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Plans to Build Tsienneto Road Elderly Community Moves Ahead

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Through months of preparations and meetings with town officials, the Planning Board has finished considering a final review and acceptance of a site plan for an elderly living community to be located at 40 & 42 Tsienneto Road. This discussion took place during the Planning Board's latest meeting on Oct. 3. Despite some concerns, the board decided to approve the project 4-1, with Board Chair David Granese being the only one to oppose it.

The board had several concerns. Board member Jim MacEachern, in particu-

lar, brought up his concerns over the details surrounding: the slope of the proposed road that would lead up the property, the potential traffic concerns that this project might create, and how this project would connect to the town's sewer systems.

He did not have a problem with the plan as a whole. Rather that they lacked specific details about the plan due to several people involved with the project being absent. MacEachern also shared his unease with the potential conflicts that could be created due to the proximity of the property to Rider Field and the upcoming Pinkerton Academy Expansion nearby. That

would see 31 Tsienneto Road converted into a specialized education facility.

Upon discussing the matter during the Oct. 3 meeting, the board had several concerns.

There were also several abutters who shared their own concerns.

Amongst them was Katherine Brand Holt. Brand Holt noted three specific things. She hoped to keep the natural tree lines on her property, which were noted to be reduced from 100 feet to only 15 and whether or not the new project would be connected to town water and sewer, (which it will be). She also

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Downtown Trick-or-Treat in Derry Scheduled for Oct. 27

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The annual Halloween festivities are approaching with many of the loved events in place, as well as some new changes. Sponsored by Derry's Parks and Recreation Department, close to a hundred businesses and non-profits will participate. Kicking off the day at 11 a.m., Veterans Hall will open to hold the Spectacular costume contest and parade with age categories from infants through age 12.

New this year is a family category for families and children who dress in themes. The Parade will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Spookiest and Judges Choice. Trick-

or-treating begins at noon and follows the usual route along West Broadway, continuing onto East Broadway, followed by Crystal Avenue and Hood Commons Plaza. The daytime trick-or-treating wraps up at three p.m. Participating businesses will have orange or teal pumpkin posters.

The Marion Gerrish Community Center will feature Truck or Treat with a Variety of food trucks. The trucks will be cooking up some delicious food for purchase. Also at the center, The Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus will provide music and End 68 Hours of Hunger will be present. Consider donating to end child hunger.

Towards the other end of the route Midgard Comics

and Games, located at 55 Crystal Avenue, has some special treats in store. Jason West, the owner, loves that the festivities fall on Halloween Comicfest. Many of the major comic book creators like Marvel and DC give out free comics during this time.

This year Midgard will be hosting tournaments for games and a costume contest along with passing out free comics. The free comics are available for the youngest readers to those who like their comics more horrifying. West stated, "Our big thing when we opened this comic and game store was we wanted a store that is open, friendly, clean and inviting to all with no pressure." Sounds like a fun

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Perfect Fit Isabella Balsamo, 7, of Derry try's on a police jacket with the help of Derry Police Officer Erin Sullivan last week during an event at the local McDonald's on Crystal Avenue. The event was to support McDonald's across the state in their effort to raise \$50,000 for the New Hampshire Police Chiefs Association. See more on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council OK's Additional Student Resource Officer at Pinkerton

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Keeping students and staff safe at schools in this day and age is becoming a monumental task. Assuring students and their families that they can come to a safe and secure facility day after day gets much harder when

you have a school as large as Pinkerton Academy.

Between its more than 3,000 students and 580 staff members, the task can seem insurmountable at times.

To give Pinkerton a bit more support in this ongoing task, the Town Council met with Derry Police Chief Edward Garone to discuss to

possibility of adding a new School Resource Officer (SRO) to PA during the council's latest meeting on Oct. 2.

According to Garone, Pinkerton has employed an officer from the Derry Police Department to serve as an SRO since 1999.

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Derry Town Council Reviews Progress of Two Committees

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In addition to the Town Council, Derry has plenty of committees and commissions that meet regularly to discuss how to handle the many different aspects that make Derry tick. To keep track of how these groups have been functioning as of late, the council has been meeting with representatives from each group during the council's meetings to discuss these details. The council met with representatives from the Heritage Commission and Economic Development Advisory Committee during the council's latest meeting on Oct. 2.

Heritage Commission

Representing the Heritage Commission (HC) was its Chairperson, Karen Blandford-Anderson. This commission's goal is to preserve Derry's past history for future generations. At the moment they are helping to prepare Derry for its 300th birthday next year. The Tri-centennial will celebrate the founding of the town three centuries ago by Reverend James MacGregor. Melding the birthday with Derryfest and the Fourth of July, the commission and others will be putting together a Founder's Weekend in April that will celebrate the long history of Derry.

Another major task of the HC is trying to purchase

the currently abandoned Association Hall and put it to better use. Located at the corner of the Londonderry Turnpike and Pinkerton Street, the building has served many purposes over the years, including a store, meeting place, post office and even a Masonic Temple. It was also where Robert Frost got his first big break after reading one of his poems to a number of Pinkerton staff. They offered him an English teacher position at the school during the early 1900's. The commission has considered various ideas for how to fund the purchase of the building, as well as how to revitalize it and what to convert it into.

In addition to these major projects, Anderson noted that the commission is also working to encourage more statewide tourism by highlighting Derry's historical significance. The HC is also producing more historical displays around Derry's libraries, schools, and the Derry Municipal Center. The town council had nothing but praise for the commission's efforts. Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores spoke highly about the Derry History Museum. "People should visit the town museum. It's one of the town jewels," she noted. It is run by the HC and it is located inside the historic Adams Memorial Opera House at 29 West Broadway.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) was represented by Committee Chair Elizabeth Circharo, and Vice Chair Christina Gossel. This committee is tasked with creating an environment that attracts robust businesses to Derry and inspires current and future businesses to succeed. The committee's major projects as of late include the Business Owner Forums. These attract business owners from all over Derry to provide advice on how to succeed in today's modern markets.

There is also the Façade Improvement Program,

which offers downtown businesses an opportunity to have the town partially cover the costs of refurbishing their buildings to make them more visually appealing. Finally, there is the work being done on Abbott Court, as town officials have been entertaining various ideas on how to revitalize the rather lackluster property and make it more business friendly. Again, the council praised the committee. Councilor Brian Chirichiello hoped to see more façade improvement work done on Birch Street as well. (The program has actually grown into this area recently.) "I think expanding it would be a good thing to look into," Chirichiello noted.

Pinkerton Academy Names Dean of Institutional Advancement

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Pinkerton Academy (PA) is an ever expanding school, catering to thousands of students from Derry and numerous surrounding towns. With a student body of this size, as well as the 580-person staff, PA must constantly look forward in its planning; to anticipate what the future may hold. This may involve finances, logistics, legislation, or oth-

erwise. The Board of Trustees is always planning and implementing creative strategies to advance and enhance The Academy's mission. The creation of this new position has been in the works for some time. Nevios announced back in the summer that they hoped to have this role as a means of realizing new opportunities for PA that would better both the school and those who attend it. Nevios argued that schools that do

not try to plan ahead years in advance are doomed to fail later down the road.

Interim Headmaster Dr. Timothy Powers and Board of Trustees President Dr. William Nevios announced that David Brown will be filling the brand new position of Dean of Institutional Advancement for the school. "Having Dean Brown lead our efforts in developing PA's new Department of Institutional Advancement; while incor-

porating the PA Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Marketing Communications will assist in supporting and developing PA for the next 200 years", Nevios stated. Brown has a long history of education philanthropy that spans more than 15 years prior to taking on this position. He graduated from Brown University with a BA and from the Kellogg Graduate School at Northwestern University with an MBA;

Brown gained advancement experience from Ithaca College, St. Thomas Episcopal School, and Smith College for Social Work, and Northfield Mount Herman School. Most recently, he served the Assistant Vice President for Individual Giving at Saint Anselm College.

Despite only just having started in the new position, Powers feels confident in giving Brown these tasks. "He has everything we are looking for to fill this position," he stated. Nevios is equally excited about having Brown in this position, feel-

ing that his experience will be incredibly beneficial for PA. "I welcome the opportunity to contribute to PA's effort to further engage with all of its constituents. The school has a proud history and mission and I am thrilled to get started," Brown noted. Amongst the plans proposed at PA for Brown to tackle are: improving campus safety and security, providing better resources for faculty and staff, offering diverse experiences for our students, and building and maintaining excellent facilities.

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Expert to Train Residents on Communicating With Alzheimer's Patients

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One of the worst fears that many elderly people and those closest to them have is developing the currently-incurable Alzheimer's disease. One man is hoping to share his own experience with the disease to help those close to patients with Alzheimer's communicate more effectively with them. Charlie Zoeller will be holding a presentation entitled Alzheimer's and Effective Communication Strategies at the Derry Public Library from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Nov.

14. For more information and to register, contact Liz Ryan at 432-6140.

Zoeller has spent years dealing with Alzheimer's patients, including working for and volunteering with the Alzheimer's Association, which serves as the largest non-profit fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease research. It was started in 1980 by Jerome H. Stone after his wife was diagnosed with the disease. The organization has grown exponentially over the years. It has already awarded more than \$435 million to over 2,900 scientific investigations since 1982.

The group hosts The Walk to End Alzheimer's, also known as the largest event in the world to bring awareness to Alzheimer's care. Although Zoeller is retired, he still considers himself a representative of the group. "I'm doing this as an ambassador", Zoeller noted.

Affecting roughly 5.7 million Americans of all ages, the chronic neurodegenerative disease does not even have a fully understood cause. Perceived risk factors can range from genetics and head injuries, to depression and hypertension. What really tends to

spook people about Alzheimer's are its symptoms. The gradual impact of the disease can lead to memory loss, speech problems, confusion and irritability, and even eventual physical impairments. Those diagnosed with the disease can expect to live anywhere from three to nine years. The real challenge is how to care for and communicate with the patient as they try to cope with the disease. This is what Zoeller will focus on. As the disease gets worse and worse, simply speaking with the patient can be a challenge in itself. During

the early stages, the effects are not significant, but do include bouts of forgetfulness and confusion. He suggests that those close to the patient be open and upfront about their willingness to help them as the disease progresses.

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's, the patient begins to lose their abilities to speak, read, and comprehend things. Zoeller suggests that those close to them speak slowly, be patient, and avoid asking complex, challenging questions. Finally, during the late stages of the disease, the patient will be com-

pletely reliant on a caregiver and most likely lack any ability to speak. Zoeller recommends focusing on other senses to get their attention, such as showing them music, foods, and photographs that would remind them of people or places from their past. He also noted that the progress of the disease can also have a major impact on one's pride, so it is important to try and keep them in a positive mood throughout all of this. "There can be a heavy loss of self-esteem and self-confidence as the disease progresses," Zoeller stated.

Upper Room Has Support Group for Parents Separated From Children

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Amongst the variety of programs offered by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is the Division for Children, Youth & Families (DCYF). Its primary goal is to provide family-centered services with the aim of meeting the needs of parents and their children while hopefully strengthening the family system in the process. The division does whatever it can to keep fam-

ilies together and provide children with a stable environment to grow and learn in. The process can be emotionally-straining for anyone working their way through it. The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center, recently announced the formation of their new Reflections program to tackle the needs of these families.

It is held on Monday nights from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at The Upper Room. The program serves as a support group for families

working with DCYF. It primarily focuses around the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who are interacting with the court system and the State of New Hampshire. Being involved with the division can mean a number of things; whether a child needs to be put under state protection, be required to use Juvenile Justice Services, be placed with a caregiver or foster home, or be adopted to another family. The staff of The Upper Room understands that those trying to visit with

their children need to understand how the process works and need help with how to navigate supervised visits. "As a family resource center, we recognized a need: families trying to parent while involved with DCYF have a need for judgment-free support, education about the DCYF system, and to learn about the court process," Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg noted.

"Understanding supervised visits and how to have successful ones, knowing

what will be expected as far as hearings or court appearances, and being able to speak with other parents in the same situation, are ways we can support these families. Families involved with DCYF may be facing perhaps their biggest challenge, and they want to protect their children, and we're providing support for them" says program coordi-

nator Michelle Moraros, M.S." This all coincides with the overall goal of The Upper Room, which is to strengthen individuals and families by providing them with the education and resources needed to lead, healthy, self-sufficient lives. For more information contact The Upper Room at 437-8477, or visit their website: urteachers.org.

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Editorial

A Change in the Landscape

For many of us who 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 and these days to avoid construction.

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 multistory 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.

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, 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 than others, we can rest assured that safety and traffic concerns will grow as well. What are towns willing 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 multifamily 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? Do we need more connector roads to act like a relief valve? 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 to you. Hold those hired, appointed, and elective officials accountable for their decisions from town to state, after all they answer to you not you to them.



Trick or Treat

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stop on the route. From 6-7:30 that evening, Trunk-or-Treat will take place at 5 Tinkham Avenue in Derry. There will be face painting, a petting zoo and of course more candy!

Recreation Coordinator Nicole Ferrante believes the event is wonderful for the community. "This event is a great way for people to get acclimated to what is actually available right here in Derry. Sometimes people may leave town for a certain thing, not realizing there is a small business right here where they could find that item. The event captures the fact that businesses and non-profits work collaboratively with the town and the community."

Ferrante states that the event is great for all ages,



and gives people a chance to try some new eateries along the route as well. She is asking for event attendees to hashtag their photos with #DERRYPUMKINPARADE.

Downtown trick-or-treat bags and maps can be picked up at 31 West Broadway at the recreation office or at the Derry Public Library starting October fifth.

Planning Board

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voiced her fears about the amount of development going on in Derry and how that may cause far more traffic for her.

Applicants David and Mary Ann Fraser will create a 30 unit assisted living community for residents 55 or older. Titled as Lifestyle Homes of NH, Inc., the applicant went before the Zoning Board earlier this year; where the matter of frontage on the parcel was

discussed. The Planning Board also discussed this during their Sept. 19 meeting. The matters of how the project would be connected to Derry's water and sewer systems were brought up. A number of residents voiced their concerns over the impact of the project. Since that meeting, the Planning Board has done a site walk of the area to get a better idea of what kind of impact would entail from this build.

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abutters who shared their own concerns. Amongst them was Katherine Brand Holt. Brand Holt noted three specific things. She hoped to keep the natural tree lines on her property, which were noted to be reduced from 100 feet to only 15 and whether or not the new project would be connected to town water and sewer, which it would be. She also voiced her fears about the amount of development going on in Derry and how that may cause far more traffic for her.

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Local Police Help Kick Off McDonald's Fundraising Efforts



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On Wednesday Oct. 3, McDonald's across the state began their efforts of raising \$50,000 in funds to donate to the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. The 54 McDonald Restaurants in the Granite State were donating a percentage of that evening meal sales to the Chief's Association.

The money that was raised through the event will be assisting law enforcement with training and

continued development of community relations.

During the kick-off event at the Crystal Avenue location, local police vehicles were available for children crawl through and examine. A number of Derry Police officers were also there to answer questions, and talk with people at the McDonald's.

Also that night, Derry Police Lieutenant Jonathan Breen was honored with the Community Policing Award. Breen was dominated for the award by Derry Police Chief Ed Garone, who was

also present a certificate by Store Manager Kristin Coffey during the event.

Other community members that attended the event included: Miss Kingston, Jana El-Sayed; Miss Winnepesauki Outstanding Teen,

Abigail Conard; Miss Greater Nashua Outstanding Teen, Jady Smith; Derry Police Capt. George Feole, and Derry Police officers Jeffrey Pike and Erin Sullivan.

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Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Need More Food Donations

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The Sonshine Soup Kitchen (SSK) is in desperate need for donations to keep feeding the hungry. Now in their twenty-ninth year of service, SSK has settled into the new location they purchased at 6 Crystal Avenue. This location offers more space than its previous location in the basement of the First Baptist Church on the corner of Crystal Avenue and East Broadway. The building contains a small area (nicknamed the Thrift Shop) where patrons can browse through clothing available free of charge. There is a storage area in the basement to house donated goods, a walk-in freezer, and a nice kitchen for preparing meals and of course a dining room. The operation is non-profit entirely funded by

donations of cash and goods and is run by three part-time staff with an army of over 2000 volunteers from more than thirty towns.

SSK supports young families, the elderly, veterans, people with low wage jobs and homeless people. Last year they served over eleven thousand full dinners five nights a week. With numbers that high the need for donations increases. SSK is thankful for their loyal donors such as The Exchange Club of Salem that donated ten thousand meals last year. SSK receives assistance with fresh food from the NH Food Bank and takes pride in serving healthy food. During my tour of the facility, I noticed the freezer was running very low and many of the shelves for canned goods were empty. Staff at SSK remains hopeful that

Derry residents will continue to support the organization as they have generously in years past. Office Manager Ray Bonin compares the flow of donations at this time of year to the revenue of a retail store. "Like a retail business that makes seventy-five percent of its income for the year in the few months before the Holidays, seventy-five percent of our donations come in all at once from October to the end of the year. People's conscience awakens and donations flood in."

With such a short time to stock up for the year, SSK is not shy about asking for help. Currently, SSK has a need for paper goods, plastic ware, canned chicken, fruit juice and cereal. There are many ways to help, from donating gift cards to local stores, sponsoring meals for the night, or donating to the



Pictured are volunteers, from left to right, Cheryle Perry, Vanessa Montgomery, Marilyn Bernstein, Clint Perry in back Elaine Wyatt Mary Scourick behind Mary Is Chairperson and volunteer Loyd Wagoner
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power bill or mortgage. "Most importantly, SSK needs cash donations," stresses Chairperson and volunteer Lloyd Wagoner. Wagoner reminds donors that their gifts of cash, clothing or food are tax deductible and receipts are given without donors having

to ask. Wagoner says, "Feel the holiday spirit and donate. Then tell your friends or someone who may need a meal to come on down to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen and we will be happy to serve them." Other items in need can be found on their website at

www.sonshinesoupkitchen.org. Office hours are Monday through Friday 1-6 p.m. Thrift Shop hour's 2:30 - 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Meals served at 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. To donate or volunteer call 603 437 2833.

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Due to the increase in students, staff, and the number of facilities on campus, a new SRO is needed to more easily manage these increasing demands. Due to staffing and financial constraints, the Police Department has been pursuing alternate funding

methods for a second full-time SRO, including having PA pay for it. Unfortunately, Garone notes that this is not an option. "We do not have the ability, currently to do that from a staffing standpoint", Garone stated.

The agreement between the Town of Derry and PA is to have one full-time SRO stationed at PA per usual;

but now also employ a part-time SRO that can only stay at PA for a maximum of 60 days across each school year. As the police department is currently looking for more staff, the second, part-time SRO may have to leave PA on days where they are scheduled to be present. Garone noted that in this case, Pinkerton will have to

pay less for the service. Overall, the department is looking for seasoned officers that the department knows can work well independently for the position. They will be working on handling cybercrime investigations, as well as standard patrolling. Garone also noted that the role of these SROs is also for the sake of outreach. That is to create a stronger relationship between students and the department. "We get great cooperation from the student body," he noted. The proposition made by the police

department was unanimously approved.

Former Town Councilor Thomas Cardon spoke to the council during the proceedings. Although he felt that the plan was solid, he also feels that Pinkerton's sending schools should chip in for emergency services such as this. The council responded that this is already the case. The costs of these services are rolled into Pinkerton's overall operational costs. Councilor Joshua Bourdon spoke to thank the council for their speed in taking on this plan.

Upon mentioning the possibility of funding it through grants, Garone and Council Chair James Morgan noted that grants would only be a short-term solution, and that this plan would cover a much longer period. Finally, Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores noted that she thinks that the plan is necessary considering the expansions of Pinkerton as of late. She stated "There's so many buildings, and there's so many kids up there. There's one full-time officer. Is that enough?"



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40 and 8: These are Significant Numbers to Legion Post

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With over 14,000 posts worldwide and a membership 2.4 million strong, the American Legion has been focused on service to veterans, service members, and communities for nearly a century.

Since 1919, the Legion has influenced significant change in the United States, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, and produced many important programs for children and youth.

One local post, the Lester W. Chase Post 9 in Derry, named after local WWI veteran Lester W. Chase (who was killed in combat and buried in France), works to better the community year round through fundraisers, ceremonies, and more. However, there exists a lesser known organization which also strives to aid the people and preserve the history of its community.

Since 1920, the Forty and Eight has been "a fun and honor society" dedicat-

ed to promoting the well-being of veterans and their families and honoring those who served. In addition to these noble acts, the Forty and Eight also actively participates in projects which help promote the welfare of American children and fortifying nursing students with scholarships, among other charitable endeavors.

And these endeavors don't just benefit the members of the immediate community. Very recently, the Forty and Eight joined forces with the American

Legion Post 9 of Derry to help the people of South Carolina affected by hurricane Florence. Members collected food, toiletries, and a generator and packed them onto a pickup truck to drive down to people in need.

According to Anthony Travia, Correspondent for the Forty and Eight of New Hampshire, the organization used to be a part of the American Legion. However, when the Legion moved to a new meeting place, the Forty and Eight were not invited to move with them. Now the Forty and Eight exists as a separate organization, but still supports the efforts of the Legion, even working side by side on occasion.

The meaning of the organization's name dates back to World War I. To thank the United States for assisting them in the war, the French sent box cars to the US filled with gifts to be distributed to the people of each state. These box cars were built to carry either 40 men or 8 horses, hence the inspiration for the name of the Forty and Eight.

The Forty and Eight takes part in various ceremonies, one of which took place at the Merci Box Car, one of the box cars that was sent to the United States from France, on Sunday,

September 30.

Travia recounted the events of the annual ceremony commemorating the historic token of wartime gratitude at the Merci Box Car, which has been preserved over the decades and is now displayed in Manchester. The Forty and Eight joined the Derry American Legion Post 9 in speaking at the ceremony, with Forty and Eight member, Joe Di Chiaro closing the ceremony in prayer.

"We hold it right at the box car, and you can actually see (it) through three big picture windows," said Travia. "There aren't too many left in pristine condition."

Travia stated that the ceremony of the Forty and Eight was mainly about conserving a significant moment in history, and commented on how its audience has been diminishing as the years have gone by.

Much like the American Legion Posts throughout the state, part of the mission of the Forty and Eight is to work to preserve history. Sadly, as its members get older, the risk of priceless moments in history being forgotten rises with their age.

"I'm over seventy, but I'm the baby!" Travia stated. "When I go to these meetings I feel like a little kid.

(The members) are all in their eighties and nineties."

Travia explained that in order to become a part of the Forty and Eight, prospective members must first be invited by an existing member. Then, those invited must complete an application, and then finally be voted in by the rest of the organization.

"I think that's why it's dying off, because they don't recruit," Travia said.

When asked if outsiders may express interest to be invited in or to help keep the organization's efforts going in any way, Travia said that he would have to discuss the matter with more seasoned members. Travia further mentioned that any questions regarding the Forty and Eight can be directed to him, and they will be forwarded through the proper channels.

Travia further added that those who would like to visit the Merci Box Car, for school or scout field trips or simply to enjoy a piece of history, need only contact him a couple of days in advance and he can arrange a time to allow small parties in to see it.

For more information about the Forty and Eight, visit their Facebook page, "40 & 8 NH." Anthony Travia can be reached via message through the group, or at (603) 425-6297.



More Improvement

Beaver Lake Improvement Association members Wynie and Lou Vorsteveld and Kevin Dudley participating in one of association's many community and civic projects as BLIA members made their way around Beaver Lake picking up trash Saturday morning, Oct. 6. Beaver Lake was honored by being featured in this month's edition of the N.H. Lakes newsletter "Member Matters." BLIA President Steven Anthony said, "This is a testament of all the hard work that the Board of Directors and members do throughout the year. Out of 1,000 lakes in N.H., BLIA rose to the top for everything we do in and around the lake. The

thrust of the reference to BLIA was the pitch about the social aspects - Instagram, Facebook, lake activities and to have more social events to create a community. BLIA has done just that and it's paying off." Others participating in the clean-up were Dave Rivard, Mike Lucci, Rich Christian, Eric LeFleur and Anthony. While these BLIA folks were picking up trash, and members Jane and Joe Troy for painting the catch basins around the lake. The group wants to remind people around the lake that over 100 of these catch basins drain directly to the lake, and are not sewers, so don't dump anything in them - only rain water.

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The Good Witch of Derry Returns to Derry Public Library

LYNN THOMAS
NUTFIELD NEWS

April Lynn Kelley was born on Halloween and has taken it seriously ever since she was a child. Her family always collected lots of costumes and her mother would hand make them. Her love for Halloween transformed into charity a few years ago.

April decided to give back to the community by donating used costumes to those who could not afford to purchase costumes. “I realized the cost of getting costumes was astronomical for some families and thought if there is a way I can help, I will. I put infor-

mation out in the community to request used costumes and got a great response.”

Residents of Derry, Londonderry and surrounding towns all began to drop off costumes for April to donate.

Three years ago April coined the name “The Good Witch of Derry” and began holding events twice a year at the Marion Gerish Community Center where both children and adults could try on and take costumes. April loves to wear her witch costume at the events.

Last year, April transitioned the location to the Children’s Room at the

Derry Public Library (DPL) on the lower level because it just made sense. DPL hosted an event two weeks ago with about fifty people attending to shop for costumes and hear Halloween stories.

April mentioned how sweet it was to see two young brothers leave the event in Batman costumes because they were too excited to take off the costumes. The Good Witch got emotional talking about two foster mothers who came, one with three small children who had been placed for emergency care, and the other with older shy young teens. She expressed how happy she was to see all the kids’ faces light up. The fact that she could do something to help was the reason she continues to don the Witch hat and hold events.

Ray Fontaine, the director of the Children’s Room at DPL says of the events, “It is just such a nice event to see people

care about the community. It is a thoughtful way for people to donate costumes and put them to good use for the benefit of the children.” This past spring, April and the DPL hosted a Halfway to Halloween event complete with a bubble machine, crafts, and story time as a way to collect more donated costumes. April believes that hundreds of people have participated in the events over the last three years and is very thankful to all the costume donors.

The DPL will again host a Costume Giveaway with the Good Witch of Derry on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the meeting area of the Children’s Room on the lower level.

This event is open to residents from any town, and anyone interested in receiving or donating a costume may attend. Anyone with questions may contact Ray Fontaine at the DPL at rayf@derrypl.org.



The “Good Witch” April Lynn Kelley sorts through some of the hundreds of costumes she gave away last year at the Derry Public Library. Photo by Chris Paul

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Goes on a Winning Streak to Hit 9-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The frustration and anger on the faces of coach Kerry Boles and the members of his Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad following their Sept. 22 Mack Plaque loss at Londonderry was all kinds of obvious. But good teams are able to channel such emotions into positive things.

And in their four matches following the loss to Londonderry's Lancers, Boles' bunch bagged four wins - three of them in shutout style - to advance their 2018 record to 9-3 in tough Division I.

The third and fourth successes in that winning streak came last week when the Astros downed Exeter by a 3-1 tally and then Bishop Guertin in a 5-0 blanking.

In the besting of Exeter in Derry on Wednesday, Oct. 3, Pinkerton held a 1-0 lead at halftime, built its advantage up to 2-0 in the second half, and wound up winning by a pair of markers.

Alex Beaulieu was set up by Henry Andrews on the lone goal of the first half at the 21-minute mark. But Hunter Rathburn took a feed from Andrews some 25 minutes into the second half and disposed of the ball in the Blue Hawks' cage to make it a 2-0 contest.

Exeter answered five minutes later, but Andrews continued his big point-getting day by tallying off of a pass from Nate Polyukhovich to get the hosts to the 3-1 final score. PA goalie Max Fairbank contributed five saves to the PA cause.

"This was not an ideal performance, but it was enough to get by today," stated coach Boles. "Although it wasn't pretty at times, I'm pleased with this result. We are still making careless and unforced errors, and that will be tough to overcome in the tournament if we don't clean that up."

The Astros then made the short road trip over to

Nashua on Friday the 5th to take on a scuffling Bishop Guertin bunch. And the final result was a lopsided, 5-0 Pinkerton success after the locals busted a scoreless tie in the second half in a big way.

Sophomore Will D'Amico was huge for his PA side, potting three goals and assisting on one other. He and his teammates tallied no less than three times during a four-minute span in half number two.

"We started slow but we were able to collect ourselves at halftime and then play as a team in the second half and finish the game strong," said Boles. "I hope we learn from this because we can't play 40-minute games and hope to advance in the playoffs. This is a smart group of kids, so I think they'll figure it out."

D'Amico netted the first two goals of the second half, Rathburn then bagged the third, and D'Amico tickled the twine a third time before sophomore Brendan Hanlon notched his first varsity goal to close the scoring.

Alex Rust, Polyukhovich, Mac Johnson, Trevor Demers, and D'Amico regis-



Pinkerton defender Rob Douglas has his kick all lined up during a recent Astros' contest. Douglas and his teammates have been a force of late as they aim to finish high in the D-I standings. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Academy Fishermen Take 10th Spot at State Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's two-man bass fishing squad ended up finishing a modest 10th in its first trip to the

state championships at Lake Sunapee recently.

Astros Asher Wood and Logan Berube wound up with a total catch weight of 1.19 pounds at the event, which featured 11 squads

from across the Granite State.

The Kearsarge Regional crew from Sutton claimed the state title with Windham second and host Sunapee third.

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Pinkerton Football Trounces Timberlane in Plaistow, 44-10

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

There was no reason to think that the Pinkerton

Academy football squad would receive a significant challenge from the struggling Timberlane Regional High Owls in Plaistow last

Friday night, Oct. 5. After all the Owls have only been able to bag one win this year.

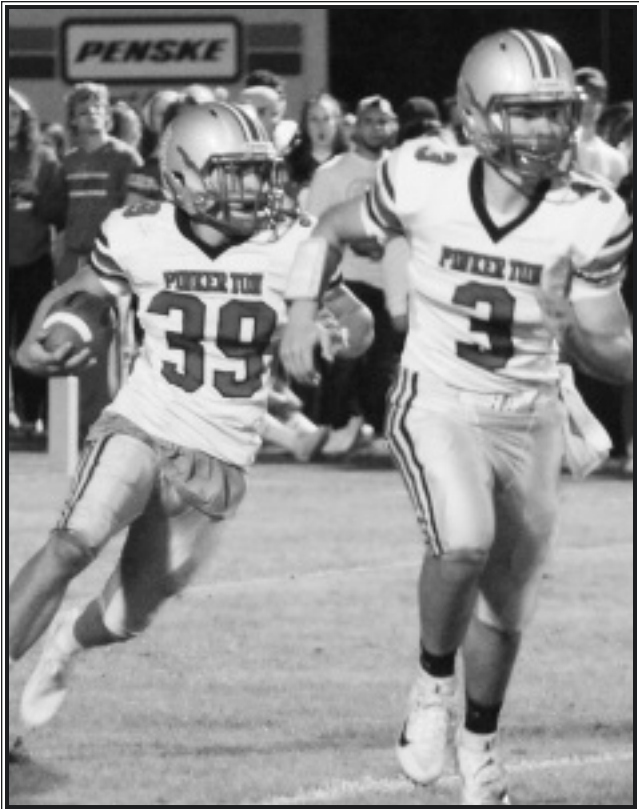
So the Astros were easily able to push their 2018 record up to a superb 5-1 with a 44-10 hammering of the now 1-5 Owls while the biggest D-I news was being made over at Londonderry High School at the same time. At LHS, the Lancers also moved to 5-1 with a tight victory over the undefeated defending state champions from Winnacunnet of Hampton.

Longtime PA coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros went about their business of walloping their hosts by driving to a 30-2 advantage by half-time and adding 14 more unanswered points in the third quarter.

The victorious locals tallied points in all three phases of the game, notching scores on offense, defense, and special teams in advancing to 5-1.

The academy side was up 14-2 at the end of one period thanks to a 10-yard scoring sprint by senior half-back Nick Lombard, who soon thereafter reached the end zone again on a 35-yard punt return. Timberlane bagged its points on a safety, but PA built its lead up to a commanding 30-2 thanks to a pair of scoring sprints by Gennaro Marra and a field

goal in quarter two. The visitors added third quarter scores by Owen McCormack on a 30-yard interception return and a 45-yard run from scrimmage by Jake MacInnis while their defense busied itself with frustrating the host Owls at nearly every turn. And when the game was complete, Pinkerton had 294 rushing and total yards to feel good about while its defense held Timberlane to a paltry 98 and negative rushing yardage. Marra managed 114 rushing yards on seven carries to lead the way. The Astros likely won't have much of a challenge this coming Friday night the 12th when they travel to the seacoast to face the 1-5 Portsmouth-Oyster River contingent.



Pinkerton running back Gennaro Marra looks for some space as quarterback Aiden Goujon blocks for him during recent action. Photo by Chris Paul

PA Girls' Volleyball Struggles, Slips to 8-6 on the Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's said that the only way to become the best is to play the best. But the Pinkerton Academy girls' volleyball squad struggled in matches with two of the top teams in Division I last week in seeing its record slip to 8-6.

The Lady Astros were bested by the 11-2 Exeter High Blue Hawks and then the 10-2 Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals in moving to 2-3 in their last five contests.

In the home match against Exeter on Wednesday Oct. 3, the academy squad dropped sets one and two by scores of 25-23 and 26-24 but battled back to keep the match going with a 25-17 success in game three. However, the Lady Blue Hawks stifled the Lady Astros' hopes of a full comeback by winning set four by a 25-21 margin in ending the match.

The hosts got 24 digs and 14 kills from Amelia Graves, 23 assists from Ella



Lady Astros' sophomore volleyball standout Reese Asselin bumps the ball up during a recent match. Photo by Chris Paul.

Dandrade, 24 digs from Reese Asselin, and 14 service points with five aces from Ella Koelb in a losing effort. with two aces from Dandrade and 17 digs and seven kills from Graves.

But Royce's roster wasn't able to snare even a single set from tough Bishop Guertin in Nashua on Friday the 5th, with the Lady Cardinals registering game wins of 25-22, 25-16, and 25-21.

The locals received 16 assists and 11 service points

Stepping into this week the Lady Astros were looking at perhaps a moderate challenge from a scuffling Merrimack High contingent in Derry on Wednesday the 10th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by another huge test against the undefeated Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers in Hollis this Friday.

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PA Field Hockey Continues Surge Toward D-I Post-Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy field hockey squad continued to look every bit like a powerhouse last week, continuing its winning streak and a muscular surge toward the post-season with no less than three more victories.

Coach Katie Van Nostrand's talented and determined crew pushed its league record up to a glittering 11-1 with those three successes. And in continuing to win the local squad bagged consecutive victories four, five, and six since its lone 2018 loss to Windham way back on Sept. 15.

The Lady Astros continued to solidify their superb

status in the Division I standings with an absolute blowout of Bedford on that opponent's home field on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Pinkerton tickled the twine on the inside of the Bedford net no less than five times in the first half and added two more tallies in the second half on the way to a 7-1 success. The academy squad became 9-1 with the victory and Bedford slid to 1-9.

The locals received two goals from Lauren Lisauskas and one each from Abby Jowett, Julia Samiotes, and Emma Johnston. Assists were bagged by Johnston, Samiotes, and Ava Dorci (two).

Bedford bagged its lone goal to start the second half

but the Lady Astros got two markers from Taylor Marchman with Jewett assisting on one to get to the 7-1 final score. PA goalie Khaliyah Ellis contributed some eight saves to the lopsided success.

Coach Van Nostrand's academy crew then stepped back on its home field the next afternoon and claimed a 2-1 success over a Concord High Crimson squad which moved to 6-5-1 with its road loss.

Justine Doyle (from Marchman) and Dorci potted the two first half goals to send their side to halftime with a 2-0 lead, with Concord trimming its deficit in half in the second but getting no closer. Keeper Ellis notched another eight saves in that successful match.

And the host Keene High Lady Blackbirds weren't able to derail the

white-hot Lady Astros in their match in Keene last Friday, Oct. 5, with the locals bringing home a 3-1 success to move to a glittering 11-1 on the campaign.

All of the goals were netted in the first half, with PA taking a 3-0 lead thanks to the accurate shots of Lily Auger (from Dorci off of a corner), Lisauskas (from Auger), and Marchman (from Auger). Pinkerton received four saves from net-minder Ellis.

With its winning streak now six matches long the academy crew rolled into this, the final week of the regular season, facing a pair of opponents with sub-.500 records. On Wednesday the 10th it was a home contest with Nashua South - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a ride to Exeter two days later.



Taylor Marchman has been a significant contributor for the PA field hockey squad during its excellent 2018 campaign.
Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 1



Gannon Fast, Senior, Football

Often a game-changer on offense, speedy Mr. Fast tallied several quarterback sacks and numerous tackles against Timberlane to help his Astros win 44-10.



Lily Auger, Junior, Field Hockey

This standout has given her Lady Astros strong defensive and offensive games throughout the season. She is a utility player, going wherever her team needs her and excelling.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

PA Golfers Complete Regular Season in Style

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy golf squad completed its 2018 regular season last week with a strong performance which left it with an excellent 17-4 final record to contemplate during the eight-day break between that match and the Division I championships this week.

Coach Jeff Sojka - who entered the 2018 season having lost a number of key athletes from his successful 2017 crew - knew that this fall's contingent had a bunch of talented golfers who had been waiting for their chances on the varsity level.

And he also knew there were plenty of reasons for excitement and optimism.

There was plenty of both which led to success for the 2018 Astros during their regular season, which came to a close last Tuesday, Oct. 2 on the Hoodcroft Country Club links in Derry with yet another victory.

Sojka's squad shot a 202 to defeat Spaulding of Rochester and its team tally of 209. Manchester Memorial also competed but did not finish in the sloppy, soaking weather.

"Impressive scores by both teams in the cold,

steady rain on a soaked course," said the PA mentor.

The Astros were paced by Cam Leppert and his score of 39 with Matt MacDougall and Nick Tufts each tallying a 40, Kyle Raspuzzi shooting a 41, and Zak Kahn registering a 42.

With his team rolling toward the team championships on The Oaks Golf Links in Somersworth this Thursday Oct. 11, coach Sojka had a chance to muse on the work of his 2018 crew in the wake of the Oct. 2 home battle.

"I would have to say that I am extremely pleased, but

not surprised how the team has played this season," he said. "17-4 is a tremendous record, and we have lost some close matches to good teams and won some close matches against good teams and have played consistently well throughout the season. We are starting to play our best golf of the year now as we get more playing time under our belts and move toward the tournament. I knew these golfers would be eager to show their talents at the varsity level, and they have more than lived up to my lofty expectations for them."

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Lady Astro Soccer Crew Scuffles in its Hunt for Victories



Katie Ziniti (4) was the PA girls' soccer squad's scorer during the tie with BG. *Photos by Chris Pantazis*

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Wins have not come easily for the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad of late as that crew attempts to make progress in the extremely tight Division I standings.

Rolling into this week the Lady Astros had one win, one loss, and two ties in their four most recent contests to place their record at a solid 7-3-2 overall.

Coach Danielle St. Pierre's academy charges squeaked out a one-goal win against Manchester Memorial on the road during the middle of last week but then had to settle for a 1-1 deadlock with the struggling Bishop Guertin High bunch in Derry several days later.

The Lady Astros bagged a 1-0 victory - their first success in their last three

matches - at Manchester Memorial High School last Wednesday, Oct. 3 in moving to 7-3-1 on the campaign.

Sam Franks gave her squad the only tally her team would require to win the contest on a set-up from Adria Forand. Reagan Kolinski contributed two saves to her side's sixth shutout of 2018.

Pinkerton then played host to a Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals' contingent on Friday the 5th which was scuffling mightily. Since starting its campaign with a 3-1 record the Nashua-based team had gone 0-3-1 rolling into the Friday match.

When that Oct. 5 contest was complete the visiting BG bunch was still seeking its first win in several weeks, but it was able to hang its team hat on the fact that it didn't let Pinkerton win either in a 1-1 tie.

The home-standing Lady Astros had their lone goal by Katie Ziniti set up by Mattie Sullivan as Pinkerton rebounded from a 1-0 deficit. Keeper Kolinski was credited with six stops.

With the Division I schedule rolling down the academy kickers came into this week looking at a slate of two games. Those includ-



Sophomore midfielder Lauren Morse tries to gain control of the bouncing ball during the PA tie with BG.

ed a road trip to Merrimack this Tuesday the 9th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home match against the Dover High Green Wave on Friday the 12th.

Merrimack's Lady Tomahawks stepped into the Tuesday battle with a 7-4-1 record and wins in three of its four most recent contests,

and Dover was 3-5 with a 2-1 mark in its last three games going into Friday play.

The academy contingent will close out its 2018 regular season next week with a road match at Keene High School followed by a home battle with the Windham High School Lady Jaguars with the tourney close.

**Trick or treat
Safety Tips**

REMINDER!
Derry's town wide
trick or treating will
take place on
October 31st from
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

- 1) Walk with a trusted adult - NEVER walk alone
- 2) Look both ways before crossing the street
- 3) Watch for traffic! Walk with a flashlight, glow sticks, etc.
- 4) Use reflective material on costumes and bags so drivers can see you
- 5) DO NOT enter anyone's home unless you are with a trusted adult
- 6) Make sure costumes are short to prevent tripping - make sure you can see through masks
- 7) Only give and accept wrapped candy and treats
- 8) Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know
- 9) Parents should examine all candy before allowing children to eat it
- 10) DO NOT go to house without lights on

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Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth

On Nov. 7 the Amoskeag Mills Questers will present "Brothels, Booze, and Badges in Portsmouth, 1895-1913" hosted by Dr. David "Lou" Ferland, Portsmouth, N.H. Chief of Police (Retired), Executive Director- U.S. Police Canine Assoc., and Adjunct Professor SNHU. He will be appearing in a historic police uniform, Dr. Ferland will present a visual history of crime and law enforcement through the facts and lore of Portsmouth, NH. The event is free and open to the public and begins at 10 a.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Contact Meredith Hatch 434-8673 for more information.

Farm Day

Open Farm Day here at Patch Wood Farm, in Sandown on Oct. 20, from noon - 4 p.m. Our Hooves, Paws and Claws 4H Club will have a raffle table, bake sale, petting zoo and pony rides to support their club and the horse rescue efforts of Patch Wood Farm. They will also showcase their dog obedience skills at 1:30pm. I have attached our flyer with all our activities for that day

Democrat Meeting

The Derry Democratic Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. We will be meeting on Oct. 25 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marriion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. This is our last meeting before the election Nov. 6. Let's make sure we are all doing all we can to help our candidates. All are welcome.

My Big Fat Monster Wedding

Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus (RNH) has an upcoming musical stage production, My Big Fat Monster Wedding. Set for Saturday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., the show promises a host of ghoulish characters in

their best attire for the wedding of the century between Frankenstein and his bride, Constance. The show will feature contemporary and a capella favorites. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors and are on sale now by calling 800-696-7351 or visiting the web site at www.rnhchorus.org.

Fire Open House

On Saturday, Oct. 13 the Derry Fire Department will host their annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. The event will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Derry's Central Fire Station, located near the traffic circle on Route 102. Activities and Demonstrations include: Pictures with Sparky the Fire Dog, Live Fire Extinguisher Training - for all ages, Fire Apparatus Tours, Fire Safety Trailer, Put out the Fire Prop using a Real fire hose, Home Fire Safety Live Fire Demonstrations, Pizza provided.

Appliance Recycling

Eversource & NH Saves are partnering with your local transfer station so you can drop off any of the following working appliances at your local transfer station at NO COST on Oct. 13: Refrigerators, Freezers, Air conditioners, Dehumidifiers Can't make it? Visit NHSaves.com/recycle or <http://nhsaves.com/programs/refrigerator-recycling> to learn more.

DVS Color Run

On Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon - 2 p.m. The Derry Village school will be hosting its first-ever color run. The money will go toward things like field trips, cultural arts, events like our holiday fair, and the ice cream social just to name a few. The kids will run a one-mile loop around Derry Village School and the neighboring middle school while getting color thrown at them. We are going to have a DJ to pump the kids up and celebrate fitness & reaching goals together. I have invited the Derry Fire Department so the

kids will have the opportunity to "touch-a-truck" before or after their run. This is going to be quite the celebration and is not to be missed!

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner on Oct. 14 from 5-6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Dinner on Oct. 20 from 5-6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's, call for more information at 434-4767; Dinner on Oct. 21 from 5-6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, call for more information at 432-0004; Dinner on Oct. 26 from 5-6:30 p.m. at First Parish Church, call for more information at 434-0628; Breakfast on Oct. 28 from 9-10 a.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Lunch on Oct. 28 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Church, call for more information at 432-3333; Dinner on Nov. 11 from 5-6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Dinner on Nov. 17 from 5-6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's church, call for more information at 434-4767; Breakfast on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. - 1p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Lunch on Nov. 25 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Church, call for more information at 432-3333; Dinner on Nov. 30 from 5-6:30 p.m., at First Parish, call for more information at 434-0628; Dinner on Dec. 9 from -6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 5432-2130; Dinner on Dec. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's church, call for more information at 434-4767; Breakfast on Dec. 23 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, call for

more information at 432-0004; Dinner on Dec. 28 from 5-6:30 p.m., at First Parish, call for more information at 434-0628; Lunch on Dec. 30 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, call for more information at 432-3333. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com. Important Thanksgiving Notice: Please call the Salvation Army (603-434-7790) in October to sign up for a free turkey. Limited supply.

Voter Checklist Session

Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Derry Municipal Center. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to register new voters, receive name, address, and party changes from voters, approve applications for voter registration, and approve changes to the voter checklist. This is the last opportunity to register to vote or make changes before the Nov. 6 general election. Voters can register to vote or make changes to their registration at the polls on election day. Applications to register to vote or to make changes to a registration may also be completed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours. Voters can check their registrations on the voter checklist in the Public Research Room on the first floor of the Municipal Center or at the Derry Public Library or online at <https://app.sos.nh.gov>

Senior Trip

The Hampstead Seniors are going to Foxwoods Casino. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24. The bus will be leaving St. Anne's parking lot 7:30 a.m. Sign up for the trip will be on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the Meeting House, 20 Emerson Avenue. Signup will be 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The trip is cash only payable at the sign up and the cost per person is \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Hampstead Seniors are given first choice and all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residency is required and age restriction is 62 years or older. For more information please call 603-489-1664.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry resi-

dence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Rooted in Christ

Fellowship Bible Church in Chester, is excited to be hosting Dr. Kent Hughes as the guest speaker at this year's Rooted in Christ Men's Conference Oct. 12, and 13. Please join us as Dr. Hughes expounds the topic of Sanctification: Practical Holiness God's Way. Early registration is available for only \$20 at fbcchester.net

Spring Hill Farm Fall Festival

On Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Local vendors, music, arts and crafts, wagon rides, garden tours, trail guides, history displays, and more. Currently seeking interested vendors! \$10 reserves a spot. Email response or questions to: SHFAC@ChesterNH.org

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.

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.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 11/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen

Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Parents Support Group

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

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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