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## Conservation Reviews Eversource Utility Pole Replacement Project

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NUTFIELD NEWS

At the Oct. 14 meeting of the Derry Conservation Commission members discussed an Eversource project involving electric transmission line pole replacements. James Degnan, Commission Chairman, began the discussion with an introduction of an Eversource project partner - GZA Geo Environment. GZA representative, Lindsey White is helping to oversee the Eversource work on this project from an environmental standpoint. White was on hand with Jenny Menendez from Eversource Energy to insure the project discussion with the Conservation Commission covered

all pertinent aspects for the environmental review.

GZA Geo Environment is an environmental oversight company that supports many communities and clients like Eversource around New England and across the U.S. GZA says that one of its primary missions is to promote environmental stewardship and to oversee projects as caretakers of the environment to help improve project efficiency, engage in problem-solving, and promote clean water, clean air, natural resources while helping conserve environmental areas such as wetlands areas that will be impacted in this project.

GZA promotes environmental stewardship with clients such as Eversource,

while supporting the communities - where environmental sensitive projects are situated. GZA Environmental and Ecological Divisions provide services to protect and improve work quality while serving to protect environments and help educate people about the ecosystems around them.

White pointed out, "We are here tonight to go over the upcoming maintenance work on the existing 391 and 373 electrical transmission lines in this area. These two transmission lines run parallel to each other through the northwestern corner of the Town of Derry. Eversource Energy is proposing to replace three utility poles

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## School District Agrees to Extend Bus Driver Contract

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At the Oct. 22 School Board meeting, Christopher Kellan, Assistant Superintendent of the Derry Cooperative School District overviewed ongoing negotiations with the First Student bus transportation company to extend the school bus contract before it runs out after this year.

Kellan introduced First Student liaisons - David Fairweather and Melissa Bolster, who joined the board discussion about the contract. Kellan provided the board and the public with an overview of the contract negotiation status with First Student.

Kellan reported, "We have spent several months working with First Student

to negotiate an extension to the current school bus contract. First Student currently holds all of our school bus contracts. There was a time where First Student provided our in-district special education and our in-district big buses, but we also contracted with another bus company for out-of-district bus service. For the past several years First Student has provided all of those services."

Kellan further discussed, "Our special education bus contract still has three years with First Student, though we need to look at what to do with the in-district and big bus contracts, as well as, the special education busing when the contract ends at the end of this year. So we came to the conclusion that it might be advantageous to marry all the contracts

together as far as the time-frame - and that way the in-district special education and big bus contract would terminate at the same time as the out-of-district bus contract. And then we would be looking either to extend or put a contract out to bid after that time."

"We started at a cost much higher than we have arrived at now - and we have now reached a place we think is fairly reasonable - though we have talked about different options."

Assistant Superintendent Kellan further discussed options saying, "What we are looking at are changes for the percentage of increases only for the in-district contract busing. The special education out of district contract would remain

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**Parade of Creativity** Fortune Teller, Kinsey Fletcher, was one of the winning outfits at the annual Costume Parade at Veterans Hall on Saturday. The event, hosted by Derry Recreation Department, filled the room with tons of creative costumes. See more on pages 4 and 5.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## School District Taking Preregistration for Proposed Full-Day Kindergarten

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Last month, the Derry School District strated organizing efforts for a full-day tuition-free Kindergarten to begin in the 2020-2021 school year. The program proposal will be subject to public voting support that will be taking place

during town elections on March 10, 2020.

The school districts kindergarten program steering committee that is behind the project has been active recently in the Derry area creating community awareness about the program. Specifically, the steering committee has begun supporting school forums like

the one they did at South Range school in mid-October - where they conducted a workshop for Derry parents interested in the newly proposed Derry kindergarten program.

This steering committee includes School Superintendent - MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Jayne Boyle,  
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## Contract

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with in its current increases moving forward - which is 3% each year. What we negotiated - for school board consideration - is that moving forward in year one, which would be next year would be a 2.5% increase and then for the following year - a 3% increase and for the year after that - a 3% increase."

Kellan discussed that another contract option was further analyzed but is not recommended. That option would include a lower increase of 2% for next year, but would require using existing buses and First Student could not guarantee bus performance as some busses

are old and several could become worn-out.

With that option, the district might have up to six buses that would be about 10 years old at the end of those three years of the contract timeline, though it is First Student's responsibility to provide all of the buses and ensure they would support travel. However, anytime a bus needs a repair with these older busses or the buses aren't in good working order, it could result in a service interruption. Kellan pointed out that the district has worked with First Student to remedy interruptions that happened several years ago and that interruptions have been reduced which is helping

minimize the need to double up bus routes. Although there's still a bit of struggle with interruptions that is also related to the difficulty in securing enough drivers. Kellan said, "We are still looking to recruit more drivers and you will see some signs for drivers outside of the schools."

Kellan summed up that the lower 2% increase option might be a gamble for the district as it might cost approximately \$100,000 dollars for a new school bus, if needed. At the slightly higher contract increase, First Student would likely be obligated to replace around six school buses at \$100,000 each, so the

slight savings at the low percentage option might not be fruitful and the 2.5% increase should ensure an increase in safety and an increase with service efficiency.

The school board further discussed the contract and added that the relationship with First Student has been good and that the company has been responsive at the times when issues did occur.

One of the issues

brought up in the discussion was that bus diesel engines are only heated up with external plug-ins during the winter on a per issue basis, meaning there is no proactive overnight engine plug-in warm-ups before morning routes unless a bus will not start and this could also impact bus engine longevity.

First Student's, Fairweather, pointed out that this was First Student's responsibility and they supported

plug-in heating in other New England areas where they could and he felt the company would address the situation to meet expectations of the school district. Fairweather thanked the board for this insight.

After this discussion, the school board unanimously passed the First Student contract extension - as recommended, thus combining the bus contracts together for the next three years.

## Kindergarten

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Matt Olsen, Austin Garofalo, Jane Simard, Dan LaFleur, Cathy Strole and Pam McDonald. Several of these committee members were available at the Oct. 22 School Board meeting to discuss the status of the recommended kindergarten program.

Since the program will be voted on during the March town election, it has been determined that it is appropriate for parents to begin to pre-register their children now, so the district can understand the right number of students to prepare for if the tuition free full day program is supported by the voters. In the event that the full-day tuition-free proposal is not approved next March, there will still be a limited number of children that could still participate, but in a full-day tuition-based program, which would be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis soon after the March voting outcome is determined.

A pre-registration form for the full-day tuition-free kindergarten effort was reviewed at this school board

meeting on Oct. 22 and that form is now finalized and available online from the school district web site.

Parents who are interested in having their kids in full-day kindergarten next year should preregister soon. The form is now available at the district site link: <https://www.sau10.org/parents/kindergarten-registration>

This link also provides the full-day tuition-free Kindergarten school board presentation for parents and the public to know more about why full-day kindergarten is such a wonderful driver to get kids off to a good start in life. Kids who are immersed in full-day programs at this early age have been proven to gain a head start in school and with life in general.

At the October meeting, Jayne Boyle lead the discussion with the school board members to provide an update of steering committee activities and to unveil the pre-registration process for the new kindergarten program.

Boyle said, "We wanted to begin by telling you about the community forum that we had on Oct. 16 and let

you know that all of the steering committee members did a really nice job at this forum. We had about 50 people there, including some of the kindergarten teachers along with several school board members."

"From the presentation feedback we gathered in front of everyone at the board meeting on Sept. 24, we decided to do this community forum on Oct. 16 and we also decided to do a little video that is about a day in the life of kindergartners to show to parents in the community."

At the school board meeting, board members and the public were treated to this video that is titled "A Day in the Life of a Kindergarten Student." This video is now posted at the school district's kindergarten web site.

The video was produced using Pam McDonald's 2019-2020 kindergarten class and the content is really wonderful viewing for anyone of any age.

The video is short and sweet, and a perfect introduction for parents to get a glimpse of what the Derry Kindergarten program will offer their children.

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# Council Approves Six Month Cable Extension with Comcast

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At the Oct. 15 Derry Town Council meeting, Town Administrator, Dave Caron, asked members to extend the town's Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast for an additional six months, as negotiations continue with Comcast to develop a new contract. Caron recommended council support for this extension until there is a resolution for the Council and the public to consider for a renewal with Comcast.

Caron pointed out, "Our current agreement with Comcast actually expired about a week before this meeting. It was a 10-year agreement and we've been in negotiations with Comcast for some time and we

are moving towards resolution - at which time we will present a proposed franchise renewal to the council. Both parties felt it was appropriate to request a six-month extension to give us time to conclude our discussions."

Councilor Jim Morgan checked with Caron to insure the Comcast cable extension agreement would continue at the current rate of the old contract and Caron assured him this would be the case.

Caron said further, "I suggest that the council may want to have a workshop that is nonpublic in our cable council when we get close to the end of the negotiations to make sure we understand all the consequences and ramifications going forward in the renewal process."

The Comcast Cable

Franchise Agreement is between the Town of Derry and Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire and has impact for the Town's public access TV as well as for residents in the area in terms of services, support, internet access and definite types of pricing.

The current franchise agreement document with Comcast is available on the Derry Town web site and this document details all relevant information including pricing and services that are available for the cable Television services for the Town. That document is public can be accessed via: [www.derrynh.org/sites/derrynh/files/uploads/franchise-agreement\\_comcast.pdf](http://www.derrynh.org/sites/derrynh/files/uploads/franchise-agreement_comcast.pdf)

Any future agreement with Comcast will impact and support DerryTV which is a division of Derry Com-

munity Access Media - including Channel 17 that operates as the Government Access Channel for the Town of Derry, and Channel 23 that operates as the Public Access Channel for Derry NH. Derry TV's mission is to plan, provide, and produce programming of local government meetings and town events. Derry TV promotes free speech and education through community participation in public media programming.

Comcast is on the edge of another technology revolution that will likely impact the way Derry residents access TV, media, internet, wireless and telephone technologies. Over the next several years, Comcast will play a part with the transition to wireless 5G technology or other such alterna-

tives which could impact not only how cell phones connect but may provide alternative transmission technologies for television, communications or streaming media delivery. In addition, the future will most likely provide faster media and communications connectivity to the home and for mobile customers - especially when compared with the types of technology that Comcast supported only 10 years ago with their older franchise agreement with the Town of Derry.

Comcast supports cable networks today that are set up with internet delivery speeds across different speeds and at the high end approaching 1 Gigabit/ second downstream speeds for residential customers and fast upload speeds for busi-

ness customers.

In the near future, Comcast may offer alternative technologies that they are suggesting may be cheaper in comparison to 5G technology via their current cable connections. Comcast has stated that they believe they may be able to approach up to 10 Gigabit/second speeds via some of their cable technologies in some areas. Time will tell though, and Greater Derry residents interested in their TV and communications devices should stay alert about the updated agreement - as Comcast and the Town of Derry look to set up a new media, TV, internet and communications agreement for the town's residents and businesses that is sure to be interesting in terms of the Internet of Things (IoT).

# Nutfield 300th Celebration Continues with Tours and Dinner

**MELISSA BETH RUIZ**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In what has been billed as the final official "Nutfield 300th" event, people will be given another chance to take guided tours on Saturday, Nov. 2. These tours were very popular earlier in the summer.

There will also be a Steeple Fundraising Dinner that evening.

Tours will be conducted:

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Meetinghouse Tours: an insider's look at the history of this 1769 landmark, the great progress already made on its historic preservation, and the challenges remaining in this multi-year effort.

- 1:30 p.m. — A tour of Forest Hill Cemetery by local expert TJ Cullinane, focusing on the Early Settlers who established and grew Nutfield.

- 2:30 p.m. — a second tour by TJ, focus on Derry Luminaries, including astronaut Alan Shepard and his family.

A lunch service will be provided in First Parish's Currier Hall from 11:30 to 1:30. Everyone is welcome; the tours are free, and the lunch services is by donation. The Derry Nutfield 300th Memorial Coin and 300th T-Shirts will be available, and there will be a display of the 350th Time Capsule being prepared for opening in 2069.

The Meetinghouse and Forest Hill Cemetery are located at 47 East Derry Road, East Derry.

Following the tours, that evening there will be a "Story of the Steeple Fundraising Dinner" by the Friends of the Meetinghouse to raise much-needed funds for the many Meetinghouse preservation challenges that still remain. The dinner features a rare opportunity to hear about the extensive effort required to restore the

Meetinghouse Tower and Steeple from the person responsible for executing it, Arron Sturgis of Preservation Timber framing Inc. Photos and videos will further describe the various completed and remaining preservation projects.

The dinner will feature a barbecue meal catered by Gabi's Smokeshack, and live music by a five-piece Jazz Ensemble.

A silent auction will include remnants and arti-

facts from the Meetinghouse itself, as well as various donated premium items and services. Raffle Baskets will feature many donations from area businesses and organizations.

There is also a Derry After Dark Bonus for those attending the dinner. Those present can buy two general admission tickets to next

year's popular Downtown event. This is the first time the tickets will be sold, and the event always sells out in the summer.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and the dinner will be Saturday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 East Derry Road, East Derry, New Hampshire.

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# Editorial

## Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good - the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases that we bring to those posts, along with our experience and expertise.

With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible. That means business must take place in public session.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their homes. But whether or not anyone is watching, elected, hired and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye. Documents should be easy to find and view not to have to take a day off to go to town hall to view them they should be on line for all to see not just news ones but archived ones as well.

We're not talking about decisions - those are made in public session. But the background leading to those decisions, the conversations and debates, the questions and the arguments, are rarely part of what the public gets to see, the how they got to their decision.

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct. Meeting in small groups so as not to

invoke a quorum may technically not violate the law, but it smells of circumventing the law. So is that ethical?

Ethics is the core element to local government and its management. Accountability is an important part of any organization, but it's especially important in local government. Governments must responsibly use their resources to provide services that meet the needs of constituents. Local governments answer to state and federal laws and guidelines for effective operations. But most of all, they answer to the people they serve the taxpayers for it is there town there money.

Ultimately, government accountability is about maintaining the trust between government officials and citizens. For local governments, core values such as integrity, equality, and transparency should provide the foundation for every decision and policy. Citizens should be able to see how the government is spending their tax money, what services the government is providing, and how government officials are working to improve the community.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and finally end up distrusting the decision makers.

We're all adults here. The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials have something to hide.

## Costumes Abound During Derry's Downtown Trick or Treat



Whether indoors at the Derry Parks and Recreation Costume Parade or outdoors along Broadway, there were plenty of creative, fun and scary outfits everywhere Saturday, as the weather cooperated for the annual Downtown Trick of Treat.

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# Kids Parade Halloween Costumes through Veterans Hall



With a beautiful day of Downtown Trick or Treating along Broadway in Derry ahead of them, participants of the annual Derry Recreation Costume Competition saw the usual large number of attendees, with the creativity level as high as always. Judges had some tough choices to make in deciding the most creative, scariest and a judges choice in a number of age groups. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Pinkerton Academy to Host 25th Annual Veterans Breakfast

LISA D'AMBROSIO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy will host their annual Veterans Breakfast on Monday Nov. 11 from 7 - 9 a.m. This event will take place in the Freshmen Cafeteria in the Academy Building.

For the 25th year, Pinkerton Academy will host the Veterans Day Breakfast for area vets and their families. The Class Office of 2022 runs this free event with the help of their class advisors Vanessa Barros and Grace Flint. The Class Office along with the Citizenship Committee at Pinkerton, finance the event. The public is welcome to come and there is an extended hand to all our fellow vets

and their families.

This special morning is filled with much more than delicious coffee and yummy eggs, this breakfast will host honoring presentations by students, certain clubs and Pinkerton Academy faculty, while hard working teacher chaperones are cooking up a fresh, hot breakfast in the kitchen.

"This event is special because it has been a tradition for the past 25 years and the community truly comes together," expresses Barros.

"Once the class of 2022 graduates they pass this tradition down to the incoming freshmen who will then carry this event until they graduate," Barros adds.

The Class Officers arrange a memorable cere-

mony that includes recited poems and speeches in regards to Veteran's Day and dedicated to all the attendees enjoying their breakfast. There is no buffet style on this day, the Class Officers serve the Veterans their breakfast so they can enjoy their time and company. The students will have the chance to get to know a hero within the community, listen to some stories and just have great conversations.

Sydney Pelletier, Class of 2022 President will start off the Opening Ceremony with the introduction to the Presentation of Colors.

"The JROTC is also present. They perform the 'Presentation of the Colors' which is truly a very special moment to witness." States

Ms. Barros.

The Pinkerton Academy Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a program that teaches students about planes, drills, wellness, and giving back to the community. This program offers clubs, as well. The clubs that are linked to the JROTC are flight simulation club, Color Guard means presenting the flag at sporting events, PA Drill Team is where they can compete against other schools while doing competitive drill routines.

There are many great role models in the program and get recognized for their good work many times throughout the year.

The program itself holds many community-based

events throughout the course of the school year: including their most special, Veterans Day. JROTC is excited to be apart of such a wonderful event year after year.

The Pinkerton Choir will sing the National Anthem and a patriotic song of their choice. This performance always brings such emotion.

Pinkerton Academy Headmaster, Timothy Powers will give a welcome address.

Royce D'Amelio, Class of 2022 Community Service Coordinator will deliver a Veterans Day Speech.

Jayden Smith, Class of 2022 Publicity Coordinator, will speak on what is Veterans Day.

Pinkerton Academy's very own Mr. Doug Gootee,

a Veteran himself, will recite, "What is a Veteran?" Mr. Gootee and his wife have been volunteering over the years to keep this Veterans Day Breakfast a success.

Meghan Knight, Class of 2022 Secretary will speak on The Importance of Veterans Day.

The candle lighting ceremony will be lead by Aidan Kane, Class Of 2022 Vice President.

Aidan will be starting off the poem ordinance by reciting the "Veterans Day Poem" followed by Olivia Welch reciting "The Bravest Man I Know". Lily Heywood will read "The Cost Of A Soldier" and Haley Clukeky will close the poem ceremony with "Freedom is Not Free."

## Marion Gerrish Community Center Looking for Board Members

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Now might be a good time for folks in the Derry community to become a volunteer board member for one of Derry's prominent organizations, the Marion Gerrish Community Center (MGCC). The center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing meeting space for clubs, groups, organizations and nonprofits — at this time, MGCC is looking to add new mem-

bers to their Board.

The MGCC building is located in the heart of downtown Derry — at 39 West Broadway and was Derry's West Side School until it closed its doors in 1952. This building was built during the Civil War time period — and was originally a simple one-story building while a second story was added with the prominent steeple that characterizes the building today.

MGCC is a celebrated organization that provides a

"home" for over 150 different organizations such as Derry Community Fund, boys and girls scout troops, youth sports organizations, "Meals on Wheels", daily senior games groups, and key area support groups. Other organizations that use the building include AARP, Tax Aid, Southern NH Services, Rotary club, BNI, as well as, many more organizations.

Sarah Garvin became the MGCC director in 2011 and is currently the Executive

Director. Garvin is focused to support efforts that positively connect with Derry community groups and needs. Garvin says, "The Marion Gerrish Community Center has been called the 'heart' for many organizations, because so many different parts of our community all come together here. By providing a variety of groups with meeting space, we are assisting them in spreading their good work throughout our community."

The MGCC leadership team is looking for prospective good people to provide a bit of their time and energy to join their Board of Directors. If you're considering how you might become a community leader, while providing insights, actions, and volunteer support direction, now is a excellent time to become a MGCC board member. Becoming a MGCC board member is also a great way to set up

community connections and legacy, while helping support an amazing organization.

Board of Director members are key to helping the organization effectively connect with the Derry Community; the term is for 3 years and there are meetings at least once a month. To get more information about becoming a board member, contact Sarah Garvin and the folks at MGCC at (603) 434-8866 or send them an email at mgcc.derry@gmail.com. Garvin says, "Having a dedicated board of directors with concrete ideas is critical for our operations."

Residents can also help the MGCC by donating unwanted items to the MGCC Thrift Shop or by shopping at the Thrift shop. The shop accepts reasonably used and clean home décor, house wares, clothing, books, DVDs, small furniture, children's items and more.

The Thrift Shop is located in the basement of the building and accepts donations during business hours — Mon. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tues. to Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MGCC has built a reputation over the years by hosting two bingo games a week at Manchester Community Bingo Center at 1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, NH on Sunday and Monday. And MGCC also supports games of chance 10 days a year in collaboration with Ocean Gaming, out of Hampton, NH. The MGCC supports 17 employees, including their offsite bingo operator.

Garvin says, "We respond to community needs by providing the environment, opportunity, and support to individuals and organizations so we all can grow in our service to others."

For additional information check out their web site at [www.mgccderry.com](http://www.mgccderry.com)



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# Heritage Commission Looking For Oldest Person in Derry

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Do you know a Derry resident who is at least 90 years old and has been living in town the past five years? If so, the Derry Heritage Commission is eager for you to get in touch to let them know about this person. You can contact the Heritage Commission folks via the Derry Municipal Center, 14 Manning St. or send them an email to [derrymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:derrymuseum@gmail.com) or call them at 603-490-3054.

What's up with this quest? There is a search for the right person to receive the venerated "Boston Post Cane" award — which is famously rewarded across many New England towns to that town's oldest citizen. For many of these towns, including Derry — the Boston Post Cane recognition remains a tradition and celebration of a rich and

long life.

The Boston Post "Gold Head" Cane award is a tradition that was started in 1909, when Boston Post newspaper publisher, Edwin Grozier decided to stage a public relations stunt for his newspaper — to award a special prize for human longevity across New England that would be known as the Boston Post Cane award. While the Boston Post newspaper folded in 1956, Grozier's Boston Post Cane award is still a tradition in hundreds of towns and cities around New England.

The Boston Post newspaper actually produced 700 attractive ebony canes capped in gold — with the idea of offering these decorative prizes around select New England communities to each town's oldest living resident. The initial program supported this award recognition only for men, although the program was



Dorothy Stone, was awarded the Boston Post Cane in March of last year, but passed away at the age of 99 in July.

*File photo*

opened up by the newspaper to both men and women in the 1930, but the tradition for men only was still carried forth by many towns.

Derry was one of the

original towns selected by the Boston Post and Derry awarded their first ornamental cane award to the town's oldest citizen, Patrick Gillespie, who was 92 years old

at that time. Nellie Huckins, 98, was the first women to receive the award in 1956 as Derry's selectmen adjusted the town's cane award rules to include women in the oldest resident category. Awarding the cane to the oldest person in town has been a Derry tradition in the years since that time.

Today Derry's Heritage Commission supports a special recognition for the cane award winner and provides them with a replica of the original Boston Post Cane from 1909, while the original cane is now on permanent display at the Derry Municipal Center. Derry has had a number of centenarians who have received this Boston Post Cane award. Appolonia Riccio, was the keeper of the cane award until her death in 2016 at the age of 101. There have been several others in Derry who also topped the centenarian mark includ-

ing Dorothy Green who received the cane in 2015 at the age of 105, and passed away at 107. Catherine Dion, received the cane in 2009 at the age of 107 and lived another three years to the age of 110. The gold-capped cane replica was last presented to Dorothy Stone, who passed away at the age of 99 this past July, she was awarded the cane in March of last year.

If you know someone who has been here with us for over 90 years and is a resident of Derry, then it is time to pay that individual an accolade for his or her longevity.

Contact the Derry Heritage Commission and let them know about this remarkable person by nominating them for this honor. Nomination submissions must be received by Dec. 9 for consideration of the award and recognition ceremonies.

## Eversource

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before the end of this calendar year. One of these poles is along the 391 transmission line and two of the poles are located along the 373 transmission lines. It's a pretty short span of work area that begins about .3 miles south of English Range Road and continues for about a mile to just north east of Overledge Drive."

White outlined that, "Eversource is replacing these polls because they are old and worn - as the transmission lines are about 50 years old and there are some utility poles that have been identified to be replaced sooner rather than later - to ensure the safety and reliability of the transmission system."

White noted that the impact to wetlands and wetland buffer areas in Derry will be temporary and this impact is primarily due to Eversource access needed to get to the utility poles and for setting up a pad placement around the poles in order to properly stage

equipment. For access, Eversource uses timber matting to cross through the wetlands and constructs work pads that might be directly in the wetlands or under wetland areas. This is to minimize and prevent compaction and rutting in the wetlands.

Prior to the start of work erosion controls will be installed where the temporary wetland impacts are proposed. These controls include straw waddle or silt socks and in some areas, silt

fencing will be utilized depending upon the specific topography access - so the steeper areas of the project will have a silt fence.

During construction, workers will be out on site on a regular basis to ensure there is environmental compliance and to ensure best management practices are being followed. GZA folks will get to look for turtles and snakes to make sure they are moved out of the way of construction vehicles and the equipment.

White noted, "Once construction is complete and the timber matting is removed from the wetland areas, then the temporarily impacted areas will be restored and stabilized with seeding and mulching. This project will be completed after mid-October so next spring GZA will also be checking that regrowth is happening properly in all areas."

Commission Chair, Degnan asked about the project timeline and was alerted that the work would start in early

November with anticipated completion by the end of December. The new utility poles to be added will be made from steel and they are about 5 - 10 feet higher and with a larger diameter than the old wooden poles they are replacing. These new poles conform to updated national safety codes, as well as, newer standards and regulations.

The commission agreed that this plan by GZA and Eversource looks good from an environmental standpoint and several commission members pointed out the previous pole replacement work around town had been done carefully with respect for the environment. So, the commission agreed this project should move forward.



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# East Derry Memorial School Holds Annual Fall Festival



The East Derry Memorial Elementary School PTA hosted its annual Fall Fair on Friday night, Oct. 25, at the school. Outdoors there were hay rides and pony rides. Indoors there was food, drinks, crafts, face painting, dancing and a Magic Show.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astro Football Squad Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive with 28-7 Win

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a season that did not go quite as planned early on, the Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Football team, who were Division I runner-ups last year, are still fighting for their playoff lives. The Astro squad had a road win on Saturday, and now hope with a final game of the regular season home victory, they will have a good chance of making the playoffs.

On Saturday afternoon, Pinkerton badly needed to get a victory, and was able to take down a very decent Windham High School team (3-5), on the road with a 28-

7 win.

For longtime coach Brian O'Reilly's team, it was not just the third win in a row, it was also another good performance. The Astros won their last three games with a combined score of 83-13 and in each one of their five wins this season, did not allow the other team more than seven points.

However, the game did not start very well for the visiting Astros, as the Jaguars scored on their opening drive, a long 16-play drive down the field that ended with Rocky Heres running in from the one-yard line. But Pinkerton

answered and Jake MacInnis, back from his injury, scored the tying touchdown five minutes into the second quarter, also running to the end zone from one yard.

The final minutes of the third quarter was when things really clicked for Pinkerton. It started with quarterback Jeff Potvin, another player who was sidelined for a bit during the season, finding Brady Day for a 32-yard touchdown and the next drive saw MacInnis plowing through the defense, before Jacob Albert carried the ball to the end zone from 11 yards.

The Jaguars had their final chance when they took the ball into Pinkerton's territory late in the fourth quarter, but Day got a big interception and just a couple of offensive plays later, MacInnis broke free for a 61-game-sealing-yard run, followed by a rushing touchdown by Potvin, who set the final score.

After their third straight win, the Astros (5-3) will host on Friday night, Nov. 1, starting at 7 p.m., the reigning Division I champions Bedford High School (6-2)

and if they are able to beat the Bulldogs, who lost two of their last three games, the only other results they will need is a Goffstown (6-2) win over Timberlane (0-8), with the Grizzlies being a heavy favorite in this game.

If these two scores happen, the Astros will have a 6-3 record, the same as Bedford, and with Goffstown finishing 7-2, the second "wild card" playoff ticket, for a team that did not win its division in the South-North combination, will belong to the Astros, who will have the tie-breaker over Bedford. For this situation to be a reality, going into the final game, Goffstown first needed to beat Salem at home last Friday and they did, 29-28 in a dramatic game.



PA's Brady Day heads for the goal line after his resection against Windham on Saturday.



Trent Leduc takes down the Windham running back during Saturday's road win. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Field Hockey Squad Gets Shut Out in Quarter Finals Round

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Field Hockey team ended up on the wrong end of a big playoff upset last Friday, Oct. 25, as the top-seeded Lady Astros saw their season coming to an end after an unexpected 2-0 home loss to the eighth seeded Merrimack Tomahawk squad in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I quarterfinals.

Following a 13-1 regular season, Pinkerton, the number one seed, came into the

tournament with high aspirations of a first state championship in seven years, but it was not meant to be, as the Tomhawks played strong defense, locked their goal (seven saves by goalie Heather Rohr) and found the back of the net twice in the second half, after no goals were scored before the break.

The first half saw both teams go up and down the Astros' home turf, with neither team seeming to have much of an advantage.

Merrimack's first goal came with 21:24 minutes left on the clock, when Erin

Knauer assisted Chloe Kapsambelis. Pinkerton looked for the equalizer, to send the game into overtime, but Merrimack secured their victory with 1:51 minutes remaining, when Theresa Twardosky assisted and Megan Dinsmore scored. Khaliyah Ellis made three saves for Pinkerton.

Coach Katie Littlefield was holding back her tears when she said after the game, "Crying was going to happen anyway, but it's obviously a lot earlier than we have planned. Playoff rankings mean absolutely nothing. They played fantastic hockey for 60 minutes and we played really good for 55. The heart was there, I'm very proud of them. This is not the way we wanted to end it, but you win some, you lose some. We had a very good season."

The Astro Field Hockey Squad ended the regular sea-



PA senior Kate Bennett tries to make her way through the Merrimack defenders during the 2-0 quarter final Field Hockey loss at Pinkerton. *Photo by Chris Paul*

son scoring an amazing 50 goals and giving up a poultry seven. They had expected to face the Londonderry Lancers in the Semi's, but they were also bested by a lower seed that same day.

Losing to Concord 2-0.

Last year the second-seeded Lady Astros were knocked out in the semifinals after having won eight straight games. They were just 71 seconds away from

advancing to the Division I finals, but the locals had their 2-1 lead clipped by the third-ranked Winnacunnet Lady Warriors at Exeter High School and then lost in overtime.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 20



**Marley Mailloux,  
Senior, Field Hockey**

Marley has played great all year and did not stop working until the buzzer sounded last week. All season long she has been a consistent leader on and off the field. Congratulations on a wonderful season.



**Jeff Potvin,  
Senior, Football**

In the 28-7 Pinkerton Football victory over Windham on Saturday, Jeff threw 3 out of 5 for 62 yards and one touchdown. He was versatile and scored a rushing touchdown as well, helping lead Pinkerton to continue their playoff hopes this season.

*Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*

## Boys Cross Country Squad Takes Third Place at State Tourney

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Cross Country team was able to qualify for this year's Meet of Champions, after finishing third overall on Saturday's (Oct. 25) Division I Championship Meet, which was held at

Derryfield Park in Manchester.

The Astros girls' team missed the qualification by one spot, finishing eighth overall, but will still have two runners, who finished in the top-30, competing in this Saturday's meet at Nashua South High School. The girls' race begins at 2:30 p.m., the boys' at 3:20.

The Astros boys' had a team score of 91, just behind Keene (83), with Concord winning with 67 points. Sophomore Luke Brennan ran great for Pinkerton, crossing the finish line fourth overall with a time of 16:06.6. Nolan Preble (14th, 16:37.5) was followed by Stephen Connelly (15th, 16:40.6) and other scorers were Zach Plaza (24th, 16:58.2) and Nathan Steiger (34th, 17:18.9). Ethan Charles came in 41st (17:39.4) and final scorer was Kristina Nate Letellier 85th (19:20.4).

The girls' scored 208 points, with rivals Londonderry High School claim-

ing the final team ticket to the Meet of Champions after finishing seventh with 194 points. Meghan Cross, who was fourth overall with a time of 19:35.4 and Makenna Alden, who squeezed into the top-30 with the 29th spot (20:48.3) will be representing the girls' team this Saturday in Nashua. Freshman Faith Mamos placed 37th (21:14.4), freshman Grace Jellow was 57th (22:11.0) and the fifth and final scorer was Kristina Packowski at 82 (23:22.7). Molly Repoza finished 94 (24:24.7) and Gately Beckman 96th (24:28.1).

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# Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Team's Long Frustrating Season Ends

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

For the first time in three decades, the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Soccer team will not play in the Division I playoffs. The Astros had known this for a while now, but their final game of the season, a 6-1 home loss to Windham on senior night, was another reminder of the tough season they had just finished.

The Astros' final record was 1-12-3, with their sole victory coming over the only team that finished below them in the Division I standings, Spaulding who went 0-16. Longtime coach Kerry Boles was emotional

as the season ended and told the Nutfield News, "This has been a long frustrating season for all of us. We had some unfortunate moments this year, but we had many positives as well. We showed some promise by competing against some top teams, including the 2-2 ties with Timberlane and Hanover and a 1-1 draw against cross-town rival Londonderry. The experience that the younger players received was invaluable. I look forward to next year and getting PA soccer back where it belongs, in the tournament."

The Astros final stretch of the season started last Tuesday, Oct. 22, with a 2-0 loss at Keene (10-4-2).

The home team scored twice in the first half, while Thomas Richmond finished the game with four saves for the Astros. Kyle Santangelo, Dan Humphrey, Giovanni Iob and Andy MacDonald had a good game for Pinkerton.

The next day, the red-and-whites were able to surprise a strong Hanover team (13-2-1, third best record), with a 2-2 home tie, in a game that got postponed for six days due to the storm in the area last week. Riley Beaulieu scored the opener for the Astros in the 22nd minute (assist by MacDonald) and after Hanover took the lead with two second half goals, Iob tied it in the 65th



Pinkerton's Will D'Amico headed in the only goal of the game for Pinkerton at their final home game of the season against Windham.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## PA Girls' Soccer Heads into Playoffs on Winning Streak

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A regular season that started slow and was unbalanced at times, ended on a high note last week for Pinkerton Academy's Girls Varsity Soccer team and a three-game winning streak helped the Astros make this fall's tournament with the ninth best overall record, 9-7 and with some good momentum. The Lady Astros will travel this Thursday (Oct. 31, 4 p.m.) to Portsmouth for a first round match and a win will see them play a road game against the top seed, Exeter on Sunday (Nov. 3, 2 p.m.) in the quarterfinals.

Following a 5-2 home victory over Merrimack on Oct. 15, the Lady Astros' offense continued to flourish with a 6-1 home win over Keene (2-13) last Tuesday, on senior night. The visiting team led 1-0 at the half, but Pinkerton scored six unanswered goals in the next fantastic 40 minutes and celebrated a big win. Mattie Sullivan finished the game with a hat trick, Macy Graves scored twice and Kayle Franks had one goal, while goalie Mishela Duka finished the game with four saves.

The Astros ended their season on Friday (Oct. 25), with a dramatic 2-1 victory

at Windham (6-10) in overtime. Following a goalless first half, Sawyer Jackson gave Pinkerton the lead, but Reagan Murray tied the game with only one minute remaining in regulation. In overtime, Franks had the game winner for the Lady Astros, while Duka made seven saves this time.

Last year the locals bounded into the NHIAA tourney completed their regular season with a glittering 11-3-2 record, a six-game undefeated streak and a number six seed ranking in the tourney. That streak ended in a quarterfinal loss to the Lady Hawks from Exeter by a slim 1-0 tally.

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# Astro Volleyball Squad Finishes Season with Two Wins

**IDAN VINITSKY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There were only two teams finishing with better regular season records than Pinkerton Academy in this year's Division I Volleyball season, but the Lady Astros will be heading into the playoffs with great confidence, after winning 16 of

the 18 regular season games and finishing with the third best record.

The PA team's first play-off game will be on Thursday night, Oct. 31, starting at 6 p.m. at home against a 14th seeded Alvirne High School squad. If the Lady Astros gets the anticipated win, the team will then be hosting the win-

ner of the Dover (6th seed) and Nashua North (11) match, in a quarterfinal on Saturday (Nov. 2, 6 p.m.).

Pinkerton put the final touches on its 16-2 season with back-to-back victories last week. First, at the last placed Keene (1-17) on Wednesday (Oct. 23), the Todd Royce's team coasted to a three-set win, 25-12, 25-

18, 25-7. Ella Dandrade led the winners with nine kills, Ella Koelb had 28 assists and 11 service points (six aces) and Reese Asselin finished with four digs.

The next day, the Astros beat Windham (7-11) 3-1 at home on senior night. The locals took the first and second sets, with 25-19 and 25-22, before Windham pulled

one back with 25-18. In the fourth set, Pinkerton closed the game with 25-19. Asselin finished with 14 service points. Koelb had 10 (four aces) and 24 assists. Dandrade scored four aces and had 10 kills and 23 digs and Sarah Taylor finished with six blocks and nine kills.

Last year, the girls' vol-

leyball squad's state championship run ended in the quarterfinal-round with a loss to the three-time defending state champions from Hollis-Brookline. PA coach Todd Royce saw his eighth-seeded Lady Astros go 12-8 overall during their 2018 season and were much-improved this year.

# Annual Young Peoples Cross Country Run Top Five Results

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Young Peoples Run took place

recently at the Pinkerton Academy with students from all of the Derry Elementary Schools participating in a One-Mile Cross

Country race at the Astros track. Also racing at the event were students from Manchester's St. Catherine's School.

Teams trained for a number of weeks prior to the event at each school, with the runners made up of fourth and fifth grade boys and girls.

The top five to place in each of the four races held that morning were recognized with trophies at the end of the event.

The runners finishing in the top five were:

**Fourth Grade Girls:**  
1) Larianna Trudel - Barka; 2) Charlotte Boyington - East Derry Memorial; 3) Madison Leccese - East Derry Memorial; 4) Brooklyn Gallant - St. Catherine; 5) Sienna Hoyt - Barka.

**Fourth Grade Boys:**  
1) Lyndon Zenga - South Range; 2) Ben Mitchell - St.



Catherine; 3) Max Rufo - East Derry Memorial; 4) Cameron Baxter - Derry Village; 5) Levi Jason - South Range.

**Fifth Grade Girls:**  
1) Ryenn Pedone - St. Catherine; 2) Clare Mc-

Ginness - St. Catherine; 3) Kaylie Davalos - St. Catherine; 4) Madison Lafierre - South Range; 5) Riley McClellan - East Derry Memorial.

**Fifth Grade Boys:**  
1) Breydon Forgan of

Derry Village School; 2) Sean Phelps of East Derry Memorial; 3) Ryan Hewes - Barka; 4) Aiden Golden - South Range; 5) Travis Cavallo - Derry Village School.



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## The Steeple Fundraising Dinner

The Friends of the Meetinghouse [a 501(c)(3) non-profit] is holding this dinner to raise funds for the many Meetinghouse preservation challenges that still remain. It is: Sat. Nov. 2, 6 - 9 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 E Derry Rd., East Derry. The dinner features a rare opportunity to hear about the extensive effort required to restore the Meetinghouse Tower and Steeple from the person responsible for executing it, Arron Sturgis of Preservation Timber framing Inc. Photos and videos will further describe the various completed and remaining preservation projects. A silent auction will include remnants and artifacts from the Meetinghouse itself, as well as various donated premium items and services. Raffle Baskets will feature many donations from area businesses and organizations. For more info and to purchase the \$50 dinner tickets in advance: [www.facebook.com/events/389525388664799/](http://www.facebook.com/events/389525388664799/)

## Trunk or Treat Rain-date

Hosted by Journey Church and directed by Thrive Outdoors, put on your best costume for this year's free community event Trunk or Treat! Held at 5 Tinkham Ave., Derry on Saturday Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute please visit [www.thriveoutdoorsnh.com](http://www.thriveoutdoorsnh.com).

## Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows: Veteran's Day Nov. 11 Closed, Thanksgiving Nov. 28 Closed, Nov. 29 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Nov. 30 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Christmas Dec. 24 Closed, Dec. 25 Closed, Dec. 26 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., New Year's Dec. 31 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Jan. 1, Closed. Residents should make the necessary arrangements to dispose of your trash. Please contact Joan Hamel, Recycling

Coordinator at the Transfer Station @ 432-4650 for further information.

## Snow & Ice Policy

The Department wishes to remind residents of the Town's Ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the street. The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from Nov. 15 - April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed. Vehicles towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling or plowing snow into the street creates a very dangerous situation that can cause accidents. Any person violating this ordinance will be subject to a fine. Location of Mailboxes: As a friendly reminder, all mailboxes and newspaper boxes are allowed to be located within the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk. The removal of snow around mailboxes and maintenance of the mailbox and post are the responsibility of the owner. Residents are asked not to place any permanent or temporary structures, sprinkler heads or landscape items within the Town's right-of-way. The Town does not repair mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations. In addition, stakes, delineators or rocks placed at the edge of pavement can not be guaranteed for protection during the winter season.

## Winter Parking Ban

The Town of Derry seeks to remind residents of the Winter Parking Ban in effect from Nov. 15 - April 1. The Town Ordinance prohibits parking on all street and all municipal parking lots between midnight - 6 a.m. Violators are subject to ticketing and/or towing of their vehicle. Any questions may be direct to the DPW Office at (603) 432-6144.

## The Polar Express is coming

Back to the Taylor Library this December. Let's have fun. Registration will begin, Thursday Nov. 21, at noon. Children must be 3 years or older to register. (space is limited to 12 children per night). Polar express will be done on 3 nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, and 12. Call the Library, 432-7186, or visit to register.

## 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](mailto:info@islandpondbc.com) so we may reserve a spot for you. IPBC is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH, [www.islandpondbc.com](http://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 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 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](http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Derry Lions

The Derry Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 West Broadway, Derry. The Derry Lions are part of one of the largest civic organizations in the world. We are looking for new members to enable us to continue our support of the community. For decades, we have provided eye exams and eye glasses for needy members of the community. For more information contact us at [derryionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:derryionsclub@gmail.com) or google Lions International. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.





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