunizations, de-worming treatments and noted that it is important for owners to use effective treatments to ward off fleas and ticks. However, these mysterious illnesses that have turned up recently have owners asking questions about the Derry Dog Park.

Dog parks provide four-legged friends with a place to socialize and play, however, pet health care specialists caution that all dogs must be fully vaccinated before visiting one of these dog parks. Holly Nussbaum,

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RIGHTFUL RESTING PLACE There was a small ceremony conducted by historian TJ Cullinane and Rev. Deborah Roof, of First Parish Church, at the Forest Hill Cemetery on Saturday afternoon to officially mark the spot of two burial markers that were recently re-acquired. The two marked have been missing for a number of years and one found in an area antique shop and other was at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.
Photo by Chris Paul

Annual Holiday Parade and Holiday Stroll Set for Nov. 30

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It's that wonderful time of year again and in a couple of weeks, Derry will kick off this year's holiday celebration with its annual Holiday Parade in downtown Derry on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. The parade is hosted - as it has

been for many years by the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and by the Derry Village Rotary Club.

This year, the parade will also be celebrating the 300th anniversary of Nutfield and will be called the 33rd annual Nutfield Holiday Parade, with a special theme of "Celebrations

Through the Years" and a distinctive salute for this year's 300th anniversary of the original Nutfield settlement that has been commemorated with different events throughout the past year.

Derry's annual holiday spectacle is one of the largest parades in southern
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Recommendations Made for Derry to Optimize Hometown Appeal

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The final draft documentation of the Derry Master Plan outlines 12 primary recommendations for the Town to take action on and prioritize according to Town needs, budgets and contextual considerations.

The Master Plan Update recommends for Derry to continue its efforts to develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan that would improve walking, biking, streetscape, enhanced facades, outdoor seating, parking and to make the downtown a destination with more retail, boutiques, and restaurants. Related to

these points, it is also recommended that the town continue to grow and support visual and performing arts events, as well as, revitalize Hood Pond/Park. There is also a suggestion that Derry should consider expanding the downtown area through Crystal Avenue.

Additionally, the town should complete a feasibility study for a multi-generational Community Center that would also have space and programs for an increasing population of older adults who have varying activity expectations. This community center would additionally provide space for a Teen Center, home-

schoolers, arts and music organizations, social clubs, as well as, additional recreation activities such as a swimming pool. The center itself would include partners such as the Marion Gerrish Community Center, Parks and Recreation, Boys and Girls Club and other organizations.

It is recommended that the Town of Derry design and plan a town-wide pedestrian and bike network with associated amenities. Sidewalks, safe routes to school, more bike paths and bike racks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access should be added. The current trail system should be further expanded with

additional parking and improved signage

The Town should support older adults who wish to age in place and help them continue living in their own home. In addition, the town should encourage creation of affordable smaller units designed for access and visit-ability along with public transportation that would also provide access to recreation, socialization connections, health and wellness.

It is a key recommendation for the future of Derry to attract young adults to live in Town. Some things that would help support this attraction would be to further provide an environment for visual and performing arts events and areas, breweries and more music down-

town venues or events. It would also be helpful to improve walkability, bikeability, trails and recreation areas around the town. Promoting green initiatives while creating additional opportunities for employment are key components toward supporting this effort to attract more young adults to the community.

The town will need to develop its vision and plan for the Exit 4A gateway that will be constructed over the next several years.

A strategic plan for implementing the opportunities provided by the new Derry Cultural District should be developed and implemented.

Heritage and historical tourism including promotion of historic buildings,

legacy stories and community event recognition should be supported. This tourism campaign would include more awareness about Robert Frost, Alan Shepard, the nation's first potatoes, H.P. Hood & Sons, Londonderry Linen and more.

The Town should further leverage its current efforts on climate change adaptation and further expand a resiliency plan that promotes renewable energy sources, smart growth land use policies, and resilience against extreme weather conditions.

Efforts and actions should be undertaken to further encourage more community gatherings; this would include comprehensive promotion of organized events and activities, recreation, entertainment, family-oriented events, as well as, events that are oriented to older and young adults that take place both indoors and outdoors.

Derry should develop a Health and Wellness Campaign (e.g. "Let's Move Derry"). This campaign would promote healthy food, fitness, healthy lifestyle choices, and community health with a focus on physical and mental health initiatives.

The final recommendation is for the town to explore a variety of affordable housing options for older and younger adults that would include micro units, work-live units, walkable neighborhoods, and more residential housing that would fit first time buyers and those who want to downsize their current housing situation.

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OBITUARY

Shirley Ann Danson



Shirley Ann Danson, 82, of Derry, NH passed away Wednesday Oct. 30, 2019, after a brief illness. Shirley was born July 14, 1937 in Leamington Spa, Warrickshire, England and was a daughter of the late Frank B. and Phyllis M. (Cottrell) Wood. She was raised and educated in England and relocated to the U.S. in 1968. She lived in Arlington, MA for 6 years prior to settling in Derry in 1974.

Shirley worked for many years as an assembler in various manufacturing companies. She was an avid knitter and loved auto racing. For her 70th birthday, after her children arranged a ride for her in a NASCAR race car, her only complaint was the driver didn't go fast enough! Shirley was very proud to receive her U.S. Citizenship in 1978.

Members of the family include her husband of 62 years, Thomas Danson, three children and their spouses, Russell (Jane), Neil (Linda), and Sarah (James); grandchildren, Patricia, Brandon, Kimberly, and Rochelle; many great grandchildren; a sister, Eileen and a brother Geoff, as well as numerous nieces and nephews in England.

A Celebration of her life is being planned by the family for a later date.

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Conservation Commission Monitors Town Land for State Compliance

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The Derry Conservation Commission met on October 28th and Chairman, James Degnan, provided updates about several of the Town's conservation areas that the commission monitors on a yearly basis. Degnan pointed out that he and other members of the commission had recently visited the Corneliusen farm property to check it out.

The Derry Conservation Commission manages the 38 acres of the Corneliusen farm that is owned by the town and managed as a wildlife habitat and for low impact recreation. Nearby J&F Farms owns and oper-

ates a working farm growing a variety of crops on 68 protected acres of the area and some of the land is still planted with peach trees. The Town of Derry and the Trust for Public Lands worked together to protect this valuable agricultural land from undesired development.

Degnan reported that the property is in very good shape and is not in need of prioritized work on the trails at this point in time. Commission members discussed that several hunting ladder stands were found to be in place at this time in the area where hunting is permitted. It was noted that the mobile ladder stands are permissible under NH Fish and

Game law during hunting season —although stands must not be embedded or secured directly into tree trunks or branches with spikes or stakes. Movable ladder stands must be removed from the conservation area at the end of the hunting season or they can be confiscated and violators could be subject to legal consequences.

Degnan and commission member Will Lowenthal also conducted a site visit to monitor the Broadview Farm area, which is 78 acres of rolling agricultural land, open fields, and with a small pond, a stream, and a wooded area that also has a thorn bush jungle situated on the property.

Acquired in 1998 — using proceeds of a bond authorized by the Town Council for open space preservation — Broadview Farm was formerly a working dairy farm. The land and buildings fell into a state of severe disrepair when the owner passed away and the conservation commission and town have prioritized putting the site back into the good order, that can be seen in the area today.

Degnan reported that while he was there to monitor the area for a Conservation Commission report, a family was having a meal at one of the table areas near the camping area. He noted that these folks took all of their trash and properly dis-

posed of it and pointed out that some folks using the site are not always so conscientious.

Broadview Farms is also the area that the Town via the Conservation Commission — led by Will Lowenthal — has set up as a Community Gardens space. Since the growing season has wound down for the year, most but not all of the garden area has been cleaned up from gardening fences, tools and other plot and garden stuffs. It is important that any of the gardeners from this year check their plot area to be sure they have not left materials and that they have left their plot in great shape for next year's gardeners.

Lowenthal pointed out that there are several ideas that could help the community garden area in the future. Lowenthal said, "It would be helpful if the area constructed with the large wooden boxes for compost pilings might perhaps be worked better or perhaps even be converted into sheds for holding garden tools."

Degnan also noted that he was working on a permit process for the area, where bonfires are often created, at Broadview, by visitors. He said that the commission wants to make sure there is a formal process for such activities, so that they can be monitored properly, for fire safety and scheduled accordingly.

Dog Park

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a local Vet Tech says, "Dog parks are great places to let dogs stretch their legs, burn off some energy and have some fun, but owners should check with their vet doctor to make sure their dog is up to date with vaccinations that may be needed, and especially for canines that will frequent these dog parks."

After discussions among Derry Dog Park users about the possibilities of pet illnesses related to dog park excursions, some of the dog owners got together at the end of October to try to decontaminate the park of potential hazards. They removed toys and other things that had been left behind in the park. Town workers also joined to help this group of volunteer local dog owners who had organized to clean up the park.

"Because we just don't know where it's coming from, so we're like, 'Get rid of it,'" said Viveiros-Firth. "The town came to pick up the leaves, which was great. They were really responsive." Some dog owners and park users however were not happy about the ongoing maintenance of the park area and they hope cleaning the dog park area might become a higher priority action for the town. "It would just be really great for this community and the park, that we have here, if some basic maintenance could be handled on a more regular basis," said Heather Mosher, a dog owner.

Dog owners can be proactive to prevent problems too - as it is all too common for dogs to pick up an illness from visits to any dog park they visit. Dog owners that go to a dog park should be aware of the risks of canine diseases there. For

example, there are dogs that might visit and look OK but could also be carriers of canine distemper, influenza, or the parvo-virus. Some viruses and parasites that affect dogs can also affect humans, such as rabies and leptospirosis - which is a bacteria-borne illness that can result in liver or kidney failure. And these pathogens and parasites may be lurking at dog parks, according to a university animal health professor who asked that her name to be withheld.

"These germs, parasites and diseases can be found in

the soil, water and even in the air, said this clinical associate professor. "Many of these serious diseases can be fatal, even with treatment," she said.

Aside from making sure your dog's shots and other medical treatments are up to date, another precaution dog owners should take when using a dog park is to bring their own water. Allowing your dog to drink out of a communal water bowl can expose them to certain disease-causing microorganisms.

The Derry Dog Park is a popular place - providing

dog owners are proactive, and there is appropriate environmental maintenance, the dog park is a welcome area for dog owners and their pets to socialize. Over the years and through donations to the Derry Dog Park, there is also a Small Dog Park area. This is a separate off-leash area open to small dogs, 20 pounds and under only - to insure smaller dogs have a welcome place to feel safe and happy.

The Derry Dog Park is open from sunrise to sunset. Please note this park has a carry in, carry out trash and

scooping policy. Everyone should help keep the park clean by removing any trash or waste a pup might leave behind. Donations are critical to the ongoing success, maintenance support and improvements made at the park.

Dog owners should check out the rules and regulations, to be in tune with park environment for health and safety purposes. Check these regulations out at the Town of Derry Web site page: <https://www.derrynh.org/animal-control/pages/derry-dog-park>



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Editorial

Veteran's Day

Veteran's day is fast approaching once again. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson, originally proclaimed this holiday by as "Armistice Day". This was during a time when the world had seen what they thought was the first and last major global conflict, known as World War I, but originally known as "The Great War" or the "War to end all wars".

American men and women have continued to distinguish themselves in the service to this great nation, from WWII, Korea "The forgotten war", Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror, among others, which seem to have no end in sight.

Many of us can remember growing up and being warned of the Communist threat in Eastern Europe and Asia, since the end of WWII. Our great Nation provided the global leadership necessary to overcome this threat - known as the "Cold War" because there were few actual shots fired between the United States and the Soviet Union - in the end we prevailed, but many veterans spent many years standing sentry against the threat, be it on a watch in West Berlin, aloft for the Strategic Air Command or supporting counterinsurgencies in Central and South America and elsewhere.

Veterans of all branches of the

armed services generally enjoy a great sense of camaraderie. As a 21 year retired Marine, I had the chance to observe this first hand very recently at my job. I often go to meetings where I do not know all of the participants. As most former military do, you always scan your surroundings when you enter the room and make a mental note. For all Marines and certain members of the other branches - like US Army Airborne, Rangers, Infantry, Special Forces, Delta, US Navy SEALs, USAF Combat Controllers/Para Rescue, when your eyes meet it's often very instinctual to sense another operator. In my case I immediately made a new friend that day.

The United States is somewhat unique among world powers and history in that our Service men and women swear an oath of allegiance, not to a King, but to the Constitution, which is the governing document by which our Government derives its power - a contract with our people. This is the root of "service", against enemies foreign and domestic.

Please take the time to thank a vet, and when you do, recall that he or she thought so much of your freedom and your rights that they swore an oath to the Constitution and service to the country, up to and including their own lives.

Letters

False Claim

To the editor,

Jodi Nelson's letter in your Oct. 24 edition selectively uses some facts without context, and one that is irrelevant. She used these to falsely claim the Governor and fellow Republicans were partners and deserve significant credit for the large check Sununu recently delivered to Derry and Londonderry.

In reality, the Governor was like the person delivering pizza claiming credit for the great taste. We all know this not to be true.

Relevance: SB 309? Just a distraction. It was tabled - not relevant to the ultimate passage of the budget.

Fact: All Spring in Derry and Londonderry only the Democratic State Reps, Mary Eisner and Annie Warner respectively,

voted for this school and town aid.

Jodi Nelson wants us to cheer for "ALL" our legislators and celebrate "bipartisanship." But all Spring not one Republican in our towns voted for this aid, and they voted against the final budget containing the aid. Then the Governor vetoed the budget. Then all Republicans voted to sustain his veto. Why? Because he and they prioritized lower business taxes - relevant mostly for large corporations - while the Dems prioritized increased support for our schools and lowering property taxes.

Only after the Democrats offered some significant budget compromises and the Governor agreed to lower his obstruction regarding the business taxes. And when after three months delay and coincidentally as our towns lob-

bied the Governor for a budget before the Oct. 1 deadline for property tax assessments, did the Governor and the Republicans agree to vote for the budget, which contained the original Democratic numbers for town and school aid which they opposed for months. So yes, both sides compromised at the end, but the Dems stood fast all year on town and school aid. They clearly deserve primary credit for delivering the money to our towns.

Yes, bipartisanship is good. But there was negligible Republican bipartisanship in this case.

So remember when you vote next year, it's not who delivered your pizza but who prepared and cooked it.

Charlie Zoeller
Derry

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Parade

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New Hampshire and the procession will feature a number of themed floats, marching bands, clowns, bag pipers, baton twirlers, costumed characters and more. If you stick around you might catch sight of the guest of honor - Santa Claus himself - as he makes an appearance in Derry, before he gets ready to spread more Holiday Cheer.

The Greater Derry and Londonderry Chamber of Commerce works hard to enlist help from community groups and charitable organizations. The Chambers hard work ensures that funds are provided to these groups and in the process this helps to support other efforts by these organizations in Derry. Fundraising is in progress and it is not

too late for other groups, organizations, and businesses to get involved in the holiday parade festivities or maybe even to set up a themed float for the parade.

If your business or organization is interested in participating in the parade via marching or with a float, check out the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and contact information.

When the chamber took over duties for the parade around three decades ago, they used the parade as a way to kick off the holiday business season in Derry. That is a good thing for the town, as the annual parade attracts nearly 10,000 spectators to the downtown area.

If you come to see the parade, please remember to bring some canned or dry

goods for the food drive; donations will also be accepted. The Derry Village Rotary Club volunteers will be on hand to pick up items along the route.

A Downtown Holiday Stroll will follow this year's Nutfield Holiday Parade. Additional festivities and shopping activities are being planned. Contact the Chamber - ashley@gdlchamber.org for additional information if you have a business and want to participate in this effort.

So far, confirmed businesses for the Holiday Stroll include Benson Ski and Sport, Benson Lumber and Hardware, Cask & Vine, Doire, Geeks-ter, Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy and a couple more business are in the process of organizing their efforts for that day.

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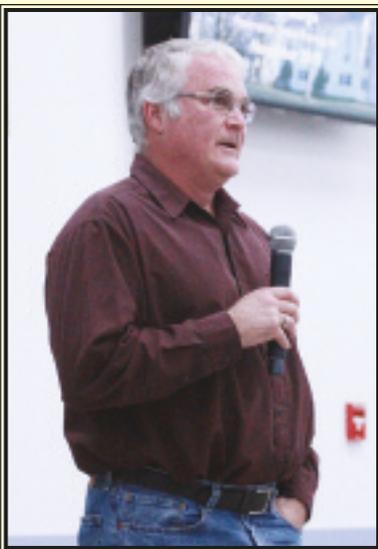
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Nutfield Descendants Given Tours and Dinner Over Weekend



Descendants of the first settlers from Ireland got quite a tour of the Derry area during their stay, and on Saturday, Nov. 2 they were taken through Forest Hill Cemetery and shown some of the family names they were familiar with during a guided tour by local historical TJ Cullinane. Some of the sites discussed were James MacGregor, Lucy Gregg, Alan Shepard, the Pinkerton family and Frank Johnson's 'Devils Mailbox.' After the tour, a service was performed for Eme-line Stowell and George Humphrey, whose markers had been taken from the cemetery some years ago, and recently returned. That evening the guests were treated to a barbecue dinner, and a talk given by Aaron Sturgis of Preservation Timber Framers on the restoration efforts at the church. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Department of Public Works (DPW) Director, Mike Fowler, has put

together "A Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal Operations" that will help residents and businesses understand the town ordinances to help them optimize their snow removal efforts and properly deal with the winter conditions. Fowler and the Derry's DPW staff want to remind residents, visitors and workers that Derry's Winter Parking Ban is in effect from Nov. 15 through April 1. During those dates, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. By law any vehicle parked in violation of that rule can and will be towed. Vehicles that are towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. So please plan ahead for your nightly parking area to avoid fines and the inconvenience of having your car

removed for a parking violation.

There are also ordinances to heed about digging out walkways, driveways, travel areas including roads, and highways that everyone should follow to keep road travel efficient and safe. No one is allowed to set snow or ice upon the surface of a traveled portion of any town-maintained road or highway under penalty of law. Snow blowing, shoveling or plowing snow or ice on to a street area creates a dangerous situation that causes accidents,

so anyone who violates this ordinance can be subject to a hefty fine.

Derry town residents and businesses are also requested by ordinance not to place any temporary or permanent structures, sprinkler heads or landscaping type items on travel roads within the town's right-of-way.

And the town offers insight for town residents and businesses about mailboxes. Snow removal around mailbox post areas and the maintenance of the mailbox and post are the

responsibility of the owner. While all mailboxes and newspaper boxes can legally be located within the town right-of-way - locating mail boxes too close to roadways is done at the property owner's risk. Please note that the town will not repair mailboxes that become damaged during snow removal operations. Therefore, where possible, it is a good idea to understand that your mailbox post should be located out of harm's way from the big plows and snow removal vehicles to avoid having

your mail interrupted or losing your box to damage.

Also, stakes, parking space and other landscaping marker delineators or rocks placed at the edge of pavement cannot be guaranteed against damage during the winter season, so check that they are out of the way of the snow and ice removal during the winter.

Check out the town website for "A Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal Operations" at: www.derrynh.org/highway/pages/winter-information.

Master Plan

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based on the town's goals, developing priorities to meet challenges and opportunities, and finally the actual process about how to execute plan specifics.

At the meeting, Politis overviewed the vision that had come forward from the research and feedback over the past year and Politis provided vision statements based on a theme of imagining Derry's future.

The plan envisions Derry retaining its small-town sensibilities while enhancing the community's feeling of being close knit by welcoming newcomers and increasing communication between the Town and its residents taking such actions as holding more festivals and events and using

social media. The vision here includes family activities, and programs specifically aimed at the elderly and teens to provide more focused opportunities to socialize and connect.

The new Master Plan vision includes that Derry would become a destination with much to do and see both for residents and visitors alike. The downtown area would be further set up as welcoming and walkable, with plenty of parking to support mix uses including offices, housing, retail and restaurants. The town would be promoting the growing arts community and cultural opportunities that add vitality and attract new residents and visitors.

The Master Plan vision list is set up with idea of imagining Derry's future including: Imagine a Derry... that provides a wide range of housing for people in different stages of the lifecycle, income levels, and special needs.

Imagine a Derry... that has expanded its economic

base and created new opportunities for employment by becoming more business-friendly, investing in infrastructure that supports business growth, creating new commercial and industrial zones, reimagining the Downtown and Route 28, and by focusing on retaining existing and recruiting new desirable businesses.

Imagine a Derry... that provides recreational opportunities for all ages, including both indoor and outdoor facilities and programs. This includes a system of connected open spaces and lakes linked by trails and made more accessible by adding more parking, signage, and information regarding these.

Imagine a Derry... that protects and promotes its history and historic structures by enacting policies that ensure buildings and landscapes are protected and by telling Derry's stories in multiple and compelling ways.

Imagine a Derry... that retains its excellence in edu-

cation and promotes this as a feature of living in Derry, attracting new families to live in Town.

Imagine a Derry... that provides a range of options for getting around town, including safe walking and biking and expansion of the existing public transit service, discouraging auto-dependency.

Imagine a Derry... that promotes the health and wellness of all its residents by addressing the opioid crisis and providing a range of opportunities for passive and active recreation, safe walking and biking infrastructure and options for social interaction and community gathering.

Imagine a Derry... that is resilient and sustainable and uses renewable energy sources. It takes care of its elderly and attracts young people to relocate here so that the next generation can take over the stewardship of the Town's assets and resources with a town government that is transparent and efficient.

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Vaping Awareness Roundtable with Senator Shaheen and Pinkerton Students

LISA D'AMBROSIO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy students were able to have a voice during a roundtable discussion concerning vaping awareness and the dangers of vaping use. This discussion was held at Pinkerton Academy. The students were joined by a few power house special guests; U.S Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Dr. Marc Grossman, an emergency clinician at Parkland Medical Center, Kim Coronis, policy and program manager with Breathe New Hampshire and Pinkerton Headmaster, Timothy Powers.

Vaping also referred to as JUULing, is becoming more popular with youth in middle school and high school. Vaping is the use of an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or other vaping device. A concentrated nicotine solution is used inside the device. It is referred to as "vaping" because tiny puffs or clouds of vapor are produced when using the devices. Some of the names for the different products include: Vape Pens, Vape Boxes, Vapes, Tank systems, E-Hookah, Hookah Pen. The concentrated nicotine solution used in some of these devices is called e-liquid or e-juice.

Senator Shaheen started off the discussion asking "Please raise your hand if you know anyone that currently vapes." every student in attendance raised their hand.

There are literally over one hundred different "kid friendly" different flavors offered in the nicotine solution, including bubblegum, Gummy Bear, Cotton Candy, Banana and Fresh Apple the industry seems to be marketing to a certain group, which unfortunately are a very young crowd.

"I know some middle

school kids in 5th grade who got caught vaping and were suspended from school. This is not just a high school issue and I think education on the effects of vaping should start in middle school" said Khali Mclean.

Dr. Marc Grossman shared a recent emergency room story, "This teenage patient stopped vaping for several weeks then started back up again. He was rushed into the ER with a collapsed lung." "As clinicians we are obligated to obtain information in order to assess if another substance was used in the vaping device that would cause this diagnosis. There was not. This patient only used the concentrated nicotine."

THC Pods are marijuana based liquid being used in the vape device. "Using THC Pods is very dangerous, since they are not regulated and we have no way of knowing just what exactly is in it." explains Dr. Grossman.

"Congress is working towards different ways to help stop the easy accessibility to minors." Senator Shaheen shared. "We discussed the idea to take the flavor based nicotine prod-

ucts off the market, increasing the age to purchase vape products. We are pressing the Food and Drug Administration to raise cost on all vape products, through raising taxes on vaping products and designing the vape device as a one time use only. This would be more expensive and would prevent other solutions being used, like the THC pods." added the Senator.

The students were all fully engaged in the roundtable discussion and seemed very passionate about different ways to help stop young people from vaping.

"This week is Red Ribbon Week maybe we could have a similar awareness week just for vaping" suggested student, Jesse Ames. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign that is nationwide and Pinkerton Academy joined in to spread awareness.

"Vaping awareness should be a part of the curriculum here in school" student Olivia Brunelle added. "Maybe have it as a Science Health class. Also social media is a great way to

spread awareness." she said. Many of the students explained most of the friends and people they know who currently vape are not aware it is bad for you.

Many students expressed vape awareness should be offered in a classroom setting. It would also be a great benefit to have a group of peers communicate the information, as well. Shaley Nolan, one of the students, stated "I feel it's too accessible. Low cost advertising for JUUL is right in view from our school. There is a large, bright sign that says, "\$19.99 for JUUL, plus Pods included", I see it everyday on my way into school."

Kim Coronis explained Breathe New Hampshire is working to bring awareness programs into the middle schools. Just as some of the students suggested, a peer group leading program to go into the schools to educate younger students.

Coronis informed the

group on "Vaping Unveiled" provided by Breath NH. "Vaping Unveiled" is a program created to educate youth, parents, schools and the community about the dangers of youth nicotine addiction through vaping e-cigarettes, "Juuls" and other devices. Breathe New Hampshire will bring "Vaping Unveiled" to any school that asks, free of charge. "Coaching to help youth vapers is completely different than an adult. Taking a complete shot of nicotine to the undeveloped brain and lungs can be very harmful." Coronis adds.

"We need to also get the message to our peers that we don't want to be the guinea pigs." said Nolan. When Senator Shaheen asked her to explain she went on to say "there is not a lot of research to know the long terms effects, let's not be the ones who find out."

Student Jessie Ames stresses the idea of focusing on prevention, to help kids

before they start. "I feel vaping is also becoming a gateway drug to other nicotine products" said student Khali Mclean. The Senator confirmed that 60% of current smokers stated they started with vaping.

"Unfortunately vaping has become a high social status, we need to push that vaping is not cool." another student stated.

Dr. Grossman informed the group that 34 deaths have been reported as result of vaping. With adolescent vaping on the rise we need to start getting a hold on this issue and educating everyone on this product. Helping the ones who are now addicted and educate the ones that think vaping is a safe alternative.

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Witches Cook Up a Haunted Lunch at Gilbert H. Hood



The food services staff at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School went all out on Thursday, Oct. 31, as they celebrated Halloween by dressing up as a coven of witches and decked out the cafeteria as their lair.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Football Get Playoff Spot with Win Over Bulldogs

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Little over a month ago, right after a 12-0 loss to Salem, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Football team's chances of making this year's Division I playoffs looked slim. The Astros' record was 2-3 and the injuries kept piling up.

But the Astros' pride did not allow them to give up, and last Friday, Nov. 1, a 16-7 home win over Bedford gave them a last minute ticket to the postseason, where they will face rivals Londonderry on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. on the road, for a rematch of last year's first round game.

That game ended with a

massive goal line standing by Pinkerton and a 20-14 victory on an extremely muddy field. This season, on Mack Plaque weekend, Pinkerton lost its 18-years, 22-game winning streak over the Lancers, but in the postseason, anything can happen. The Astros, who have been in 12 of the last 15 state finals, know that fact very well.

A three-game winning streak left Pinkerton with a good chance of making the playoffs before the final game of the regular season, but the Astros still needed two things to happen: For Goffstown to beat Timberlane and for them to beat the Bulldogs, last year's champions, in a 2018 state finals rematch. The Grizzlies struggled, but eventually took care of business with a 35-21 win that allowed Pinkerton, who enjoyed another great defensive performance (in each of the Astros six wins this season they allowed seven points or less), to celebrate.

Pinkerton's offense started the game with a quick three-and-out, but Bedford fumbled the ball on their first play of the game

and the Astros took over on their own 41-yard line. Jake MacInnis found a hole through the middle for a 44-yard run, but Pinkerton could not find the end zone, and had to settle on a 24-yard field goal by senior kicker Brandon Roy.

The Astros got the ball back and once again, advanced before being stopped on the 7-yard line. Roy was accurate for the second time in the game, giving Pinkerton a 6-0 lead with one minute to play in the opening quarter. The next Astros drive went better - Quarterback Jeff Potvin found Brady Day on the sideline and Day caught the ball and was gone - a 75-yard touchdown that made it 13-0, early in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs refused to give up, and got the ball



PA senior kicker Brandon Roy was the difference maker in the teams win over Bedford on Friday night.



Pinkerton senior Brady Day had another big night for the Astros with 101 reception yards and 43 on the ground.

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Astro Girls' Soccer Gets by Portsmouth, but Fall to Exeter

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Soccer team made a valiant effort, but was eliminated from the 2019 playoffs on Sunday, Nov. 3, following a 3-0 loss to the top-seeded Exeter High School Blue Hawks, at Exeter's Bill Ball Stadium.

The Lady Astros entered the tournament as the ninth seed, thanks to their 9-7 record in the regular season and began their postseason journey with an impressive 5-4 road win at Portsmouth

High School on Friday, Nov. 1. The game needed to be decided on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie in regulation and two overtime periods.

The late Friday afternoon preliminary round match-up had been rescheduled from the prior day because of rain and wound up going well into the night during a rather blustery day. The first half ended without either side scoring goals, and with 21 minutes left to play in the second, junior Macy Graves scored with Sam Franks assisting, to give Pinkerton the first lead

of the game. As the PA squad saw victory creeping closer in the waning moments of the game, the Clippers tied the contest with only two minutes remaining on the clock, thanks to a goal by Dani Viguera.

After two fruitless periods of 10 minute overtime periods, the battle needed to be decided on penalty kicks. In that dual, Pinkerton got goals from Graves, Olivia Pavao, Chayse Dube, Adria Forand and Sawyer Jackson, while goalie Jordan Wheaton made one save to eliminate the eight seed. Starting goalkeeper Mishela Duka made four saves during the game.

Against the undefeated Exeter squad on Sunday, and after just one day of rest, Pinkerton managed to keep the game tied until the 33rd minute of the game, when Sabrina Sherman headed in a controversial goal, with the Astros claiming a foul was made before the ball crossed the goal line. The referee decided that the play was legal, and five minutes later, Sherman doubled Exeter's lead.

In the second half, the Astros kept pace with the Exeter squad, but were stifled by the strong defense of Exeter. Ella Fraser scored the last goal, with a couple of minutes to play in the game to secure the Blue Hawks victory and ensure a spot in the semifinals against Concord.



PA junior Macy Graves, center, tries to slow down the Blue Hawks offense at the game in Quarterfinal game in Exeter on Sunday afternoon. *Photos by Chris Paul*

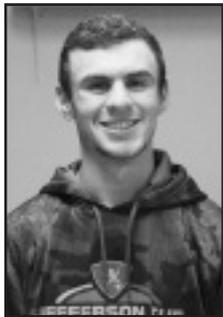


Pinkerton Academy sophomore forwards Sawyer Jackson, left, and Chayse Dube did their best to penetrate the Exeter defense on Sunday afternoon.



Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 27



Brandon Roy
Senior, Varsity Football

Brandon's three field goals on Friday night was a record-breaking performance for Pinkerton Football. He is the first-ever player to hit three field goals in a single game. Brandon's two 34-yard field goals and one 37-yard field goal helped put Pinkerton into the playoffs.



Aana Blazska
Senior, Varsity Girls Soccer

Aana's defensive skills really helped her team's success all year long. She has been a four-year starter on defense and has been a rock solid defender all season. She seldom lets players by her. She sacrifices her body to get to the ball and has kept all the games close this year.

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Pinkerton Boys' Cross Country Takes Second at MOC's

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Cross Country team finished second in the New Hampshire Meet of Champions, which was held on Saturday (Nov. 2) after-

noon at Mines Falls, in Nashua South High School.

One week after taking the third place in the Division I State Meet, the Astros competed against 17 other teams and scored 105 team points. Coe Brown won the Meet of Champions, with 57 points,

while the Astros finished ahead of the two teams that beat them in the Division I meet, Concord (who placed third in the MOCs, with 107 points) and Keene (who was fourth with 117).

Leading Pinkerton, as he did for the majority of the

season, was sophomore Luke Brennan, who crossed the finish line fifth overall with a time of 15:35.4 minutes. Stephen Connelly came in 12th (15:46.1) and Nolan Preble 13th (15:46.6). Zach Plaza placed 36th (16:19.8) and other scorers

for the Astros were Ethan Charles (57th, 16:39.5), Nathan Steiger (65th, 16:46.5) and Nate Letellier (120th, 17:53.5).

Two individual runners represented Pinkerton Academy in the girls' Meet of Champions, after finishing

in the top-30 last week, in the Division I meet. Senior Meghan Cross finished 16th overall, thanks to a time of 18:47.7 minutes, less than a minute away from the winner. Sophomore Makenna Alden came in 77th, with a time of 20:29.3.

Pinkerton Cheerleading Squad Goes For 26th Fall Title



Senior members of the Pinkerton Academy Spirit Squad were honored at the football game on Friday night. They are: Jenna Desrochers, Ashley Hebert, Hunter Mullane, Julia Saab, Hailey Blackmen and Genna Dellisola. *Photo by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Cheerleading team will be competing this weekend in hopes of retaining its Fall Spirit title.

After winning the title every year since 2010, expect for in 2017, when Londonderry was crowned as champions, Pinkerton Academy got the trophy back in 2018, winning the

Fall Spirit for the 25th time in school history.

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Division I Competition will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Pinkerton, and the Astro squad is slated to begin their routine at 11:24 a.m.

The Fall Spirit has four different cheering categories: Pyramids, Partner Stunts, Tumbling and Jumps, Motions and Dance. Each category has

sub-categories: Overall effect, level of difficulty and level of execution. This is how the judges score the different performances.

The Pinkerton ladies won the competition last year with a score of 107.6, the highest score ever for their school. It included perfect 10's in Tumbling and Jumps, and Motions and Dance, as well as a 9.7 score in Pyramids and in Partner Stunts.

Football

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back with seven minutes left in the first half, on their own 29-yard line and ran a long drive that included two nice passes through the middle and a fourth-down conversion and resulted in a seven yard touchdown on third down, with only 40 seconds to play in the quarter. Pinkerton had another chance, but Roy's field goal attempt from 40 yards was wide left, despite having the distance on it.

The second half started with interceptions on both sides. Bedford got the ball on their 2-yard line and had to punt. That punt was followed by a personal foul, Pinkerton advanced and with little over a minute remaining in the third quarter, Roy scored his third field goal of the evening, this one from 27 yards.

Bedford had their final chance to get back in the game, but needed seven minutes and a half to move

the ball from their 15-yard line to Pinkerton's 20 and ended up missing a 37-yard field goal attempt, after throwing the ball unsuccessfully on second and third down.

Potvin finished the game 3-for-8 for 129 yards and an interception. Day caught for 101 yards and ran for 43, MacInnis had 67 rushing yards on 13 carries and Jake Albert led the team with 68 rushing yards in nine attempts.

"I thought our defense today played as well as they played all year long", said PA coach Brian O'Reilly. "I was very impressed with the whole scheme of the defense. Bedford has been a high scoring for most of the season and I was hoping that we would be able to control the ball on the ground. That wasn't the case and fortunately, the passing game opened things for us."

O'Reilly complimented his kicker, "Brandon is great, isn't he? I have all the

confidence in the world in him. If we are from the 25-yard line and in, I don't hesitate. He is as good as almost any kicker I had here. He's been working on hit for three years in practice and he's good at it." Ahead of Londonderry, O'Reilly refused to predict a score, but promised, "We'll be fine. We'll show up."

Brady Day said after the win, "All week I was confident in my team. I wouldn't call it revenge against Bedford after last year's loss. It's motivation. We find motivation in everything we can do. We're going to go to Londonderry and play as hard as we can. If we play to our potential, the game will take care of itself." Roy, who scored three field goals, said: "I'm extremely confident in our team. Defense played well, offense got down the field and when it was time for my turn, I did my job. I feel very comfortable hitting from 40, 45 yards."

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Astro Girls' Volleyball Upset in DI Tourney Quarterfinals

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Volleyball team's very successful season came to a somewhat surprising early end in the Division I playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 2, when the Lady Astros lost their quarterfinals game against Dover High School in five sets on their home court.

Lady Astro coach Todd

Royce's team entered the playoffs as the third seed, after going 16-2 in the regular season, and on Thursday, Oct. 31, Pinkerton kicked off its postseason run with a somewhat effortless, straight set victory over the 14th seed, Alvirne High School.

The first set was stress-free against the Lady Broncos, and ended with a 25-17 win for the home team. The second set had the Hudson squad come out

much stronger, and take a number of leads, but finished with 25-22 PA win. The Lady Astros dominated in the third set, winning by 15 points, at 25-10.

Ella Dandrade had 15 kills, three aces and 16 digs. Ellia Cashman finished with 14 service points, while Lily Heywood and Ella Koelb had nine each. Koelb also contributed 27 assists and Nicole Valcourt had five blocks. Heywood and Reese Asselin finished with 11 digs each.

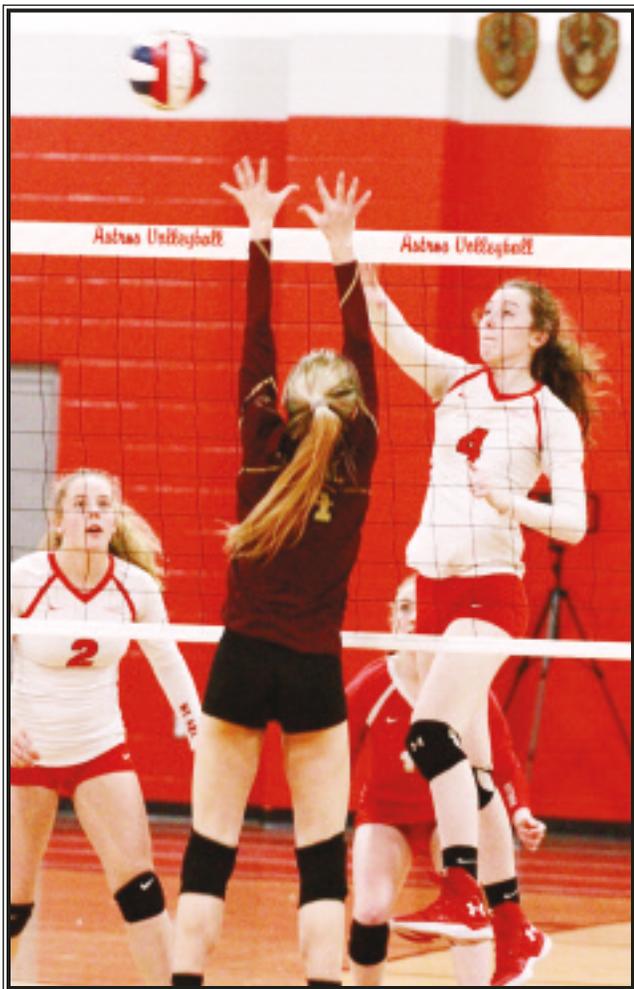
The Pinkerton squad was once again the favorite at home on Saturday, Nov. 2, against the sixth seed Green Wave, they had faced them a month prior and only dropped one set, but Dover was the better team in the first two sets, winning 25-22 and 25-18. The Lady Astros answered, with 25-17 in the third set and another 25-17 in the fourth and the game went into a tiebreaker, where the visitors completed the upset with a 15-12 victory.

Dandrade had 11 kills in this game, next to 19 service points (five aces) and 26 digs. Koelb added 19 service points (eight aces) and 26 assists. Valcourt finished with six blocks and Asselin had 20 digs and five assists.

Dover went on to play Portsmouth on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the semifinals, after the Clippers shocked the four-time champions and undefeated Hollis-Brookline girls in five sets.



Pinkerton Academy senior Ella Dandrade, 10, sophomore Sierra Edgecomb, 7, and junior Reese Asselin all contributed throughout the season and in the Astro win last week against Alvirine High School.
Photos by Chris Paul



Ella Koelb and Nicloe Valcourt won most of their battles at the net last week at home against Alvirine.

Pinkerton Athletes to Take Part in National Letter of Intent Day

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

There will be at least 15 Pinkerton Academy senior athletes taking part in this fall's National Letter of Intent (NLI) day. The event will have each one of the students signing their commitment letters to play for a Division I or Division II college or university, starting next year.

The celebratory day will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, starting at 9 a.m., at the high school's Academy Lecture Hall, and the athletes will have the opportunity not only to officially

sign their letters, but also take photos with the Pinkerton Academy banner, and/or their new school's banner.

The participating athletes that have been announced so far are: Mason Drouin (Boys Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Nathan Laliberte (Boys Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Jonathan Holland (Boys Lacrosse, St. Anselm, Division II), Connor McCormack (Boys Lacrosse, Franklin Pierce, Division II), Lily Auger (Girls Lacrosse, Bryant University, Division I), Lauren Lisauskas (Girls

Lacrosse, Georgetown University, Division I), Madisen Daziel (Girls Lacrosse, Winthrop University, Division I), Hailey Peredna (Girls Lacrosse, UMass Lowell, Division I), Zoe Howe (Girls Lacrosse, Mount Olive, Division II), Marley Mailloux (Field Hockey, Providence College, Division I), Mari Shea (Field Hockey, UNH, Division I), Sarah Collins (Field Hockey, Sacred Heart, Division I), Alyssa DiMauro (Softball, Rider, Division I), Brady Day (Baseball, Kansas State, Division I).

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PTA Holiday Fair

Derry Village School PTA will hold its Holiday Fair on Saturday Nov.23, from 9-3 p.m. Join Our PTA Volunteers and Santa as we welcome the Holiday Season with a day full of fun at Derry Village School. Crafts, Vendors, Games, Raffles, Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale.

Preschool Story-time

A Story program for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Have a lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, nursery rhymes, early literacy, and pre-school activities at the Derry Library on Monday, Nov. 18, & 25, from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Minecraft Monday (Group 1)

On Monday, Nov. 18, & 25, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. or from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. come to the Derry Library and work together with friends in our Realm and hone your "craft. ages 8-11.

Bedtime Stories

An evening story-time that puts the emphasis on fun will be held at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 - 7 p.m. Stories, flannel boards, games, and crafts are included in this bedtime activity. PJs and blankies welcome. Recommended for ages 2-7.

Infant Story-time

All infants and their caregivers are welcome at this lap-sit story-time for babies (birth through 12 months) at the Derry Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 20, & 27, 10 - 10:30 a.m. Learn finger-plays, 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 at the Derry Library on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Tunes and Tales

On Friday, Nov. 8, 15, & 22, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. or from 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. at the Derry Library, A 30 minute story-time recommended for children 12 to 36 months and their caregivers incorporating fun movement songs, stories, and props.

Friends Book Sale

The Friends of Derry Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Star Wars Retro Gaming

On Saturday, Nov. 9, from 1 - 4:45 p.m. Prepare for the Rise of Skywalker with some retro Star Wars video games. Multiple games will be available to play throughout the afternoon at the Derry Library.

Library Closure

The Derry Library will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 for the Holiday. Library will be Closed for the Holiday Thursday, Nov. 28.

Step Into Music

A lively music and dance program for young children (ages 3-5 years old) and their caregiver will be held at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 12, & 26, 10 - 10:45 a.m. Celebrate early childhood with songs, stories, games, and movement.

Masters of Escape

Do you like escape rooms? Creating puzzles and clues? Torturing your parents? Join us at the Derry Library as we make The Ultimate Test escape room for friends and family on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For Ages 12-18.

Genealogy Roundtable

An informal discussion group that shares a love of genealogy and family history will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. at the Derry Library.

Russian Nesting Dolls

The Derry Library welcomes expert Marina Forbes as

she takes us on a journey through the history of traditional Russian nested dolls, A look at the art of one of Russia's most treasured creations on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Film Discussion Group

The Derry Library will provide the film for you to watch at home, and the discussion will be here on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Women Writers Group

Women writers of all ages and skill sets meet monthly to critique original writings, share information and offer seminars on topics related to writing on Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. at the Derry Library.

Connect at the Library

Connect at the Derry Public Library Friday, Nov. 15, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. The Upper Room and Connect with other parents, grandparents and caregivers of young children ages 0-6. Join us for an hour of fun, literacy, parenting tips, crafts, and snacks.

Red Cross Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held at the Derry Library on Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CASA of NH

Support group/in-service training for CASA volunteers who work out of the Derry Family Court will be held at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1 - 3 p.m..

Tough Cookie Club

Get in the holiday spirit with this cookie adventure. We will enjoy Edward Hemingway's funny story about a "Tough Cookie" and make some tough (and not so tough) cookies of our own, for ages 5-7 with a caregiver at the Derry Library on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows: Veteran's Day Nov. 11 Closed, Thanksgiving Nov. 28 Closed, Nov. 29 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.,

Nov. 30 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Christmas Dec. 24 Closed, Dec. 25 Closed, Dec. 26 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., New Year's Dec. 31 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Jan. 1, Closed. Residents should make the necessary arrangements to dispose of your trash. Please contact Joan Hamel, Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station @ 432-4650 for further information.

Evening Book Group

The Derry Library will hold a book group on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Polar Express is coming

Back to the Taylor Library this December. Let's have fun. Registration will begin, Thursday Nov. 21, at noon. Children must be 3 years or older to register. (space is limited to 12 children per night). Polar express will be done on 3 nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, and 12. Call the Library, 432-7186, or visit to register.

Spartans Basketball

The NH Spartans AAU program will be hosting boys and girls youth basketball tryouts for grades 2nd through 8th. Tryouts will be held on Dec. 7 and 14 from 10 - 11 a.m. for 2nd through 6th grade and 11 a.m. - noon for 7th and 8th grade. All tryouts will be held at the Derry Sports Zone located at 7 A St., Derry, NH. The NH Spartans are the largest AAU program in New England.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m., at Island Pond Baptist Church will celebrate God's blessings throughout the year! A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served including turkey with all the trimmings, vegetables and scrumptious desserts. There is no charge for this event. All are welcome! Call 603.329.5959, or email info@islandpondbc.com so we may reserve a spot for you. IPBC is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH, www.islandpondbc.com.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Nov. 9, 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 9am-11:30am, please arrive by 11am. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used

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Used Toys Needed

St.Gianna's Toy Sale is having its annual used sale on Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - noon at St.Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Please donate any gently used toys in still-playable condition to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. Simply drop your bagged donation on the driveway anytime that is convenient. All proceeds go directly to St.Thomas Church's Outreach programs and St. Gianna's Place-a home for pregnant women in crisis.

Derry, call 603-432-2130 for more information; Dinner Nov. 16 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, call 603-434-4767 for more information; Dinner on Nov. 17 from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-0004 for more information; Lunch on Nov. 24 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-2130 for more information; Dinner on Nov. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information. Don't forget Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves free hot meals 5 days a week in Derry. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

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.londonderry.nh.org/environmental-services-solid-waste.

7th Annual LHS Craft Fair

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