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Facilities Report Addresses Growing Concerns in Derry School District

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry's school district and its facilities for both staff and students alike are not getting any younger. This has become blatantly obvious over the last couple of years, especially as more and more students continue to fill the halls of our schools.

As the school board continues to discuss what needs to be done in order to address their facility and population issues plaguing the district, Dr. John Moody and a group of staff members have been working to produce a facilities study that would elaborate on

what the issues are and how exactly they could be solved. Said study was recently elaborated upon during the school board's most recent meeting on Oct. 10.

Before beginning his presentation, Moody noted that everyone who was involved with the study was in attendance during the meeting and that the quite beefy report has been worked on tirelessly for the last few months.

"It's been a challenging six months," Moody noted.

Moody elaborated on the specific purposes of the study, namely that they needed to address a variety of proposed scenarios that

would make the best use of the district's current facilities in the face of increasing student population, including altering which schools contain certain student grades. The study also needed to address the specific impact that these scenarios would have on instruction and the overall education of students, including building configuration, staff assignment or reassignment and the possibility of having to close one or more schools in the district.

On top of all of these suggestions, the study also delved into more specific concerns that the district faces, including building a

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Economic Development Committee Discuss Changes to Zoning, Business

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The Derry Economic Development Advisory Committee, which is tasked with assisting in creating an economic environment that attracts robust businesses to Derry, had their latest meeting on Oct. 16 at the Derry Municipal Center.

To start the meeting off, Committee Chair Paul Needham expressed his gratitude towards the three real estate brokers that had recently come to Derry to observe vacant properties found on Elm Street and Abbott Court and make suggestions on what could possibly go into these locations.

According to Needham, the brokers said that the town should consider the

likes of elderly or veterans housing, as well as multi-story complexes that could be used for anything from office space to apartments. However, these ideas are still considered mere suggestions and no solid plan has been laid out as of yet for these areas.

"We still have a ways to go," Needham noted.

The committee also took a good amount of time discussing several past and future events that have occurred or will occur in Derry. Planning Director George Sioras noted that the Planning Board meeting on Oct. 18 will be holding a public hearing to make a decision on whether or not to alter the zoning codes of four hundred and forty four parcels of land in town from

medium to high density residential zones for the sake of eliminating the allowance of multi-family dwellings as conditional use. The properties are bounded by Madden and Folsom Roads to the north, Crystal Avenue to the east, East and West Broadway to the south and the Londonderry town line to the west.

The meeting will also see the board look into potentially allowing for a new restaurant to be built on 7 Gulf Road. A similar suggestion was made by Town Councilor James Morgan about eventually creating a new town fire house in the future and converting the current fire house into a restaurant, in the same fashion as the Halligan Tavern.

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Aubrey Guilfoyle got to ride the horse "Orion" around the front lawn of East Derry Memorial Elementary School on Friday night, Oct. 13 during the schools annual Fall Festival.
Photo by Chris Paul

East Derry Memorial School Celebrates Fall

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite a rather warm September, fall finally seems to be in full effect in Derry, with the foliage showcasing its final natural stages of beauty and the crisp temperatures enforcing a warmer dress code outside.

And in order to help students and parents alike welcome the season,

East Derry Memorial Elementary recently held their annual Fall Festival on Oct. 13, filled to the brim with activities to embrace everything that makes fall so great.

Running for at least twenty five years, the festival was supervised by Jenna Paradise and Kelly Cowan of the school's PTA. This particular event

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Derry Native Serving Country By Keeping Navy Equipment Strong and Capable

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With one of the strongest militaries in the world, America's various military branches have many roles that need to be filled, from soldiers working on the front lines to the engineers who help produce the hardware that makes the completion of so many missions possible. The Navy is no exception, needing the best construction workers they can get their hands on to produce sturdy, battle-ready vessels for the sea.

And that is where the United States Naval Construction Battalions, also known as the Seabees come into play. Officially established during World War II

in 1942 and recently celebrating its seventy fifth birthday, its more than thirteen thousand active and reserve personnel work hard to keep the Navy's equipment as strong as the men and women who use it.

Members of the Seabees come from all across the United States and Derry is no exception, as Derry native Petty Officer Third Class Alexa Trafton finds herself amongst the ranks of the Seabees in one of their naval construction battalion centers in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Working as a builder who is responsible for the construction of various Seabee projects, Trafton originally had no idea what she wanted to do with her

future until the Navy entered her life.

"I was very unsure about what I wanted to do in life and so I joined the Navy hoping I could gain some experiences that would help me figure it out", Trafton noted.

But as she gradually learned more and more from the Seabees, Trafton gradually grew as a sailor, an engineer and an individual, learning about the American conflicts and humanitarian efforts that their efforts have helped to aid over the years.

And not only are the Seabees some of the best engineers that our military has to offer, the group is also fully capable of holding their own in combat, as there are many situations where

repairs may need to be made during a firefight or in a rather precarious area where one may very well occur.

As a result of her training, Trafton is now in the process of moving beyond her time with the Seabees and making a life for herself in other areas.

"I am working on converting to a different job and I have been working on that for a very long time and that is finally coming together", Trafton stated.

Trafton no doubt has made the Seabees proud, and with her dedication to helping with such a vital role in our Armed Forces, she has also made Derry quite proud.



Derry native Alexa Trafton is a Petty Officer Third Class in U.S. Naval Seabees.

Environmental Groups Host Workshop to Teach Residents on Keeping Homes Warm

ALEX GUITTARR
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Keeping warm during the winter months always proves to be a challenge to many people, not only when traversing the elements outside, but also when at home.

So in order to help Derry residents prepare for the cold this winter, the Derry Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC), Go Green Committee and Net Zero Task Force will be

hosting the NHSaves Button Up workshop on the third floor of the Derry Municipal Center on Wednesday Oct. 25.

Coordinated by the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative, the hour and a half workshop will cover a wide variety of information on what factors can affect the temperature of your house and how residents can combat these factors. Basic building science principals will be explored,

as well as examples of measures that can be undertaken to retain warm and cool air, depending on the season.

The presentation will also delve into energy efficiency programs offered by New Hampshire utilities to provide energy audits and weatherization, rebates on electric and gas appliances and so on.

The presenter, Andy Duncan, is an energy training manager for Lake Region Community College in Laconia, New Hampshire. He holds both a Masters of

Science and a Ph. D. in Resource and Policy Behavior from the University of Michigan. On top of this, he also holds building analyst, envelope professional, air leakage control installer and building science principles certifications from the Building Performance Institute.

Furthermore, a free LED light bulb is being offered to the first ten households who attend the meeting.

The local workshop organizer, Maureen Reno of the EEAC, said "We have brought this workshop to

our town to bring this important information to our fellow community members. Learning how to save energy while making our homes more comfortable is a good thing to do. I hope many people will take the time to attend this informative workshop."

NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities, Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitil, working with the NH Public Utilities Commission and other inter-

ested parties to provide NH customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect our environment statewide.

The event is free and no registration prior is necessary. Doors will open for the event at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will officially begin at 7 p.m. For more information about the workshop, visit NHSaves.com/events. You can also reach Reno at (603) 512-3415 and maureen_reno@comcast.net.

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State Lawmakers Step Up To Bat For Homeless Veterans

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

New Hampshire lawmakers finally settled the ultimate debate- not who has the best policy, but who has the best pitch.

The Democrats and Republicans from the New Hampshire State House took a cue from their Washington counterparts and came together for an old fashioned, all-American game of softball to raise money for veterans.

The idea for the game came to Rep. Mike Moffett (R-Merrimack) after seeing how successful the annual GOP/Democrat Congressional Baseball Game was (despite the attack on players

on June 14 that wounded four, including House Majority Whip Steve Scalise). Moffett proposed the idea to his fellow members of the bipartisan New Hampshire House Veterans Caucus.

The friendly rivalry between the two parties would bring people across the aisle down to the ball field as a fundraiser. Shurtleff said it should go to the Liberty House, a Manchester based nonprofit that provides services to homeless veterans. The parties were responsible for forming teams and gathering donations, while the players donated 50 dollars each. Sales from food and drinks also went to the charity. The

game was held at the Anheuser-Busch Athletic Complex in Merrimack.

Bill Zarakokas acted as the M.C. for the afternoon, his quick wit cutting through the sunshine as he announced the on-goings of the game. Zarakokas is the Director of Community Relations for the Liberty House and is a six-year veteran of the Coast Guard.

He explained that that Liberty House is a halfway home for homeless veterans in need of support. It houses up to 10 vets at a time and has seen up to 30 residents come and go throughout the year. Despite having fewer than a dozen beds, the house offers services for upwards of 225 homeless vets living

on the streets in the Manchester area. They get the same services the residents get, except a bed. Some of those supports include food, clothing, advocacy for counseling and physical therapy and housing assistance.

Several of the players are veterans themselves or have ties to the Liberty House. Rep. Al Baldasaro of Londonderry estimated he has been working with the Liberty House for about 13 years. A former Marine himself and an officer of the Marine Corps League, he works closely with local veterans and ones from around the state to make sure that, just like in the service, no one is left behind. He said, "New Hampshire is second to

none," when it comes to helping veterans.

"It's unbelievable the support we get throughout the state," he said.

As the Vice-Chair of State-Federal Relations and Veterans' Affairs Committee, Baldasaro works with members of both parties to create and propose legislation that will help veterans get the services and supports they need. He is currently working on a bill that would create a Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs instead of a Director of Veterans Services here in New Hampshire. This would open communications to vets and give them "a voice at the table with the governor, with the rest of the commissioners,"

Baldasaro said. Just like in the spirit of the game, he said when it comes to veterans' issues, "I always put a democrat on my bill."

The softball field was a sea of red and blue (with the red vastly outnumbering the blue) and the sounds of cheering filled the air. It was a fabulous day to forget about politics and just enjoy the game.

When the Democrats put their oldest woman up to bat, "to show you how much camaraderie there is... everybody there was rooting for her," said Thomas. "There were a lot of smiles."

Anyone interested in donating to the Liberty House check out liberty-housenh.org

Facilities

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new superintendent's office, as the current office is in rather poor shape and beyond any potential for renovations.

As such, five specific committees were created for the report, handling the topics of unified arts, technology, facilities, student services and core curriculum. The

study proceeded to elaborate on what each committee feels are the most pressing matters in their respective subject that need to be addressed.

The more specific details of the study could be found in the complete report, which was handed out to each member of the school board, but Moody felt that regardless of the details, several glaring issues faced the

district and needed to be addressed immediately.

Not only is the district's technology infrastructure considered insufficient and several schools, including Derry Village and South Range, are in need of serious renovations, but the sheer scale of the changes needed led to Moody suggesting that the board seek the services of a qualified strategic planning expert that could

smooth out this process.

No matter what needs to change, Moody noted that it was the duty of the board to figure out just where they wanted to take the district, feeling that they needed to narrow the scope of their proposed scenarios in order to come to a solution, while also warning that altering one section of the district could have major impacts on the rest of the district.

"What we're really trying to emphasize in this report is to have the board define the future," Moody stated.

Upon Moody completing his presentation, board Chairman Dan McKenna thanked the committees for their hard work and was very appreciative of how the report highlighted the pros and cons of each scenario, allowing them to engage the community more efficiently.

Other board members, however, were more critical. Member Lynn Perkins felt that the study did not

address where he feels that the district should be at the moment and the most pressing matters in his mind. Perkins felt that certain issues should have been addressed far sooner, particularly during the creation of the report.

Member Erika Cohen also showed some concerns, stating that the longer that they wait on major issues, the more smaller issues will begin to pop up in the near future, only continuing the muddle their efforts.

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Meanwhile, committee member Christina Gossell mentioned how several food trucks are scheduled to be stationed downtown during

the upcoming Downtown Trick-or-Treat event, while member Terri Pastori went over the success of the Derry Farmer's Market this year, which recently came to a

close for the season last month.

Finally, Needham mentioned the Greater Derry and Londonderry Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Appreciation Night on October 19, where

they will be recognizing Sonshine Soup Kitchen as their Business of the Year and Art McLean, the Executive Director for the Derry Boys and Girls Club, as their Citizen of the Year.

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Editorial

A Change in the Landscape

Many of us bought our homes a while ago, probably in part because of their rural location. In many cases trees kept the house from full display to the road, and the road itself was often a winding country byway. But Southern New Hampshire towns have grown in population since then, and those rural byways have in many instances become alternative routes to get to the highway, or back-road speedways for drivers seeking to avoid daily traffic jams.

The population of our towns is headed only one way, and that's up. It's not just single-family homes that we're seeing under construction, but multi-story buildings housing apartments, 55plus and condos. And with the new residents come multiple vehicles, adding up to more and more traffic. Intersections that were once easily traversed using a stop sign now need lights, and have turn into nightmares at certain times of day and require drivers to exercise patience and self-control, two qualities that are often in short supply these days.

With the renewed emphasis on economic development and high-density work force housing 55plus, residential neighborhoods traffic, safety and noise situations can and are only get worse. Towns have Traffic Safety Committees to address residents' and businesses' concerns, and as we've reported, they are seeing plenty of action. Residents regularly ask for stop signs or reduced speed limits or "no parking" regulations, and while they often don't get what they are seeking the towns, for example, can't regulate state roads, many of which traverse our communities they point out traffic concerns serious enough to get people off their couches and seeking help from public officials.

As our towns grow, some at a much fast rate then others, we can rest assured that safety and traffic concerns will grow as well. What are the towns will to do to remedy these issues?

Now, maybe a tad to late, but late is better than never. Before more construction is in place, this is the time to start a public discussion about our roads, water, air, noise, and light. Can we as towns accommodate the growth that multi-family housing in former farmland will bring, for example? Are stop signs sufficient to regulate traffic from residential neighborhoods into larger and higher speed roads? How reliable are traffic studies? Are we taking into account the questions and costs of residential and business growth in neighboring areas? Are we now the suburbs many of us chose to leave behind? We shouldn't have to start amassing fatalities to make the point.

This Policing of Planning, Zoning, town and school are the responsible of we the people of the towns to make sure the greater good is being carried out in our behalf. I say be respectful but question about everything and get the documents to back up what is being said.

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Benefits Salvation Army



There were crafts, games, music, and of course, plenty of Chili at the annual Chili Cook-off at MacGregor Park on Saturday, Oct. 14. Local restaurants handed out hundreds of samples for the annual fundraising event that benefited the Salvation Army as it heads into the holiday season.

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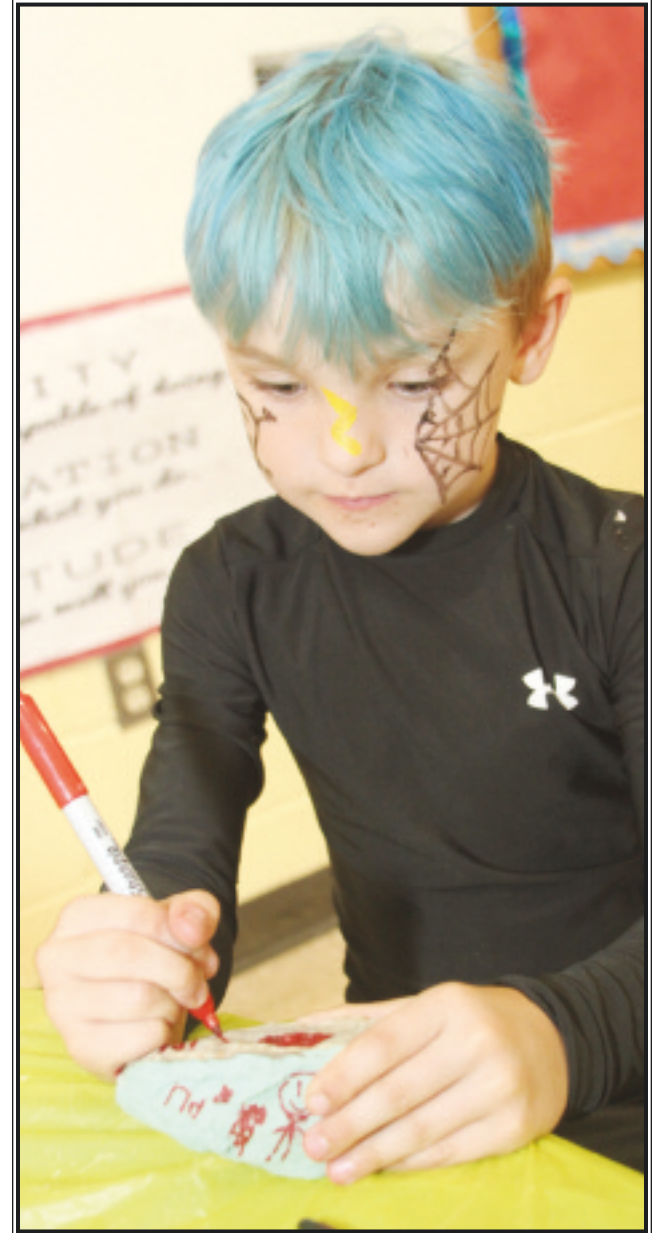
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There was lots to occupy students of every age during the annual Fall Festival celebrated by East Derry Memorial Elementary School on Friday night last week. Hay rides, horse back riding, pumpkin and stone decorating as well as karaoke and lots of food were available. Pictured from left, fifth grade student Victoria Paradise displays her "Harry Potter" entry in the Pumpkin Contest; Rocco Forgione, first grade, decorates a pumpkin; and first grader Owen Gayer colors a kindness rock.

Photos by Chris Paul

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was jam-packed with attendees, seeing easily a couple hundred wandering the hall and enjoying the festivities.

Noreen Walkup, another member of the school's PTA, noted that this level of attendance is usually normal for the festival, not to men-

tion that events like this serve to bring families together at the beginning of the school year to help them get to know one another.

"We're trying to pull in more family events", Walkup noted.

One of the more stand-out features of the festival was the crafts area situated in the school's cafeteria. There, a wide assortment of

fall-related crafts were available to students to help them explore their creative side, from decorating stones with chalk and other marking to creating their very own dream-catchers out of paper plates.

Face painting was also made available, but what really stood out was the variety of painted pumpkins, especially the several dis-

played by the front doors of the school, crafted to look like eyeballs, owls and even Mario of the Super Mario Bros.

Further into the school, students could also partake in karaoke in the music room and a football tossing game where students needed to toss the ball through one of four holes in order to win a prize.

But a fall festival would not be complete without something Halloween-related, which was why the entire library was converted into a haunted house. With the lights gone dark, students brave enough to venture inside were subjected to animatronic skeletons and spiders, boxes filled with various body parts, including a human heart, and other

assorted decorations.

But the festivities extended beyond the inside of the school. Outside, students were able to partake in hay rides around the perimeter of the school via tractor. Furthermore, those willing to wait in the farther lengthy line could get a chance to take a live pony ride, which were managed by Follow Your Dream Farm in Derry.

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Pinkerton Academy Ready to Put on 25th Annual Craft Fair

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The leaves may be changing to create a beautiful palette of colors throughout the area, but it is far from the only artistic display Derry residents can look forward to this year, as Pinkerton Academy is preparing to put on its twenty fifth annual craft fair, allowing local and distant artists from around New England to come in and showcase their

crafting skills.

Taking place on Oct. 21 inside of the Hackler Gym, the fair will be showcasing roughly one hundred and sixty five crafters and their wide assortment of skills.

Amongst the wide variety of crafts that will be seen at the fair include jewelry, wood pieces, beautiful photography, books from publishing authors, candles, doll cloths, pet items, sewn, knitted and crocheted items, quilts and food items such as

fudge, jams, jellies, biscotti and so much more.

The fair was originally managed by the Kiwanis Club, an international, coeducational service club dedicated to helping develop students into upstanding citizens, and run out of the Shepard Building until it was eventually adopted by the Pinkerton Alumni Association.

The association's decision to move the fair into the Gym is credited with increasing the amount of pro-

ceeds the fair pulls in, with gains typically approaching or even reaching five figures as of late, due to use of only one floor instead of two back at the Shepard Building. Sales also usually see a major boost due to the time of year, as many are encouraged to use the fair as a chance to get some Christmas shopping done.

Although the thousands of dollars that the fair pulls in is great for helping fund various groups throughout

Pinkerton, the Alumni Association has a tradition of giving ten percent of the proceeds to Health Occupations Students of America, which serves as a national career and technical student organization that helps to prepare students for a career in the healthcare field. The rest of the profits will be put towards various grants, as well as Pinkerton's Homeless fund, which works to help any students that do not currently have permanent

housing arrangements.

But students will also be lending a helping hand during the fair, as Student Council members will be on hand to help vendors set up and break down their displays.

Refreshments, including coffee and donuts, will be available to attendees and face painting and balloons will be available for children. The event will take place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, please call 437-5200, ext. 4333.

Churches Look for Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents

PENNY WILLIAMS
NUTFIELD NEWS

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church has participated in the Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs) program for many years under the direction of Barbara Hughes, Delegate to the Episcopal Diocese Convention. So too has Derry's Transfiguration Episcopal Church.

As the leaves turn color and nights grow colder the Episcopal Churches in the area begin their campaign to collect gifts for ChIPS.

This effort seeks to support the families of incarcerated parents and to remember in particular the children who are the unintended victims in situations like these. The Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire supports this program, helping provide gifts for ChIPS and has done so for almost 40 years.

Gifts should be in the \$20 to \$25 range and she adds that cash and checks are always accepted. Such donations are used by the Prison Ministries Committee of the Diocese to purchase as many gifts and/or

books as possible. Checks should be made out to St. Christopher's with CHIPS on the memo line. She added the church will also be collecting cards and envelopes for prisoners to use to stay in touch with family.

All gifts, books, checks, and cards must be received by Oct. 30.

The New Hampshire Episcopal Diocese Prison Concerns Committee provides gifts for the Children of Incarcerated Parents. As they try to address the needs of the parent prison-

ers they see the children of these parents as the innocent victims of crime.

Derry's Transfiguration Episcopal is always active in support of the ChIPS program. Maggie Mackie-Ciancio and Mimi Cagle will once again be heading the ChIPs program.

"Our families and friends need and deserve our attention at this time, and it's a joy to offer it. There are many neglected, troubled, poor and lonely; we don't have to look far to find them. Our local prisons are full of just such people, and their families on the outside are suffering, too," Mackie-Ciancio said, "The ChIPs program cements tenuous connections between parents or grandparents inside and families outside by bringing Christmas to both. Prisoners choose gifts for the children in their lives from a multi-

tude of toys and games sorted by age and sex of the child. The gift they choose is wrapped for them, and they are allowed to present that gift in person when the family visits. The child receives tangible proof that this loved one hasn't forgotten them. The prisoners get to see that their families still care and still need them. Not only does the exchange make Christmas brighter for everyone, it also has a lasting effect in fostering the family bond – a connection so very necessary when the prisoners serve their time and are released."

Here's what you can do if you would like to help with this cause, Mackie-Ciancio and Cagle explained. You may drop off gifts or monetary donations at your church. The delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring your

gifts to the Convention on Nov. 4, where they will be transported to St. Paul's School for sorting. The dates for sorting are tentatively set for early November. Call 432-7679 or 867-4590 for more information or email maggie.ciancio@gmail.com.

There are many other ways you can help, they continued, saying, "You can purchase a gift directly or contribute \$25 (Note we are asking for a little more this year). You can volunteer to collect gifts and serve as your parish's contact. You can help sort the gifts at St. Paul's School. You can help with wrapping of the gifts at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord. (The date for wrapping has not yet been set but is usually in early December.) You can collect note cards for use in the prison."

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New Hampshire FFA Prepares For Fifth Annual Fall Pumpkin Festival 5K

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As harvest season goes on all around us this time of year, we must be mindful of the individuals who make the growth of our crops possible. Farmers all across the country work endlessly year after year to help create many of the foods that we take for granted.

But while it is extremely important to remember our currently active farmers, we must also remember to prepare our next generation of farmers so that his grand tradition can continue into the future.

This is where groups like Future Farmers of America (FFA) come into play. Created back in 1925 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the FFA serves to help intro-

duce the youth to an exciting array of careers revolving around both agriculture and animals.

But managing an organization such as this does not come cheap, which is why on October 21, the New Hampshire branch of FFA will be holding a fundraising 5K at J&F Farms.

Dianne Howes, the vice president for the New Hampshire FFA branch, noted that this year's event, also known as the Fall Pumpkin Fest, will serve as the fifth time the FFA has held it, with the optimal weather and scenery helping make it pretty popular. Roughly fifty to one hundred people participate each year.

"This seems to be a popular time for the event", Howes noted.

The funds received from the event will all go towards the students involved with the New Hampshire FFA, which has fourteen courses in schools across the state. The money raised will assist with travel expenses when going to meetings for the FFA and various trips across the country, as well as for other educational purposes.

Howes was adamant to note that just because the group is called Future Farmers of America, it does not mean that students involved with the group are limited to

farming as their future career.

"This encompasses anything that involves animals or plants", Howes stated.

Although the race is labeled as a 5K, a variety of racing styles are made available to participants, including timed races for the professional runners and more relaxed paces for those who simply want to enjoy their time at J&F Farms.

For those looking for an added challenge, participants can opt to carry a five pound pumpkin across the

entire track, which will win them a special prize should they complete the journey.

But for those who may not be interested in anything like this and simply want to enjoy the beautiful farm, J&F will also be offering a corn maze to explore and an assortment of chili, chowders, soups and other foods. There will also be several raffles and the first fifty registered runners will get a free t-shirt.

Anyone who completes the race will receive a pumpkin and medallion for their

efforts, but overall winners across each group of participants will receive a black pumpkin which contains twenty five dollars.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., while the race will start at 10 a.m. Registration is twenty five dollars for adults and fifteen dollars for anyone under eighteen years old. Animals are welcome to accompany participants, so long as they are on leashes. For more information, please visit nhffa.org.

Derry Town Councilors to Consider Cell Tower 25-Year Lease Extension

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors are considering granting a 25-year lease extension to the owners of a cell tower behind the Central Fire Station in exchange for a \$50,000 signing bonus.

Council members were scheduled at press time to consider the proposal at their Tuesday, Oct. 17 meeting.

The town has been in negotiations with the owners of the cell tower, at 131 East Broadway, behind the Central Fire Station, over a lease extension. Town Administrator David Caron wrote in a recent staff report. The company, American Tower, already has 15 years remaining on the current lease, but is seeking an additional 25 years under the current terms and conditions. In 2016, the company paid an additional \$21,991 in property taxes for improvements at this location in 2016, according to officials.

"The cell tower is located behind Central Fire Station and its strategic location commands a fairly significant rent stream at \$3,803 per month, increased by a very favorable 4 percent per year," Caron said.

In the original negotiations, American Tower sought a lease extension for an additional 40 years in exchange for a \$40,000

signing bonus. As another possible option, the company could pay the town, instead of the annual ground lease, a "lump sum payment of \$775,000 or payments over 10 years with a gross value of \$923,880," Caron said.

"We analyzed American

Tower's lump sum buyout and calculated that the net present value of the proposed effective lease period is 55 years, until 2072, ranges to between \$3.18 million to \$6.79 million, well below the buyout offer," Caron said, adding, "We then focused upon a lease extension and

recommend a 25-year extension for a \$50,000 signing bonus."

If the proposal is approved, it is estimated that the town will receive approximately \$4.7 million in lease revenues and \$1.25 million in property taxes from the site through 2057, Caron said.

OBITUARY

Ryan G. Toczko



Ryan G. Toczko, 28, of Derry, NH, died from natural causes on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. He was surrounded by his loving family as he was taken into the arms of God. Ryan was born in Springfield, MA in February of 1989. He was the

son of Gregory Toczko, Moultonboro, NH, Diane (St.Cyr) Gill and John Gill Jr. Derry, NH.

Ryan was a 2007 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire, and attended Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA. Ryan was a former member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard and served a combat tour in Afghanistan under the 86th Mountain Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He worked as a carpentry specialist for several general contractors in the southern New Hampshire area.

Ryan was a Roman Catholic and attended St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry. He was an avid snowboarder, passionate brewer, innate gardener, chef, history buff, and animal lover. Ryan also enjoyed riding his motorcycle throughout the state of New Hampshire. He was devoted to family, friends, and country.

Ryan is predeceased by his grandmother Theodora (Gronski) St. Cyr, and grandfathers Robert St. Cyr and Alexander Toczko. He is survived by his grandmother Mildred Toczko of Moultonboro, NH, his brother Christian A. Toczko of Arlington, VA, his sister Grace Gill of Derry, and his numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

His family thanks the dedicated nurses, doctors, and family support team at Massachusetts General Hospital who provided world-class care to Ryan during his time of need.

Calling hours are on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Ryan's funeral will be on Friday, Oct. 20 at 9:45 a.m., followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, at 11 a.m. His burial will follow in the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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Powder Puff Football Rivalry Continues at Humphrey Park



The rivalry between the Derry Demon ladies and the women of the Londonderry Wildcats continued for their fourth annual meeting at Humphrey Park in Derry on Friday night, Oct. 13, under the lights. After three scoreless quarters the Demons took a one touchdown lead and eventually won the game 8-0. This year the benefit game raised \$3,600 for Kathy Mangano a server at the Red Arrow Diner in Londonderry, with Derry Medical donating about a third of that amount. Kathy was recently diagnosed with stage four brain cancer. A single mother of three, Kathy has always worked hard to support herself and her family. As she prepares for the fight of her life, she continues to work her shifts at the Red Arrow Diner in order to pay for surgery, chemo treatment and radiation. The Wildcats' moms were favored to win this year, since they took first and second place at the annual Jamboree the week before, beating seven teams. The Wildcats and Demons have played four consecutive years, with the demons taking home the trophy every year.

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DERRY SPORTS

Trouncing of Timberlane Assures PA Football of a Playoff Return

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Missing out on the 2016 Division I playoffs last fall didn't sit well with the Pinkerton Academy Astro football team. So the PA squad went out and took care of qualifying for the 2017 post-season about as early as possible.

The Astros' 49-14 tripping of the troubled Timberlane Regional Owls from Plaistow in Derry Friday night, Oct. 13, assured the academy side of a trip to this fall's playoffs, although their final placement in the post-

season will be determined through the results of their last two regular season games against the sub-.500 teams from Keene and Merrimack each of the next two weeks as well as potentially a few other variables.

Senior running back Ty Hicks has been wildly productive of late, and that continued to be the case - along with some great blocking up ahead of him - in the trouncing of now 2-5 Timberlane. Hicks sprinted for 141 yards on just 11 carries for his Astros, reaching the end zone no less than three times on carries of 52, 65, and four

yards.

The speedy back and his teammates tallied points in each and every quarter, grasping advantages of 14-0 after one, 28-7 at halftime, and 34-7 heading into the final 12 minutes of play.

Hicks' fellow back Nick Lombard scored on an 80-yard sprint on his only carry of the evening in helping the victorious locals to some 363 yards via the ground game.

The hosts bagged their 14-0 first period lead thanks to Hicks' scoring sprint of 52 yards which was followed by a one-yard run to points

by Gannon Fast.

It became a 21-0 game with Hicks' 65-yard hammering to pay-dirt in period two, with Timberlane then finally changing the zero on its side of the scoreboard to a seven to make the score 21-7. But PA answered with Hicks' 4-yard carry into the end zone to make the score 28-7 for the halftime adjournment.

Lombard tallied the only touchdown scored in the third quarter for his side on his 80-yard sprint, making the game tally 34-7 after the extra-point kick was missed.

And in the final quarter, the Astros sandwiched touchdowns by Kayden Baillargeon (41-yard pass from quarterback Aiden Goujon) and Devin LeBlanc (3-yard run) between Timberlane's second score of the night in getting to the 49-14 final.

Timberlane threw the ball lots in trying in vain to keep pace with its host, amassing 195 passing yards but also coughing the ball up twice on interceptions.

The Astros take to the road this Friday night for the lengthy ride to Keene to take on a winless Keene High Blackbirds' crew.

The Astros had both celebratory and somber moments which were observed prior to the kickoff of the



Pinkerton's Kayden Baillargeon scampers away from two Timberlane defenders during the Astros' big defeat of that opponent last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*



Senior Sendoff

The defending Division I champion Pinkerton spirit squad took time to recognize its senior members Friday night during the last PA home football game of 2017. Pictured from left are seniors Kaitlyn Garrity, Anastasia Tunberg, Kailey Kirker, Jordan Nacos, and Ashlyn Levine. Missing from the photo is fellow 12th grader Hailey Hanscom.

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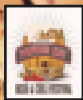


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Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Loses 1-0 Then Wins 1-0, Hits 8-4-2

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A 1-0 loss to the Winnacunnet High Warriors followed by a 1-0 edging of the Bishop Guertin Cardinals last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer team to contemplate a season record which had moved to a very solid 8-4-2 coming into this, the final week of the 2017 regular

campaign.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10 the defending Division I champs saw the visiting Winnacunnet crew from Hampton bust a scoreless deadlock during the second half, and despite a four-save performance from goalie Reagan Kolinski the Astros proved unable to bag the tying tally.

The victory was Winnacunnet's sixth in a row,

and it made that seacoast squad's season record 10-2-1.

But when it rolled the ball out for its Friday, Oct. 13 home contest against BG of Nashua, the Pinkerton crew was taking on an opponent which had lost five of its last six matches and held a sub-par 2-11 record. And that mark soon fell to 2-12.

Once again the Astros played to a scoreless tie during the first half, but the hosts had Macy Graves hit netting on a penalty kick during the second half to hand her team its eighth win of the campaign. Goalie Kolinski was good for three stops in her crew's sixth shutout of the season.

Stepping into this final week of regular season com-

petition, first-year coach Danielle Rappa's roster found itself staring at two contests against opponents which both sat above it in the Division I standings and were working on winning streaks.

The Astros were slated to play on the road in both cases, with a ride to Concord to face off against a 10-4 Crimson Tide contingent which had won four straight games on Tuesday Oct. 17, after Nutfield News press time. Then, this Friday's road match is scheduled to be over at Exeter High against a talented Lady Blue Hawks' bunch which had a 13-1 record and three straight successes coming into this week's action.



Astro Mattie Sullivan glides between two BG defenders in her team's win.
Photo by Chris Pantazis

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 9



Emma Davis,
Senior, Field Hockey

This 12th grader is the Lady Astros' leading scorer with 11 goals and two assists. She had three scores and an assist in the two matches played during the week in question. She is among the strongest, hardest-working PA forwards.



Lewis White, Senior, Golf

This veteran golfer helped his Astros to a second-place finish at the Division I team championships, and he ended up finishing tied for 16th place as an individual a few days later.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department.

Lady Astro Harriers Excel at Annual Brown University Cross-Country Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

As it continues to prepare to run for a third consecutive New Hampshire Division I state championship later this month, the Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country contingent decided to make the drive

down to Rhode Island last weekend to test its considerable mettle at the 35th Annual Brown University Northeast Championships in Goddard State Park in Warwick.

Coach Amy Bernard's Lady Trailblazers were quite impressive in finishing a strong fourth - and first

among Granite State teams - in the girls' championship race at that prestigious event held last Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Shenendehowa team from Clifton Park, NY bagged first place handily with a score of 55, with the Notre Dame Academy squad from Massachusetts bagging runner-up honors (107), the Milton entry from the Bay State placing third (114), and Pinkerton tallying fourth place (123) out of a dozen competing teams.

The academy team had all of its top six runners finish among the top 45 in a race which had 79 finishers. PA sophomore star Meghan Cross led her squad to the

finish line by coming in ninth overall in 18 minutes and 08.32 seconds.

Cross was followed by teammates Jordan Vaillancourt in 25th place (19:04.44), Maison D'Amelio in 27th (19:07.19), Ciara April in 32nd (19:15.23), Britney Johnson in 35th place (19:22.14), and Molly McGaffigan in the 44th spot (19:55.90).

The New Hampshire divisional title meets will be held in Manchester's Derryfield Park next Saturday, Oct. 28, with coach Bernard's PA bunch going for its three-peat against a tough field.

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Astro Boys' Soccer Squad Pushes Winning Streak to Eight Games

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad is doing a convincing impression of a steamroller these days. They drove their winning streak up to eight games and their Division I record to 10-4 last week with two more wins.

Consecutive victories numbers seven and eight came against Winnacunnet and Bishop Guertin, with the Astros taking care of business in road matches.

The team beat the Winnacunnet Warriors by a 5-3 tally in Hampton on Tuesday, Oct. 10, taking a 2-0 lead to halftime before engaging in an unnerving goal-scoring spree with the 1-12 host in the second half.

The locals received four goals from Terry Coyle and

one from Hunter Rathburn in the high-scoring victory, with Brian Castle dishing out two assists and Cole Perry, Alex Beaulieu, and Jon Tremblay each notching one helper.

Pinkerton goalie Max Fairbank contributed five saves to his squad's seventh consecutive success.

"After building a 3-0 lead with 15 minutes to play, some strange things happened and we had to figure out a way to survive," said coach Kerry Boles. "With the 3-0 lead and minimal time to play, we thought we had the game in hand. Unfortunately, after a couple of deflected balls, it's 3-2. Then we made a blunder to help their cause. No blame at all, especially when you ask your defenders to block shots. Deflections happen.



Terry Coyle scored no less than four of the Pinkerton boys' soccer squad's five goals in its Oct. 10 defeat of Winnacunnet last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

I'm most proud of the fact that we continued to fight when it was a 3-3 game. We came at them hard and were able to secure the victory. These guys work every day."

The Astros then found themselves on a somewhat shorter road trip to Nashua on Friday the 13th to play a Bishop Guertin bunch which sat way below the .500 mark at 1-12. And when the final whistle blew, BG was 1-13 and Pinkerton was 10-4 with eight straight wins.

Learning its lesson from the Tuesday comeback by Winnacunnet, the academy side didn't let Guertin rebound from the 2-0 advantage which PA claimed in the first half en route to a 4-0 success.

Alex Rust potted the first two goals of the contest extremely quickly - in the

first two minutes of play - to stake his side to the advantage. Castle set up the first, and Joe Palmer assisted on the second.

Rathburn and Coyle then took care of the scoring in the second stanza, with Palmer assisting on the first and Castle on the second.

Fairbank only needed to turn aside three BG shots in his team's sixth shutout of the campaign.

"We didn't play great, but we'll take this and move on. We need to come ready to play the final week because we play two top-four teams," said Boles.

Those battles slated for this, the final week of the regular season, included home matches against Concord on Tuesday, Oct. 17 - after Nutfield News press time - and Exeter on Friday.

Lady Astro Spikers Keep Piling Up Noteworthy Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Astros kept plowing their way toward the post-season last week by snaring their fifth consecutive win and the ninth in their last 10 matches in a 3-0 road shutout of struggling Goffstown last Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Pinkerton advanced to a glittering 13-2 with the blowout which featured individual set wins of 25-14, 25-19, and 25-16. The host Lady Grizzlies slipped to 4-10 with the defeat.

The academy crew received strong efforts from a bunch of sources, with Amelia Graves notching 15 digs and six kills, Sara Metzger managing 16

assists and 13 service points with five aces, Ella Dandrade tallying 14 kills and 11 service points, and Brooke Kane bagging three blocks.

After vanquishing that scuffling opponent the Astros were seemingly looking at a considerably tougher challenge against a 12-2 Bishop Guertin bunch from Nashua in Derry last Friday Oct. 13. And when the final point had been tallied, the hosts had their sixth consecutive victory tucked away.

Pinkerton banged out wins of 25-19 and 25-13 in the first two sets, but Guertin remained alive by taking set number three in a pretty lopsided, 25-14 deci-

sion. However, the team put the matter to rest by battling its way to a 25-22 success in game four.

"Overall, it was a great match today," coach Todd Royce said.

Metzger collected 31 assists for PA, Graves was good for 30 digs, 14 kills, and two blocks, Dandrade notched 28 digs, 12 points, and nine kills, Nicole Baron bagged 10 service points, Kane snagged eight kills, and Megan Hough contributed six kills to the winning cause.

The Astros then strode into this final week of the regular season with a Monday match at Concord.

The academy spikers pushed their season record up to 15-2 with an extremely impressive 3-0 blanking of Concord on Monday, with the strong Crimson Tide side sliding to 13-3 with its lopsided loss.

The locals snagged set victories of 25-18, 25-18, and 25-22, with Metzger tallying 22 assists and 10 service points, Dandrade collecting 21 digs, nine

service points with three aces, and six kills, Kiley Davis contributing nine service points with three aces, Graves grabbing nine kills, Brooke Kane bagging six kills and four blocks, and Nicole Baron notching

seven service points.

The Astros finished up their regular season on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at home against Exeter High School (9-6) after Nutfield News press time.

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Thibodeau Helps PA Golf Crew Tie for Second in State Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After bagging her fourth consecutive high school girls' state championship recently, Pinkerton Academy golf star Lauren Thibodeau capped off her exceptional high school career by showing the boys just how it's done at the Division I team tournament at the Portsmouth Country Club last week.

The University of Louisville-bound standout shot a tournament-best, even par 72 to wind up being the medalist at that event and help her Pinkerton contingent to a tie for second place in its hunt for a state title.

Bedford bagged its fifth state crown in the last six years by shooting a team score of 398, with Pinkerton and Keene tying for second with matching scores of 404 and Salem ending up fourth (413) out of the 10 competing teams.

"We, of course, went into the tournament with high expectations after the season we had," said coach Jeff Sojka. "We had lost two matches all year by a combined two strokes. With that being said, coming out as the runner-up to a very talented Bedford team which we beat by a stroke during the regular season isn't too bad of a finish. We played well, shooting 404 on a difficult day with the wind really blowing and greens really rolling, but they just played better. Hats off to them, and we will have our eyes on the championship again next year."

Thibodeau's fellow Astros Noah Kierstead and Lewis White shot an 81 and an 82 respectively to qualify for the boys' individual state championship event the following Saturday the 14th back at the Portsmouth Country Club. PA's Jarrod Foster (84) and Cody Sullivan (85) just missed out on making that cut.

At the individual championship event over the weekend, White shot an 84 for a composite score of 166 to tie with Londonderry High School standout Brian Boyle for 16th place overall. Kierstead shot a 92 for a combined two-day tally of 173, which placed him 24th.

The golfers' scores at the team and individual events were combined.

Lady Astro Field Hockey Crew Finishes Regular Season at 13-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming into the 2017 season, the Pinkerton Academy field hockey squad had a return to the Division I championship match right at the top of its list of goals. And if the regular season winds up being an accurate barometer of what will happen in the forthcoming post-season, second-year coach Katie Van Nostrand's Lady Astros will be right at the head of the pack in that challenging hunt.

The academy squad went an exceptional 13-1 during the just-completed regular season, tallying some 11 shutouts and outscoring its opponents by a stunning total of 41-3.

And the news at the very tail-end of the regular season - last week - was all kinds of good for former Pinkerton field hockey star Van Nostrand and her team.

The locals won their final five matches of the campaign, shutting out four of those opponents including Concord and Exeter last week.

The Lady Astros notched their fourth consecutive victory and moved their Division I-leading record to a truly stellar 12-1 with a 3-0 shutout of the scuffling Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital last Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Emma Davis snagged her side a 1-0 lead in the first period, and Davis and Meg Michaud each scored once in the second half to get to the 3-0 final.

Davis potted what would prove to be the game-winning goal with just 2:30 remaining in the first half, and she helped set up Michaud's marker at the 21:40 mark of period two. Davis bagged her second tally of the day with 7:12 remaining on what Van Nostrand called "a beautiful one-timer."

Pinkerton goalie Khaliyah Ellis made seven saves as she and her teammates increased their season's goals scored to goals allowed margin to a jaw-dropping 39-3 after 13 matches.

And the academy contingent closed out its regular season in fine form with a 2-0 shutout of Exeter in Derry last Friday the 13th.

The hosts scored both of their goals in the first half, with Davis being set up by Carly Young on the first and Maddie Peredna getting an assist from Michaud on the second. Keeper Ellis contributed four stops to the blanking.

The Lady Astros finished as the number one seed in tough Division I, and by virtue of that truly stellar success they drew a bye in the first round of the tournament, which began Wednesday Oct. 18.

Hence, the locals were left to see whether they'll play number eight seed Merrimack or ninth-ranked Salem in tournament quarterfinal play in Derry this coming Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m.



Marley Mailloux shows off a fine juggling act with her stick and the ball during one of the Lady Astros' recent home contests. The academy squad snagged the top seed going into the Division I tournament and will play Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be Friday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. The speaker will be Jack Wagoner, Master Gardener, Perennial Manager and Garden Designer and Melody Soucy, (AAS in Horticulture) Greenhouse Manager at Lake Street Garden Center. They will discuss interior design with houseplants. Jack and Melody will also create a multi-plant container and will bring sample floor plants and terrariums. There will be a soup and salad luncheon, desserts and beverages. A silent auction and raffle will be held.

Fall Festival Craft Tables

Fall Festival and Crafts Fair on Sun., Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., to raise money for the synagogue's portion of Elijah's Table free community meals. Space is available for vendors, crafters, artists and anyone with goods to sell for \$25.00. Deadline to rent tables and complete the required form is Nov. 1. Please email craft-faire@gmail.com for more information and to obtain the required form. For more information about Elijah's Table, and free meals in general, go to <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>.

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Talking to God through Poetry

On Oct. 26, the Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold the program Talking to God through Poetry, with Midge Goldberg, a published poet. Come listen to some poems about God; talk about what makes them successful or not; and, if you like, bring a poem of your own to share. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

A Home For All

On Nov. 2, the Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold the program A Home For All: A story of immigration in NH past and present by Kathie Ragsdale, freelance editor and writer. Join us as we share stories, histories, and experiences of local refugee and immigrant families in New Hampshire, and learn how IINE and faith-based communities help assist new Americans rebuild their lives and strengthen their new communities. There will be

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Lincoln Visits N.H.

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