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Town Council Meets With School Board Chairman Over State of School District

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the 2017-2018 school year continues forward, the Town Council has been hoping to gain a better understanding of how the Derry School Board is functioning.

In order to do this, Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon invited the board's Chairman Dan McKenna to the council's most recent meeting on October 17 so that he could give the council an update on the status of the board's activities.

McKenna began his brief by noting that budget season is right on the horizon and that the board will be beginning these discussions in the coming weeks at Derry Village School, with a meeting with the Fiscal Advisory

Committee taking place on October 23 at 6:30 PM and a budget proposal taking place on November 6 at 6:30 PM as well.

McKenna spoke highly of the committee from how he has worked with them in the past, commending them for their hard work.

"We're looking forward to working with them again", McKenna noted.

McKenna then brought up the recently completed facilities report completed by members of the Derry school district. The report took place over the course of three years, delving into what could be changed to improve the district's performance and what actions the board needed to start taking in order for these changes to take place,

including the possibility of closing one or more schools for the sake of grade redistribution.

Finally, McKenna mentioned the recent renewal of Pinkerton Academy's contract with the district and how it was recently renewed by five years, as is standard when its contract moves from its startup of twenty years to only fifteen years.

McKenna seemed very satisfied with Pinkerton's teaching capabilities in the past, although he did hope to increase communication between the board and Pinkerton staff in the future, as Pinkerton is one of the major pillars of the Derry community.

"A lot of people come to Derry for our schools",

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School Administration Lays Out District Overview as Budget Discussions Begin

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Budget season has finally arrived for the Derry School District and the first meeting for all of those involved with putting it together recently took place at Derry Village School on October 23.

Amongst those in attendance were members of the district's School Board, the Financial Advisory Committee, who serve as the backbone for these budget discussions, and members of the district's administration.

Although these discussions are focused upon crafting and reviewing a budget for the 2018 fiscal year, this first meeting exclusively

served to familiarize those in attendance with the current status of the district. Fiscal matters are set to be discussed throughout the fall and winter months.

Superintendent Dr. Maryann Connors-Kirkorian and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Dr. Austin Garofalo took charge of the presentation. They began by mentioning their mission statement for the budget before identifying the school board's three strategic goals for the school year: making sure students are learning at a high level, particularly when it comes to adapting to technology, providing a safe and positive school environment that promotes learning and well being and, finally,

increasing community involvement by encouraging students, parents and staff to become more involved in clubs and organizations.

The presentation briefly delved into enrollment stats, with a noteworthy slide showing that the average cost per pupil in Derry, which stands at roughly thirteen thousand, nine hundred dollars for elementary and middle school, is lower than the state average of around fifteen thousand dollars for elementary school and fourteen thousand, three hundred dollars for middle school.

There was some negative news when it came to English and math proficiency, as scores for those two cate-

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Training Day Five-year-old Delaney Reynolds was shown how to extinguish a fire by Firefighter and EMT Brian Croteau during the Derry Fire Department Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21. Residents were invited to Central Station during Fire Safety Week to get helpful information on fire safety. See more photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry/Londonderry Project Joins Race To Win Amazon

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

"Hey Amazon, you're invited to New Hampshire."

With those seven words, a proposal by Governor Chris Sununu entered the granite state in the race to woo the internet juggernaut, Amazon.com, Inc., to build

its second headquarters on land that both Londonderry and Derry share.

The phrase graces the title page of the nearly 80-page proposal, which includes information about town, a list of financial benefits for Amazon and over a dozen letters of recommendation. The site Sununu

offered is part of the Woodmont Commons development.

"This is the single site the governor has selected," said Londonderry Town Council Chairman Tom Dolan. "This is a compliment to the community."

The "HQ2" site, as it's

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Car Dealership Gets Variance From Zoning Board Over Zoning Conflict

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Serving as the last case of a rather lengthy Zoning Board meeting on Oct. 18, Keith Lafaive came before the board seeking a variance to assist in the creation of an office space for a used car sales business.

The business, A to Z Highline LLC, is a startup that specializes in the online sales of used cars. However, in order to obtain the proper

licenses needed to legally sell these cars, Lafaive was required to set up a physical place of business. He eventually settled on a two story office suite compound located at One Independence Drive, which is directly off of Route 28.

The office space, on top of providing a place for employees to work, would also serve as a destination for walk-in customers to speak with employees face to face, as well as a small

show room where some of the models available would be showcased.

However, the building's location within an Industrial II zone has proven to cause some issues.

Lafaive had already gotten a variance back in 2015 for the right to sell cars from the location, but he was forced to come before the board to seek another variance that would allow him the freedom to use the office spaces as he saw fit.

Lafaive argued that such a business should not present any issues to zoning, as it is right at the intersection of several other zoning areas that would be more welcoming to his business. Furthermore, he believed that business would not adversely affect traffic in the area, due to the limited number of walk-in customers he expects to see.

Although the board was mostly in agreement with Lafaive's case, one major

question from Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard was exactly what types of vehicles would be sold and presented in the building. Lafaive established that the car sales would focus exclusively on passenger vehicles previously utilized by Enterprise, steering away from larger commercial vehicles. He also brought up that showcasing the latter type of vehicles would go against his business' desire to keep the workplace presentable.

"We take great pride in the way our building looks and have maintained it as such," Lafaive noted.

Board members also hoped to make this particular spot more attuned to reasonable zoning laws so that other businesses that may occupy this space in the future would not have to continue to undertake this process.

In the end, the variance was approved unanimously by the board.

Landscaping Business Seeks OK From Zoning Board For Sign Alterations

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On Oct. 18, during the Zoning Board's recent meeting, a representative from a local landscaping company, Sweet Landscaping, met with the board to discuss alterations to a sign currently located on their property.

Derrick Penney, explained to the board that Sweet Landscaping is hoping to take this sign and change its face so that it displays the name of their business instead of the previous property owner. The issue in question arose from a conflict with Land Zoning Ordinance 3.11.8 B, which noted that signs above ten feet in length must be set back a certain distance from prop-

erty lines, as Sweet Landscaping's sign is right on the border of the property.

Penney felt that the ordinance should not affect this particular situation, as it is a minimal request taking place within a commercial district, and thus would not negatively affect the surrounding area.

"Updating a business name is not contrary to the public interest," Penney said.

Members of the board did have several questions for Penney.

Member Suzanne Brunelle reminded Penney to be careful about any changes to the sign, as the area surrounding this property has a higher probability of traffic and accidents. Penney also revealed that the only other

change the sign would see would be downcast lighting provided by Sweet Landscaping that would be on twenty four hours a day.

However, the major concern from the board, primarily coming from Board Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard, revolved around why they simply could not relocate

the sign to somewhere else on the property. Penney noted that the sign has been there for roughly two decades and that, although he does not know exactly how much relocation would cost, it would most likely be substantial.

"It hasn't been an issue prior until changing hands

into new ownership", Penney stated.

Benard argued against allowing a variance on the ordinance, as Penney presented no evidence that there was any sort of hardship being created by not allowing them to keep a sign of this height while changing its face.

"There's no real, legitimate reason why they can't conform", Benard noted.

Although there were still concerns over whether or not a variance was really necessary, the motion still managed to pass three votes to two, with Benard and Board Member Bill Berardino voting against the motion.

School Budget

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gories in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium showed that for grades three through eight, only forty nine percent of students are meeting expectations in English, as compared to the state average of fifty eight percent, and only forty one percent are meeting expectations in math, as compared to the state aver-

age of forty nine percent.

In order to combat this trend, the district has been working on targeted instruction plans for each grade that will help assist students based on what is determined to be their needs, on top of the use of match coaches and the Program for Accelerated and Curriculum Enhancement (PACE).

Continuing on, the presentation delved into the district's technological status,

concerning machines and infrastructures, before then expanding upon the district's special education programs and Derry Early Education Program (DEEP), showcasing the program's schedule, benefits and tuition costs.

Finally, the presenters laid out the state of the district's facilities, laying out the various maintenance projects across all schools

and also showcasing the current enrollment for and age of each school located within the district.

Official budget discussions are set to begin on November 6 at Derry Village School, with budget reviews occurring throughout November and December, public hearings taking place in January and a vote on the final budget to take place in March.

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Town Council Oversees Policy Changes Concerning Costs of Water Assessments

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With the status of both our water and sewer systems a constant battle that needs to address as often as possible, the Town Council recently address a resolution at their October 17 meeting that brought to light a policy that would help to keep assessments of these systems efficient and less costly.

Presented by Public Works Deputy Director

Tom Carrier, the resolution presents an updated version of the town's Water Betterment Assessment policy. Betterment assessments have been commonplace in Derry since 1987 as a means of offsetting capital costs to extend public water and sewer systems, but the cost of these assessments has varied throughout the years.

Thus, the original policy was adapted back in 2007 to provide a basis for how these policies were calcu-

lated, as well as promote sewer extensions to areas in need of sewer systems in an affordable manner. However, the current policy only concerns sewer assessments and not water betterment assessments, leading to three unapproved water betterment assessments across town, including along areas around Scobie Pond, Tsieneto Road and Route 28.

In response to a recent request to finance the water assessment along Route 28, the council asked members

of the public works to put together an updated policy that also took into account the costs of water betterment assessments as well as sewer assessments. It should be noted that such policies are not ordinances and are only intended to provide guidance to town staff.

The updated policy itself notes that the council is allowed to provide up to twenty percent or more of the gross costs related to betterment projects, shows

equations differing the costs of these assessments between residential and non-residential assessments and establishes how payment scheduling for the projects would work out.

Finally, in addition to updated policy, the resolution also asks that it be immediately applied to the aforementioned Route 28 assessment, should the resolution be approved.

The councilors did not have much to add to the policy change, although

Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon was concerned over whether or not this discussion would need to be brought up with water ambassadors. However, Town Administrator David Caron quickly noted that no such action would be necessary and that the council is free to make these decisions on their own.

As a result, the resolution was approved unanimously by the council.

Town Council Overviews Lease Extension for Local Cell Tower

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the midst of discussions over new resolutions during the latest Town Council meeting on October 17, one of Derry's older cell

towers became the topic of focus.

Town Administrator David Caron brought the existence of the cell tower to attention as a part of resolution #2017-070. In it, Caron mentioned that the cell

tower, which is located behind the Derry Fire Station on 131 East Broadway, and its owners have been working with the town to potentially extend the lease term. Due to its strategic location, it allows for a sig-

nificant rent stream of \$3,803 per month, which is increased by four percent per year.

The owners of the tower, American Tower, are currently seeking a twenty five year extension on the lease, which only has fifteen years remaining in its life span.

Original expectations for the extension sought a forty year extension with a forty thousand dollar signing bonus or the possibility of a lump sum payment of seven hundred and seventy five thousand dollars which could be increased to over nine hundred thousand dollars via payments over ten years.

Once they had come to their recommendation of twenty five years, on top of a fifty thousand dollar signing bonus, it is estimated that the town will receive

approximately four million, seven hundred and forty thousand dollars in lease revenues and one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in property taxes from the site through the year 2057.

Several council members quickly weighed in on the idea, although most were already in agreement that the resolution seemed solid. Councilor Neil Weatherbee inquired about whether or not these discussions could delve into addressing the improvement and consistency of service coming from these towers.

Caron noted that ownership of the tower has lies upon American Tower, a third party company, and they do not have any say on these services, but merely the upkeep of the structures. This is apparently not an

unusual situation, as Caron mentioned that many providers phase out ownership of these towers to third party companies all the time.

"It is very seldom and very unique that the companies own the tower", Caron noted.

Councilor Neil Weatherbee was curious about whether or not the fifty thousand dollar signing bonus could be put towards funds for Derry's upcoming three hundredth anniversary celebration, to which many councilors agreed would be a good idea. However, Caron noted that such a suggestion was out of his hands and would need to be addressed by the council personally.

As far as the resolution goes, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Council/School Meet

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McKenna stated.

When it came time for the council to provide some input on McKenna's overview, Councilor Richard Tripp inquired about the idea of the council getting a tour of one of the schools in Derry to get a feel for their current state. McKenna has a meeting with the district's board of trustees on November 1 and will go ahead and discuss the idea with them.

Councilor Neil Weatherbee spoke out about why the upcoming budget discussions at Derry Village School are not televised for the public. McKenna noted

that it has been done in the past, but that the practice simply slipped away from them. Bourdon requested that McKenna get back to the council on working with town staff members on continuing to record these meetings, to which McKenna agreed to follow up on.

Councilor Charles Foote mentioned that issues with school buses transporting students to and from school seem to have improved dramatically since last year, with McKenna feeling that a new contract with the busing company, along with changes to the company itself, lent to these improvements.

Finally, several members of the council voiced their concerns over the possibility of one or more schools closing down in the district upon McKenna bringing up the idea. Several members, including Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores, questioned whether or not enrollment numbers may play a role in such a change, while others also wondered how closing down a school would affect payment scheduling for other projects.

McKenna felt that many of these concerns are up in the air at the moment and further details surrounding how to resolve them are best to be discussed during the upcoming budget discussions.

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Editorial

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Halloween arrives Tuesday night this year, a midweek treat for the young, and a fun-filled reminder of years of trick or treating for those of us well past the days of going door to door for candy with a pillowcase.

Because for many of us, regardless of age, Halloween is our holiday favorite, a day we look forward to for weeks. For children, there's something that can't be beat about dressing up, heading out after dark and walking up to neighbors' homes, and filling a bag with free candy and other treats. The day is not about horror, it's about fun.

We can expect police to be out in force on that night, as the little ghosts and goblins, witches and princesses, devils and lots of zombies let's not forget all the super heroes parading along local streets. It means that our usual midweek activities like shopping or heading home from a tiring day at work can put children at risk as they go about their rounds.

We want take this opportunity to remind everyone to drive especially carefully on Halloween, both during the day and night, and to pay close attention to pedestrians. We also want to remind parents that children's costumes should feature light colors or reflective tape so they can be seen in

the early darkness that the season brings, and to make sure young children travel in groups, under adult supervision, with everyone carrying flashlights or glow sticks.

The New Hampshire State Police offer the following tips to make Halloween safe as well as spooky: Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls. Use make-up instead of a mask, so as not to obscure vision. Instruct children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on. Tell children not to enter the homes or cars of strangers. Remind children not to eat any of their treats until they return home.

Keeping safety and common sense in the forefront, and focusing on having FUN on what we hope will be a crisp and clear fall night is after all, the stuff of good memories.

There's something special and very New England about the sight of a lighted pumpkin on the porch in the Halloween dark. Go a head, put on a mask or a witches hat as you prepare to answer the door when it rings. If you want to get especially spooked, just remember what happened a few years ago, when trick-or-treating was postponed while we shoveled out from an early and damaging snow-storm.



LAKE CLEAN-UP On Saturday morning, Oct. 21, members of the Beaver Lake Improvement Association met at the bridge on Pond Road for the annual Fall Clean-up of roadways around the lake. There were lots of new faces this year. Pictured are from left Joe Troy, Jane Troy, Kevin Dudley, Jeff Crothers, Patty Crothers, and BLIA President Steven Anthony. Other people showed up to take part on the clean-up effort were: David Rivard, Renee Christian, Rick Christian, Mike Lucci, Debbie Lucci, Donna Compagna and Donna's Daughter and two grandchildren, and Greg Dors and Kyle Dors.

Photo by Penny Williams

Water Betterment Assessment Policy Approved by Town Council

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Intended to provide guidance for assessing water projects in town, councilors have approved a water betterment assessment policy.

Councilors agreed at their Tuesday, Oct. 17 meeting to approve the policy to act, not as an ordinance, but as a guide for water assessment projects.

"It's not an ordinance it's just a guidance document," said Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier, who gave a presentation on the policy before councilors voted.

Individual assessments and financing terms must still be formally adopted by the council on a project-by-project basis, according to

officials.

Carrier later added, "Going forward at least we can go from neighborhood to neighborhood and have some sort of consistency on how these assessments are being applied."

In the opening of the presentation, Carrier discussed some of the background of betterment assessments with water and public sewer service throughout town. Since 1987, the town has applied betterment assessments against properties throughout Derry to offset capital costs to extend public water and sewer, Carrier said.

Throughout the years, the cost of the assessments have varied with some projects allowed to be financed by residents and some not,

Carrier said.

In 2007, residents in a few neighborhoods that were assessed for sewer were concerned that they were being assessed at different rates, he said. And so to provide some consistency, Carrier said the Town Council adopted a sewer betterment assessment policy.

"The policy, while not binding was to provide a basis for how sewer betterments would be calculated and billed," Carrier wrote in a recent staff report.

Carrier said the intent was to promote sewer extensions in areas of town identified by the Master Plan as in need of sewer "by making it more affordable to the abutters, who in many cases, would be required by ordinance to connect to the new sewers."

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Fire Safety Explained to Residents at Open House



The Derry Fire Department open their doors to the public to celebrate Fire Safety Week on Saturday, Oct. 21. Residents of all ages got tip and techniques on what to do during a fire. Some of the stations set up by firefighter included real life situations and what to do during them, extinguishing gas fires, escaping through a window, watching for warning signs and using a fire hose. Also included in the day activities were a visit from Smokey Bear, Pizza and climbing inside fire trucks.

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Local Addiction Center Hosting Fundraising Dinner and Auction

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Addiction, regardless of the substance, is one of the harshest things one can put their body through and one of the most difficult things that someone can overcome. But as much as we can push ourselves towards liberation from addiction, going it alone does not always provide the best results when compared to

having some help along the way.

This is where groups like the Derry Friendship Center (DFC) come in to play. Started back in 1979 and having recently moved into their new building on 6 Railroad Avenue, the DFC serves as a non-profit organization that provides a safe and supportive environment for twelve-step recovery. Volunteers can be found at the building twenty four hours a day, assisting those in need in any way they can.

But in order to keep its doors open, the DFC will be holding its fifth annual Celebrate Recovery Dinner and Fundraiser on November 3 at the Brookstone Event Center.

Carol Bowden, the Chair for the DFC's Board of Directors, noted that this event

serves as one of the many different functions that the DFC puts on for the sake of those who take advantage of its services.

"We do this to let them know they can have fun without alcohol and drugs", Bowden noted.

On top of delicious food and getting a chance to meet the volunteers who make the DFC possible, the event will also feature live and silent auctions for a series of prizes, many of which have been donated by members of the community.

"People have been very generous to us", Bowden stated.

The DFC has seen phenomenal success in Derry over the years, as not only have they partnered with local groups with similar goals, including the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, the Center for Life Management and the Community Alliance for Teen Safety, but the DFC also usually sees four to five hundred people come through its halls each week.

The event will officially begin at 6 p.m., with registration costing fifty dollars per person. For more information, visit thederryfriendshipcenter.org.

Two Pinkerton Seniors Honored by National Merit Scholarship Program

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Seniors at Pinkerton Academy may be having a great time so far enjoying the privileges that the last three years have been able to afford them, but far more serious objectives lay on the horizon. As these students apply for and visit the endless campuses across the country, not only must their grades be in peak condition, but they must also be ready to tackle the financial burdens that comes with their time

at these schools.

And the National Merit Scholarship Program, in an effort to help the country's most aspiring students cover these costs, is currently in the process of analyzing the more than 1.6 million students who took the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to determine which one of them will be awarded with a National Merit Scholarship worth up to two thousand, five hundred dollars.

Pinkerton has been lucky enough to have one of these students, as senior Edward Stuart was recently announced as a semifinalist in the program, becoming one of only sixteen thousand students from across the country to hold such a title.

Now that Stuart has moved on to the next round of the program, he must submit his SAT scores to members of the program as a means of confirming that his academic skills are still consistent with what they were the previous year.

Furthermore, he must have an outstanding academic record and be endorsed by a high school official, all in order to determine whether or not he can become a finalist in the competition.

Most of the students who submit to become finalists inevitably do, but things become much more strict when applying for the actual scholarship, as only about half of the finalists are expected to receive one of the cash prizes. Those who actually win the scholarships are judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in their selected college studies.

Amongst the assortment of scholarships given out to students also include roughly fifteen hundred that are award to those who fell below the finalist level, which are provided by various corporate sponsors.

But even if certain students failed to even become semifinalists, the program still wants to recognize many of the other excellent students in the midst, which is why the next thirty four thousand runners up, are labeled as Commended Students. Pinkerton also happened to have one of these students receive this award as well, with senior Alyssa Felder recently being presented with this honor. Although she did not receive a scholarship, Felder should still be proud of her accomplishment, as she is still ranked amongst the top .03 percent of students across the country who participated in this program

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Derry Pathfinders Offering Snowmobile Safety Course to Public

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It may not feel like it just yet, but winter is right around the corner, and with it will be blankets upon blankets of snowfall to cover the area. While some may scoff at the change in scenery because of how it affects the terrain and certain types of activities, that does not mean that other opportunities are not opened up once the snow hits the

ground.

Many alternate sports suddenly become available, including skiing and snowboarding. But for those with a desire to really blaze through the white stuff and explore the outdoors, snowmobiling is what usually catches their attention first. But while cutting through the powder seems like an exhilarating experience, it is not always the safest, primarily to those without the proper training to use these

vehicles.

Annually, each state that actually gets snow can expect hundreds of injuries and around a dozen fatalities due to mishandling of snowmobiles.

Granted, the vehicles are not always the safest to handle, but preparation is still key in order to keep oneself safe. This is why Derry Pathfinders, New Hampshire Fish & Game and the Derry Parks & Recreation Department will be offer-

ing up a free Snowmobile Safety Education Course on December 2 at Alexander Carr Park.

The Derry Pathfinders are primarily in charge of the handling of the meetings, as the group itself specializes in snowmobiles, regularly meeting bimonthly to discuss the trails and how to use them safely. The group also regularly "grooms" the snow, meaning they utilize a rather large snow plow to flatten the tracks and assist in

preventing injuries or other incidents.

Although younger residents are welcome to participate, attendees must be at least twelve years old as of April 2018 in order to join in. Otherwise, those who are too young will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if space is available in the future.

Children under the age of eighteen must attend with an adult. If this person is not a parent or guardian, a per-

mission letter must also be provided the day of the event.

Although there will be time during the event to go out and purchase lunch, it will not be provided during the event, so it is suggested that participants bring a bag lunch.

The course will take place from 8:30 AM until 4 PM. If you have any more questions, please contact the Derry Pathfinders at info@derrypathfinders.org.

Amazon

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been called, has become one for the most sought-after business opportunities in the country. Communities have been lining up with sugar coated lures, each trying to bag the promise of 50 thousand jobs for their residents. Amazon News announced on Twitter Monday morning that the contest had received "238 proposals from across North America for #HQ2." The company also updated its website with the newest information.

Although Amazon is known for shipping and delivery, the new HQ2 would not be a manufacturing complex. Dolan explained that it would be more of a "cubicle farm," that would house tech and executive positions. Most of the new jobs would include running software and management. Amazon expects "to invest over \$5 billion in construction," according to its website to build what Dolan called a "6 to 7 million square foot" complex.

During a recent growth management meeting,

Dolan and Town Manager Kevin Smith explained how Londonderry was chosen and why the town administrators did not speak publicly about it until after the announcement. Choosing Woodmont Commons was "driven by the governor and his staff," said Dolan. The town officials were bound by a non-disclosure agreement until after Sununu's speech on Oct. 18.

Michael Kettenbach, the owner and master developer of Woodmont Commons, said in an email that "we are pleased with the State of New Hampshire's decision to name Woodmont Commons as their bid for Amazon's next corporate headquarters."

According to the proposal, Londonderry would have "all the benefits of Boston without all the headaches." Some of those listed headaches include traffic (I-93 construction traffic notwithstanding), taxes, and housing affordability concerns. The town's proximity to the Manchester/Boston Regional Airport is being touted as one of its greatest assets to Amazon. However, the company had asked for

sites to be within an hour of an international airport. Although Londonderry meets that requirement being 45 minutes from Logan Airport, there is a strong possibility, according to Smith, that the Manchester Airport could in fact offer international travel in the future to accommodate Amazon's needs. "It's demand driven," said Smith.

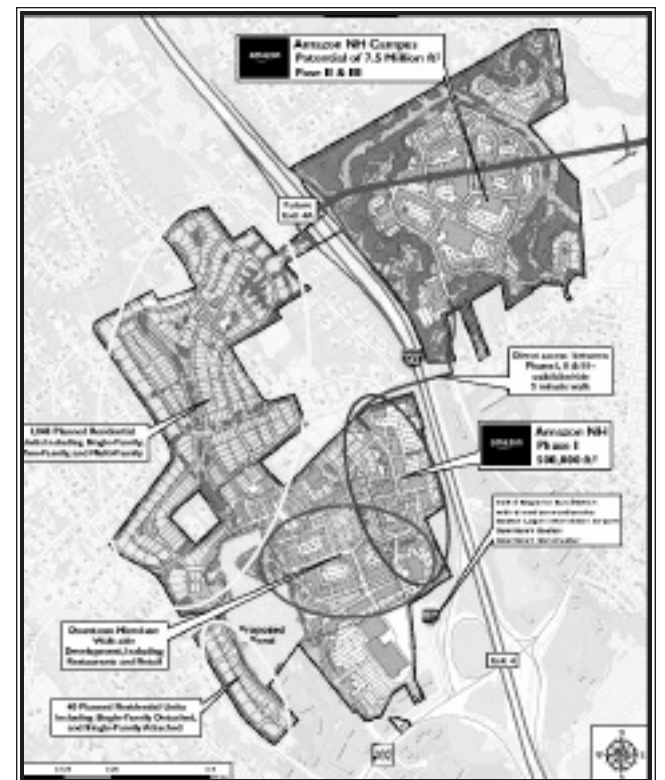
Another requirement of Amazon is access to a rail system. Smith explained that there are two options. First is using the existing rail bed that travels from Bedford, through Nashua, Lowell and down to Worcester, Massachusetts. It's privately run, but has a stop for the airport. If Amazon chooses Londonderry, the rail could be extended out to Woodmont Commons so freight and workers could travel to and from the HQ2. Workers from the Boston area could take the commuter rail from the city to Lowell and up to Londonderry. But saying hello to the railroad could mean saying goodbye to part of the rail trail. According to Smith, the state has the authority to reclaim any part of the rail trail system if it

needs to turn it back into a functional railroad. The other option is to build a new rail system up the I-93 corridor.

These plans are hypothetical. Amazon may not choose New Hampshire as its new site for HQ2, but the temptation to think positively can be overwhelming. State Representative Al Baldasaro said this could be a great opportunity to encourage more young workers and families into the community.

"It's going to put us on the map in a good way," said Richard Flier of Visionary Institute. "We should be concentrating on a housing point of view, a lifestyle point of view and a conservation point of view."

The attention Woodmont Commons will get from being nominated by Sununu could inspire other companies to lay down their roots in town, and residents should start preparing by



A map, taken from the state's proposal, of the site that state officials hope will house Amazon's second headquarters.

focusing on how they want to preserve the quality of life here in Londonderry.

The full proposal can be

found at nheconomy.com under the headline "New Hampshire Pitches Amazon For HQ2."

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PA Field Hockey Reaches Division I Tournament Semis Again

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After missing out on reaching the Division I championship match for the first time in five years last autumn, the white-hot Pinkerton Academy field hockey team is lined up to get back to that big contest again this fall.

The top-seeded Lady Astros vanquished the ninth-ranked Salem High Lady Blue Devils by a 4-0 tally - for their 12th shutout of the season - in D-I quarterfinal-round tournament play in Derry last Saturday, Oct. 21. And in doing so, second-year varsity coach and former PA field hockey star Katie Van Nostrand's crew placed itself in a semifinal-round battle with the arch-rival Londonderry Lady Lancers at Exeter High this Wednesday, Oct. 25, after Nutfield News press time.

The Lady Astros' blank-

ing of Salem in the quarters was the academy team's sixth consecutive win, and the 4-0 final moved coach Van Nostrand's squad's truly amazing goals for/against margin up to a jaw-dropping 45-3.

That would appear to be among the Pinkerton contingent's biggest reasons to be favored to get back to the state title match this year. PA squads have played in no less than 14 championship games since 1988, winning state crowns in 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, and 2012. And as stated above, they appeared in each and every Division I title contest between 2012 and 2015.

After having their push for another title-game appearance fall flat last autumn following a 2-0 loss to Winnacunnet of Hampton in the 2016 semis, coach Van Nostrand and her charges placed a return to the big divisional match near



Lauren Lisauskas netted the winning goal in the PA field hockey team's tourney win over Salem late last week in Derry.
Photos by Chris Paul

the top of their list of potential accomplishments at the start of this 2017 campaign.

The Lady Astros needed nearly one half of a half of play to get their strong offense cranked up in the

quarterfinal match with Salem last weekend, but crank it up they did.

Lauren Lisauskas made it a 1-0 game - with the only tally PA wound end up needing to win on that warm October afternoon - with 15:19 to go in the first half. And Emma Davis followed up that unassisted tally a little less than nine minutes later when she was set up for a score by teammate Meg Michaud.

"After Lauren got the first goal we got into our groove," said coach Van Nostrand. "Salem has a terrific transition game, moving



Lady Astro Emma Davis, shown here beating two Salem players to the ball, potted the second PA goal in its tourney win over that opponent last weekend.

quickly from offense to defense, but we got our feet under us after that first goal."

Carly Young gave the hosts two insurance goals in the second half, scoring the first on a penalty stroke with 17:58 left and bagging the second unassisted a mere three minutes later. Now grasping a 4-0 advantage, the Lady Astros had no real reason to look back over their shoulders at a Salem comeback attempt.

Pinkerton goalie Khaliyah Ellis only had to make one save in helping her crew to its 12th blanking of an opponent this fall.

The semifinal-round contest against fifth-ranked Londonderry on Wednesday certainly looked to be a serious challenge on paper for the powerful PA squad. The Lady Lancers managed to stay in championship contention with a 3-2 quarterfinal overtime win over number four Bishop Guertin of Nashua which went all the way to penalty corners in the summer-like heat on Saturday the 21st. In the lone 2017 meeting of PA and Londonderry, the host Lady Astros managed a 1-0 win in Mack Plaque play in September.

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Girls' Soccer Closes Out Regular Season With Strong Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Realistically speaking, few folks expected the two-time defending Division I Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad to be anything like a powerhouse this fall after losing a slew of talented players to graduation and switching head coaches following the title success of the autumn of 2016.

But first-year varsity coach Danielle Rappa and her Lady Astros put together a very solid 2017 regular season, which ended last week with a shutout tie and a slim loss to the Exeter High juggernaut. And with everybody starting fresh at 0-0 with the start of the Division I tournament this week, who knows just what could happen?

The Lady Astros collect-

ed their ninth shutout of the 2017 season - and their third scoreless shutout among those - by getting embroiled in an 0-0 deadlock with Concord in the state capital last Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Pinkerton goalie Reagan Kolinski had a superb performance for her squad, turning aside no less than 14 Concord shots.

"Reagan came up huge against Concord, keeping us in the game," said coach Rappa. "Katie Ziniti had three shots for us."

Pinkerton moved to 8-4-3 overall with that outcome, with Concord having its 2017 mark move to 10-4-1 as it sat in the midst of a five-game undefeated streak.

And the Astros then took

aim at a final regular season contest on the seacoast on Friday Oct. 20 against an extremely tough Exeter contingent which had only lost once up to that point.

And the academy crew were unable to hand the Blue Hawks their second defeat of the campaign, instead absorbing a 2-0 shutout loss which left them at 8-5-3 to end the regular season. Exeter advanced to 15-1.

Kolinski was good for seven saves in her squad's regular season-closer.

The Astros managed the eighth seed in the D-I tournament and are slated to play ninth-ranked Alvirne in Derry this Thursday Oct. 26 in first-round action, after Nutfield News press time.



PA defender Aana Blaszkas boots the ball away from her team's goal as keeper Reagan Kolinski observes.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 16



Kayden Baillargeon,
Senior, Football

This talented and battle-tested veteran helped his team plenty in its 55-0 trouncing of Keene, intercepting two passes on defense and catching two passes on offense for more than 90 yards.



Reagan Kolinski,
Junior, Girls' Soccer

This skilled keeper had an exceptional game in a scoreless tie with Concord, making some 14 saves. She then made seven stops in the team's next game at Exeter, ending the regular season with nine shutouts in 15 games.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department.

Lady Astro Spikers Finish Up Strong, Bag the Second Seed in D-I Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A 3-0 white-washing of the visiting Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks in Derry Wednesday, Oct. 18 left the Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad to contemplate the fact that it had

bagged the number two seed in Division I for well over a week.

The Lady Astros bagged their eighth consecutive victory and made their final regular season record a truly stellar 16-2 with the shutout of Exeter. The locals snared individual set victories of

25-13, 25-22, and 25-15 to send the Lady Blue Hawks back to the seacoast thinking about a drubbing.

Big individual performances came from Sara Metzger who tallied 26 assists and 13 service points, Amelia Graves with 24 digs and six kills, and Ella Dandrade with 20 digs, 12 service points, and 11 kills.

Also making noteworthy contributions were Kiley Davis with nine service points and Brooke Kane with seven kills and four blocks.

The Pinkerton girls' only losses of the regular season

were a 3-2 edging at Salem back on Sept. 15 and a shutout loss at the hands of undefeated Hollis-Brookline on the road on Sept. 28.

By securing the second seed in Division I, thanks to their 16 regular season wins, the Astros got a bye in round one and had to wait to play a quarterfinal-round match against the winner of the prelim contest between number seven Nashua South and number 10 Exeter. The quarterfinal pitting PA against one of those two contingents will be played Saturday night, Oct. 28, at 6 in Derry.

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White-Hot PA Boys' Soccer Squad Ends With 10-Game Streak

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad ended its 2017 regular season last week by doing one heck of a good imitation of a steam-roller.

The Astros won every one of their final 10 matches of the regular campaign to end up at a stellar 12-4 overall. And the locals also helped coach Kerry Boles hit a career milestone in the process.

The PA booters bagged their ninth consecutive victory and pushed Boles to his 300th career win in a 2-1 defeat of Concord in Derry last Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Only 10 New Hampshire high school soccer coaches have ever hit that milestone, and Boles was left with many reasons to be pleased with his 300th win and the continuation of his team's lengthy winning streak over a tough, 10-4-1 opponent.

Pinkerton busted a scoreless tie seven minutes into the second half when Ashim Gurung set up Cole Perry to make it a 1-0 match. But Concord knotted the score 14 minutes later.

However, the Astros got

the game-winner from Perry - on an assist from Joe Palmer - six minutes after that as the hosts bagged yet another victory. Goalie Max Fairbank contributed eight saves to the success.

"This was another great story for us," said Boles. "We needed to dig deep against a very good Concord team in order to secure this victory. To be able to continue to fight each day the way these guys have is awesome. I'm very proud of their resiliency each game. Hopefully we can continue this trend Friday against a very good Exeter squad."

Regarding his 300th career win, Boles stated, "I'm honored and eternally grateful for the coaching opportunity (former PA athletic director) Bob Royce gave me in 1992. I'm equally grateful to (former PA headmaster) Brad Ek for giving me a teaching opportunity. I'm proud of the accomplishments of the program but even more proud of the character, sportsmanship, and community service efforts of the kids over the years."

The Astros then strode into the Friday home match against the talented Exeter contingent - which was 3-1-1 in its previous five con-



Henry Andrews and the PA boys' soccer squad have kept the ball bouncing their way of late, reeling off a 10-game win streak to end the regular season.

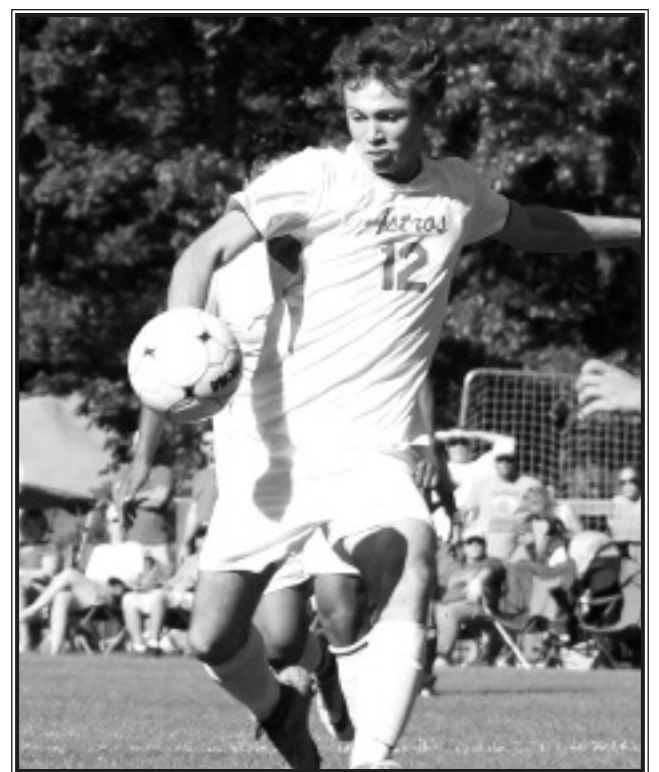
tests - in an attempt to end their regular season with a 10th consecutive win.

Only one goal was scored in that heated battle, and it belonged to the streaking Astros.

Brian Castle set up Cole Perry in the 18th minute, and that would be it on the scoring despite the fact that the hosts smacked a total of

eight shots on the Exeter cage. PA goalie Fairbank made six stops his contribution to the shutout.

"This continues to be an improbable season, but these kids just continue to fight, play well enough to win, and earn another clean sheet. I'm just amazed at how these kids have handled the pres-



Astro booter Corey Jones has a laser focus on the ball in this recent contest. He and his teammates rolled into the tourney seeded fourth. *Photos by Chris Paul*

tures of improving, winning, and dealing with me," said coach Boles. "I can't say enough about this group of kids. I look forward to our playoff push. But, I also want to be sure to mention our six seniors. They are the pulse of this team."

That sextet includes Corey Jones, Gurung,

Stryker Coyle, Castle, Perry, and Palmer.

The academy booters ended up being the number four seed in Division I and were all lined up to play the 13th-seeded Keene High Blackbirds in Derry in first-round tourney action this Wednesday the 25th, after Nutfield News press time.

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Pinkerton Football Advances Win Streak By Rolling in Keene



Pinkerton' Aiden Goujon completed five of eight passes against Keene for 159 yards. *Photo by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's pretty safe to say that the toughest thing about the Pinkerton Academy football team's trek out to Keene for a game Friday night, Oct. 20 was the lengthy round-trip.

The Astros pushed their winning streak to five games and their Division I South Conference record to 7-1 with a 55-0 pounding of the winless host Keene High Blackbirds that evening, surprising no one in the process.

The now 0-8 Keene crew had only scored a total of 55

points in its first seven contests of the 2017 campaign, allowing well over 200 points in those contests before giving up another 55 to Pinkerton in the shutout.

Longtime Pinkerton coach Brian O'Reilly got the further satisfaction of getting everybody in uniform considerable playing time, with his Astros amassing some 453 total offensive yards on 287 rushing and 166 passing.

All of the PA offense's touchdowns came via the running game, with regulars Terrell Hicks, Ty Hicks,

Gennaro Mara and Avery Battle combining for five of them. Terrell hit pay-dirt twice, and single rushing scores were contributed by reserves Marcus Terrio, Evan Wilson, and Jared Collins.

Those latter three running backs only ran the ball once each, and all of them ended up celebrating with teammates in the end zone after completing those sprints. Wilson scored on a 59-yard jaunt, Terrio scored from 31 yards out, and Collins ran the ball in from seven out.

Pinkerton quarterback Aiden Goujon put the ball up eight times and completed five of those tosses for 159 yards. Two of them were completed to Kayden Baillargeon, who also helped the PA defense to its second shutout of the fall by intercepting two passes.

The academy side now takes aim at completing its 2017 regular season with an 8-1 record when it travels a considerably shorter distance over to Merrimack this Friday night Oct. 27 to take on a host Tomahawks' team which comes in at 4-4.

Astro, Lancer Boy Harriers Run Wild at State JV Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The boys' cross-country programs at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School have had perhaps the most storied histories in their sport over the last 40 years, with a glitter-

ing total of 17 state championships between them since 1981.

And the current PA and LHS boys' cross-country crews added a few pages to their history books last Friday, Oct. 20 in Hudson when they absolutely dominated at the 2017 Division I

Junior Varsity Cross-Country Championships at Alvirne High School.

Longtime Pinkerton coach Mike Clark had his Long Red Line harriers take first place with a scoring total of 25, and Lancers' mentor Matt Smith - who has both run for and coached

at LHS - had his skilled and determined contingent finish as the runner-up squad with a point tally of 38. Keene was a very distant third with a score of 78 in the 15-team event.

Several other results point out the dominance of the rival Pinkerton and Londonderry squads that day. Every one of the first seven finishers of the race - led by Pinkerton's Zach Aham with his time of 18 minutes and 2.26 seconds in becoming the individual champ - was wearing either an Astro or Lancer uniform.

What's more, 14 of the top 25 finishers and 19 of the first 50 were either from PA or LHS.

The title-winning Pinkerton contingent was paced by Aham followed by his teammate and individual runner-up Zach Plaza (18:02.88), Nate Letellier in fourth place (18:10.31), Sam Steiger in sixth (18:11.80), Liam St. Ledger in 12th (18:31.88), Charlie Lavoie in the 17th spot (18:43.73),

Mike Packowski in 20th (18:47.03), Conrad Gende in 21st place (18:49.15), Tony Lacasse in the 23rd slot (18:56.37), and Nick Caputo in 28th (19:09.43).

The runner-up Londonderry crew had Kyle Hoglund finish an excellent third individually (18:09.97), and he was trailed by teammates Levi Nezballa in fifth (18:11.22), Eric Nowak in seventh place (18:15.21), Dylan Hotter in 10th (18:24.75), Chris Burpeau in 13th place (18:32.71), Kyle Wheeler in the 44th spot (19:39.03), Cam Robbins in 46th (19:44.18), Brian Metro in the 48th slot (18:52.28), and William Bieler in 49th (19:56.94).

In the girls' JV championship meet, Bedford took the title (30) with Merrimack second (59), Bishop Guertin of Nashua third (70), Pinkerton fourth (90), and Londonderry seventh (214) out of 11 teams.

The Lady Astros had Katie Boucher finish 11th

(22:55.19), Meghan Robidoux take 15th (23:21.35), Annie Sullivan bag 19th place (23:30.66), Alex Moorehead in 25th (23:49.52), Maddie Burke snag 36th place (24:24.42), Lexi Peet finish 48th (25:10.31), and Olivia Neville wind up 62nd (25:29.63).

As for the Lady Lancers, Gabrielle Page paced the charge by finishing 37th (24:27.62), Delaney Root was 50th (25:12.16), Rachael Cook took 60th (25:28.72), Alyssa Treanor wound up 66th (25:36.10), Abigail Rollinson finished 77th (26:19.57), Emily Hatem ended up 110th (27:43.44), and Ashley Lynch was two spots behind her (27:47.12).

The PA and LHS varsity cross-country crews will face off in Manchester's Derryfield Park this coming Saturday in the D-I championships, with the Pinkerton boys and girls both attempting three-peats.

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Blood Drive

The Derry Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive, which will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, from 2 - 7 p.m. at Upper Village Hall (52 East Derry Road). Pizza will be served. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org and enter sponsor code DERRYFIRE

Basketball Tryouts

Spartans Basketball, will have youth basketball tryouts beginning on Nov. 18 from 9 - 11 a.m. Grade ranges go from 3rd-8th. The 3rd-6th grade tryouts go from 9 - 10 a.m. and 7th-8th grade tryouts go from 10 - 11 a.m. All tryouts will be held at the Sports Zone in Derry, NH.

Trunk-or-Treat

Join us for Trunk-Or-Treat at Londonderry Christian Church Tue. Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m. at 372 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. There will be games, popcorn, tricks & treats! Special gift bags for the first 50 Trunk-Or-Treaters! This is a fun, free event & open to all.

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 craftfaire@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>.

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

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, at 7 p.m. 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 light refreshments. For questions and RSVP (not necessary, but appreciated), please contact Miriam at nhhomeforallrsvp@comcast.net.

The History of the Next 13 Years

On Nov. 16, the Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold the program The History of the Next 13 Years, by Wayne Kurtzman, Research Director for Social and Experiential Solutions at International Development Corporation. Learn where technology is going over the next 13 years, and what implications come from the disruption to almost every aspect of how we work, live and play. See how to leverage it for your family and career - and how the changes have already started. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

Lincoln Visits N.H.

The Amoskeag Questers will host "A Visit with Abraham Lincoln" on Wednesday Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. The event features a living history presentation by Steven Wood on Lincoln's visit to New Hampshire in 1860. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch at merihatch@comcast.net.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. Gianna's Place is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Oct. 28, at the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Avenue, Derry, starting at 5:30 p.m. This event will raise money to open a

home for pregnant women in need in the Derry/Londonderry area. The evening will include an Italian dinner, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Our goal is to provide a safe home, job and life skills training, and a renewed sense of self-worth and independence to pregnant women in crisis. Please visit StGiannasPlace.org for additional information.

Candy Cane Fair

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is having their Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. Free admission and parking. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale table, a white elephant sale along with over 50 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. Please join us.

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