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Town Council Recaps Progress and Announces Future Projects

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NUTFIELD NEWS

One of the items on the agenda during the most recent Derry Town Council meeting was the Chairman's report, which began with a report from James Degnan from the Conservation Commission.

Degnan gave a review of Conservation Commission activities over the past year, which included the review of dredge and fill, project applications through the state that impact water bodies, site walks and site review that included 16 different sites walks, sometimes twice. No land purchases or easements were closed this year.

The major project has been working on the Doolittle property to create a timber harvesting property that is sixty-five acres large and will generate revenue for the Conservation Commission. About sixty hours of prep work has been completed towards finalizing the project.

The commission applied for a grant for invasive control to look at knotweed and bittersweet that needs to be eradicated. Soil testing at Broadview came back favorable for the gardeners.

Go Green volunteers are still needed to keep the committee up and running. At one of the Conservation Commission's most recent meetings, there was a long

discussion about the need for the group, despite having members leaving. The board noted there is no formal appointment process, and Go Green meets once a month. They would like all with an interest in conservation to think about participating.

Derry Housing and Re-development Authority (DHRA) Chair Robert Dinuzzi presented next.

The DHRA administers Housing and Urban Development (HUD) vouchers and owns several properties in Derry. Each property has rented apartments to low-income or disabled people. Currently, there is a very long waiting list, up to 289 applicants, with

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Derry Zoning Board Grants Variances for Three Plans

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At the most recent meeting of the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments, there were only three items on the agenda, with only two being contested by neighbors.

The first case involved a variance for approving a residential building on a lot on a class six way. The history of the case involved turning a small private way off the cul-de-sac on Fox Hollow Road into a public way in order to subdivide a large 35-acre parcel of land. Attorney Brian Germaine represented the owner of the land, Linda Rutter of 52 Lane Road. He explained that the owner wishes to

subdivide off an existing home on one parcel of 2.87 acres which would eventually be sold, sell 2.36 acres to a neighbor who wants to use it for their horses, create a new parcel of 13.76 acres to build a new residence for herself, then create a 18.74 acre parcel to deed to the town or create an easement to be held in perpetuity for conservation. Attorney Germaine was well-prepared and stressed that Rutter's proposal was more beneficial to any neighbors than the alternative of subdividing the whole property into two acre lots. The road was classified as a class six, which means that the Town of Derry is not responsible for maintaining it. The

requirements for zoning were met in terms of necessary frontage for the road.

Robert Mackey of Code Enforcement explained the history of the case and the reason why Rutter was before the board. In order to create a proper way to get into the new home lot, the town's legal department decided she needed to go before the Town Council to create a public way, as the fifty-foot access off the cul-de-sac to the current home was never included in the acceptance of Fox Hollow Road. The Town Council voted to accept the fifty-foot road as a public way, but determined that she needed a variance in order to build

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First Step Complete There was a bit of a meager crowd on the sidelines of the Division I Quarter Final match up of the Pinkerton and Londonderry football teams on a wet Saturday afternoon Nov. 3. But those who attended got to see a close duel between the rivals. See more page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Derry's Property Tax Rate Drops Slightly to \$26.03

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The New Hampshire Department of Revenue set preliminary 2018 tax rates for Derry at \$26.03 per thousand dollars of assessed property value, lowering the rate by \$2.83 from 2017.

This decrease in the

rate is a result of revised assessments of Derry properties. State law requires updates in assessments whenever property values fall below 90% or above 110% of market value.

The Assessor's Office looked at property sales and found the real estate market has been very active with home prices going up.

The increased value to the town was determined to be approximately 12%, with the total value of homes assessed increasing from \$2,810,913,612 to \$3,173,547,641.

The increase in the assessments caused the tax rate to drop. Town Administrator David Caron says,

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wait times as long as four years. The amount of vouchers allowed by HUD creates a backlog. Preference is given to Derry residents, veterans and victims of domestic violence. DHRA also monitors the quality of housing and compliance with regulations. The board was concerned with the extremely long wait time for those in need and decided to try to see what could be done about this. The question of whether legislation would help was raised.

Mike Fowler presented on the Net Zero Task Force next, the goal of which is energy conservation. The DPW solar project was completed in May 2018; the parking lot at the municipal center now has four electric vehicle charging stations funded through a grant from Tesla, which paid eighty percent. Site analysis for future solar power at the landfill was also completed.

Heather Evans from the

Zoning Board of Assessors was next to present with Stephen Coppola. They heard 27 cases, nine of which involved variances for use, with the remaining eighteen cases pertaining to land or area variances. On the horizon, Derry will be hosting a night for refreshing zoning regulations and updates to the processes.

Two nominations occurred, one for Rick Metts to replace Terri Pastori on EDAC. Justin Mitchell was nominated and appointed to a three-year term for the Conservation Commission as an alternate, with the term expiring in 2021. Downtown enhancements were discussed, such as adding planters.

The Town Administrator report revealed that the project to reconstruct the intersection at Scobie Pond and English Range Road was awarded to Weaver Brothers Construction in Concord and is to be completed by Sept., 27 of 2019. Cleanup of 39 Kilrea Rd at a cost of \$15,000.00 occurred. Derry was one of

three communities to receive a grant to use for community outreach. A presentation on the proposed FY 19 Bond Issue revealed Derry is currently in debt approximately 4.5 million dollars. In six to seven fiscal years, almost all of the debt will be retired. Under state law, three percent of the valuation is the legal amount that could be bonded- for Derry that amount is just under 100 million dollars. Future projects include Exit 4A with a cost of just under \$200 million, recreation facilities costing \$1.8 million and Hood Pond Dam improvements costing \$250 thousand dollars.

Recreation focused on three projects, the largest being replacing the Alexander-Carr Lodge at a cost of 1.3 million dollars, to provide activities for seniors and youth groups. The second project would be park infrastructure upgrades at Don Ball, Alexander-Carr, and Hood parks, including rebuilding the playground at Alexander-Carr at a cost of \$100,000. Adding new LED lights at Don Ball Park was also proposed, at a cost of \$200,000.

Public Hearings began with Planning and Economic Development Assistant Liz Robidoux announcing they received

their first application for community downtown tax relief for 23 Crystal Ave. It allows a tax break for properties that are being revitalized. Mike Fowler presented on the acceptance of a class six public way off Fox Hollow Road and acceptance of a public way off North Shore Road. Dave Caron presented next on a release of a public servitude, Eastman Drive to Sheldon Road, which he asked to continue to the November 20th meeting. All resolutions were approved.

New business included acceptance of a gift of a 25-foot artificial tree, including informational

material in tax bills, and amending a resolution to include a purchase agreement to finance certain equipment. All new business was approved.

On the Consent Agenda were several items, including the approval of minutes from 10-2-2018, both public and non-public (which were sealed), the resignation of Edac member Terri Pastori, and the acceptance of two resolutions. One resolution was for enhancements to downtown, while the other was to accept a grant from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency for traffic enforcement activities.

Taxes

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“Think of it like a seesaw. On the left is the value of the property, on the right is the tax rate. As the value of the home increases, the rate of taxes decreases, and vice versa.” Caron explained how the process works by giving a simple example: “If we have to raise a hypothetical million dollars for services to the town, and the value of homes in the town is 100 million dollars, the tax rate would be ten dollars per thousand. To

raise the same amount of money when home values are 200 million dollars, the tax rate would only need to be five dollars per thousand.”

The services funded include Town services, such as police, fire, emergency medical services, public libraries and public works. Public works services include maintenance of parks, bridges, buildings and land. Local School, State Education and County Taxes are also included.

Fees and permits are used to lower the amount

required by taxes, and user fees help keep the cost of wastewater and public water lower. Caron stated, “If we had not been required by law to reassess, the tax rate for the town would have increased by .08%, the School portion would have increased by 1.0% and the County portion would have increased by 2.3%.”

Caron also noted that some Derry residents may see a decrease in their bill, while others may see an increase in theirs. Depending on the type of property, where a value increased by less than 10-11%, residents may see a slightly lower bill. Residents whose property increased in value 11-

12% or higher will see an increase. He said, “We look at sales and react to it.” Caron believes that the town is right where it should be now in terms of the rate, given that he feels that the market is at its peak.

Tax bills will be sent out the week of Nov. 12, and bills are due Dec. 17, 2018. Caron says taxpayers can now feel comfortable calculating their bill, “Now with the new tax rate publicized, property owners can calculate their rate by using the new tax rate (expressed as a “per thousand” rate) multiplied by the new value,” of their property.

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Economic Development Advisory Committee Discusses New Plans

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NUTFIELD NEWS

A new company called Tuff Shed from Denver Colorado has announced they will be moving into Kendall Pond Road in the industrial park where Life is Good t-shirt manufacturer used to be.

Four proposals, one was late, came in for a feasibility study for Abbott Court. TF Moran was selected to complete the study. Two businesses will have meetings to

expand their square footage. A new regional marketing group was formed with Windham, Londonderry and Salem for the 93 corridor to attract quality businesses.

A free branding workshop will occur next Tuesday at 11:30, facilitated by the Women's Small Business Association. RSVP edac@nh.org. The Public Arts show had a good turnout for their first time. That group presented to the Greater Derry Arts Council

to become part of it, to enable 501 (c) (3) designation. They want to put an archway over the rail trail, create murals and other visual arts. It was announced that the Net Zero Task Force has a new Facebook page. The first preliminary meeting with the consultants for the Master Plan was held, and meetings will be ongoing.

A Route 28 Business Forum meeting was scheduled for Dec. 3. Committee

updates revealed that several food trucks from the Spring food truck festival are interested in returning this year. Commercial and Industrial updates focused on the Chrysler dealership being scheduled for groundbreaking in 2019, Tuff Shed entering Kendall Pond, and the revitalization of 23 Crystal Avenue. The Nestle location now being open was discussed for potential replacements, as was the D'Angelo location. A reminder for

the food drive as part of the Holiday Parade was made. Requests for canned goods and cash to donate to the food pantries were made. "If you don't have any honey, we will take your money!" exclaimed Gordon Graham. In legislative updates, John Potucek discussed a sales tax issue whereby if NH businesses are selling to another state and they are contacted by another state about sales tax, they must contact the Attorney General

or Secretary of State because they are working on legislation to make it a "behemoth to get sales tax out of NH." The Town Council is planning a workshop for Jan. 29 where all studies previously done for improving Downtown will be reviewed. The goal is to present all the information and begin the process of achieving a consensus on one Downtown Plan. All business owners are asked to attend.

Public Meeting Scheduled for Exit 4A in December

There will be another chance for local residents to give their opinions on the plans for an additional exit off I-93 next month.

The Special Committee, in accordance with RSA 230:45 and the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, has set a public hearing to discuss proposed construction of a new interchange on I-93 in Londonderry between Exits 4 and 5.

The proposed construction will include a new roadway extending east from the new interchange for approximately 0.75 miles to join North High Street in Derry near its intersection with

Madden Road.

Improvements to I-93 related to the new interchange will extend approximately 0.6 miles to the north and south. The project will also include reconstruction of North High Street from Madden Road to Franklin Street, Folsom Road from Franklin Street to NH 28, Tsienneto Road between NH 28 and NH 102.

The hearing will be held at the West Running Brook Middle School located at 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

The building will be open at 5 p.m. for the inspection of plans by any interested persons.

On Sept. 20, 2018, the

Governor and Executive Council appointed a Special Committee to conduct a Public Hearing to determine whether there is the occasion for the laying out of this project and acquisition of necessary rights-of-way.

Notice is hereby given to said Petitioners and the owners of land over which said highway may pass, and to all others interested by posting a like copy in at least two public places in the Towns of Derry and Londonderry and leaving a like copy with the Town Clerks at least fourteen days before the said day of hearing.

Relocation assistance will be accommodated to each owner or tenant whose improvements or property will be directly impacted by the proposed action based

on their eligibility.

Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given the opportunity to express their comments relative to the project. The testimony will be recorded.

There are identified historic properties that may be affected by the project. This project is intended to be developed through Design-Build procurement with technical/price proposals submitted in April 2020.

Maps, plans, the environmental studies and other pertinent information developed by the Department are available through the project website, www.i93exit4a.com and at the Department of Transportation at the John O. Morton Building, 7

Hazen Drive, Concord for inspection and copying. You may contact Keith Cota, Project Manager, at (603) 271-1615, or email Keith.Cota@dot.nh.gov for questions and to make an appointment to inspect the available documents.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Chairman of Special Committee, c/o Peter E. Stamnas, Director of Project Development, NH Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 483, Concord, N.H. 03302-0483 up to thirty days after the date of the hearing for inclusion in the official record.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Charles R. Schmidt, P.E., Administrator for the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 – TDD access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance must be made at the earliest convenience. This project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

OBITUARY

Theresa M. Carr



Theresa M. Carr, 61, of Derry, NH, died Saturday Nov. 3, 2018 in her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Boston, MA on Sept. 6, 1957, a daughter of the late John and Anna (Zwaleski) Cummings. Mrs. Carr was raised in South Boston, MA and had lived in Derry since 1997.

She worked at Big Lots in Derry for 15 years and was a mainstay at the store. She loved her Chihuahua Choco. She also enjoyed going to Wingaersheek Beach on the North Shore and loved to spend time with her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Erin Carr and her husband Michael Benham of Raynham, MA, and Eleni Alyssa Gianitsopoulous of Derry, NH; her grandchildren, William Heim, and Theresa Benham both of Raynham; her brother, Gordon DeCambra of Quincy, MA; and her sister, Sharon Szczepankiewicz of Coconut Creek, FL. She was predeceased by her brother, Richard Key.

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Editorial

Celebrating Peace

When an armistice began at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, Americans honored that date as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

The deaths and devastation of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf wars, Iraq and Afghanistan have turned that hope into wishful thinking, but the message that underlies what is now known as Veterans Day is as strong today as it was when President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 to be Armistice Day.

Indeed, when Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and the establishment of Armistice Day on Nov. 11 in a resolution passed in 1926, it referred to “the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed...”

The resolution continues, “it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations,” and advocates marking the date “with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

In 1938, Nov. 11 became a federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace.” In 1954, the name Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor the service of veterans in all wars. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs emphasizes that Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to national security, and to underscore that all those who have served, living and dead, have sacrificed and done their duty to their country.

Nov. 11 is a Sunday this year, meaning public employees will get the day off to enjoy an extended weekend. That tends to detract from the meaning of the day, because it is not meant to be a time of celebration, but instead should be a break in the routine, a time to reflect on our freedoms and on the sacrifices of those who have fought to defend what we hold dear and what we all too often take for granted.

Veterans Day is much more than a day when mail isn’t delivered or school is cancelled. It’s a reminder that our veterans deserve recognition and thanks for their sacrifice, and an acknowledgement that what they are fighting for ultimately is world peace

Now it’s Time to Give Thanks to Families

MELISSA RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

With Trick-or-Treating now done, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Soon enough, families all over the country will gather together to cook, bake, watch football, and of course, eat.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time for family members to catch up on each others’ goings-on since they last had the chance to gather. Parents, grandparents, children, cousins, aunts, uncles and so on will be able to relax and talk about a number of topics, even recounting tales of Thanksgivings past, along with other amusing anecdotes from family history.

No two families are alike, with some more talkative than others and others more traditional than some. But regardless of how chatty or silent some relatives may be, there’s one tradition that likely will benefit every family.

November is Family Stories Month, a movement designed to encourage families to get together for more than just the holidays to share stories and learn about their family history. The month encourages closeness as relatives get to know each other better through hearing about the moments that helped make them family.

Big or small, Family Stories Month can be observed by families of all sizes. Whether there are two or two hundred members, every family has a history worth sharing through the generations. By sharing a story and listening to another, family members may come to find new ways to relate to their relatives.

Most families may have already been participating in Family Stories Month without realizing it, at least while gathered for a family feast. However, there may be many other families that could benefit from taking up the annual month-long observation.

For those who would like to get closer to their relatives but are unsure of how to go about it, there are a number of ways to observe Family Stories Month and begin preserving precious family memories.

Preparing a list of questions to ask older relatives may provide a prompt for some riveting tales of how the family line was established, and perhaps help younger family members feel a connection with those in the family who have passed on. It might be helpful to send out a notification to family members gathering for Thanksgiving suggesting finding an hour or two to set aside to gather as a family and start a tradition of sharing family stories.

It may further be helpful to send family members a list of prompts for stories before gathering so that they have time to come up with their favorites to share, and to later come up with new stories for future gatherings.

Because different family members have different schedules and commitments, it can be difficult to get together any other time aside from the holidays. Starting a family thread via text or social media to share stories long-distance may be a great way to connect with family members across the country and the world.

Giving each group

member a day to share their personal favorite memory or piece of history will ensure that each story is heard (or in this case, read) at each member’s convenience, and give other family members the opportunity to comment and share their perspective on the story, if applicable.

Furthermore, sharing stories in a written format lets family members save conversations for years to come, and these stories can be brought up in future gatherings to share with other relatives.

They say a picture says a thousand words, and in the case of Family Stories Month, this adage could help get the family narrative flowing among less talkative relatives. Passing around old photo albums is perhaps the best way to prompt conversations around the stories behind the pictures, and another great activity to help younger members feel a connection to their elders and predecessors.

It can be tricky to start a tradition like Family Stories Month for families who may not be as close or who aren’t used to as much interaction, but once a conversation gets flowing, it can be surprising how effortlessly one hour turns into two or three and feels like no time at all. Lifelong traditions can be and are often started in just one day.

Thanksgiving, and therefore the month of November, are synonymous with expressing gratitude for the multitude of blessings the majority of us have. Participating in Family Stories Month is just one more way to reflect on what there is to be thankful for.

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Derry Holds Annual Surplus Auction at Police Station



The Town of Derry held its annual Surplus Auction behind the Police Station on Saturday morning, Oct. 27 with hundreds of items up for sale to the highest bidder. the Highway Department's Superintendent of Operations, Alan Cote acted as the auctioneer with Police Capt. George Fioli assisting.

Photos by Chris Paul



Local Veterans Will Be Honored on Sunday, Nov. 11

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The veterans of Derry will have a number of activities happening on Sunday,

Nov. 11 to honor their time in the military.

The activities begin with the annual Veteran's Breakfast at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafe' hosted by the Class of 2022 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

After the breakfast, a Blessing of the Vets will take place at St. Luke's Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Following that, the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place near the monuments at MacGregor Park from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

The morning of events ends at VFW Post 1617, 18 Railroad Ave., Derry, where the Post will be offering refreshments and drinks to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Nov. 17

LYNN THOMAS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Londonderry and Derry will be held at Nelson Fields (LAFA) off Sargent Road (Behind the Central Fire Station) in Londonderry on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Do not throw away toxic products into the trash, as they can cause fires. In the landfill they contaminate soil and groundwater.

Items allowed for disposal are:

From the Yard: Fertilizers with pesticides, fungicide, insect spray, lighter fluid, pest strips/traps, pesticides, poisons, and pool chemicals

From the Garage: Acids, antifreeze, car waxes/polish, creosote, driveway sealer, flea powder, gasoline, radiator flush, and roofing tar.

From the House: Bathroom cleaner, disinfectants, furniture polish, metal polish, mothballs, oven cleaner, photo chemicals, rug cleaner, and thermometers

From the Workbench: Brush cleaner, corrosives, oil based paint/stain, rust preventative, solvents, thinner/turpentine, wood preservatives, wood stripper

Items NOT allowed for disposal are: No batteries, no explosives, no infectious wastes,

no latex paints, nothing radioactive and no asbestos.

Helpful Tips on Dealing with Toxic Products: Follow and use the safety instructions on the label, Give leftovers to friends and neighbors, Keep the product in its original container and intact, Do not mix toxic products, Use in a well-ventilated area, and Keep flammables

away from heat, sparks, and flames.

For more information contact Robert Kerry, Department of Public Works and Engineering at 432-1100 ext. 137 or RKerry@LondonderryNH.org. or visit the town's webpage at www.londonderryNH.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_PublicWorks/solid

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Interfaith Service Held in Derry for Unity and Solidarity

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, The Etz Hayim Synagogue, in Derry, hosted an Interfaith Service for Unity and Solidarity to provide an opportunity for clergy and congregants to stand in support of those affected by last week's deadly anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as well as in support of a more tolerant and peaceful world.

Federal prosecutors have filed hate crime charges against Robert Bowers, 46, who allegedly stormed a Pittsburgh synagogue and opened fire, killing 11 people.

Bowers surrendered to authorities after the shooting at the synagogue. He made

anti-Semitic statements during the shooting and targeted Jews on social media, according to a federal law enforcement official.

The attack is believed to be the deadliest on the Jewish community in U.S. history, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

The service was filled with heart-felt prayer and music, and included a "Prayer for the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh," as well as "Salaam, Shalom," a song anticipating that "Peace will come, to us and all the world."

In addition to Etz Hayim Synagogue's Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner Levy, clergy from five churches and approximately

40 visitors participated in the event.

The clergy present were Reverend Linda Lea Snyder of the Hampstead Congregational Church; Reverend Ray Bonin of the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; Pastor Nory Vedon Leachon of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Derry; Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof of First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry; and Rev. Zac Harmon, St. Christopher's of Episcopal Church in Hampstead.

For more information about Etz Hayim Synagogue, please visit its website at <https://www.etzhayim.org>, or contact Rabbi Peter Levy at rabbi@etzhayim.org.



Six clergy-people prayed for unity on Oct. 31 at an Interfaith Service held at Etz Hayim Synagogue. From left to right: Reverend Linda Lea Snyder, Reverend Ray Bonin, Pastor Nory Vedon Leachon (grey suit), Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof (between Rev. Bonin and Rabbi Levy), Rabbi Peter Levy, Amy Dattner Levy, and Rev. Zac Harmon, Courtesy Photo

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the house.

Opposed to the variance was a neighbor, Loren Thompson of 8 Fox Hollow Road, who was very concerned her driveway and her privacy would be affected; and she had concerns about lack of maintenance from

the town in case of flooding, as wetlands exist.

Thompson also believed she may have acquired the property through adverse possession by using it for over twenty five years.

Attorney Germaine quickly dismissed this idea, as a case for adverse possession cannot be made against a municipality. He deftly

explained that Thompson owns only up to the edge of the street, and anything further belonged to the town of Derry.

Germaine also stated that the proposed use was, "minimal, compared to the alternative of a larger subdivision, in terms of property value diminution and privacy loss. Germaine said,

"It's a matter of someone not really wanting a road-way next to their house and I can understand that. However, when the house was purchased by her and her former husband...the boundary was clear."

Tim Peloquin, surveyor, happened to be present for the second case and presented to the board that the driveway would not encroach on any wetlands.

Following the debate, the board approved the variance unanimously, and

Chair Lynn Perkins advised Thompson to take any concerns she still had to the Planning Board when they hear the case.

The second case was Andrew White and Robyn Stewart of 57 Floyd Road, who were seeking a variance to build a fifteen-foot single story addition to their home in order to be able to care for their aging parents. This was quickly approved unanimously.

The third case was Jeffrey C. Moulton and Ellen

G. Minzner of 39 Taylor Brook Lane, who were seeking a variance to allow the replacement of a home and garage with less than the required front and side setbacks.

One neighbor, David Knight, was opposed to the plan and was concerned about a right of way being obstructed during or after construction.

After a very lengthy debate as to conditions, the Board did vote unanimously in favor of the variance.



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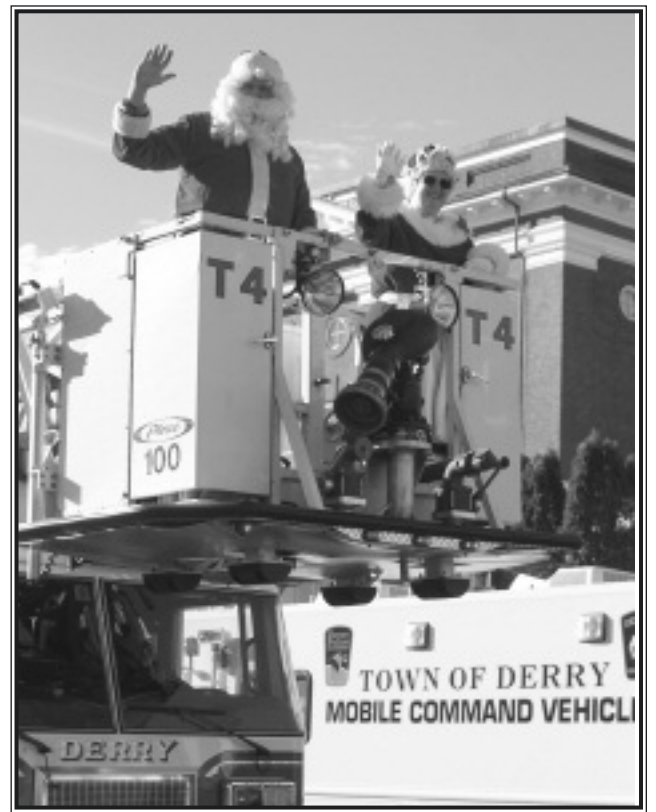
Derry Has Lots of Holiday Fun Planned for November



Young elves will be trained in the fine art of decorating sugar cookies at the annual Elf Academy at the Derry Public Library.
Photos by Chris Paul



Taylor Librarian Linda Merrill will be ringing in holiday cheer with Santa during the annual reading of the Polar Express at the Library in December.



The annual Holiday Parade down Broadway always signals the official start to the holiday season in Derry. The parade usually ends with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

LYNN THOMAS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Public Library has many fun events upcoming for both children and adults.

Registration will open Nov. 15 for the annual Elf Training session for infants through age eleven to make elf hats and ornaments, decorate cookies and have a good time singing and playing reindeer games.

The event will be held Dec. 6 with three sessions available: 1 to 2 p.m., 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

On Nov. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., there will be DIY Holiday Gift Extravaganza where participants can make a holiday gift from the heart.

Then on Nov. 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be an evening craft club where residents will be making waterless snow globes using Mason jars and figurines. If people have small items they would like to glue to their snowglobe, they are encouraged to bring them along. The library will also supply figurines.

A two-part Holiday Gift Club for children ages 8-11 will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 11 and 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. For information on the craft, please contact any of the children's librarians, as they want it to be a surprise.

On Dec. 12, there will be a seasonal concert with

Ramblin' Richard starting at 6:30 p.m. for family-friendly songs. Please check the website or contact the library to reserve a spot for any of these programs.

At the Taylor Library, the annual Polar Express Story Hour registration will start on Nov. 15 at noon, either in person or by calling in at noon. No messages regarding registration will be taken from their answering machine. Polar Express will take place December 11, 12 and 13th at 6:30 pm. Children have to be at least 4 years old. November 28th features a Holiday Reading for adults at 7 pm.

Derry's favorite community event will take

place Saturday, Nov. 24 starting with the Holiday Parade at 1 p.m. In its thirty-second year under the supervision of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, this year's theme is "Season of Superheroes."

The parade is entirely funded through community donations and is co-hosted by the Derry Arts Council and the Derry Village Rotary Club. There is no fee to enter a float, and businesses have until Nov. 16 to register.

The Derry Village Rotary Club uses the parade as a food drive to collect cash and canned goods, all of

which are in turn donated to local food pantries. Food collectors will be present early before the parade begins. Kicking off the parade are two awards given yearly by the Chamber of Commerce for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year. Many local groups will participate, such as Pinkerton Academy Marching Band, Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band, youth sports organizations, dance schools, and churches. The parade will begin at the Adams Memorial Building at 29 West Broadway and travel up Crystal Avenue ending at Hood

Commons. There are awards for the best floats, with judging by the Rotary Club and volunteers prior to the start of the parade.

Also, Derry Parks and Recreation will have plenty of fun for the kids after the Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 24. From 2 to 5 p.m. there will be cookie decorating, face painting by elves, and the kids can paint a toy at 31 W. Broadway. Also, Santa will be at the Opera House from 3 to 5 p.m. for professional photos for five dollars (cash only) or for free with use of ones' own cell phone or camera.

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The East Derry Memorial Elementary School held its annual Fall Festival just before Halloween with students and their family members enjoying a number of fall festivities. There were pony rides, a pumpkin decorating contest, hay rides, holiday crafts, a scary discovery room, as well as games and food available for those who attended. The annual event is sponsored by the schools PTA.

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DERRY SPORTS

Big Stop Gets Astros to DI Football Semis Against Salem

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The only thing that is better than beating a big rival, is doing so in an away game. The only thing that is better than that, is doing so in a crucial playoff game. Well, last Saturday, in front of some 1,000 enthusiastic fans, that is exactly what the Pinkerton Academy football team was able to do.

The Astros came to the muddy field in Londonderry High School and after 48 minutes of intense football, left it with a 20-14 victory, advancing to the Division One semifinals this Saturday in Salem at 1 p.m. With the win, PA became the first four seed to upset a one seed in a Division 1 playoff game since the format was changed back in 2015.

It was a classic winter football game, with the rain pouring as strong as it could just before kickoff. The impossible field conditions forced the Pinkerton Academy Coach Brian O'Reilly to make some big adjustments to his playbook, as trying to either pass or try and cut outside extremely difficult.

This led to the Astros attempting only three passing plays and completing just one of them, a huge 41 yard pass from QB Aiden Goujon to TE Trent Leduc in the first play of the second quarter, a pass that led to PA's first touchdown of the game, with 9:46 to play in the first half. That drive went 96 yards and 11 plays (and lasted 5:35 minutes), all the way from the Astros 4-yard line and it was made possi-

ble thanks to a great 22 yard run by FB Gannon Fast, a run came with the Astros facing third down and 11 and moved the ball from the Astros 3-yard line to their 25. Fast was also the one scoring the touchdown eventually, with a short 1 yard run through the middle on third and goal.

The touchdown gave the PA players some confidence and they seemed to be more relaxed in their next drive. They needed only 3:21 minutes to move the ball from their own 24 yard line to Londonderry's 10, mainly thanks to a massive 55 yard run on third and three by HB Nick Lombard, who almost found the end zone but was pushed out of bounds by the last defensive player. On fourth and six, from the 10-yard-line, kicker Roy



Senior Nick Lombard gets upended during a return in muddy conditions at the quarter final game in Londonderry on Saturday.
Photo by Chris Paul

Brandon's field goal attempt was blocked by Lancer Jake Holland and the Astros missed a chance to add to their lead.

LHS took advantage of

that blocked attempt. They got the ball with only four minutes to play in the first half and went almost the length of the field in a 14-play, 85-yard drive the

ended in the PA end zone with only seven seconds to play before half time, after an accurate three-yard pass from the hosts QB Evan

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PA X-Country Teams Qualify for the N.E. Championship

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The boys and girls Pinkerton Academy Cross Country teams will be competing in this weekend's New England Championship at Derryfield Park in Manchester on Saturday, Nov. 3. The Boys team will start at 11:30 a.m., and the Girls will line up at 12:30 p.m.

Both teams ran Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Meet of Champions that took place at Nashua South High School and were able to finish in the Top Six and get the tickets for the next round.

Joseph Gagnon finished the 5k run in the 14th overall place, with a time of 16:31.1 minutes. Next for PA came Luke Brennan, 30th overall, with a 16:49.0 minute time. Jeff Mize (38th, 17:00.5)

and Nolan Preble (40th, 17:01.4) crossed the finish line almost together and less than a minute after that, came Nathan Steiger (58th, 17:15.0), Zach Plaza (69th, 17:23.0) and Steven Groulx (92nd, 17:43.7). The boys team finished fifth overall, with 16 points and a total time of 1:24:37.00 (Average time: 16:55.40). Concord was ranked first with an impressive 83 points.

The girls, who won the Division One title last weekend, finished in the fourth spot, with 167 points (Exeter finished first with 118) thanks to some great results. The first Pinkerton runner crossing the line, and 14 overall, was Meghan Cross,

with a time of 19:03.7. Mariesa Preble finished 37th, with a time of 19:55.5 (a new personal best for her) and freshman Riley Sweeney stopped the clock on 20:17.9 (another personal best) and finished the race 54th. Next to her came Ciara

April (58th, 20:22.4) and Molly McGaffigan (74th, 20:45.8) and then Jorda Vaillancourt (112nd, 21:34.0) and Meaghan Robidoux (127th, 22:23.6). The total time for PA was 1:40:25.30, with an average of 20:05.06 per runner.

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Pinkerton Academy Takes Home 25th Fall Spirit Title

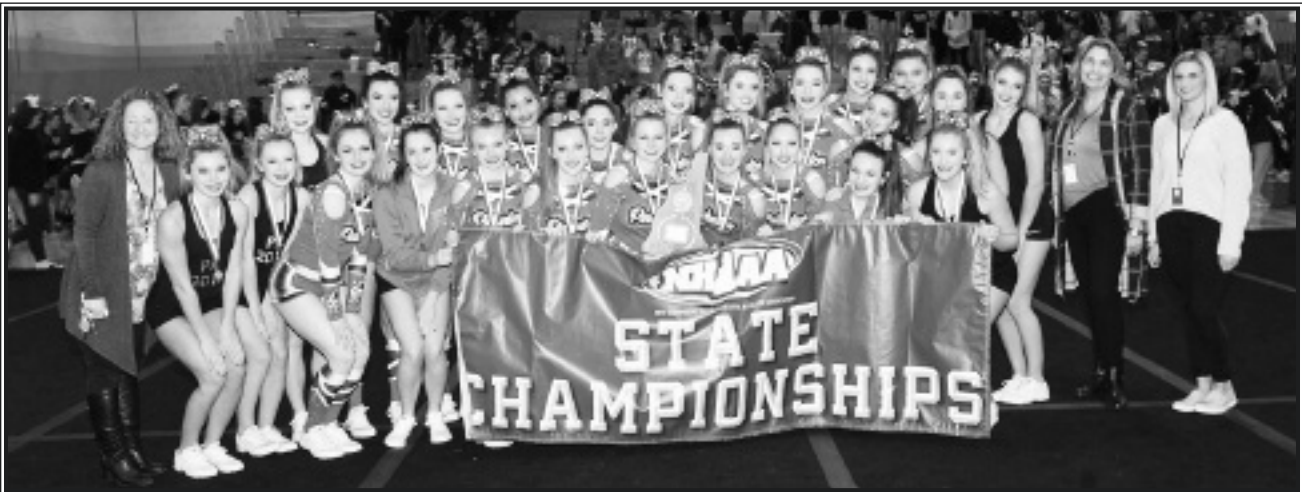
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The Fall Spirit title is back in its regular home again this year. After winning the title every year since 2010, expect for the last one, when Londonderry were crowned as champions, The Astros took first place once again, winning the Fall Spirit for the 25th time at home on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5 at the Hackler Gymnasium.

The Fall Spirit has four different cheering categories: Pyramids, Partner Stunts, Tumbling and Jumps, Motions and Dance. Each category has sub-categories: Overall effect, level of difficulty and level of execution. This is how the judges score the different performances. Pinkerton won the competition this year with a score of 107.6, the highest score ever for their school. It included perfect 10's in Tumbling and Jumps, and Motions and Dance, as well as a 9.7 score in Pyramids and in Partner Stunts.

An elated PA head coach, Michelle McCarty said, "This team is one of the strongest to come

through in my tenure. The heart, grit and passion they have for performing and wearing the Pinkerton uniform and carry the legacy of excellence is unequalled. The elements in the routine are some of the most difficult with collegiate hand in hands to start off the stunt sequence. I am most proud of this team for showing everyone their heart. We were third up for the day, with a mission to set the bar high and light up the floor. They did everything I could have hoped for. I knew they could have a chance at the title if they just let go of being scientific and brought in their artistry and showmanship and they did exactly that. I asked them to make sure they left their best performance on the mat and to leave no doubt for the judges. Most importantly I wanted them to feel proud of the work they put into our season, for themselves. I was overwhelmed with the performance and what each athlete did. They were laughing, celebrating and crying together over what they had just accomplished. My Astros got it done because they believed they could".



The Pinkerton Academy Fall Spirit Team regained their Division I title on Sunday at home. *Courtesy photo*

The Astro squad is made up of: Captain Jacie Harlow, Captain Ariana Boudreau, Captain Kristen Bukunt, Captain Genna Dellisola,

Allí Connell, Grace Daniele, Lauren Tellier, Kaycie Rizzo, Hunter Mullane, Hailey Blackman, Julia Saab, Jenna Desroches,

Ashley Hebert, Chloe Sanders, Haylee Apostoloff, Alanna Murphy, Harper Lewis, Ashley Goodridge, Garyn Hobbs, Talen Letoile,

Amanda Bryson, Lydia Bowen, Skylar Neilson, Kylie Souza. Coach's McCarty assistants are: Gina Mullane and Julie Venglass.

Football

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Cormier to WR Cole Keegan.

In the second half, both teams seemed more comfortable on the field and the sun that slowly came out made the field a little bit drier. That led to four long drives, which eventually decided the game. The Astros 3rd quarter began with a quick punt to the

Lancers 32 yard line and Londonderry was bringing the ball up field, all the way to the Astros 29 yard line. It looked like the hosts were about to take the lead, when LB Jake Macinnis read Cormier's pass, intercepted it and took it all the way back for a 71-yard pick-six, that made the score 14-7 for Pinkerton.

LHS refused to give up. They got the ball back and went 80 yards, until Cormier found Keegan in the end zone again, this time for 14 yard and just like that, with 81 seconds to play in the 3rd quarter, the game was tied again, 14-14.

The next Astros possession ended up being the decisive one. They got the ball on their 21 yard line and on the first play, saw HB Gennaro Marra running for 29 yards. Marra added a 14 yard run two plays later and PA enjoyed a critical personal foul against their oppo-

nents, and quickly got to the red zone. On 3rd and goal, again from the 1-yard line, Fast found his was in and scored his second rushing touchdown of the day. Then, PA fumbled the extra point kick and it was almost very costly. Almost.

The Lancers got the ball back with 8:06 to play and thanks to some great running by Jeff Wiedenfeld, found themselves on the 9-yard line. This was where the PA defense rose to the occasion. LHS tried to runs that went nowhere and then two passes, one was incomplete in the end zone thanks to some great coverage and the other was stopped for a 3-yard loss. With only 83 seconds to play, Pinkerton got the ball on downs and was able to keep it until the clock showed zero.

The victory was reached despite Pinkerton having possession for only 18 minutes and finishing the game

with 254 yards, while Londonderry had 325. Goujon throw for 41 yards and Gannon ran for 99, while Lombard ran for 66 more and Marra ended up getting 52 yards on the ground. Evan Wilson contributed 10 tackles on defense, Brady Day had seven.

"This is playoff football", said coach O'Reilly, "We knew it will be a tough game. Londonderry played an impressive game and made us earn it, but give our defense credit. When it mattered, they stopped the last drive. Defense won this game".

Fast added: "We have been practicing on a muddy field the entire week, so we expected this kind of conditions. I have full confidence in our defense. In crunch time we perform well under pressure. It came down to who wanted it more. We are very focused".

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Five Pinkerton Academy Lacrosse Players Commit to Colleges



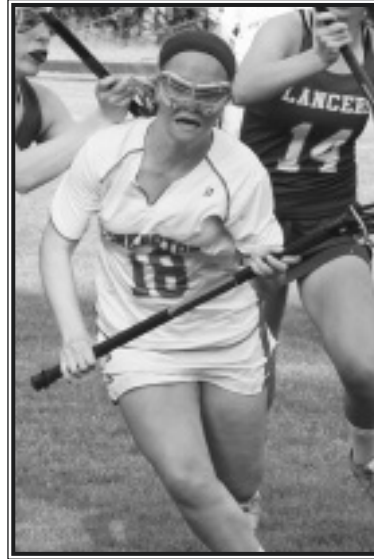
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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls lacrosse team is thinking of the future, and that

future includes different players committing to play for different colleges. Five players from Coach Rob Daziel's team already know where they will play:

The senior midfielder Kiley Davis is going to Coastal Carolina, a Division 1 college located in North Carolina. Davis, a 2018 All-American and First Team All-State, was team captain at Pinkerton Academy for the second year. She will find a familiar face at Coastal, as her sister Ali Davis (PA, 2016) will play as a senior there next year for the same team. The younger Davis sister was a starting midfielder for Pinkerton Academy since her freshman year on the varsity team. She is considered to be a solid two way midfielder and a team leader.

Sydni Dery is going to play for SNHU (Southern New Hampshire University), a division 2 college. Dery, a senior, was PA's team captain last season and she will join forces at her new school with PA alumni Dani Tompkins (2017) and Madison Peredna (2018). Dery is a strong defender and is always around the ball, said of her coach Daziel: "She has tremendous endurance and is never

afraid to bring the ball up the field on clears".

Dani Martineau will be a part of the Sacred Heart University (Division 1) in Connecticut. Martineau, a senior goalie, was selected for the Second Team All-State this year. She is PA's starting goalie since her sophomore year and enjoyed a great save ratio in some of the team's toughest games last season: "she certainly contributed to us winning those close games", said

Daziel.

Madison Daziel, the coach's daughter, committed to Winthrop University, and will play Division 1 lacrosse in South Carolina. She is a junior midfielder, who is starting for PA since her freshman year. She excels in transitioning the ball up the field and adds solid defense and a scoring threat on offense.

Last but not least is Lauren Lisauskas, who will make a journey to the famous Georgetown Univer-

sity (Division 1), in Washington D.C. Lisauskas is also a junior, plays as an attacker and has been starting for Pinkerton Academy since her freshman year. She was part of the First Team All-State and an All-American after the 2018 season: "Lauren was our offensive leader on attack last year", said coach Daziel, "She's a scoring threat and a playmaker. Basically, for every goal she scores, she has an assist to another player. She is a very balanced attacker".

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 29



Allison Connell,
Senior: Spirit

Connell stepped up as an elite flyer and performer for the team this season. As a four year member of PAVC her experience and competitive drive helped to motivate the newer members of the team. She lead with grace and confidence. Her performance helped to clinch title #25 for the Pink ladies.



Meghan Cross, Junior: Cross
Country

Meghan ran the fourth fastest time by a Pinkerton Academy Junior on the Derryfield course to place third overall and lead her team to a Division I Championship in tough conditions. In the Meet of Champions Meghan came in first for the Trailblazers and 14th overall with a time of 19:03 on the sloppy windy course.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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Three Pinkerton Field Hockey Players on All-State Teams

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As another field hockey season unfolds, it is time for coaches to give some to honor some standouts. Three Pinkerton Academy field hockey players have been selected by the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association (NHFHCA) for the Division I All-State teams of 2018.

Juniors Marley Mailloux and Sarah Collins became two out of the 51 players who got the votes to enter the All-State First Team, while Senior Ava Dorci is part of this year's All-State Second Team.

The Pinkerton Academy team, coached by Katie Van Nostrand, finished the fall season tied with Windham for first place in Division One, with a tremendous 13-2-0 record, including seven shut-outs.

Mallioux, a midfielder who was named co-captain

of the team in her junior season, scored once and had four assists on the year. Coach Van Nostrand said she is a key in the formation the team runs, as she is the distributor on the field: "Her stick skills and knowledge of

the game made her an impact player in transition as well as offensive corners. Marley is a leader on and off the field, and leads by example".

Collind, a defender, continued to be an integral part of the defensive unit this

season and was nicknamed "The Wall" by her teammates: "Sarah plays close to every minute of every game and was not only a source of consistency in the backfield, but also a sense of calm and composure", explains coach

Van Nostrand.

As for Droci, the hard working midfielder scored four times and had five assist for the season: "she will never give up on a ball and gave us some huge minutes this year," said her coach,

"Her consistency of play and passes was one of the reasons she was the inserter for our team on offensive corners, as well as being persistent and aggressive as one of our two flyers on defensive corners".



Marley Mailloux



Sarah Collins



Ava Dorci

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Veterans Day

On Sunday Nov. 11, from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. several events will be offered. The annual breakfast will be hosted by Pinkerton Academy's class of 2022 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Freshman Building in Pinkerton Academy. A Blessing of the Vets will take place at St. Luke's Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. A Service Ceremony will take place at MacGregor Park from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. The VFW Post 1617, 18 Railroad Ave., Derry, will be offering refreshments and drinks to the public from 11:30 - 1 p.m.

Polar Express registration

The Taylor Library Polar Express Story Hour registration will start Nov. 15, at noon either in person or by calling in at noon. No messages regarding registration will be taken from our answering machine! Polar Express will take place Dec. 11, 12, or 13, at 6:30 p.m. Call for Details! Children have to be 4 years old and up.

Protein, AKA the Body's Own Superman

On Wed, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. learn about the role of protein in your body and the importance of lean protein in your diet at the Derry Public Library. Part of a series of afternoon nutrition programs presented by Southern New Hampshire Services. Register online at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Keep Our Veterans Warm

The 4th Annual "Keep Our Veterans Warm" Project will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Clothing Items Needed: Men's shorts waist sizes (30-34), Men's work-boots, sizes (8-13), Mens sneakers all sizes Men's Jeans waist sizes (30-34), Winter boots, Hooded, sweat-shirts, Men's boxers all sizes, Flannel shirts, Fleece jackets, Thermal shirts, Windbreakers, Thermal Underwear, Winter

coats Women's clothing Warm socks Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Paper towels, Toilet paper, 35 gallon trash bags, Air freshener, Shaving razors (disposable), Shaving cream, Deodorant, Full size conditioner, Full size shampoo, Body wash. All Items Will Be Donated To The Liberty House In Manchester. Special Thanks To Leah Bourdon, Debbi Grochmal, The Derry Veterans Assistance Fund, The Derry Vfw, The Derry American Legion.

Christmas at the Newport Mansions

Join the fun as Sandown Recreation travels to "Christmas at the Newport Mansions" on Friday, Nov. 30. You'll tour 3 beautiful mansions decorated in festive themes and sparkling with silver and gold. View rooms filled with decorated trees, thousands of poinsettia plants, wreaths, garlands and flowers. You'll visit The Breakers; The Elms; and Marble House to view their holiday finery. Cost is \$50 per person for residents of Sandown and co-sponsoring Plaistow. Non-residents are additional \$5. Fee covers coach bus transportation and admission to mansions. Depart at 7:30 a.m. from Park & Ride lot in Plaistow and return approximately 7:30 p.m. Lunch is on your at Brick Alley Pub (or another eatery if you so choose or bring a bag lunch) All details may be found by visiting www.sandown.us and navigating to the Parks & Recreation page. Full payment or 50 percent deposit required with registration. Deadline of Nov. 15, for registrations and all payments. Contact Deb Brown at 887-1872 or via email to: recreation@sandown.us for space availability or if you need additional information. Walking advisory: there will be a minimum of 6 times for boarding the bus throughout the day.

Alzheimer's and Effective Communication Strategies

An important program for the holidays and year-round will be held on Wed, Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm. At the Derry Public Library. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. Presented by Charlie Zoeller of the Alzheimer's Association. Register online at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

DIY Holiday Gift Extravaganza!

It's back! Forgo wandering the mall and fighting for a parking space. Go to the library and make a gift from the heart on Wed, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library! Featuring favorites like bath salts and new crafts. Registration strongly requested. Register online at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Thursday Night Craft Night!

Thurs, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm. Popular monthly craft program for adults. For November, make: Waterless Snowglobes! Register online at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Basketball Tryouts

NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding tryouts at the Sports Zone on 7 A St, Derry. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd-8th. First tryout date is Nov. 24. Times are: boys and girls grades 2nd - 6th from 1 - 2 p.m.; boys and girls grades 7th & 8th from 2 - 3 p.m.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11am. Derry residence 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.

Israel, 2048

On Friday night, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m., Noam Wolf, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Shlichah ("emissary") from Israel will present a gallery and discussion on "Israel 2048." Noam will discuss some interesting predictions for Israel at 100 years old at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. The event is free. Services will follow.

Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, the Community Meals Network (a group of organizations that provide free monthly meals) will jointly host a free home-cooked Thanksgiving Day meal, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, in Derry. The dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, veggies, and pies. Come and have a delicious meal in a warm and friendly environment. If you are interested in helping put on the dinner, please contact Lieutenant Kathryn Mayes, Salvation Army, at kathryn.mayes@us.salvationarmy.org.

Candy Cane Fair

Saint Thomas Aquinas parish will be having their Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17 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 a.m. Please join us.

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 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; Thanksgiving on Nov. 22 from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, call for more information at 432-2130; Breakfast on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.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 5 - 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. 16 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.

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 soreffs-15@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.



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