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Questions Raised About Pinkerton's Budget Process

HUUNTER MCGEE

With Pinkerton Academy's tuition proposed to go up by \$1,063,839 for the 2017-18 school year, School Board members say they have virtually no input into the high school's budget.

The item came up during a discussion with local officials at the Dec. 13 School Board meeting. The proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year would increase by \$3,067,041, or 3.8 percent over last year's approved spending plan of \$79,761,247.

Five towns currently send their students to Pinkerton: Derry, Auburn, Chester, Hampstead, and Hooksett. A sixth town, over \$1 million from Pinker-

Along with such costs as benefits and New Hampshire retirement, Pinkerton's proposed increase in tuition is a cost that the School District can't control, according to officials.

Also attending the School Board meeting were representatives of the State Legislative delegation and members of the Town Council. At one point in the meeting, during a question-andanswer session, Council Chairman Brian Chirichiello asked the School Board members what input they had on Pinkerton's budget.

"With this increase of

Candia, has contracted for to ton, how does that work. do send its students to Pinker- they just say 'it's going up x ton beginning in the fall of amount and we've got to deal with it,' right?" Chirichiello said.

> Responding to the question, Superintendent of Schools Laura Nelson said she only receives information on the budget from Pinkerton and has no input.

> Chirichiello then responded by saying, "But what's the input that the people of Derry have with Pinkerton, that's what I'm trying to get at. It seems that they can pick a number and they are going to go up X amount and it is what it is."

> School Board Chairman Dan McKenna said, "I think the short answer is we don't really have input. I think we

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HOLIDAY BREAK Ryan Catineau of Derry has his sled get out from under him at Alexander Carr Park on Sunday morning as he and his brother enjoy one of the final days of the holiday vacation from school. Recent storms have made the conditions extra slick. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Councilors Vote To Hire Marketing Firm For Retail Recruitment

HUNTER MCGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Hoping to spur economic development, councilors have voted to hire a company to help recruit retailers to

Salem or Manchester, both op the local economy. with large retail sectors, councilors voted unanimously at their Dec. 20 meeting to hire Buxton Marketing for retail development services. The agreement calls for the town to pay \$50,000 for the first year, with the option to hire Buxton for the remaining two-years of the contract. The agreement also offers the possibility of engaging Buxton to develop a hotel feasibility study at a onetime cost of \$10,000. All

2017costs will be funded by from the FY 2017 economic have spent a lot of time development budget, according to officials.

To help offset the Derry's tax rate, which is one of the highest in the state, councilors have been While the town likely exploring ways to generate will not become another tax revenue and help devel-

In June, Buxton made a presentation to the Economic Development Advisory Committee on how the company could recruit retailers to Derry. Buxton successfully helped Rochester to attract retail and commercial businesses to the community and increase tax revenue, according to the presentation. Rochester is comparable in size to Derry, with a opment I think it's in the population of approximately town's best interest for all of 30,000 people.

The EDAC members reviewing the plan and have endorsed the Buxton proposal. Councilors met recently with the committee to get a sense of the retail analytics from Buxton, Town Administrator David Caron said.

"We think this is an effective strategy to address the retail sector of our economic development efforts," said Caron said, who cited the successful experiences of Rochester with Buxton.

Under town's charter, the town administrator is supposed to help execute the agreement but Caron said it's good for councilors to back the plan.

"With economic devel-

Derry's Route 28 Waterline **Project Ahead Of Schedule**

HUNTER MCGEE Tri-Town Times

A \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the presence of the gasoline additive MTBE is ahead of schedule, continued on page 6 according to officials.

About 62 percent of the project is complete and the contractor, American Excavating, is ahead of schedule, Town Administrator David Caron said during the councilors' Dec. 20 meeting. Caron updated the council on the project, which began August 2017," Caron said. earlier this year.

With the onset of winter, Caron said the project has been shut down until the spring, when it is scheduled to resume. Work would then finish later in the summer.

"The balance of the project will be completed by

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Derry Police Swear In Three New Officers, Promote One



New Derry Officer Bryan Lamontagne is sworn in by New Officer, Kathryn Rindo is congratulated by Derry New Officer David Pardue is congratulated by Derry Derry Police Chief Edward Garone at a ceremony on Friday Dec. 30 in the Derry Municipal Center.

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

With family members and friends looking, three new Derry police officers were sworn in and one veteran officer was promoted in a recent ceremony at the Derry Municipal Center

Officers David Pardue, Kathryn Rindo and Bryan Lamontagne were sworn in on Friday Dec. 30.

After the new officers were sworn in, a promotion ceremony was conducted for Sgt. Ryan O'Rourke.

O'Rourke started his career as a patrol officer with the Derry Police Department in 2007, according to biographical information police provided. During his career O'Rourke served as a field training officer to many recruits. He also became a member of the Derry Police Department's Police Accident Reconstruction Team. During his stint on the team, he has received

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Police Garone following a swearing-in ceremony on Friday Dec. 30 in the Derry Municipal Center.

investigations, motor vehicle crash reconstruction, and motorcycle crash investigations.

In 2013, O'Rourke was assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau as a detective. While serving as a detective, he received speinvestigations, child death investigations, and crime scene processing, according to police.

He served as a detective until his new assignment as patrol sergeant.

O'Rourke lives in Salem with his wife Kristelle and their two boys, Ryan, 12, and Caleb, 9, police said.

Pardue is from Kenneb-2000. While in high school, he competed as a three-sport athlete in baseball, basketball, and football, where he was a captain of the team. Pardue attended Springfield College in Springfield, women's tennis.

training in at the scene in- Mass, where he played footvestigations, technical crash ball for another four years. In 2004, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Applied Exercise Science.

With both his father and grandfather retired police chiefs, Pardue has aspired to become a law enforcement

He will be part of the cialized training in homicide 172nd New Hampshire Full-Time Police Academy, which starts on Jan. 3 with an anticipated graduation date of April 21, 2017.

> Rindo is a resident of Lowell, Mass. She attended Lowell Catholic High School, where she played golf, basketball, and tennis, graduating in 2012, according to police.

Following high school, unk, ME, where he attended she attended Saint Anslem high school, graduating in College and graduated in May 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, with a minor in criminal justice. While she was at St. Anselm, she played four years of Division II varsity



Police Chief Edward Garone following a swearing- in ceremony on Friday Dec. 30 in the Derry Municipal Courtesy photos



Following a promotions ceremony on Friday Dec. 30 in the Derry Municipal Center, Sgt. Ryan O'Rourke shakes hands with Derry Police Chief Edward Garone.

Department on Dec. 12.

Full-Time Police Academy.

2010. During school, Bryan ness Management. played ice hockey, golf and lacrosse, according police.

to travel along the East Time Police Academy.

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Estimate

She began her employ- Coast, playing junior hockment with the Derry Police ey. After finishing ice hockey, he attended Plymouth She will also be part of State University, minoring the 172nd New Hampshire in criminal justice. He later transferred to Granite State Lamontagne was born College, where he earned his and brought up in North Bachelor's Degree in Crimi-Conway. He graduated from nal Justice, with minors in Kennett High School in Human Resources and Busi-

He began his employment with the Derry Police Department on Dec. 12 and Following high school, will also be part of the Lamontagne took two years 172nd New Hampshire Full-



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Councilors Approve Sale Of Three Tax-deeded Properties

HUNTER MCGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Following two recent public hearings, Councilors voted at their Tuesday, Dec. 20 meeting to approve the sale of three tax-deeded properties.

unanimously to approve the tax-deeded properties, either sale of properties at 5 Mundy Lane property, 6 Gill bids, according to officials. Road and 63 Drew Road.

for town re-usage by the take a vacant property at 19 Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Heritage Commission, with no recommendation made, said Tax Collector Dawn Enright. The vote followed two that they would possibly prior public hearings on the properties.

The properties that were taken through the tax deeding process and scheduled

partments to see if there is any reason to retain them.

recommended for retention, it is continually attempted to be put back on the tax roll, Enright said.

The town is limited to The councilors voted two methods of disposing of through auction or sealed

At a meeting earlier this The three were all vetted vear, councilors voted to Elm St. off of the list of the properties set for disposition.

> Councilors decided to remove the property from the list after learning from have to buy it back if it was sold at auction and they wanted to later sell it to a private buyer.

Last summer, the town for sale are vetted each year demolished an aging build-

hundreds of containers of flammable chemicals were And unless a property is removed by the Environmental Protection Agency. After demolition and clearing of debris, contamination was discovered on the lot in follow-up testing by the EPA, according to officials.

> Crews later used heavy machinery to remove about 800 cubic yards of the contaminated soil.

> the list of tax deeded properties. The five properties were all vetted for town reusage by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Heritage Commission, with no recommen

lector Dawn Enright.

At the Dec. 6 meeting, councilors learned that the tax-deeded property at 5 Mundy Lane was assessed incorrectly, by about \$59,000.

Enright said the issue came to light when an abutter had recently asked if the property, which had been assessed at \$68,400, was in fact a buildable lot.

The lot has been deeded The parcel was added to to the town as a buildable lot, and the prior property owner owes \$7,804 on the property based on that assessment, according to officials. Since the property was approved by the council, it will be sold at an auction

through various town de- ing on the property where dation made, said Tax Col- with other tax-deeded prop- property owner's name.

forward, officials did some research and determined that 5 Mundy Lane was in fact "a non-buildable lot" and the assessment was reduced to \$9,100, Enright said.

owner had until March 1 to file an abatement to have the taxes corrected but never did so. The town had followed proper procedure since the abatement was never filed, Enright said.

During further discussion, it was determined that the property had already been deeded to the town and

Enright said the property But after the abutter came a 5 Mundy Lane illustrates how important it is for property owners, who are having difficulty paying their taxes contact her office.

"If you run into hard times, please call us; we are Enright said the prior human beings also and we want to help you," Enright said, said adding, "We want to help people to keep their properties, that's our goal."

Enright said she and the office personnel always try to educate property owners who may be delinquent on their taxes on what credits and exemptions they may qualify for. They also help was no longer in the prior them with filing abatements.

Police Urge Public's Help In Locating Missing Man

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Despite conducting extensive searches in the area, police say a 63-year-old man who walked away from Parkland Medical Center prior to treatment on Dec.

13 is still missing.

John Walsh, a resident of Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, was last seen on foot walking southbound on Birch Street in Derry, towards Windham, police said.

"There are no verified sightings of Mr. Walsh though Derry police have conducted extensive searches of the area," Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas said in a recent press release. "Detectives have followed up numerous reports of possible sightings locally and as far away as Lowell and Methuen. There is no known destination where Mr. Walsh may be headed."

Thomas said There has

been extensive commentary on social media that has been helpful in circulating Walsh's physical description and photograph.

'We would like to stress that there have been no credible sightings of Mr. Walsh at this time despite social media comments that may be to the contrary," Thomas said. "We urge everyone to be vigilant in helping us locate Jack and not restrict their observations to a particular neighborhood.

Derry Police conducted an extensive search in the area of Parkland Medical Center and the surrounding Birch St. businesses and wooded area but didn't locate Walsh after he walked away from the hospital. Police learned from Walsh's family that he has gone on long walks in the past and ended up in various parts of the state. On at least one occasion it was reported that Walsh hitchhiked to Brattle-



John Walsh has been mising since Dec. 13.

boro, Vt.

Walsh was last seen wearing a brown leather jacket, gray tee shirt, and blue jeans. Walsh's family is concerned for his safety and has requested the assistance of the public in locating him. Walsh is approximately 6 feet tall and weighs approx. 139 pounds.

Thomas said, "It is important that information is provided to us directly rather than added to Social Media. We need to follow it

up immediately and have the ability to converse with reporting persons for additional specifics to determine the veracity of the sighting.

"We are hopeful that with the public's help that we locate Mr. Walsh and return him to a safe environment."

The Derry Police Department is actively searching for Walsh.

"He has been missing since December 13, 2016 and could have traveled a significant distance since then," Thomas said. "We ask that anyone who sees Mr. Walsh or has any information regarding his disappearance or current whereabouts to contact the Derry Police Department at 603-432-6111. It is not helpful to post this information on social media as it delays our ability to properly respond to possible sightings."

OBITUARY Lorraine M. Cleaves

Lorraine M. (Paradis) Cleaves, 82, of Derry, NH passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26, 2016 at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center of Derry. She was born on July 17, 1934 in Haverhill, MA. She was a daughter of the late Emile and Alma (Miron) Paradis. Lorraine had attended the Haverhill, MA school systems. She was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother great grandmother and sister. Lorraine enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, listening to music and movies, playing cards, cooking, baking cookies, cookouts, Rockingham Park, road trips, bingo, and the holidays.

She is survived by her husband Robert Cleaves, her six children, Donna Boucher, Diane Stefanilo, Delores Stoehrer, Deborah Canfield, Brian Cleaves, and Mark Cleaves and their spouses, her sister Claire Law, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held in the St. Joseph's Cemetery, Haverhill, MA in the spring. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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— Editorial

This town 'ain't' Big Enough

A number of years ago, Nutfield Publishing came out with an editorial on economic development and growth in our communities, saying that it was "the belief that it is the magic pill towns need to curb rising tax rates." It wasn't then, and it isn't now, particularly because just as it was the case at the time, if salaries and the cost of taxpayer-paid benefits continue to rise, aging infrastructure may continue to fail, and the demand for services will remain unchecked.

But regardless of the hard work required to craft budgets that respect the taxpayers' dire financial straits, the beacon of economic development, growth, and change still shines as a goal for our communities. However, pouring money into development staff salaries may not be the way to go during tough times.

In Derry, the economic development committee struggles to create a downtown without a clear vision or mission, except to make it "better". It wants to be defined by its downtown, but doesn't seem to have a plan to do so.

The next town over, in Londonderry, the Woodmont project is well on its way to seeing fruition, along with the construction of high-density apartments, traffic issues, etc causing it to follow in Derry's footsteps. But bigger is not always better.

Sure the more businesses that spring up may create more jobs and apartments will bring in more residents who could help stimulate the town's economy, but the bigger our towns get, the more money it will require to sustain them. Like a teenager going through a perpetual growth spurt, they may never be satiated no matter how much we feed them. And so our taxes will continue to rise to try and compensate for our growing pains.

On the surface, it may seem that all this development is for the benefit of the towns' residents, but as hundreds if not thousands of residents struggle to heat their homes and put food on their tables, but pay for municipal employees' cost of living raises year after year, along with covering the cost of development through all of their rising taxes, one has to wonder who really comes out on top.

Change is like fire; it can be the fuel that keeps us going and the source of light to guide us into the future, or if left unchecked, it can really burn us. At some point we need to stop and really consider what flames we as taxpayers are fanning.

As we said before, the wellbeing of our communities in the long run depends on far more than one or two new developments. It will take a lot of longstanding planning, consistent improvements to our existing foundations, and a regard for the taxpayers' billfold.



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Letters

Authoritarian Regime Could Imperil US

To Editor:

President-Elect Trump is setting the stage for a rocky Presidency filled with conflict, bickering, turmoil, miscalculations, and potential diplomatic and military confrontations.

So far, with his disdain for intelligence briefings and his lack of intellectual curiosity, I fear we could be in deep trouble in the world, and our adversaries, including Russia and China, could take advantage of Trump's ego and his lackadaisical attitude towards the intelligence briefings.

Trump's children, Ivanhis son-in-law Jared, are on tion. The CIA analysis the President-Elect's transition executive committee. They are involved in the decision making process that determines who will be in the Trump administration, and it appears they will continue to be involved in the affairs of state when Donald takes the helm at the White House. The American people did not elect a Trump family committee to run our country.

Another major concern is the conflict of interest that exists between Trump's vast business interests and the presidency. Trump is handing the reins of his businesses to his sons, but it appears they will be heavily involved in providing advice during and the country up for huge his Presidency.

It appears Trump is

rogue authoritarian administration. He is filling posiloyal supporters during the they are not necessarily his regime with former military personnel, including three former generals, and others who are part of the wealthy business elite. His administration appears to have the trappings of the military/industrial/financial complex, and it does not bode well for our country.

and found significant hackshowed the Russian hacking and helped Trump win the election. Trump and his transition staff subsequently denounced the CIA report and referenced the CIA's Iraq having weapons of mass destruction. It is incredible to me that a President is taking the side of Communist Russia and critiagency that is responsible for our national security. This can only alienate CIA personnel who Trump must rely on to provide critical intelligence on Russian and other adversaries in the world. He is setting himself problems in the world.

The big question is, does going to have an arrogant Trump and any potential

cabinet members and advisors have a relationship with tions with people who were Russia that would adversely impact decisions made by Presidential campaign, but the Trump administration and endanger our national qualified and fit to fill the security? It doesn't look positions. He is loading up good right now. Trump admires Putin; Tillerson, the potential Secretary of State, has a number of joint ventures in place between Exxon/Mobil and Russian oil companies; Flynn, potential National Security Advisor, is pro-Russian; and Bannon, senior consultant to Trump, is inspired by the The media reported the views of Lenin, the founder CIA conducted an investiga- of Russian Communism. tion of Russian interference Trump invited Russia to in our Presidential election hack into Clinton's emails and they responded by hackka, Donald Jr., and Eric, and ing of Democratic informa- ing into our election for President.

All of these issues loom negatively impacted Clinton very large in a Trump Presidency and could create chaos, constant controversy, and national and world insecurity in a potential authoritarian administration. Our past supposed mistake about Democracy and freedom could be in peril.

P.S. My family and my wife's family have a long patriotic history in the US. My wife, the former Elizacizing a U.S. intelligence beth Jones, and I have had a close family member serve in every war from the Civil War through the Gulf War, and I have voted in every election since 1960. This is the first time I have been concerned for the safety and security of our country.

> Donald Moskowitz Londonderry, NH Former AG2 and LT, **US Navy**

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New Years Day Sledding Caps Off Vactions Days at Park









Sledding was fast and fun on the hills at Alexander Carr Park in Derry on Sunday Jan. 1 for those who braved the conditions. Many of the sledders were on the tail end of their holiday break from school and enjoying there last days with friends and family members.

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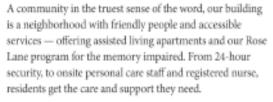
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us to be on the same page and for all to concur in the direction we are heading," Caron said.

company like Buxton, councilors have also discussed bringing in an economic development director to focus solely on economic development. But despite a mind, why aren't we hiring an lot of discussion, a director economic development direchas yet to be hired.

of the agreement.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores said she was "99 percent ready" to support the plan but was concerned that Buxton would only focus on recruiting retailers, Along with hiring a and the town wouldn't be first hiring an economic development director to concentrate solely on economic development.

"It keeps coming to my tor first to see if he can do the While expressing some job that Buxton's doing at a reservations, councilors said lower rate?" Katsakiores said. they were generally in favor "I'm still not a 100 percent

convinced on that."

She asked if Caron could help her to understand why she would support bringing in Buxton and not hiring an economic developer first.

Caron answered by saying the town would want to roll out both of the projects, using Buxton for retail development and hiring an economic development director, simultaneously.

He said an economic development director wouldn't be providing the same information, on retail services, that Buxton would provide. Caron said his goal is to return in

January with a recommendation of how to fill that position, adding through contract, through a firm or through an in-house town employee. "Our goal is at the end of the recruitment period for the economic development manager to coincide with the completion of the Buxton information so our economic development person can hit the ground running on with this information to begin working on the retail sector as soon as that person comes on board," Caron said.

Councilor James Morgan, a member of the EDAC who has been the most involved of the councilors with the project, said he also had some concerns about hiring Buxton.

"To be honest, I've had my reservations, too, Morgan said. "We don't want to make a decision, or we don't want to make a choice that might be the wrong choice.

situation where you haven't' had a lot of success in economic development you become a risk adverse and it's easier to say 'no' than it is to take a chance and a leap of faith and say 'yes."

But Morgan said he approves of hiring Buxton for a few reasons, such as that the company has a solid record in New Hampshire in Rochester. In addition, Buxton also supplies good data, he said.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon said he had heard from many residents, with some agreeing with hiring Buxton and some opposed to the plan.

"All of the residents I've spoken with want to see Derry improve as a community," Bourdon said, adding, "I've put a great deal of thought into the Buxton proposal, the concerns of the cilors' comments, the agreeresidents. I acknowledge that ment, which takes effect Buxton focuses on retail, and

You know when you are in a retail alone isn't going to solve our tax rate problem, but I believe it is an essential piece to the puzzle."

Councilor Charles Foote also had reservations about bringing in Buxton before hiring an economic development director. He said he also sees a need to try to recruit big industrial properties to possibly offset property taxes.

"Having said that I also think no risk, no reward," Foote said. "I guess we have to take a little risk and we just hired the new town administrator, who we have to stand behind his recommendations, his decisions."

Foote added that Caron helped clarify what the plans were for hiring an economic development director.

Following the counimmediately, was approved.



Students of the Month

Rotary Club has named eigth-grade students Harper Lewis, West Running Brook Middle School, and Samantha Franks, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School their Students of the Month for November, 2016. Pictured with the students is club president John Obrey. The Derry Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. If interested in joining please call Nick Norman at 603-432-5549 for more information. Courtesy photo

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Working in conjunction with the state, the plan calls for waterlines to be extended along Route 28 and to the Ryan's Hill area where MTBE has been detected in a small number of wells, Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier said.

In addition, new water mains will be installed at Stark, Public Works Director Michael Fowler said earlier this year.

banned in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire has established an MTBE funds from legal settlements to officials.

with responsible gasoline providers. With these funds, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has agreed to extend the Derry public water system to provide domestic water services to the properties affected by the contamination. Testing performed by the state found the presence of MTBE in a few wells in the Ryan's Hill

The testing was then such roads as Lawrence and expanded to 148 houses, with six properties found to have MTBE levels over federal drinking water stan-MTBE was a gasoline dards, Carrier said. And additive that has since been MTBE was detected in approximately another 10 properties, but at levels lower than the drinking mitigation Bureau with water standards, according

After the testing, the state approached Derry officials to see if the town would be able to extend waterlines up Route 28 from the Berry Road area. Waterlines will also be extended along portions of Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Blunt Drive and Stark Road. Extending the waterlines could help with mitigating the MTBE levels, according to officials.

The estimated reimbursement from the state's MTBE fund is \$2.5 million, which would leave a balance of \$421,000 to be paid by the town's water enterprise fund.

The project will not impact water rates, according to officials.

The state will take on approximately 80 percent of the project's cost

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Local Crew Teams Collect 5,850 Pairs of Shoes

HUNTER MCGEE Tri-Town Times

A fundraiser by the Pinkerton Academy and Memorial Funds2Orgs, a company that High School crew team to collect old shoes has raised more than \$2,000 and filled dozens Crew members earned funds of bags with shoes, according based on the total weight of to organizers.

Started in the fall, the effort recently concluded with \$2,236 raised and ed, said Fawn Deitsch, shoe Deitsch said in an email. drive coordinator.

with the vast majority com-

Her son Erich is on the Pinkerton crew team.

will purchase all of the donated shoes, Deitsch said. the shoes that were collected.

"Well, it took a while, but we finally wrapped up our shoe drive and received our 5,850 pairs of shoes collect- check from Funds2orgs,"

The money raised will will Approximately 77 row- be used for athlete scholarers participated in the effort, ships, team uniforms and equipment. The Crew Team

ing from Pinkerton, she said. earned funds based on the total Brenda Balenger said. "We weight of the shoes collected.

In addition to raising They partnered with money for the crew team the effort could help the poor in developing nations on the road to self-sufficiency.

> Plans call for all of the donated shoes to be redistributed to microenterprise partners in developing nations such as Haiti and Honduras. Impoverished people will be able to start businesses based on selling the shoes, with the proceeds used to feed, clothe and house their families.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," Head Coach know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone."

Deitsch thanked Derry Self-Storage at 23 Ashleigh Drive, in Derry, for keeping the donated shoes until the drive is over.

During the drive, the public was asked to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes at the following locations: The Zoo Health Club, Benson Ski & Sport, Derry Feed and Seed Supply, Hoodkroft Country



Bags of shoes that were collected in a fundraiser by the Pinkerton Academy and Memorial High School crew team are shown in this photo. Coutesy photo

Laundromat, GNC at Hood stead Health and Fitness, Commons, Blue Seal of Barre Chic of Salem, and Derry, East Derry General Auburn Supermarket.

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Granite State Treasures Group Looks to Help Preserve

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY **Tri-Town Times**

ris of Hampstead had to stop the barns they feel are and think when asked the endangered, or worth preage of the barn on his property. "It's actually three barns," he said. "The earliest dates to the late 1700s, and 1800s."

Preservation Alliance has announced an initiative, 52 Barns in 52 Weeks, for 2017. The Alliance hopes to help homeowners and communities preserve these architectural and agricultural treasures, some of which date back to the Granite symbol of hard work and State's earliest days.

Staff member Jen Good-

Instead, they want property owners and interested com-CONCORD - Rob Mor- munity members to identify serving.

"It could be your own barn, or a barn you love that is worth preserving," Goodthe newest is from the late man said. "We want to showcase the barns that The New Hampshire need to be preserved, throughout 2017."

"We have been working on barns throughout this organization's history," Goodman added.

Why barns?

"They are a wonderful community," Goodman said.

As people move away man said the program is not from farming, their barns

targeting specific barns. often fall into disrepair, community is crumbling experts see as a big bubble tural structures. Goodman said. "They are an endangered species, and we are losing them at an alarming rate," she said.

> Because some barn owners have deferred maintenance, "There is a big bubble of need," according to Goodman.

How it works

In a press release, the Preservation Alliance noted that "Barns tell the history of New Hampshire: from hardscrabble beginnings to the sheep and dairy booms in the 19th century. Virtually every rural homestead and village property included a barn. As you travel through New Hampshire today, it's impossible not to see that this legacy of hard work and

around us with missed opportunities for investment and stewardship."

Program director Beverly Thomas said, "We are losing historic New Hampshire barns at a rate of nearly one per day. The Preservation Alliance has seen increases in public awareness of the significance of barns and the benefits of preservation over the last decade, but we want to do more in the coming year because of the crisis in the dairy industry and what

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of need because of deferred maintenance of 19th century barns."

plans to expand three of its and complete barn repair work, educational programs for barn owners and enthusiasts, and expanding use of a information may state barn easement program http://nhpreservation.org/52 that can offer tax relief to -barns-in-52-weeks or eproperty owners who pre- email barns@nhpreservaserve their historic agricultion.org.

Derry

Karen Blandford-Ander-To meet its objectives, son, chairman of the Derry the Preservation Alliance Heritage Commission, said, "This is the first I've heard programs; assessment grants of it." She said she hadn't that help owners prioritize heard of any historic Derry barns in danger, but added that she would ask around.

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Following an 0-2 NH Start, PA Boy Cagers Go 2-1 in Tourney



Pinkerton sophomore standout Jay Reynolds gets a shot off against a Nashua South opponent during pre-Photos by Chris Paul Christmas play.

> CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

After having its Division I season start in less than ideal fashion before Christmas, the Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball team reversed its fortunes at least somewhat by posting a Tuesday the 20th ended up 2-1 record in a tournament in a 63-51 victory for the

following the big holiday.

The Astros started their 2016-17 campaign with a pair of double-digit defeats at the hands of Merrimack and Nashua South during the week of Dec. 19.

The road contest at Merrimack High School on

completion of three periods after the Astros outscored their opponents by a 14-8 margin in that stanza.

kicked their game into a higher gear in the final period, outscoring Pinkerton by started out well, tallying a a 20-9 margin to win going

The locals received 12 points from Joey Merrill, 10 from Jay Reynolds, and nine apiece from Cason Giordano and 27-11. Reynolds netted and Nick Bortone. All in all, 10 points for PA, Merrill had seven Astros tallied points.

Two nights later in a 63-52 home defeat at the hands of the Nashua South Purple Panthers, Pinkerton stayed the positive reinforcement in stride with its guest in the they sought in the form of a first half, trailing by just a point after one quarter (13-12) and by two at the half (28-26). But the Nashuans outscored their hosts by a quarter but the fourth, out-35-26 margin in the second half en route to victory.

Reynolds led the Astro attack with a 20-point output, with Giordano netting another nine and Matt Furgal contributing eight. All in all, six PA players scored points.

Veteran coach Peter Rosinski's academy crew then bounded into the

19-15 after one quarter, 35- Lowell Christmas Tourn-28 at the half, but by just a ament on Tuesday the 27th single point at 43-42 at the seeking its first win of the young campaign. But the locals would need to wait a bit longer for that first success as they suffered an 84-But the Tomahawks 49 loss to host Lowell in that first-round contest.

> Coach Rosinski's roster 15-9 lead in the first quarter. But the Bay State squad won the last three quarters by outscoring Pinkerton by margins of 22-10, 26-13, eight, and Jack Potvin and Nick Bortone each contributed seven.

> But the Astros finally got victory when they trounced Dracut by a 71-39 score on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

> Pinkerton won every scoring Dracut 23-11 in the first, 24-10 in the second, and 16-9 in the third before Dracut narrowly won the fourth (9-8) in what amounted to garbage time.

> Reynolds was the top PA scorer with his 16 points, Merrill bagged 13, and Matt Anzivino was good for 12.

And the academy bunch

Astro hoop veteran Matt Anzivino goes hard left against a Nashua South defender during the PA squad's recent loss to Gate City crew.

made sure it would end the period. tourney with a winning the 30th.

The locals led 20-10 the half, but the Massachusetts team outscored PA by an 18-10 margin in quar-44 advantage into the last another win.

Pinkerton outscored the record by defeating Billerica Billerica bunch by a 19-10 by a 63-55 tally on Friday tally in the fourth quarter to put the victory away.

Reynolds led the PA after one period and 34-27 at scoring charge with 25 points, Bortone was good for 19, Merrill managed 10, and Anzivino contributed ter three to carry a slim, 45- nine as the locals claimed



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Pinkerton Icemen Start Season With a Perfect 3-0 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

four games during the 2015-16 season last winter, the Pinkerton Academy ice to a lead they wouldn't relinhockey team had already posted three Division I victories for new coach Sam the first period and pres-Littlefield before Christmas sured us early," said the 2016 had even arrived.

The Astros moved to 3-0 with a hard-fought, 4-3 edging of the Exeter High Blue home ice on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

first period, we were able to pull off the win and get to 3-0 on the season," said Robinson played an amaz-

Littlefield.

After winning a total of the first 15 minutes of Littlefield. action, but the Astros owned the second period and drove quish.

> "Exeter looked good in coach. "They put their second goal in right at the buzzer of the first period."

But the Astros potted Hawks on that opponent's four unanswered goals in the second stanza to go up 4-2. Exeter didn't manage anoth-"Despite a very slow er marker until just 35 secstart and a poorly-played onds remained in the game, with their goalie pulled.

> "(Goalie) Dakota

The victorious locals received two goals from vet-Leighton.

then able to rest up and enjoy the holiday break until Wednesday the 28th, when it began its action in the 17th Annual Blue Devil Classic play - Thursday, Dec. 29 at the Salem Icenter.

first defeat of the young season - in a 2-1 decision - to a determined Windham High crew which stands as the defending Division II cham-

Windham potted single goals in the first and second periods, and Pinkerton looked like it was carrying around all kinds of rust from the holiday break during going away. those stanzas.

The locals only put 13 shots on the Windham net during those 30 opening minutes of action, but they came flying out of their locker room far more impressively for the third stanza.

Pinkerton equaled its shots on net total of 13 in the first 11 minutes of the period, and the locals trimmed their deficit in half with 10:55 remaining when Nathan Laliberte rapped home the rebound of a Brendan Banks shot. Gennaro Marra also claimed

ing game and saved our lead an assist on the tally. The The host Blue Hawks several times. He made 35 Astros' goalie Matt Gilliland jumped out to a 2-0 lead in saves on the night," stated made 21 saves in the slim defeat

> "They came out and turned it around, and we eran standout Eddie Welch could have tied it or even and single tallies from won it," said coach Brendon Banks and Colin Littlefield. "I would have liked to have had them turn The academy side was it around quicker. They needed to shake off the rust and remember how they can play hockey."

The third day of tourney was cancelled due to the The Astros suffered their snowstorm, so the Astros closed out their involvement in the event by playing the Merrimack High School entry on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 30. And PA bagged a fine, 5-2 win.

> The locals led 2-1 after one period, by a 3-2 tally pair of unanswered goals in stanza number three to win



after two, and they potted a Astro hockey player Gennarro Marra knocks the puck out of the possession of a Windham skater during the Pinkerton team's first game in the recent Blue Devils' holiday tournament. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 25



Sophia Viger, Freshman, **Gymnastics**

This talented newcomer has stepped up big and competed like a veteran, and in a recent meet she not only won the allaround with a 35.4 but she was also tops on the vault (9.45) and the balance beam (9.4).



Jay Reynolds, Sophomore, Boys' Basketball

This skilled 10th grader led his Pinkerton cagers by averaging 20 points a game as they only lost to tournament champion and host Lowell but beat several other squads during a recent holiday tourney in Mass-

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Astro Tracksters Excel at Pre and Post-Christmas Events

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

It didn't matter whether the Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' track and field teams competed in the days before Christmas or the ones after the holiday. The two academy contingents both did well at different ends of the state in a pair of

Pinkerton continued its successes in their final meet snagged a fifth, with both of the year at Dartmouth running their best times of College in Hanover on Friday, Dec. 23.

The boys came away victorious by scoring 92 total points to outpace second place St. Johnsbury of Vermont.

number of highlights which respectively. were kicked off by Joe Gagnon, who won the 3,000-meter run in a Division I-leading 9 minutes and 19 seconds.

His teammate Evan Rodgers took a third place in the hurdles with Adam Spencer right on his heels in the fourth spot.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Jadyn Ruimwijk took a third place and Nico Buccieri the season

In the 1,000-meter run, the middle-distance runners put on a show with Calvin Graves taking first and the trio of Steve Groulx, Jeff Mize and Josh Noe taking The meet included a third, fourth, and fifth

Noah Woodman took second, Pat Hanlon got third, and Cam Phelps collected

The 300 saw more success for the locals with Ruimwijk getting second, Kayden Baillargeon tallying fourth, and Kyle Hajj snagging sixth.

In the field events, Spencer cleared six feet for the first time to take second in the high jump, and Matt my girls, as the team posted Small came in sixth overall. And Colin Bigelow set a new best in the shot-put by throwing it over 42 feet to take sixth.

Pinkerton won both relavs with improvements in both. The 4x400-meter team

of Woodman, Hanlon, Hajj, were Nicole Alves (in the 55 In the 600-meter run, and Cam Phelps won by a and 300), Amelia Graves came from Baillargeon in huge margin in running the (300), Maria Virga (300 and the 300 (38.54 seconds), fastest time in the division. hurdles), Vaillancourt (3000 The 4x200 crew fought off a and 600), Johnson (1000), late surge by Trinity to win by .2 and also run the fastest time in the division.

> The Lady Astros bagged first place as a team by scoring a 59 to narrowly outdistance Oyster River and its score of 55.50.

> It was a meet full of personal records for the acade-22 individual season personal records.

> New D-I championship qualifiers included junior Britney Johnson in the 1,000 and sophomore Jordan Vaillancourt in the 3,000.

Annie Sullivan (1000), Meghan Cross (1,500), Maison D'Amelio (1,500), Sadie Farnsworth (1,500), the 4x200 relay team, and the 4x400 relay quartet.

And the academy squads resumed New Hampshire league competition on Friday Dec. 30, with the Astro males blowing away seven opponents and the Lady the 55 dash (7.94) and the of seven contingents.

The guys tallied a team score of 105 to easily outdistance second place Nashua North (60) and the other six Point scorers for PA teams which took part.

Woodman in the 600 (1 minute, 28.94 seconds), Adam Spencer in the 55 hurdles (8.44), and the 4x160relay quartet of Baillargeon, Nico Buccieri, Matt Newman, and Evan Rodgers (1:17.74).

The Lady Astros scored 65 points to finish behind only Bedford and its 81.

Individual wins were delivered by Maria Virga in Astros finishing second out 300 (44.14), Vaillancourt in the 1,000 (3:14.44), and Johnson in the 3,000 (10:43.54). The 4x400 relay quartet of Johnson, Sullivan, Vaillancourt, and Graves was also victorious (4:22.94).

PA Gymnasts End 2016 With Big Successes in Manchester

CHRIS PANTAZIS

Only the sky appears to be the limit for the incredibly talented and deep Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad this win-

The Lady Astros showed what an absolute powerhouse they can be at Eclipse

Gymnastics in Manchester team score of 138.5 to blast first place on vault with in the all-around. in a pair of recent, highscoring meets in the days following Christmas.

Veteran coach Chelsie Burland's bunch started the 2016-17 campaign exceptionally on Wednesday, Dec. 28 by overpowering six opponents in taking first place as a squad.

The locals bagged a

past the host Bedford High Fisher Pelham (122.1), Keene (117.3), Dover (114.75), and Nashua North (100.15).

Pinkerton tallied nearly all of the top-three finishes, with Pelham standout Sara Fisher the only opposing gymnast to manage to snare

and crew (124.45) as well as Michelle George (score of three finishes for the victoribe able to do it without Nashua South (124.05), 9.0), won the uneven bars on her own (9.0), tied teammate Emily Connors for second place on balance beam, and won the all-around all by her lonesome (34.8).

Freshman Sophia Viger took first on beam (8.55), second on vault in a tie with teammate Lady Astro stalwart Ashlee Loeffler, second in Julianna Corsetto tied for the floor exercise, and third

Connors, Elizabeth Bilodeau, Kylie Muzzerall, and Audrey Hill.

On Friday the 30th the Lady Astros were right back phenom there on the Eclipse mats in a multi-team meet, but one thought their expectations for another huge group score would have to be tempered somewhat due to the absence of star Corsetto from the lineup. And that see that very often." line of thinking was all kinds of wrong.

The Pinkerton squad set a new program record for highest team score in a regular-season meet by compiling a winning 140.3 without its star athlete even competing. Hollis-Brookline was a distant second with a 130.

"Its been my goal for Also notching other top- nine years to hit 140, and to ous academy crew were Julianna just goes to show how much depth we have," said the coach.

> Standout newcomer Viger led the PA charge by winning the balance beam (9.4), the vaulting (9.45), and the all-around as well (35.4).

"It's pretty incredible to have a freshman step right into a leadership role," said coach Burland. "You don't

Pinkerton claimed 37.1 total points on the beam, with Anya Comeau taking second with a 9.35. She also finished third on the bar with an 8.15.

Other second places came from Hill on floor and Loeffler on vault, and Connors took third in the all-around.



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Pinkerton Swim Squads Fare Well in the Days After Christmas

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

Coach Ed Faszewski had all kinds of reasons to feel pleased with the way his the Oyster River meet in Pinkerton Academy swimmers performed in competi- New Hampshire. tions after Christmas.

an overwhelming success as squad from Haverhill, Mass. ries in 11 events.

at Southern New Hampshire University on Wednesday, Dec. 28. And then two days after that both the PA males and females stood up tall at Durham at the University of

In the win over Haver-The Astro males enjoyed hill, Pinkerton bagged a lopsided 126-41 defeat of the they overpowering the boys' visitors and snagged victo-

wins in the 50-meter freestyle (time of 29 seconds) and the 100 free (1 minute, 7.02 seconds), Addison Carder-Cannillo was tops 200-meter individual medley (2:31.62) and the 100meter butterfly (1:09.26), Zach Denbow in the 200 free (2:05.61) and the 100meter backstroke (1:26.98), event, the host Oyster River (third), Landry in the 100

stroke (1:24.56), and Tyler Pinkerton teams Montgomery was the man in the 400 free (5:24.26).

The hosts also got victories in the 200 medley relay (2:06.42), the 200 free relay relay (4:20.37).

Then on the 30th in breaststroke Durham at the Oyster River 1:01.92) and the 200 free Chris Ploss was victorious guys' and gals' contingents

Nathan Landry tallied in the 100-meter breast- both took first places, but the free relay quartet (third). both claimed second places.

> The academy males tal-(2:06.36), and the 400 free finishes coming from Astros Denbow in the 100-meter (first butterfly (third), and the 400

The Lady Astros (score of 149) ended up being a distant second behind Oyslied a team score of 205 in ter River's girls (250), with finishing behind Oyster Zoe Freedman finishing sec-River's 292, with top three ond in the women's onemeter dive and the 400-free relay team also snaring a second.

> There were a total of 14 boys' teams which competed and 17 girls' contingents.

stro Skiers Place Second Out of Eight Squads in Opener

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy varsity ski teams ended up with all kinds of reasons to be pleased with their performances in their seasonopening competitions at the Crotched Mountain Resort Peterson, Kathryn Leighton, in Francestown on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

champion PA girls and the Astro boys both finished a

doing themselves and coach Paul D'Antonio proud.

GIRLS

"For the girls, returning varsity team members Emma Bennett, Nicole Gonya, Danielle Martineau, Hannah and Caroline Mills and newcomers Kate Bennett and The defending Division I Emily Gardner put on a great show," said D'Antonio.

Martineau skied to an strong second out of eight overall eight place finish, teams that day, with both coming in first for the state

an overall 13th and second for her team, Emily Gardner Bennett drove to a finish of 23rd and was fourth for the locals.

"For Emma, the placement does not tell the entire story as she hooked a tip at the start of the first run and still placed in the top 30 overall. It was a great job," said the PA coach.

D'Antonio added, "Gonya placed 29th overall, but field of 63.

veterans and newcomers champs. Peterson skied to again, this does not tell the whole story. She hooked a gate on her first run but on for PA, and captain Emma third in the field of 63. A great run indeed."

> came in 35th overall, Caroline Mills was right behind her in 36th overall, and newcomer Kate Bennett took a tumble on the first run and did not finish. But on her second run she placed a strong 13th in the

BOYS

D'Antonio was pleased with the work of his Astro placed 16th overall and third her second run she came in males, saying, "Returning varsity team members Alex Mielons, Mikka Hyvonen, Regarding the rest of the Eric Ihloff, Dylan Durazzano, Pinkerton crew, Leighton Kenny McCarthy, Brandon Simpson, and Billy Gonya and newcomer Owen Sezgin put forth a strong performance."

Hyvonen skied to seventh place overall and was the first Pinkerton finisher out of a big field of 110 athletes. Sezgin was right behind him in eighth overall,

captain Mielons was 24th overall and third for his team, and Ihloff was close behind in 28th overall and fourth for the locals.

McCarthy placed 30th overall, Durazzano came in 45th, Brandon Simpson ended up 46th overall, and Billy Gonya snared 51st overall.

"Out of a field of 110 racers, the Astros put on a strong showing that bodes well for the season," said the team's coach.

Into 2017 After Strong Lowell Showing

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling team is showing High School on Wednesday, definitive signs of growth Dec. 21, dropping the slimand improvement as it starts mest of decisions to the host the new year.

Despite dropping a slim decision in its final dualmeet of 2016, the PA bunch found sucess at the Lowell tled back to win the next (Mass.) Holiday Tourna-

ment in the days following advantage. Christmas.

The Astros experienced a tough outcome at Exeter Blue Hawks.

Exeter raced out to a 22-0 lead by taking the first four bouts before Pinkerton batfour and claim a 24-22

With just three matches left the locals held a 36-28 lead, but Exeter fought back to bag the one-point success.

Individual wins for PA came from Sterling Mc-Laughlin at 182 pounds, Cam Macro in the 195pound bout, Rob Fahey at 220. Deene Hill in the 285pound contest, Mark Harrington at 113 pounds, Walk-

er Stinson wrestling up at 132-pound competition.

The Astros then enjoyed some precious time off until the start of the big annual Lowell Holiday Tournament on Tuesday the 27th and Wednesday the 28th.

The PA roster finished in a three-way tie for 19th out of 73 squads at the event, tallying 89 points to deadlock with Bay State teams from Wayland and Natick.

the event with a team tally of 224, with Timberlane ending up 15 points behind in the runner-up slot.

third and sixth places rethe only academy grapplers to leave their head coach beaming with pride.

a few guys with three or year."

The Mount Saint Anth- more wins, and we were 120, and Zach Vigroux in ony team from Vermont won probably the youngest team there," said coach Dave Rhoads of his crew. "They learned a lot at the (Xcalibur) tournament in Penn-Hill and Fahey were sylvania, even though we medalists for PA, snagging didn't do that well. They came out of it with a lot of spectively. But they were not aggressiveness, and I think this Lowell tournament may be a turning point for us. I'm looking forward to seeing 'We ended up with quite how they perform in the new





Pinkerton Girl Hoopsters Are Finding Plenty of Success



Pinkerton hoopster Courtney Velho tries to up-fake a Hanover opponent during the Lady Astros' first game in the recent Salem Lady Blue Devils' holiday tournament at Salem High School. Photo by Chris Pantazis CHRIS PANTAZIS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad made the New Hampshire Division I 2016 segment of its 2016-17 season very positive by going unbeaten in its first four games.

And the Lady Astros weren't slouches when it came to holiday tournament play either.

The academy crew managed its third consecutive win in a 45-43 barn-burner with Merrimack at PA on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The hosts led 14-10 after one period, trailed by a 24-21 score at the half, and led 34-31 after three quarters had been completed.

tough The Lady Tomahawks outscored their hosts by a tiny, 12-11 margin in the fourth period, but they couldn't manage to pull different players score. out the victory as Pinkerton's Amanda Lemire ended up being the hero with a late bucket.

"A sloppy game brought about by scrappy defense on both sides," said coach Lani Buskey. "This game highlighted that we have some work to do with our discipline and composure on the court. But as I told my girls, good teams find ways to win. The last-second layup by Amanda Lemire is proof of that. I was proud of them for that part of the win, but we were back to work at practice on Wednesday finetuning the skills we need to improve on as a team."

Brooke Kane ended up pacing the victors offensively with her 18 points, and Taylor Frost contributed eight on a night during which the locals had nine

have anywhere near as much ners ended up being paced difficulty with the home- by 16 points from Kane. Purple Panthers in the Gate Courtney Velho each netted City two nights later. The PA eight points, and Jesse Ames squad claimed a 58-34 win to roll toward Christmas at a seven as Pinkerton rolled. perfect 4-0.

scoreless in the first quarter and grasped a commanding 26-8 lead at the break.

The Panthers finally lead was still more than well healthy at 44-31 going into the final stanza.

from nine different sources again, with Alicia D'Onofrio and Frost pacing the attack with 13 points apiece.

Pinkerton continued its season at the first Salem Lady Blue Devils Holiday Classic Tournament at Salem High beginning on Tuesday Dec. 27.

faced off against the 2-1 Hanover High Lady Marauders in round one and wound up bouncing that opponent by a 66-47 tally to championship round.

The Lady Astros won the first three quarters and led 16-9 after one quarter, 31-23 three stanzas. Pinkerton outscored Hanover by 21-10 in the third quarter and went up with a dozen points, Lemire by more than 20 early in the fourth period.

slipped below 14 points the But the Astros didn't rest of the way, and the winstanding Nashua South Madison Mahoney and and Lemire each collected

But the academy side The Pinkerton defense tasted defeat for the first came to the fore in this contime this winter on Wednestest, as the locals held South day Dec. 28 when they were bested by the Bradford Christian crew of Haverhill, Mass., by a slim, 53-49 tally.

The Lady Astros battled found their game in the third hard but trailed after one quarter, tallying 23 points to quarter (16-11), two periods Pinkerton's 18. But the PA (24-23), and three periods as (43-36).outscored the Bay Staters by a 13-10 tally in the fourth The Astros got points but didn't manage to snare the win.

> Tori Overko had a fine shooting night for the locals, hitting four three-pointers and finishing with 13 points in tying Lemire for the team high in that category. Kane contributed 10 points and a pair of treys of her own.

The PA bunch ended its The undefeated locals involvement in the tourney and its 2016 slate by besting the host Salem High Lady Blue Devils by a 42-30 margin on Friday Dec. 30.

The locals led 9-4 after advance a step toward the one quarter but trailed 18-15 at halftime. And the Lady Astros outscored their hosts by a huge 27-12 margin in the second half, including an at the half, and 52-33 after 18-5 outscore in the fourth

Kane paced Pinkerton was good for seven, and Julia Bousquet and Cydney The PA lead never Lessard each managed six.

Bowlers End 2016 With Strong Work

CHRIS PANTAZIS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity bowling squad finished 2016 on its home lanes at Striker's East in Raymond on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The Astros collected all four first-place points by defeating Sanborn and then Raymond - which also calls The Keene High Blackbirds also competed.

Pinkerton was superb in

standard-round play, secur- a fine 204 and a 170, Eric 143 loss. ing the top seed by tallying a team score of 1,539 to second place Raymond's 1,449. Keene snared third (1,429), and Sanborn was fourth (1,267) in a match which had had to be rescheduled due to the snowstorm on the previous Saturday.

The Astros rolled first and second standard games Striker's East home - in of 755 and 784, with captain Baker play to snag the top David Pierson scoring a 193 spot in the four-team match. and a 181 and his fellow captain Austin Caux notching a 150 and a 199.

Keenan Nash contributed

Reardon tallied a 110 and a 144, Lauren Sylvain was good for a 98 and a 90, Kyle 120, and Benjamin Tripodi rolled a pair of 129 games.

Then in round round one of Baker round action, the locals faced Sanborn and won in just two games with victories of 175-130 and 118-113.

Pinkerton also topped Raymond in three games, collecting victories of 186-167 and 129-123 which were sandwiched around a 152-

The PA junior varsity crew also had a successful day, rolling standard games Vachon snagged a 122 and a of 571 and 646 for a 1,217 and the top seed going into Baker play.

> Bryant Nourse, Matt Clark, Liam Padian, Connor Delea, Brian Wilkinson, Nathan Stallings, and Matt Morrison all excelled for the

> The Pinkerton junior varsity contingent wound up finishing second overall in team play with a strong showing of







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have four or five people who live in Derry who are on the Pinkerton Board of Trustees, and I would encourage folks to reach out and talk to them."

Pinkerton's budget is decided by its own Board of Trustees, members who are appointed for life and don't consult directly with the School Board, McKenna said.

The discussion of getting representation on the Board of Trustees dates back to the 1970s, he said. When he and others have reached out to Pinkerton, he said the answer has always been "no."

"We do have the members of the community who live in Derry who are on the board of Trustees, but I think they really see their commitment and their obligation first to Pinkerton," McKenna said. "And it's a lifetime appointment so they don't have that same obligation first to the voters and the people in Derry, their commitment is first to Pinkerton."

McKenna said he has had good conversations with at least one member of the Board of Trustees, Brenda Keith, who lives in Derry.

When the Pinkerton Budget of Trustees? was first proposed, the initial increase was four percent but was later lowered, he

Brenda Willis said School to try to get Pinkerton "to reduce what we are billed each year and explain the situation we are in."

But every year she has been on the School Board, Pinkerton's budget has increased substantially and was only reduced once.

"We try and we explain when we have to make cuts, it's coming from K to 8 all of the time," Willis said.

After hearing from the board members, Chirichiello said he had learned something new about the budget process.

He added, "I'm quite shocked to be honest with you because we are talking about raising taxes, so under what authority?'

Headmaster Morse was asked on Tuesday to respond to the questions raised in the School Board meeting regarding the budget.

Morse was asked why doesn't Pinkerton take input from the School Board on the budget? And why can't the School Board have a member serve on the Board

He responded with the following statement:

"The annual exercise of compiling budget affects all School Board Vice-Chair of Pinkerton Academy's sending districts differently. Board members work hard This is why Pinkerton abides very carefully by the terms of its six sending district agreements to complete budgets, billing, staffing, communications, reporting and a variety of other standard procedures. The Pinkerton Board of Trustees follows these procedures to compile, produce, approve and release its full budget in a timely way that allows the six sending districts to compile their own respective budgets. In all, Pinkerton students come from a total of over 20 different towns.

> "Similarly, Board representation is outlined clearly in the school's bylaws and in its agreements with the sending towns. All sending towns are represented by residents from each of the sending districts. These individuals must be unaffiliated with the town's school board to serve on the Pinkerton Board of Trustees. Our bylaws were structured this way to prevent any conflict of interest issues.

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Business Workshop Planned in Derry

"Derry Is Open For Business," an all-day workshop, will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Three agencies will team up to offer advice and guidance to potential entrepreneurs. Merrimack Valley SCORE, Derry Public Library, and the Town of Derry Planning Department Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the cost of \$35. 26 and those interested may visit www.merrimackvallev.score.org/localworkshops. Seating is limited and early registration advised. Derry Public Library is located at 64 E Broadway.

Alen Shepard Program at **Public Library**

Rick Town Historian Holmes will present a program on Alan Shepard, the astronaut and native son, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is requested at 432-6140.

Cook Book

The Cookbook Book Group will meet Friday, Jan. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Derry Public Library, Meeting Room A. The group reviews ent cookbook each month. New members are welcome; contact Jessica at iessicad@derrypl.org or at 432-6140.

Kids invited to test skills

The local Knights of Columbus will sponsor the annual Free Throw competition for children Saturday, Jan. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the gym at St. Thomas Aquinas School, Derry. Children ages 9 to 14 are welcome and registration is at 12:30 p.m. The contest is sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus Councils of St. Mark, St. Thomas and St. Jude. Participants are required to furnish a birth certificate as proof Registration is required by Jan. of age and written parental consent. For more information call Tony Violanti at 339-6743 or by e-mail at violanti1@yahoo.com.

Relieve Stress, Color Your World

Adult Coloring Nights will be held Mondays, Jan. 9, 23 and 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. The last session in January will also include puzzles. For more information, call Liz Ryan at 432-6140.

Retro Gaming

The Retro Gaming Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B, Derry Public Library. Teens may join Teen Librarian Erin Robinson in playing and learning oldschool video and electronic Day. games. For more information, and makes dishes from a differ- e-mail erinr@derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Movies with subtitles

ing on independent, foreign and classic films meets Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Films are available for borrowing, with a oneweek limit. For more information, contact Jessica at jessicad@derrypl.org or at 432-

Make own "Fantastic Beast"

"Fantastic Beasts and Other Weird Things" will be the topic of a teen workshop to be held Thursday, Jan. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to create their own "fantastic beasts," in honor of the new J.K. Rowling movie. For more information, contact Teen Librarian Erin Robinson at 432-6140 or erinr@dpl.org.

Load up on winter reading

The Friends of the Derry Public Libraries will hold a Book Sale Saturday, Jan.14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hardcovers are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents. Proceeds benefit the Derry Public and Taylor libraries. For more information, call 431-6140.

Library Close

The Derry Public Library and Taylor Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in honor of Martin Luther King

Hogwarts Meal

"Hogwarts' Kitchen" will return to the Derry Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 17, A film study group focus- from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

invited to join Teen Librarian Erin Robinson for cooking and eating foods inspired by the "Harry Potter" series. Registration is recommended and may be made by calling 432-6140. This is a bridge program and younger students are welcome beginning at age 10.

STEPs to present "Godspell"

The STEPS Theater Co. will present "Godspell" Thursday, Jan. 12 to 14 through Saturday, Jan. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Derry Opera House. STEPs is Specialized Theater Enrichment program, a local theater group for ages 12 to 18. For more information or to order tickets, visit www.stepsnh.org

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in January: Jan. 8, Dinner at Church of the Transfiguration, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Jan. 15, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; Jan. 19, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; Jan. 21, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; Jan. 29, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Jan. 27, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m,., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; and Jan. 29, Lunch at St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 435 Mammoth Road,

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Students ages 10 to 18 are Londonderry, 432-3333. In ty, Manchester and Concord. For more information contact Patty Cooper at patricia.cooper@amedisys.com or 421-0414.

Taylor Library

Taylor Library Story Hour registration is open. Story hours are offered for ages 2 to 5 on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. Tiny Tot Story Hours for ages 6 months to 2 years are Mondays or Fridays at 10 a.m. LEGO Club for ages 4 and up takes place Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Call the library to register at 432-7186.

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