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Derry Town Council Approves Amendments to EDAC By-Laws

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Town Council created the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) back in 2016 to assist in promoting an environment to attract businesses to Derry in hopes that it would have a positive tax impact. Economic Development efforts in Derry have evolved since then, including expansion and retention of professional staff. At the Town Council meeting on Oct. 15, council members approved revisions to the EDAC By-Laws to enhance EDAC efficiencies.

Derry's EDAC is focused on creating an environment that attracts business

opportunity and commerce to Derry. Their goal is to attract businesses that meet the demand of Derry residents and also support the local workforce. EDAC provides advocacy to inspire current and future businesses to succeed in the greater Derry community with support for Derry's historic Main Street storefronts, as well as, for larger retailers, industry, and other professionals in industries such as healthcare and technology.

Some of the actions that EDAC is involved with include updating the Town's website, Derry town marketing with brochure development and branding, supporting effective use of Social Media for economic devel-

opment as well as supporting the EDAC Facebook Page.

EDAC is also responsible for business contact across Greater Derry to get input for the town, while also promoting local businesses on special support days. This would also include such things as recruiting appropriate restaurants with high end and different types of cuisines for the Downtown area.

EDAC also collaborates with the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development efforts for Derry while also promoting 79-E Tax Incentive and REDC (Regional Economic Development Center) Business

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Forest Hill Cemetery Revises Policy for Additional Plots

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NUTFIELD NEWS

During their meeting on Oct. 15, the Derry Town Council had several business considerations presented to them including a regulations amendment request for the Forest Hill Cemetery – Forest Hill is the only cemetery in Derry.

At the meeting, Mike Fowler, Derry Public Works Director, presented the amendment requests to update certain cemetery regulations.

Fowler said, "We are here to tonight to present two amendment requests to you as the Town Council also serves as the Forest Hill Cemetery Trustees for such regulation changes."

The councilor trustees

voted to modify the cemetery policies and procedures to expand capabilities for the cemetery to support certain non-resident plot purchases and to increase the number cremation urns at Forest Hill.

The Town of Derry receives requests on occasion from non-residents to purchase a lot/lots at the Forest Hill Cemetery. Until this time, the Policies and Procedures document, as adopted by Town Council states, "Burial lots shall be sold exclusively to current residents of the Town of Derry; however, exceptions may be granted and/or reviewed by the Cemetery Trustees."

A revision was proposed at the meeting to allow certain exceptions to be granted by the Town

Administrator thus eliminating the need for the Town Council to address these requests for each situation.

The rationale behind restricting burial lot sales only to residents came from a time prior to 2007, when the cemetery was running out of available plots. At one point, there were fewer than 100 plots available for sale. A major expansion at Forest Hill in 2007/2008 added capacity for approximately 1500 additional burial plots. This resident only provision has remained in effect without any change to the policy.

Requests for non-resident plot purchases are infrequent and allowing the Town Administrator to

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Quick Burn Fire fighter James Hoffman gets ready to extinguish the fire demonstration that was burning at Central Fire Station during the Open House on Saturday, Oct. 19. The demonstration showed those attending how quickly a small fire can spread in a home. See more photos on page 4. Photo by Chris Paul

Wetherbee and Caron Give Praise to Recent Achievements

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Town Council Chairman Neil Wetherbee and the Town Administrator Dave Caron had much to report at the recent council meeting on Oct. 15.

Chairman Wetherbee noted that the council will need to re-codify Ordinance

#2019-013 regarding Alcoholic Beverages specifically with regard to Chapter 12 sections of the Municipal Code. That discussion will be done with public hearings and is on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on Nov. 5.

Next, Wetherbee made a nomination, which the council unanimously supported,

for the appointment of Andy Day to the Derry Commerce Corridor Advisory Board. His position term will be set to continue until March 31, 2022.

Wetherbee further conducted his Chairman's report for the council and the public noting, "A couple of days after our last council

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St. Thomas Aquinas School Receives NHJES Grant for Robotics Program

The robotics program at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry is celebrating after receiving a \$1,500 grant from the N.H. Joint Engineering Societies at the NHJES dinner meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

The NHJES is a collaborative association of New Hampshire's Engineering Societies. Their mission is to provide education leadership and support across all disciplines of practice, including robotics programs.

At the NHJES dinner meeting, the student engineers of St. Thomas Aquinas School demonstrated their robot, answered questions,



St. Thomas Aquinas School students Luke Hanson and Adam Davidson hold a NHJES grant check.

networked and listened to a presentation by David B. Cist, PhD on GPR (ground penetrating radar) and its many uses.

For more information

about the NHJES, visit NHJES.org. For more information about St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry, NH, visit STADerry.com.



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authorize these sales would streamline the process thus allowing lots to be purchased in a timelier manner. Sometimes - due to circumstances, time is of the essence to acquire a lot; with this revision, these types of circumstances would no longer take up the time of the Town Council.

To approve non-resident lot burials, the Town Administrator will factor in prior long-term residency of a non-resident seeking to purchase a burial plot and the council provided

language in support of the request to make no more than 50 lots available for non-residents at this time.

The second revision approved will increase the number of cremation urns that can be allowed to be buried on a single plot. The current policy reads, "Cremation remains without a concrete container or metal vault are allowed though Wood and Cardboard are not allowed, but not to exceed four burials to a grave lot. "The revision that was approved now allows for up to eight urns per full grave lot.

This policy revision, now permits eight cre-

mains on a single lot instead of four, allowing for greater and more cost beneficial use by the individual lot owner. As the trend continues to shift towards more cremations as opposed to full burials, this revision could also prolong the need to expand the cemetery the capacity in the future by promoting more extensive use of existing burial plots.

The approval of these revisions supports no measurable fiscal impact for these revisions to the Policies and Procedures and they are to go into effect immediately.

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Achievements

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meeting, most of the council members and I attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner. It was a really great event and this event was said to be the best attended Chamber of Commerce dinner on record. There was a lot of great energy, a lot of great businesses, and a lot of good people there at the dinner.

"And from that event's town awards, I want to recognize Tupelo Music Hall for being named "Business of the Year" and I also want to congratulate Community Caregivers on being named "Nonprofit of the Year." In addition, I want to congratulate Melanie Davis, Proprietor of The Grind Rail Trail Café for being named "Citizen of the Year."

Next, Wetherbee report-

ed that the Derry Master Plan update and public forum was upcoming for a presentation for the public on Wednesday, October 30th at 7pm at the Town Hall 3rd floor meeting room. Wetherbee noted, "That is the final public forum about the Derry Master Plan. If you want to have a voice in Derry's future over the next ten years, please come to attend this meeting."

In Wetherbee's report, he overviewed other town business activities saying, "From the Planning and Economic Development side, there is business paperwork now submitted for a number of expanded uses and change of uses including a Gentle Dental at the former d'Angelo space as well as for a new juice and nutrition bar space that is coming to

town. We are also reviewing site plans for an office-medical building park on Folsom Road. In addition, there is a new convenience and gas station business that is going to break ground soon across the way from Clam Haven.

The Chair reported that the Planning Department has been working on design and architectural regulations for the new West Running Brook Zoning District. The staff in Planning have also been working on finding appropriate locations to support the new sports betting law opportunities and preparing for recommendations to present to the council about locations that would have a fit for this type of business in appropriate zoning districts. At this time, the town is also analyzing several small housing divisions that are one or two lot sizes that is going through the development process

later this fall.

The Town Administrator, David Caron reported the numbers as outlined by the State Budget allocations to the town that will be available. Caron said, "Regarding the state budget, Gov. Sununu visited us here last Tuesday to present a check to the Town of Derry for \$7.77 million. And the town will receive a check for each of the next two years for \$495,000 which is about \$10,000 more than we had anticipated."

Caron pointed out, "We will park that funding in the budget and then as part of the process, our senior staff will be presenting ideas on how to best invest in our community. The council will get a list with recommendations and then the council can vote on priorities for where that funding ought to be invested."

EDAC

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Loan Programs. Derry's EDAC also is looking to promote the availability of business quality high speed internet access and provide production support for a cable TV show on economic development.

Town Administrator, David Caron pointed out, "The EDAC originally was created without the benefit of professional staff which required hands on involvement by the Town Council with marketing and economic development activities that are to be furthered by the committee. While efforts by the councilors continue to be appreciated, the Town now retains pro-

fessional staff including Beverly Donovan as Economic Developer Director, Chairperson Christina Goseland other EDAC members - as well as the Planning Director George Sioras to help guide the committee. As the Town Council continuously develops initiatives to advance the Town's commerce, updated and restructured By-Laws will enhance both the Committee's efficiencies and effectiveness."

Caron had made the following recommendations for the EDAC By-Law updates for the council's considerations. The by-laws should include a statement of expectations whereby members will be expected to attend and participate on subcommittees plus the full Committee.

And the EDAC should meet bi-monthly, with subcommittees meeting at a minimum during the alternating months.

The EDAC should establish 3 subcommittees to provide recommendations and guidance in the following areas: Zoning and Land Use Development, Business Relations and Economic Development/Long-Term Planning as well as Master Plan Implementation.

The EDAC Chair will make recommendations for

appointment by the Town Council to the Derry Commerce Corridor TIF Advisory Board as well as for the Derry Revolving Fund Committee. The Derry Revolving Fund Committee has had a poor attendance record, therefore that committee's staff will be returning to the Council for an adjustment of those by-laws as well.

The motion to revise the EDAC by-laws was approved to go into effect immediately.

OBITUARY

Michael J. Accomando Jr.



Michael J. Accomando Jr., 58, of Derry, NH, died Sunday Oct. 13, 2019, in Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH. He was born in Boston, MA on Aug. 29, 1961, a son of Michael Sr. and the late Alberta (Pecora) Leary. Although working as the operations manager for TD Garden took up much of his time Michael always made time for his great grand kids and pleasant fishing trips.

In addition to his stepfather, Thomas Leary of Florida, Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years, Marilyn Dube of Derry; four stepchildren; thirteen grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and his nephew, Warren Johnson.

Following Cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry.

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Editorial

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

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

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

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

We want take this opportunity to remind everyone to drive especially carefully on Halloween, both during the day and night, and to pay close attention to pedestrians. We also want to remind parents that

children's costumes should feature light colors or reflective tape so they can be seen in the early darkness that the season brings, and to make sure young children travel in groups, under adult supervision, with everyone carrying flashlights or glow sticks.

The New Hampshire State Police offer the following tips to make Halloween safe as well as spooky: Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls. Use make-up instead of a mask, so as not to obscure vision. Instruct children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.

Tell children not to enter the homes or cars of strangers. Remind children not to eat any of their treats until they return home. Keeping safety and common sense in the forefront, and focusing on having FUN on what we hope will be a crisp and clear fall night is after all, the stuff of good memories.

There's something special and very New England about the sight of a lighted pumpkin on the porch in the Halloween dark. Go a head, put on a mask or a witches hat as you prepare to answer the door when it rings.

Derry Fire Department Holds Annual Open House at Central



The Derry Fire Department held its very popular Open House on Saturday, Oct. 19 with many young residents being able to experience the power of a fire hose and how to use a fire extinguisher with the help of some of the fire personnel on hand. There were also a number of demonstrations throughout the day, as well as being able to explore the many vehicles at the station. Sparky the fire dog greeted children and there was plenty of pizza available for folks who came by. The event was part of National Fire Prevention Month held every year. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Derry Village School PTA Holds Color Run Fund Raiser



The Derry Village Elementary School PTA held a Color Run around the school on Saturday, Oct. 19 with many students, family members and staff having the opportunity to be pelted with colorful chalk while raising money for the school's activities. The route took participants around the school several times and end with a huge Color Burst.

Photos by Chris Paul



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Annual Reminder Given for Trick-Or-Treat Safety in Derry

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

In just one short week, neighbors and friends will suddenly be transformed into monsters, heroes, popular online video game characters, and more.

And they'll all be storming the town in droves in search of something sweet, making your neighborhood a potential stop on their route.

Trick Or Treat will be taking place in the town of Derry on Halloween Day, Thursday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Nutfield News would like to remind residents, whether participating in the festivities or not, to be mindful of the safety of little zombies, Minecrafters, princesses, and so on.

The American Academy of Pediatrics also weighs in on the subject, offering tips to keep little ones safe during all of the frightful fun.

Parents are advised, if possible, to plan costumes for their children that are bright and reflective to keep them visible to passersby in the dark. For children who want to be a creature or character that isn't conducive to night-visibility, parents should consider adding a reflective tap or striping to their costumes or to their trick-or-treat bags, whatever will help safety

meet aesthetic.

If purchasing a costume, wig, or other accessories online or from a store, parents should look for labels or text that indicates weather or not these items are flame resistant. Furthermore, the AAP advises parents to make sure that if a sword, cane, or stick is part of a child's costume that none of these objects are sharp or too long to avoid injury.

The AAP states that parents should not allow the use of decorative contact lenses, as the use of these without a prescription is, "Both dangerous and illegal," and that using them, "can cause pain, inflammation, and serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to permanent vision loss."

While on the hunt for candy, young children should always be accompanied by a parent and/or another trusted, responsible adult. Children should be reminded to stay within sight of their chaperones at all times, and chaperones should implement hand-holding in crowded areas to avoid losing a party member.

Older children going at it alone should be given a pre-approved route to follow and be given a means to contact parents in the event of emergency. Parents and children should agree upon a specific time when should return

home, and decide the method of transportation to and from ahead of time.

Parents should keep phones and any other distracting devices in their pockets at all times, and should only come out in the event of an emergency to ensure that all eyes are on their children. It's perfectly understandable that parents should want to preserve the memory of their little ones dressed in matching costumes, but pictures can be taken ahead of time. If a photo opportunity arises, keeping all Avengers assembled and step aside so as not to become an obstacle. Posts to social media should be done when everyone is safe at home to ensure that children are given full attention for their safety.

Though the AAP strongly recommends trick-or-treaters and their chaperones remain on well-lit streets, every party member should be equipped with flashlights, complete with fresh batteries, in case they should find themselves temporarily in the dark.

In areas where there are no sidewalks available for trick-or-treaters, parties should remain on the far edge of the street facing traffic.

Trick-or-treaters are encouraged to only visit homes with a porch light on, advised to never cut through

yards, and should never enter a home or a car for candy.

Parents should review stranger etiquette with their children before going out, reminding their pumpkins that they should not enter any homemade haunted houses without a trusted adult, and not to follow anyone they do not know trying to direct them away from their group.

Trick-or-treating in familiar neighborhoods with a safe house (the home of a family member or friend, for example) to report to in the event of an emergency can be helpful should a pumpkin should find him or herself missing from his or her patch.

Once at home for the night, parents should let their pirates and treasure hunters know that they need

to borrow their treasure chests to make sure that their newly acquired loot is good enough for them to eat. From there, parents should inspect each piece of candy under a bright light, looking for any pieces that are expired, have strange lumps under the wrappers, that look as though they were previously opened, with an unusual smell, that are discolored or stained, from an unrecognized company, with pieces that are different from what is pictured on the box or wrapper.

Although most likely a kind gesture, parents should also discard any repackaged or homemade treats from strangers' homes, to air on the side of caution.

For those staying home and providing a beacon for free candy, the AAP states that homeowners should keep porches, front yards,

and walkways free of anything that a child or his or her guardian could trip over. All outdoor lights should be checked ahead of time to ensure they are in working order come trick-or-treat night, and any wet leaves or snow should be swept from sidewalks and steps. Pets should be restrained so that they do not inadvertently harm a trick-or-treater in any way.

Residents who have questions or concerns regarding safety in their particular neighborhood, or who notice any suspicious activity are advised to contact the Derry Police Department at derrynh.org/police-department or call (603) 432-6111. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Nutfield News wishes its readers a happy and safe Halloween and trick-or-treat night!

Letters

Thanks to Our Officials

To the editor,

I am writing this letter today to thank ALL of the elected officials involved in returning the education stabilization grant money back to the town of Derry including our State Senator Regina Birdsell and Derry's State Representatives.

The state budget signed by Governor Chris Sununu returned \$6.7 million to our town for education funding.

After a little research it is obvious that Derry's legislators were on the front lines

of returning this money to Derry. Particularly those involved in Senate Bill 309 sponsored by Derry's State Senator Regina Birdsell and co-sponsored by Derry's Representatives John O'Connor, Brian Chirichello and Mary Eisner. SB 309 sought to return these millions of dollars back to Derry for education funding and was incorporated into the state budget rather than as a stand-alone piece of legislation.

This education funding was included in the compromise budget presented to the

legislature in late September. This budget was supported by ALL of Derry's Representatives and State Senator Regina Birdsell.

Once again, thank you to our bipartisan group of elected officials representing Derry and to Governor Sununu for signing a budget that will give our town the much needed funding for our students and schools. This funding is truly a signal of bipartisanship in Concord, which is refreshing in today's political climate.

Jodi Nelson
Derry

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East Derry Student Part of October Saves Goalie Challenge

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The October Saves Goalie Challenge is in its sixth year now and Ice Hockey goalies from all across the U.S. and Canada, of all ages, are participating in the fundraising efforts to raise money and help women and pediatric cancer organizations.

The organization started in 2014 with the Ashburn Xtreme Hockey Club, in Ashburn, VA and has grown to include nearly 700 goalies from 175 clubs across North America, at all levels, from mites to the National Hockey League. NHL goalies Braden Holtby (Washington Capitals), Philipp Grubauer (Colorado Avalanche) and Jake Allen (St. Louis Blues) have all participated in the past and this year, one of the participants this year is Luke Nelson of Derry.

Nelson, a fourth grader

at East Derry Memorial Elementary, plays for the Valley Junior Warriors in Haverhill, Mass. This is his second year with the team and he says he became a goalie for two reasons: First, following the footsteps of his father, who also played this position in the past and second, since he realized that this is what he does best on the ice. "I enjoy it."

Luke first heard about the October Saves Goalie Challenge from his mother, who read about it in a hockey-moms social media page. As part of the challenge, for every save Luke makes throughout the month of October, people donate money for the cause. He will end up playing a total of seven or eight games in October and he says that the most saves he made in a game this year is 30, but last year he set his record with 53. The amount donated for each save is decided by the

people who donate and another option is to make a flat donation, unrelated to the number of saves Luke makes.

"It's cool being part of something so big", Nelson adds. "I think it's a good idea to raise money. If you play hockey and you are a goalie and want to help out, this would be good for you. I wanted to do this because I like playing hockey and helping out and if I was sick, it would have made me feel good knowing that people are fundraising to help me."

In the first five years of the challenge, over 90,000 saves were logged and the annual event was able to raise approximately \$800,000. Proceeds benefit Stand Up 2 Cancer, the Inova Schar Cancer Institute / Life with Cancer, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, CHEO and the October Saves Scholarship with the Goalie Guild.

Goalies who want to participate in the future can register at

www.octobersaves.org. This year's fundraising deadline is Nov. 10 and people who wish to donate in Luke Nelson's page can go to <https://octobersaves.org/goalie/nutmeadow/>.

"Cancer is a disease that has impacted us all at one point or another, whether it be a family member, a friend, a teacher, or a coach," stated Lara Hope-well, CEO and Founder of October Saves. "Through October Saves, we have watched so many teams and players come together in support of one another, motivate and encourage each other, cheer for each other; it brings out the best in everyone, all for a wonderful cause."

"It has really created a sense of community on and off the ice," says Goalie Guild Founder, Justin Gold-



Luke Nelson of Derry has been raising money throughout October, along with hundreds of North American Ice Hockey goalies, for cancer research.

man. "To know that there are goalies from all over touching every single one of us in one way or another is something very special." for a disease that has

Derry Man Seriously Injured in Motorcycle Crash

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

A Derry resident was left in serious and life threatening injuries after he struck a pole while driving his motorcycle on Monday night, Oct. 21.

Shortly before midnight,

a Derry Police Department patrol located a single motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Crystal Avenue and Tsienneto Road, just outside the Derry Police Department.

The officers discovered that a motorcycle had hit a pole and found that the oper-

ator of the vehicle had been ejected from the bike and was lying on the roadway. He was identified as Edward Spaulding, 51-years-old of Derry.

Due to the severity of his injuries, Spaulding was transported to Elliot Hospital in Manchester by a Derry

Fire Department ambulance. No further update was released on his situation by the time this paper went to print.

Police said that the preliminary crash investigation revealed that the motorcycle was traveling northbound on Crystal Avenue when it left

the roadway and hit the cross-walk signal/post. Alcohol and speed appeared to be factors in the crash, according to the Derry Police Department press release. No charges have been filed at the moment.

The roadway was closed for several hours following

the incident while an investigation was done by the Derry Police Department Accident Reconstruction team.

Derry Police are asking anyone with further information about the crash to contact the department at (603) 432-6111.

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Elementary Schools Hold Annual Young People Race at Pinkerton



The annual Young Peoples Run was held at the Pinkerton Academy Cross-Country Track on Saturday morning, Oct. 19 with racers representing all the Derry Elementary Schools attending as well as teams from St Catherine's in Manchester. Four races were held at the event, fourth grade girls, fourth grade boys, fifth grade girls and fifth grade boys, with the top five in each given awards. Winners for the four categories were: Larianna Trudel of Barka Elementary was the fourth grade girl winner and Lyndon Zenga of South Range was the Fourth grade boy winner. Ryenn Pedone of St. Catherine's took the fifth grade girl number one spot and Breydon Forgan of East Derry Memorial was the fifth grade boy winner.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Girls' Volleyball Fall to Hollis-Brookline, Win Two Others

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

With just two more games left in the regular season, the Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Volleyball team was able to collect two more wins, but those victories, were on either side of the teams second loss of the season to an undefeated team.

The Lady Astros record is now at 14-2 and they have games this Wednesday at Keene and Thursday, Oct. 24, at home against Windham, before playoffs

begin. The teams only losses are to Nashua South and Hollis-Brookline who both remain undefeated and will play one another on Wednesday, after the Ellanesday, after the Nutfield News press time.

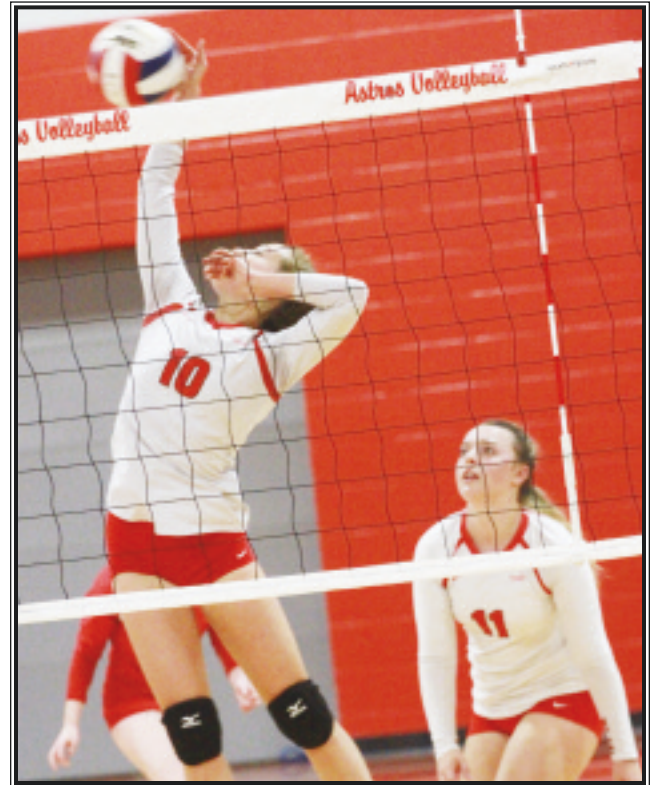
Last week, at Merrimack (2-14) on Wednesday, Oct. 16, the Astros won 25-19 in the first set and continued to a dominant 25-8 in the second and 25-16 in the third. Lily Heywood led the winners in service points with 11. Ella Dandrade finished with 10, next to nine kills and 19 digs. Reese Asselin had nine service points,

including two aces and Ella Koelb provided 27 assists.

Pinkerton was able to take one set at home against Hollis-Brookline two days later, but the now 16-0 team proved to be too strong, winning the match 3-1, handing the Astros only their second loss of the season (with the first one coming against the other undefeated team, Nashua South). The visitors jumped to a 1-0 lead by winning the opening set 25-15, but Pinkerton equalized with 25-20. The first two sets were under Hollis

Brookline's control and ended in 25-19 and 25-16. Koelb finished with 11 service points (three aces) and 20 assists. Dandrade had nine kills and 24 digs. Asselin added 23 digs and Sarah Taylor scored on nine kills and added six blocks.

Finally, on Monday, Oct. 21, Pinkerton managed a four-set win at Exeter High School (9-7). The Lady Astros led after 25-15 and lost 25-20 in the second set, before recovering with 25-19 and 25-9. Koelb enjoyed 32 assists, eight kills and 11 service points. Other big contributions came from Dandrade (29 digs, 13 kills) and Heywood (12 kills, 18 digs). Asselin had 17 digs and 10 service points (three aces), Nicole Valcourt finished with four blocks.



Ella Dandrade and Lilly Haywood at the net during a recent match at Pinkerton
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Potvin Returns and Helps Astros Football Wash Away Tide

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the 12 state final games in 15 years Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Football team has been taught to

never give up, and on Friday night, Oct. 18, a big 27-6 home victory over Concord High School (2-5) helped the Astros move back to an over .500 record (4-3) and keep their playoff aspira-

tions alive.

After sitting out for two games due to an injury suffered during the Mack Plaque game against Londonderry, quarterback Jeff Potvin was back on the field, and he started the game very strong, with a 59-yard pass to Evan Wilson. That big play set up a short touchdown run by Jacob Albert seconds later. Astro Kicker Brandon Roy added a 40-yard field goal later in the quarter, and Pinkerton's lead was 10-0 after the first 12 minutes of the game.

The Astros kept pushing and scored 10 more unanswered points before marching off the field at halftime, thanks to another successful field goal attempt by Roy and a 60-yard run by Wilson, who continued to have a big evening. Those two scoring drives made it 20-0 for the home team.

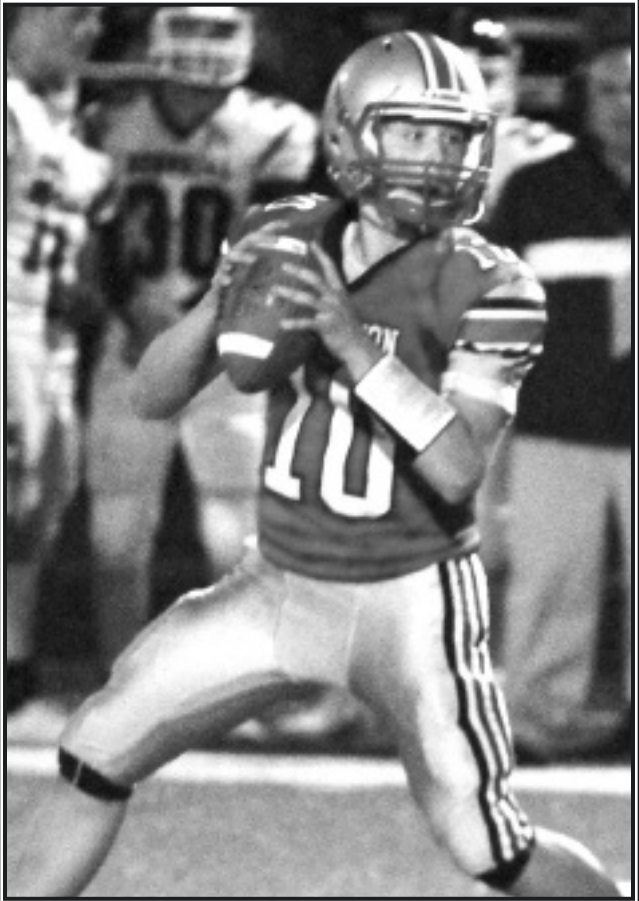
A good drive on the third quarter gave Concord their first points of the game on a

three-yard touchdown run by quarterback Roban McGonigle, but the Astros put the final touches on their win when Potvin found Wilson who scored a 30-yard touchdown with 86 seconds left in the third quarter.

Wilson's tremendous game saw him rushing for 101 yards and catching for another 89 yards. Albert ran for an additional 91 yards and the Astros had a total of 247 yards on the ground.

The next big challenge for the Astos will be at Windham High School (3-4), this Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26, with a kickoff scheduled for 1:30 p.m. This game could be crucial for coach Brian O'Reilly's team and the momentum from the past two weeks of victories can certainly help in inspiring the team.

They will end the season at home against the defending title holding Bedford Bulldogs.



Astro quarterback Jeff Potvin was back on the field last Friday, and helped the team pick up another win, this time against Concord High School. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 13



Kyle Raspuzzi,
Senior: Varsity Golf

Kyle Raspuzzi has been the team's top player all season, and he shot a 77 in the team championship to qualify for individuals. He then shot an 81 at individuals to give him a ninth place finish in the state championship last week in Concord.



Lauren Lisauskas,
Senior: Varsity Field Hockey

Lauren Lisauskas has scored four goals in the last two games of the season to ensure the Pinkerton Field Hockey team a strong finish going into the postseason. Lauren also scored three unanswered goals in the second half of the team's last game of the season, two were unassisted.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Kyle Raspuzzi Represents Pinkerton Golf Team at State Championship

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Out of the 14 Pinkerton Academy golfers to make the team this year, Kyle Raspuzzi was the only one able to qualify for the Division I Individual State Championship held last

week.

In that event, Raspuzzi finished ninth overall after the second round, which was played on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord.

Five days earlier, the Astro golf team had seven players who were able to

make the cut in the first round, Raspuzzi was able to keep the spot he had before round two, despite shooting 81, after finishing with 77 last Tuesday.

In that second round, Raspuzzi was able to stay on par with 11 of the 18 holes, but had early problems, as he shot two straight bogeys in the first couple of holes and needed eight strokes to finish on the fourth hole.

Raspuzzi finished the 36 holes in the state championship with a total of 158, 14 over par, same as John Giroux of Bedford who placed tenth. Brady Burke, also of Bedford, finished eighth with 10 over par. Bryce Zimmerman of Nashua North was the eventual state champion thanks to going low with a 70 in the second round and a total of 142, two strokes under par.

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Pinkerton Field Hockey Finish Regular Season at Top Spot

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Field Hockey team is once again ready to make a run at the Division I State Championship Crown as they finished the season in the number one spot.

With back-to-back big victories, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Field Hockey team finished with an outstanding 13-1 regular season

record last week, and is now waiting to who they will play in the playoffs quarter-finals game. The Lady Astros will be hosting that game on Friday, Oct. 25, starting at 3 p.m., against the winner of the Merrimack and Manchester Memorial game, and if they win, they will go on to play next Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter for a spot in the state finals.

Pinkerton started last

week by scored six unanswered goals against Nashua South (2-12) at Stellos Stadium on Wednesday, Oct. 16. That was the Lady Astros second straight 6-0 win, after enjoying the same result against Keene High School four days earlier.

Lauren Lisauskas opened the scoring on an unassisted goal and Abby Jowett assisted Marley Mailloux goal that gave the visitors a 2-0 halftime lead.

After the break, Maddy Curley found the net on a double assist by Emma Johnston and Lauren Riviere and later, Justine Doyle scored (Lily Auger had the assist), as well as Mari Shea (assist from Johnston on a corner), before Curley had her second goal of the afternoon.

The next day, during the team's senior night, the Lady Astros managed a comfortable 7-2 victory over Exeter High School. This was Pinkerton's best offensive performance of the season and it started with Shea scoring twice (assists by Mailloux and Auger). Curley made it 3-0 thanks to Mailloux second assist of the game, but the Blue Hawks surprised the locals with two goals that helped them back in the game.

Kate Bennett gave Pinkerton an insurance goal before the half (Auger had her second assist) and the second half was a Lauren



Pinkerton Senior Lauren Lisauskas scored a hat trick during the teams last game of the season at home.

Lisauskas show, as she goal, the next two were unassisted). Khaliyah Ellis made five saves for the winners.

Boys' Cross Country Team Takes First in Boston Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Cross Country team won the Catholic Memorial Invitational race, which was ran in Franklin Park, Boston, Mass on Saturday morning, Oct. 19.

The Astros competed against nine other Varsity teams from New Hampshire and Massachusetts and finished the 5,000 meter run with a total team score of 39, besting Lexington High

School's 63. Nashua North came in third with 89 points.

The individual winner of the race was Joseph Curran from North, with a time of 15:43.6 minutes. He was followed by Sean Kay of Arlington Catholic High School (16:06.8), before two runners from Pinkerton crossed the finish line - Luke Brennan who placed third with a time of 16:20.6 and Stephen Connelly, took fourth with 16:22.9.

Pinkerton's Zach Plaza

was eighth overall, making it in 16:40.1 minutes and Nolan Preble finished 11th (16:45.2). Ethan Charles, at 18th (17:08.3) was the fifth Astro in the points count and other finishers were Nathan Steiger (31st overall, 17:44.0) and Nate Letellier (43rd, 18:31.3).

Pinkerton's boys' and girls' team will be competing this Saturday in Derryfield Park, Manchester, at noon in the Division I State Championship Meet.

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Astro Girls' Soccer Able to Chop Tomahawks, Improve Standings

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Soccer team only played once last week, but the Lady Astros, who are now 7-7 for the season, made it count.

With the regular season heading into its final stages, the local red-and-

white squad hosted Merrimack High School's team (6-8) in a battle for position in the playoff seeding, and they were able to come away with a big 5-

2 victory, and put themselves right in the middle of the Division I standings, at tenth.

The home victory over the Tomahawks came after three straight losses, each by a margin of just one slim goal. In that game, Chayse Dube scored the first goal for Pinkerton, she was assisted by Courtney Peltak. Macy Graves followed by adding the Astros' second point of the game, before halftime, thanks to a Sawyer Jackson assist.

In the second half, Mattie Sullivan found the net twice (Kayla Franks had the assist for the first goal), while Maddie Frank had Pinkerton's fourth goal (Grayson Tellier assisted her). Mishela Duka made eight saves for the Astros.

The Lady Astros should be able to improve their season record this week with games against mush



Senior Midfielder Sam Sutton moves the ball across the field at a recent game at home. Photo by Chris Paul

worse records was scheduled on to host Keene High School (2-11) this Tuesday, after the Nutfield News press time. The girls will close out their regular season on Friday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m., with a road game at Windham High School (6-9). The Division I playoffs are scheduled to begin next week, on Oct. 31.

Boys' Soccer Team Lose to Tomahawks in Merrimack

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Division I soccer season is coming to an end for Pinkerton Academy's Varsity team, who only wound up playing one game last week, after the home game with Hanover High School had to be rescheduled because of rain on Thursday afternoon. That leaves just three games to finish, what has been, a very tough season for the Astros who have only managed one win.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 15, Pinkerton, who is now 1-10-2, traveled to Merrimack High School (8-6) and lost for the fifth time in a row, 5-1. The Tomahawks scored twice in the first half and three more times after the break, with Pinkerton's only goal came in the 70th minute, when Sam Dionne found the net after an assist by Sam Adams.

Goalie Thomas Richmond had four saves and Pinkerton coach Kerri Boles said that Kyle Walker, Marcus Sconza, Kyle

Santangelo and Gaven Huot had a good performance for his team.

That game against Hanover was postponed to Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 23 after the Astros, were scheduled to play at Keene High School (8-4-2) on Tuesday, Oct. 22, after the Nutfield News went to print. The Astro boys' squad will finish the 2019 fall season on Friday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. with a home against Windham High School, the team will also honor its senior players.

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2020 Winter Basketball Registration

This program is open to children starting at age 3 and continues through 12th grade. There are three levels of the Basketball Program as well as a Competitive Travel Program and the open gym Hoopsters Program. To learn more about each specific age group/level or call (603) 432-6136 for more info. The Recreation league primarily takes place on Saturday's beginning in January at various school gymnasiums throughout the town of Derry. Registration is currently open for residents of Derry and will open on Monday, Oct. 28, for out of town participants. Registration will end Friday, Nov. 8, or until full. You can also register in the Recreation Office located at 31 West Broadway, Derry by cash, check, or credit card.

Spartans Basketball

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

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

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8 - 10:30

a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9am-11:30am, please arrive by 11am. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 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

Meet Scott Presler

Come and meet Scott Presler, conservative activist and coordinator of Baltimore and Los Angeles Clean up on Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. - noon, 78 Litchfield Rd., (Victory Baptist School), Londonderry. Event hosted by NH Citizens Action. Free pancake breakfast from 8 - 9 a.m. and from 9 a.m. - noon grassroots organizing training. Then we will go to a community clean up event, if you are interested. Please sign up at www.nhaction.org or send us a text message with name and number of people attending at 781-858-0711. Free Event.

Used Toys Needed

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

Nutfield Holiday Parade

Derry's Nutfield Holiday Parade and Celebration will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30. This will be an all day event that will include The Holiday

Parade, Festival of Trees, The Downtown Holiday Stroll, the Official Tree Lighting Ceremony, Pictures with Santa and Kid's Arts and Crafts. Sponsorships are available with heavier visibility and more advertising than ever. Please see the information attached here. You can either send the information back to us at 29 W. Broadway, Derry, or email me to indicate which level you would like to participate in. If you have had a float or have walked in the parade in the past, please be sure to register through the following link as soon as possible. derry-chamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/annual-holiday-parade-nutfield-holiday-parade-2351. If you have any questions, you may also feel free to call me directly at 603.505.0562.

The Hard Row for Paupers

A NH Humanities program, Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers presented by Steve Taylor and hosted by the Amoskeag Mills Questers. Free and open to the public. Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. Marion Gerrish Community Center 39 West Broadway Derry. For more information contact Meredith Hatch 603-434-8673

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. Dinner on Oct. 25 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information; Breakfast on Oct. 27 from 9 - 10 a.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-2130 for more information; Lunch on Oct. 27 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; Dinner on Nov. 10 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1

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

Voter Checklist

The last opportunity to change party affiliation before the presidential primary is Oct. 25. Voter Checklist Sessions at the Derry Municipal Center Friday, Oct. 25, 7 - 7:30 p.m. 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. Party affiliation determines the ballot a voter can receive at a primary. Voters registered in a party can obtain only that party's ballot. Undeclared voters can vote at a primary by declaring a party affiliation (that is, by choosing a party's ballot) when checking in at the polls. Ways voters can check their party affiliation online using app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx viewing the voter checklist in the Public Research Area at the Derry Municipal Center or at the Derry Public Library. Calling the Town Clerk (432-6105) or Supervisors (845-5490). Applications to register to vote or make changes to registrations can be completed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours or at the polls on election days. Supervisors of the Checklist Judith W. Strakalaitis, Chair Patricia A. Dowling Dina L. Bourassa

Upper Room Auction

On Friday, Nov. 1, the 18th

annual Silent Auction will run from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Dinner and Live Auction at 7 p.m. Dressy casual, cruise-inspired attire is encouraged \$60 with dinner included. All proceeds benefit the Upper Room, providing educational and support services to children, youth and families in Greater Derry, and Southern New Hampshire. Call 437-8477 for more information.

Want to Help Your Kids Succeed in School?

Parents on Board Workshop Series on Oct. 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Upper Room Active involvement in your child's education is the single most important factor in their academic success. Topics covered: Preparing Your Child to Succeed; Encouraging Positive Behavior; and Reinforcing Your Child's Academic Skills. Scholarships available. To register, call 437-8477 ext. 22

Creating Flower Arrangements

On Nov. 1, the Derry Garden Club will sponsor a morning with Maureen Christmas. Ms. Christmas is an accredited Master NGC Flower Show judge and is widely known for her formal design arrangements. Maureen's program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and a short business meeting and luncheon will follow. There will be a charge of \$10 for non-members which includes lunch and a raffle of the designs. We are a green club, so please bring your own place setting and mug. Please join us at the Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. For more information call 396-0053 or visit our website www.derrygardenclub.org.

Trunk or Treat

All are invited to join us for "Trunk or Treat" on Oct. 26, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the parking lot of Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. There will be candy, games, costumes, food trucks, a bouncy house and more, all in a safe and friendly environment! There is no charge for this event. If it rains we'll move indoors. Visit us on the web at www.islandpondbc.com. Call us at 603-329-5959, with questions and more info.

Minecraft Monday

Work together with friends in our Realm and hone your "craft" at the Derry Public Library on

Oct. 28, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m., or from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Throwback Craft Club

The Derry Public Library will be holding craft nights on projects that will really bring you back. All crafts are held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Dream Catchers on Nov. 5.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Town of Londonderry is hosting its Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Nelson Fields (LAFA) off Sargent Rd., (Behind the Central Fire Station). Residents who have Household Hazardous Material such as Pesticides or Herbicides, Oil Base Paints, Paint Remover or Thinner, Solvents/Degreasers, Household cleaners, Pool Chemicals, old Gasoline or Anti-freeze will be able to dispose of these items. For further information please contact Robert Kerry, Department of Public Works in Londonderry at 432-1100 ext. 137 or visit the Town of Londonderry website at www.londonderrynh.org/environmental-services-solid-waste.

7th Annual LHS Craft Fair

On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 - 3 p.m., at the Londonderry High School caf/lobby. Over 90 tables filled with a wide variety of items, raffle, cookie walk and kid's corner. Hosted by Student Council. Proceeds from the fair benefit the Student Council, the St. Jude's food pantry, the LHS Backpack Program, and also helps the HS Heal the World Club, the GSA, LMS Recycling Club, and any other club who is interested in selling something to raise money for their cause. Contact Person: Heather Bouchard hbouchard@londonderry.org.

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Mondays at 10 a.m., 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 six months - two years meets Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so call the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.



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