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## 'A Huge Step Forward:' Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day Set

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During a campaign through the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Club, Pinkerton Academy senior Jared Bach and freshman Aidan Chaisson have worked diligently to raise awareness about the heroin epidemic.

For their efforts, along with the efforts of other Pinkerton students, the two students were presented a proclamation at the Jan. 24 Town Council meeting on an official "Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day." The day is set for Oct. 27, 2017.

"Therefore the Derry Town Council hereby recognizes the efforts of Aidan,

Jared and other Pinkerton students active in the community response to the heroin epidemic and further proclaims that Oct. 27, 2017 as Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day," Council Chairman Brian Chirichiello said.

During the meeting, Bach and Chaisson gave a presentation on the campaign that is part of a marketing and public relations program through the DECA club. In DECA club members participate in marketing and business-related activities while learning leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

One of their first goals was to raise awareness about the epidemic during Pinkerton's Red Ribbon week in

October, Bach said. He cited figures showing that there were around 500 overdose deaths in New Hampshire in 2016.

As part of the campaign, the Pinkerton Academy Guidance Department brought a crashed car to the campus to demonstrate the effects of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, Bach said.

"Kids were walking around campus so they saw the car throughout the whole week," Bach said.

In addition, about 75 students saw an opioid 101 presentation one day during the week. The students discussed the stigma around the heroin epidemic and what to do to stay healthy, Bach

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## Farmers Market Returning To Derry This Summer

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Dubbed the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market, a new Farmers Market will be open for business this summer.

To finalize the proposal, councilors agreed at their Jan. 24 meeting to waive a small fee that Derry previously charged to vendors.

A farmers market is returning this summer after a year's hiatus. The last market operated out of land owned by the Benson family along Broadway in the summers of 2014 and 2015. The market didn't run last year after Beverly Ferrante, the director, left her post after the summer of 2015, according to officials.

In the meeting, Terri Pastori, chairman of the Derry Economic Development Advisory Committee, said she and other members of a committee have been working on the project to reestablish a market for almost a year.

Pastori said a diverse group of farmers, bakers and PTA members formed the group last March to create a Farmers Market unique to Derry. They plan to launch the new market in June downtown on the Benson lawn, Pastori said.

But before the plan could be approved, Pastori asked the council members to waive a small fee that the Town charges vendors.

"One obstacle, Derry has a special fee that it charges each of the vendors," Pastori

said. "And farmers they don't make a lot of money to attract them."

As part of the arrangement, Pastori said farmers have agreed to pay a small fee of about \$10 to \$15 to the committee for advertising. She said the group is going through the process of becoming a non-profit, which will not be completed until after the summer.

"They've got to pay us a small fee," Pastori said. "And we are going through the process of being a non-profit and nobody wants a salary; we are just doing it because we believe in it as individuals."

A big criticism of the Derry's Farmers Market in the past, even a small fee can

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**Pinkerton's Got Talent** Michael Mottola, left, got some help at this year's Mr. Pinkerton Competition from last year's winner Jacob Weishaar, right, during the talent portion of the evening as the two joined for a dance routine. Mottola wound up winning the most talented trophy, but the Mr. Pinkerton crown went to Myles Laird. See more photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## More New Hampshire Families Can Qualify For Fuel Assistance

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As winter takes hold, more families in Rockingham and Hillsborough counties can now qualify for fuel assistance because of increased eligibility guidelines.

A decision by the New

Hampshire Office of Energy Planning has opened up the fuel assistance program to more New Hampshire families, said Tracy Desmarais, energy director at Southern New Hampshire Services.

"It is good news because this will enable us to help those who are working and

still struggling to make ends meet," Desmarais said Friday.

Families can go to any of 10 outreach offices throughout Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties to apply for fuel assistance, she said.

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# Deliberative Session on School Budget Scheduled for Feb. 4

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On Feb. 4, Derry voters are scheduled to consider the proposed \$82,829,041 budget for the 2017-18 school year at the Feb. 4 Deliberative Session.

The annual session is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in West Running Brook Middle School. Voting is scheduled for March 14.

Under the spending plan, the budget would increase

by \$3,067,041 over last year's approved spending plan of \$79,761,247, according to officials.

Members of the School Board and the Fiscal Advisory Committee met in a series of meetings in recent weeks to craft the budget.

Some of the proposed increases include an increase in contracted services of about \$213,000 for such services as speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, Business Manager

Jane Simard said in a presentation Jan. 10. In addition, there is a proposed increase of \$183,000 for transportation services, Simard said the school district is in the fifth and final year of a contract with First Student for transportation services. The district has sent out eight bids to transportation companies, including First Student, so the numbers could change, Simard said.

While there are proposed cost increase in the spending

plan, there are also some cost reductions, Simard. Some of these include a utility cost reduction of \$415,000 through a project by the Honeywell Corporation, and a printing, liability cost reduction of \$4,000. In addition, Pinkerton special education costs will decline by approximately \$187,900 with the proposed budget, Simard said.

A number of the proposed cost increases are beyond the school district's control and include an approximate increase of \$1.6 million in benefits the over

current budget due to health insurance and New Hampshire retirement, Simard said.

Other major cost factors that are beyond the district's control include a proposed increase of \$1,063,839 in Pinkerton Academy tuition for the 2017-18 school year and \$183,734 for transportation.

Following the presentation, a public hearing was held on the budget.

In the hearing, some speakers said the school board members did as much as they could to hold the line on spending but there were

factors that were beyond their control. Other speakers questioned the budget and whether more could have been done to lower costs.

Resident Mary Eisner said she opposed the hiring of a math coach for \$115,000. Eisner cited figures provided by the school district showing that the 59 percent of the district teaching staff has 10 or more years of experience.

"At this level I would think they could teach a coach a thing or two so I would not approve that," she said.

## Market

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be prohibitive to farmers, she said.

"They've got to sell a lot of tomatoes and cucumbers to even cover our fee," Pastori said.

The committee members did some research and found that the fee only generated a small amount of money for the town, Pastori said. The group members want oversight from the town and for the Derry to inspect the vendors. She said there are ways to waive the fee if the market becomes a town-sponsored event.

"We aren't looking for anything from the town," Pastori said. "We don't want funding, we don't want any-

thing. If we could get a little bit of advertising on the town website or on bulletin boards, that would be amazing, but other than that we aren't looking for anything."

Before voting on the plan, Councilor Joshua Bourdon asked, "By approving this would we diminish the oversight of the handling of the food and the product that's going out to our citizens?"

Town Administrator David Caron answered that the new market wouldn't diminish the town's oversight and the council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

After the vote, Council Chairman Brian Chirichiello said he was glad to see the market returning.

"I heard a lot of people

mention that they were sad to see that go, so I'm really happy that it's coming back and being in the downtown is a plus," Chirichiello said. "Thanks for the hard work."

Pastori said she wanted to mention that the new market will have an entertainment component every week. She said committee member Jenna Paradise is working on lining up activities geared toward children.

Pastori added, "Because if there is something for the kids to do while parents shop, they'll come and spend a little more on an organic tomato than they would at a grocery store. And so we really want this to be an event every week that people will come out of their way to go to."

## Derry Man Charged With Possession Of Child Sexual Abuse Images

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A local man is facing charges on possession of child sexual abuse images following an investigation by Derry Police Department detectives, with assistance from federal agents.

Peter Morency, 32, of 6R Hardy Court, is charged with five counts of possession of child sexual abuse images. Morency was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Derry Police Department



Peter Morency

an investigation, Thomas said. The Derry Police Department is a member of the ICAC, he said in the release. During the investigation, agents from ICE-Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) assisted detectives.

As the investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be forthcoming, Thomas said.

Morency was arraigned before 10th Circuit Court – Derry District on Wednesday Jan. 25, where his bail was set at \$25,000.00 cash.

He is scheduled for a Probable Cause hearing at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 2. He is currently being held at the Rockingham County House of Corrections.

after being notified of a warrant for his arrest, Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas said in a press release.

The warrant was obtained by Derry detectives after a cyber tip to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force started

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# Funding For West Derry Land Acquisition Completed In Second Vote

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It took another vote, but councilors have completed funding for a 63.5-acre tract of conservation land at 7.5 Willow Street.

Councilors voted 5-2 at their Jan. 3 meeting to reaffirm the \$740,000 total acquisition cost of the project. They also agreed to approve spending \$252,500 from the unassigned fund balance in a supplemental appropriation to complete funding the project.

But because a public hearing wasn't held at the Jan. 3 meeting, the hearing

had to be held, followed by a second vote, according to officials.

Council Chairman Brian Chirichiello, took the blame for not allowing public input.

"We were supposed to make a motion for the public input and we didn't," Chirichiello said, adding, "I take the fall for that; I apologize."

After the public hearing was opened, Conservation Commission Chairman Neil Wetherbee went to the microphone to support approving the purchase.

"This deal has been in the works for a long time," Wetherbee said. "It's \$252,000 of town outlay for

60 plus acres in an area of town that we've been trying to get conservation land in for a long time. I hope you'll support it."

During discussion before the revote, Councilor David Fischer, who voted against the proposal on Jan. 3 said he supports conservation efforts but didn't think it was appropriate to spend

\$252,000 from the unassigned fund balance. Fischer said the council has been cautioned by the town's auditor in a recent report not to spend money from the unassigned fund balance.

"I do think that the council needs to carefully consid-

er this," Fischer said. "It's important to be concerned about conservation but it's just as important to be responsible to the taxpayers and make sure that we don't put ourselves in a situation that because we are spending money on things like this that we must raise taxes in the future."

Councilor Joshua Bourdon spoke next, saying he had considered the unassigned fund balance.

"The positives in my opinion outweigh the negatives, and I have studied our unassigned fund balance," Bourdon said. "I believe we would be OK to move for-

ward and for that reason I will be voting yes."

Councilors then voted 6-1, with Fischer voting in opposition, to reaffirm the \$740,000 total acquisition cost and to approve spending \$252,500 from the unassigned fund balance in a supplemental appropriation to complete funding the project.

The parcel represents one of the few remaining large tracts of land still available in West Derry, according to officials.

West Derry was the first part of the town that was developed and settled primarily as a residential area,

according to officials.

As for funding the project, Public Works Director Michael Fowler said at a prior meeting that the state will pay for \$337,500, or approximately half of the cost, through a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services protection grant. The grant reimburses 50 percent of the appraised value along with associated costs such as survey, title, legal and closing costs.

The NHDES grant requires the town to complete a number of tasks in order to comply with the requirements of the grant program, according to officials.



Pinkerton Academy senior Jared Bach, at left, and freshman Aidan Chaisson, gave a presentation at the Jan. 24 Town Council meeting on their efforts, along with efforts of other Pinkerton students, to raise awareness about the heroin epidemic. Looking on is Town Administrator David Caron. At the meeting, the two students were presented a proclamation on an official "Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day." The day is set for Oct. 27, 2017.

Photo by Hunter McGee

## Drug Addiction

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said.

And, former U.S. Rep. Frank Guinta came to Pinkerton and spoke about what's happening at the federal level to fight the epidemic, Bach said.

Also during the campaign, the color purple was incorporated, with purple bracelets given out to signify the heroin epidemic, Bach said.

"People see the color purple and they know that represents the heroin epidemic, because purple is the color of resilience and the color of recovery and we thought that would be significant to incorporate that color into the campaign,"

Bach said.

And an open mic night was held at the Coffee Factory to raise awareness about heroin epidemic and to raise funds, Bach said.

Funds were also raised for Hope For Recovery, an organization that helps people who are in long-term recovery, Chaisson said.

Of holding a Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day, Chaisson said, "We'd love Derry to be a role model

town for all the other towns in New Hampshire. By having this day, we would be able to set a good example for all of the other towns in New Hampshire and that would take a huge step forward towards ending this epidemic."

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# Editorial

## Read All About It

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink—how true that analogy is in everyday life.

Week after week we publish this paper with articles on topics that are important to every citizen, only to have many of them hand us criticism for not letting them know about those same topics.

But while we can do all of our research, print all the stories, and put the subjects prominently in the headlines, we can't force the people to read.

Since the work-force housing mandate first reared its head at the Londonderry Planning Board, we have been there to cover it. And since the idea of large, high-density dwelling developments had first been presented, we have dutifully attended just about every meeting, and public hearing on the subject, and then printed stories and the occasional editorial on the subject for the public.

Another example that hits a nerve are the cell towers going up in Londonderry and Hampstead, and subdivisions going up in Chester. Meanwhile, your local paper has been covering both of these issues from conception to construction, but once the structures begin to go up, it's a bit late to stop it.

But when it comes to anything relating to what comes up at a board meeting, we receive many messages from residents who are against different projects, ordinances, etc., who often say their words fall on deaf ears.

Yes, towns will change, maybe for the better, maybe not.

We must attend Planning Board, Town Council and the School Board public meetings, and let them know what the taxpayers want.

If you cannot attend the meetings, write your officials telling them what's on your mind.

Would the people of Londonderry have liked to see the historical land preserved instead of High Density Housing? We like to think so. But the landowners are businessmen, and have the right to do whatever they wish, even at the cost of safety.

If you don't like the ordinance, talk to your town officials about how to change it. It's your town, not the developers', and they must follow the rules we put in place. There will be a dispute over language, and over the details of housing, over roads and open space and trees coming down, that happens with any development. It's to be expected.

Will this development be built in Londonderry, just as the ordinance allows, or will the Planning Board and Town Council stand up and fight for the townspeople, since they were the ones who approve the ordinances?

Meanwhile, we'll keep going to meetings and writing about what is happening in town. We invite you to read the stories, stay informed, and do all you can to make your voice heard.

# Letters

## Granny D. Remembered

To the editor

Yesterday January 24, 2017 was officially proclaimed as Doris "Granny D." Haddock Day throughout all of New Hampshire by our newly elected Governor Christopher T. Sununu. Thank you Governor Sununu for honoring what would be the 107 birthday of New Hampshire's best known and well-loved "Granny".

With a number of "Whereas" and a "Therefore", our governor proclaimed that:

"Doris Haddock, also known as "Granny D." walked over 3200 miles across America in support of campaign finance reform", and that her "dedication and accomplishments positively reflect upon the State of New Hampshire and its great people"

Now, therefore, I Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire do hereby proclaim January 24, 2017 as Doris "Granny D. Haddock Day to commemorate her accomplishments in support of campaign finance reform and her efforts in political activism"

What better way for you to honor "Granny D". than to call your NH House Representatives and tell them you want them to pass a number of 2017 campaign finance reform bills. These bipartisan bills have been proposed by Republican House members and are currently being heard at the State House. For example, I, along with numerous other NH citizens testified at the State House last week for a bill, HB 116, that would call for 4 public hearings across NH to determine if campaign finance reform is what NH voters really want. A similar bill has been passed by 18 other states including all the other New England states. HB 116 will determine if NH will join them by petitioning the US Congress for a nation-

al Constitutional Amendment to return the right to regulate outside campaign funding to our state government. Another bill, HB7, calls for a "Constitutional Amendment prohibiting campaign contributions unless the donor is eligible to vote in the federal election."

If you are fed up with the corruption and dysfunction we are currently seeing, don't let apathy or discouragement stop you from picking up the phone and talking to your NH Reps. or to Rep. Barbara Griffin, chairperson of the committee hearing HB 116. If you have never made calls before and you feel intimidated, I know how you feel. Do it anyway. You will feel better! If your legislators don't answer the phone, write them an old-fashioned letter. NH Representative telephone numbers and home addresses are located on the NH State Gov. website.

Corinne Dodge  
Derry

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

To the Editor:

Last Friday January 27th, as designated by the United Nations in 2005, was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. At that time, the whole world was asked to remember the horror and atrocity that was the Holocaust. Six million Jews and another six million non-Jews were murdered because they were deemed "other" and "dangerous." In Israel, in commemoration of the Holocaust and at a designated time, Jews stop whatever they are doing and wherever they are doing it, even if it means stopping your car on the highway, and pause for two minutes to reflect on a time when the world went insane.

In the past year, hate crimes in America have seen an unprecedented rise. Inci-

dents targeting all of our citizens, no matter what their color, persuasion, or politics have occurred all across our country. Whether it is swastikas in dormitories, assaults on people of every color, bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers, or insults against those who are different from us in any way, it all needs to stop now.

As often as we can, we the Jewish Clergy Association of New Hampshire join with Granite Staters of every religion, race, and national origin to fight against hate and to teach about the many diverse faiths, ethnicities, and cultures that make up our great state. As Jewish clergy, we are active broadly on interfaith councils and narrowly with individual churches, mosques, and other faith based communities. We make ourselves available to schools, bringing advice and resources to teachers and administrators when anti-Semitism erupts, to remind us of how far our society is from eradicating hate. We stand up because we are committed to ensuring that no group is ever singled out or targeted because of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, or any other reason.

We ask you to pick an appropriate moment and stop for two minutes to reflect on the situation in our country today. Please reflect on the many different acts of hate in our state, and when the silence ends join us in saying, "Never again." Try to figure out how you can best join the effort to put those thoughts into action. Our scriptures, in Leviticus 19:18, Mark 12:31, or the Quran in Surah 4:36, teach us to "love your neighbor as yourself." It is incumbent on all of us to do this. Invest two minutes of your day in beginning this sacred endeavor.

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# Council Revotes To Approve Amendments To Building Code

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a revote, councilors have agreed to clarify miscellaneous permit fees and other items such as refunds through a series of amendments to the Town's Building Code.

Council members voted at the Jan. 3 meeting to approve the changes to Chapter 30 of the Building Code, which includes the town's fee schedule.

But since a public hearing wasn't held in that meeting, they had to hold a second vote on proposed amendments following a public hearing in their Jan. 24 meeting.

Before the vote, Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey said a clean draft of the proposed changes had been made.

"This is where we adopt the codes that go in line with the state codes," Mackey said.

For instance, a section

on refunds was clarified to allow for essentially 60 days to apply for a refund, or it would be void unless someone went to the council and pleaded their case, said Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey.

Part of the impetus for the change relates to a couple of solar companies doing business in town, Mackey said in the Jan. 3 meeting.

He said there are a couple of companies "that tend to apply for permits and then

months later they were coming back and applying for refunds because for whatever reason the project fell through," Mackey said, adding, "We had some that were literally going for over a year. And there are cases where there might be a legitimate reason for a permit refund, but anything over the 60 days we figured we would leave it to the council to make that determination."

Because the changes are mainly for clarification pur-

poses, there will be a minimal increase in revenues, according to officials.

In addition, other changes included eliminating Chapter 36, which included a lot of Fire Department requirements. All the requirements were removed and incorporated into Chapter 50. The council approved that change about three months ago, Mackey said.

And finally, some general code requirements were

added for clarity, Mackey said. For instance, there were a few code issues that are not really clear in the code, including one section dealing with basements and bulkhead doors on basements.

Before the change, the code allowed egress for residents with living space in their basements.

In the Jan. 24 meeting, Councilors voted unanimously for a second time to approve the amendments.

# FBLA Week Scheduled For Feb. 6-11 At Pinkerton Academy

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will be holding FBLA week from Feb. 6-11.

The event is a way to promote the club and get people interested, Marryn Dennis, a junior at Pinkerton Academy, wrote in a recent

email.

During promotion week, FBLA members reach the community, local businesses, and the school to promote "what we do and who we are as a club," Dennis said.

FBLA is a way for students to connect education and business in everyday life, Dennis said.

In the fall, Pinkerton's

FBLA club won the Gold Seal Chapter award that is given to the best overall FBLA Chapter in New Hampshire.

Of the award Public Relations coordinator Bridget Anthony, said, "It is awarded by adding up chapter points that are earned by events that we put on throughout the year. By doing things like Club Pro-

motion, Pinkerton's Got Talent, partnering with busi-

nesses, getting guest speakers and more we accumulat-

ed the most points of all the chapters in New Hampshire."



Members of Pinkerton Academy's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club are shown at the Fall Leadership Workshop, where they won the Gold Seal Chapter award that is given to the best overall FBLA Chapter in New Hampshire.

## Fuel

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gibility guidelines, a family of four can now earn up to \$4,956 over 30 days to qualify, an increase of \$961 from the previous maximum, Desmarais said.

The increase in the guidelines followed after more state funds became available, she said.

"When funds are available within the program, the state has the option of

increasing the guidelines to the state medium income," Desmarais said.

The State medium income currently stands at \$4,956 over a 30-day basis, she said.

To avoid crises in winter, Desmarais encourages families to plan ahead.

"We start taking applications in July to try prevent those crises," Desmarais said. "Because in a crisis; we certainly don't anyone to freeze, it's a cold climate. We want them to come in

and be proactive; we'd rather it not be a crisis for them."

She said Residents of Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties who think they may qualify for a grant "should contact their nearest Southern New Hampshire Services Rockingham Community Action office as soon as possible by phone to schedule an application appointment."

In Derry, residents can go to the center at 9 Crystal Avenue.

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# Council Approves Application For Cooperative Seeking Block Grant Funds

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors have approved a Community Development Block Grant application of up to \$500,000 to provide better drinking water to Frost Residents Cooperative.

With residents from the 30-unit cooperative looking on, the council members voted unanimously at their Tuesday, Jan. 24 meeting to approve the application for the funds.

“I think the coop and res-

idents in the back of the room appreciate it,” Planning Director George Sioras said.

The vote came after a public hearing on the

Before making the final vote, councilors voted to approve a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan and updated 2017 housing and community development plan.

The vote on the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan was essentially a formality as no one will be displaced by the project, Sioras said.

The vote was taken as mandated by the federal government to complete the process.

Named for famed American Poet Robert Frost, who once lived in Derry, the Frost Residents Cooperative, at 139 Rockingham Road, is currently on a private well and private septic system. The system is aging and dates to the 1960s, according to officials.

“They are failing, and there is physically not more room that they can put new ones in,” Sioras said at a

prior meeting.

The majority of the residences are low and moderate income households, according to officials.

In 2015, Councilors agreed to allow the Frost Residents Cooperative to apply for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for a project to connect to the town’s water and sewer system.

According to the proposed application, the town will retain up to \$25,000 for administrative expenses, with remainder to be used

toward financing the reconnection into the municipal water and sewer system of the Cooperative.

Within the past two years, the town completed a project to expand municipal water and sewer along Rockingham Road to Route 28 and along Route 28 and By-Pass 28. Allowing the complex to connect to the town’s water lines would help provide safer drinking water while also improving water pressure, Sioras said.

“Now that town water and sewer have been built

along this portion of Rockingham Road (Route 28) the park would like to connect into the system,” Sioras said.

Public Works Director Michael Fowler said the change could be made in less than a day

In 2014, councilors approved a plan to pay for up to \$12,000 in CDBG funds to conduct a study to determine if it would be possible for the cooperative’s private water system to be able to connect to the town’s water system.

# A Day of Parenting Help Offered at Upper Room

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Upper Room will offer a day of workshops and learning for parents and teens, with the goal of reaching those who can’t make their weekday and evening sessions.

The event will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at the facility at 36 Tsienneto Road.

Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg said in a phone interview this past

Thursday that the agency has offered the day-long event in the past, in order to meet the needs of families who for some reason can’t come at night. “They work at night, or they can’t get a sitter,” Guggisberg explained.

The classes will be taught by two Upper Room staff members, Sue Schick and Elaina Wheaton.

The day of workshops offers two tracks, one for parents of teens, with teens

also welcome, and one for parents of young-to middle-school children.

The parent-and-teen track offers workshops in Teen Emotions, Drugs, Alcohol and You, and Social Media. These are tough topics, Guggisberg observed. “This format helps parents and teens talk about the more difficult things.” For example, she said, a parent and their teen can develop strategies to build a firewall against substance abuse.

“These are protective factors that allow a kid to bow out,” Guggisberg said. For example, a parent and child could agree, “If I text you this, it means, ‘Come and get me.’”

The social media piece is also important, according to Guggisberg, because the wrong post, tweet or text could affect job and college prospects.

The track for parents of younger and middle-school children offers workshops in

Self-Esteem, Communicating With your Kids, and identifying your parenting style and how it affects your own parenting. “You can look at your parenting style and say, ‘How’s it working?’” Guggisberg said.

Cost is \$40 per person. Snacks and coffee will be provided, and people are also welcome to bring their own lunches, she said.

The sessions last 5 1/2 hours, but it’s worth it, Guggisberg said.

“It’s a lot of work, but you leave with a lot of resources.”

The agency has had a lot of calls from families in recent months, she said, “And we’re trying to get the information out there.”

The event is Saturday Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Upper Room at 36 Tsienneto Road. Snow date is Feb. 18. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit [www.urteachers.org](http://www.urteachers.org).

# Be Careful When Ice Not So Nice

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Sandown Fire Chief Wilfred Tapply doesn’t particularly care for the ice. You won’t see him on a local pond, executing a graceful Figure Eight. But if someone in his community falls through the ice, “I will put on my gear and be there,” he said.

There’s still a lot of winter left. While the temperatures are unpredictable, many residents still take to southern New Hampshire’s lakes, ponds and rivers for a bit of pond hockey, figure skating or ice fishing. While the activities are fun, especially with a bonfire and hot chocolate, the gleaming white ice carries hidden per-

ils. Local fire departments took the initiative this week to warn their community members about when ice is not so nice.

Derry Battalion Chief Jack Webb has seen his share of dramatic ice rescues, including two small boys in November 2014. While department members won awards for that one, he’d just

as soon not repeat it.

“We had several animal rescues last year,” he said.

“We train for this regularly,” Webb said in a phone interview. They use a curriculum and are certified by an organization called Dive Rescue International, he said.

Webb agreed with O’Brien that this year’s conditions are variable. “The ice is thinner than most people

think,” he said, noting that two weeks ago the ice on Beaver Lake was measured at an average of 3 inches, and anything under 6 is not safe. And it can change dramatically from one end of a lake or pond to another, Webb added.

Webb advised looking not only for 6 inches of ice, but 6 inches of clear ice. “You can have a layer of clear ice and then a layer of snow and frost,” he warned. “It looks hard, but it’s like the icing on a cake.”

Webb advised chiseling or drilling a hole to check on thickness before setting out on any ice-based activity.

Just as backyard pools can lead to summer drownings, they can also lead to ice tragedies, Webb said. He recalled an incident several years ago, where a boy wandered out on the back deck of his grandfather’s home. “The ice in the pool acted like a lever,” Webb said. When the boy was found it was impossible to revive him, Webb said.

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# Relaunch of CERT Team in Derry Draws Large Crowd

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Hoping to learn about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and possibly helping out in a disaster, around 100 people recently attended a meeting in the Municipal Center.

The large crowd filled the third-floor meeting room on Jan. 25 for the relaunch of the team that hadn't been active in almost a decade.

Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon opened the meeting by thanking the residents for attending.

Gagnon said the key to the team's success is "going to be everything occurring in a coordinated fashion, having your team blend in to our system; and we are going to work and train and do everything we can to make sure that happens."

The CERT of Derry is a partnership between the Town of Derry and the residents of Derry. The team will be made up entirely of volunteers and be focused on several key objectives, according to fire officials.

Additional objectives based on capability may include: assisting with traffic control during large scale emergencies; conducting door-to-door canvassing (welfare checks) during large scale emergencies; assisting New Hampshire Fish and Game with light-duty search and rescue efforts when appropriate; providing auxiliary emergency services during times of large scale emergencies (i.e. filling sandbags); conducting community outreach, educating the public

and participating in ongoing team recruitment efforts.

"Why are we doing this?" Derry Fire Lt. Ryan Bump asked. "Put yourself in the person's shoes that just had their house devastated by fire; a whole portion of town that's been devastated by a tornado and now they are looking for refuge; a small boy who is in the middle of the woods, lost and now we are out there doing a grid search that we've been taught by the New Hampshire Fish and Game."

During the meeting, residents learned about CERT and what team members could do, and couldn't do, in an emergency.

Yanai Liberman, CERT lead coordinator, explained the team's mission and that it is only activated when something happens in the community, such as following a powerful snow storm that knocks down utility poles and causes extensive local power outages.

"Just our presence is showing to the community that something is going on and we are there for the community, from the community," Liberman said. "That's why we are doing this."

As fire chief, Gagnon is the head of CERT and needs to approve any assignment before the team can be deployed, Liberman said.

The team will meet every other month for training and education on various topics, such as first aid, shelter operations training and search and rescue training.

CERT basically tries to educate residents about disaster preparedness or haz-



Filling the third-floor meeting room of the Municipal Center on Jan. 25, around 100 people attended an informational meeting on the re-launch of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the Municipal Center. The CERT of Derry is a partnership between the Town of Derry and the residents of Derry. The team will be made up entirely of volunteers and be focused on several key objectives, according to fire officials.

Photo by Hunter McGee

ards that may impact the community. Volunteers are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

"Basically what we are doing is when something is happening, we act," Liberman said.

CERT also provides shelter staffing in an emergency, Liberman said. The Fire Department has a written agreement with Pinkerton Academy to use the Hackler Gymnasium if overnight accommodations are needed. There's an emergency generator on site and facilities that will provide food while the shelter is active, Liberman said.

Team members will also receive training in search and rescue missions from New Hampshire Fish and Game, he said.

As for what CERT will not do, Liberman said the

team members will not self-deploy to a disaster.

Also in the meeting, residents were given welcome packets with forms such as a medical release to fill out and return. They will also be required to undergo a criminal background check, Bump said.

CERT members will receive uniforms and a badge to wear, Bump said.

Bump, who helped coordinate the informational meeting, said after the session

that he was overwhelmed by the large turnout.

"I anticipated a good turnout, this was more than I expected frankly," Bump said. "And we are going to be able to do some amazing things with just the sheer number of people, never mind their skill set. We'll find what they are good at and then put them to work and put them in the right places to do that."

After the meeting, Derry resident Steven Devino said

he plans to continue as a volunteer with CERT.

"I volunteered for the Red Cross disaster services in the past, Devino said. "It's something I think I handle pretty well."

As a Red Cross volunteer he said he basically assisted during fire calls by helping firefighters or any displaced people.

"This looks a little different," he said of CERT.

Devino said he would like to possibly try search and rescue but would take on any assignment.

Also attending the first CERT meeting were Derry residents Brian and Cindy McNally.

Cindy McNally said they aren't sure yet what activity they would participate in but want to volunteer.

"I think it's hard to say right now, it depends on time," she said. "Like the shelter would be one thing we could probably do."

She added, "We are probably capable of doing almost any of them as far as our health is concerned."

The next CERT meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. with the location to be determined.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Stellar Defense Gets Lady Astro Cagers a Ball Family Win

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A great defensive effort helped the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad to a 58-39 victory over the visiting rival Londonderry High Lancers in Ball Family Trophy play in Derry on Friday night, Jan. 27.

The Lady Astros showed a stubborn unwillingness to allow LHS either near the basket or the ability to get off a clean shot throughout the majority of the Division I battle. In doing so, the now 8-1 academy crew showed its coach that it has been paying full attention during practice sessions recently.

"We have tended to get

ourselves into a bit of foul trouble with our aggressiveness, so we've been working in practice on moving our feet and using our hands at the right times," said coach Lani Buskey.

Those facts were quite evident in the win over LHS, which had won three consecutive games heading into the math up.

However, the Lancers were playing without sharpshooting Kelsey Coffey, and number two scoring threat Amanda DeAngelis would foul out with nearly five minutes left in the fourth.

The first period was high-scoring, with PA grasping a one-point advantage of 17-16 at its end.

But the second period was quite different, with the Lancers going completely scoreless for the first 4:15 as the PA lead grew modestly to 20-16 with the hosts struggling to score as well.

Londonderry's Emmy Dumaresq finally netted some points for LHS when she nailed a three-pointer - her third to that point - with 3:45 to go in the half, and the score moved to 20-19.

By the end of the period, the Astro lead sat at 26-21 as two teams which combined for 33 first quarter points netted only 14 in the second.

Londonderry had more scoring woes during the first five minutes of the third, not hitting a field goal until

youngster Katie Sullivan sank a trey. But at that juncture, the Pinkerton lead had grown to eight points (35-27), and it would bulge further up to 11 at 43-32 with one stanza remaining.

Pinkerton sophomore Brooke Kane took advantage of the fact that she was the tallest player on the court, particularly in the third period, when she netted 11 of her squad's 17 points.

And the Astros lead grew in the fourth quarter, outscoring Londonderry by a 15-7 margin to win by 19.

As had been the case in the previous two periods, the Lancers struggled with hitting their shots from the floor in the fourth quarter, not sinking a field goal until just 2:02 remained.

Londonderry lost stand-out DeAngelis to her fifth foul with 4:46 to go in the game as coach Theos' troop was working diligently to keep pace with its host.

"You've got to give (Pinkerton) credit. They had to have had double digits in blocks tonight. Some of them were close (to being fouls), and some were very



Pinkerton hoop veteran Tori Overko sets up for a shot during her team's victory over Londonderry in Derry late last week. Photo by Chris Paul

nice blocks," said Theos.

The Astros had Kane finish her productive night with 22 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks, and three assists. Point-guard Amanda Lemire tallied 19 points, and Tori Overko contributed seven.

The Astros kept winning

on Monday night at Dover by claiming a 46-40 victory which made the locals 9-1.

Kane paced the PA effort again with 13 points and Lemire and Overko each had 11. Overko sank a trio of three-pointers in helping her squad to success.

## Ball Family Trophy Remains at PA

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Victories in boys' swimming, girls' gymnastics, wrestling, girls' basketball, boys' and girls' track and field, and ice hockey have assured Pinkerton Academy of holding onto the Ball Family Trophy for a sixth consecutive year.

For decades now, the academy's winter varsity athletic teams have been playing the rival Londonderry High winter squads for possession of the coveted Ball Family Trophy, which

is named for the local clan which has had members make significant contributions both within and outside of athletics throughout the schools' respective histories.

Pinkerton's seven team wins during this 2016-17 winter campaign were balanced against Londonderry Lancer victories in girls' swimming, boys' basketball, and unified hoop.

PA and LHS teams have still yet to meet in boys' and girls' skiing and spirit, but at most the Lancers could make it a 7-6 tally if they

were to win those remaining events.

The 2016-17 Ball games were highlighted by a heavy slate of Pinkerton/LHS contests last week, with Pinkerton getting a slim wrestling win on Wednesday Jan. 25, Londonderry taking basketball victories in both unified and boys' hoop at the academy two days later, Pinkerton winning girls' basketball on that Friday evening, and the Astros capping off their success with an electrifying 2-0 ice hockey win last Saturday night, Jan. 28.

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# Astro Icemen Snag Uplifting Wins from Salem, Londonderry

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity ice hockey squad's huge turnaround from a dismal 2015-16 season to an excellent 2016-17 one might just have reached its apex last week the Astros claimed thrilling victories over the Salem High Blue Devils and their rivals from Londonderry High.

The Astros bested Salem in dramatic, overtime fashion during the middle of the week and then bagged its second superb win over the LHS Lancers in a little more than two weeks at the end of that seven-day span.

The Astros tallied their third win in their previous four games and shoved their divisional record up to 6-2 with an electrifying, 3-2 overtime edging of the Salem High Blue Devils at the Salem Icecenter on Wed-

nesday Jan. 25.

PA overcame a 1-0 deficit by scoring a pair of second period goals by Lucas Masciarelli and Nathan Laliberte before the hosts knotted the score up again at 2-2 in the third period to force overtime.

And Patrick Hare ended up with the hero tag for the academy icemen by netting the winning goal and sending his side home to Derry in a celebratory mood.

Pinkerton keeper Dakota Robinson contributed with 24 saves with one of those stops on a penalty shot.

And Robinson was good for another two dozen stops in the 2-0 shutout of the Londonderry High Lancer bunch in Ball Family Trophy action on the Astros' home sheet at The Ice Den in Hooksett on the evening of Saturday the 28th.

Pinkerton had defeated Londonderry in overtime



Pinkerton goalie Dakota Robinson makes a save with a Londonderry Lancer seeking a rebound during Ball Trophy play last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

back on Friday Jan. 13.

During Saturday night's rematch the game wasn't quite as wide open as parts of the previous 5-4 decision had been, but it was still certainly exciting for the near-capacity crowd.

The hosts got the only goal they'd end up needing to bag this, their second shutout of the campaign when sophomore forward Gennaro Marra scored on a penalty shot with 5:19 remaining in the first period.

Londonderry would put more shots on net than Pinkerton in every period, finishing with a total of 24 to the Astros' 13. But the now 7-3 Lancers couldn't get a shot past Robinson.

The visiting side had 11 shots on Robinson in the scoreless second period and then enjoyed a glittering chance to knot the score at 1-1 when the Lancers found themselves with a five-minute power-play just minutes into the third stanza.

But Pinkerton survived that key span - even putting three shots of its own on LHS goalie Cam Donovan in the process - before bagging a big insurance tally with just 2:24 to go when Eddie Welch set up Hare on a pretty play. Welch slid the puck from behind the Lancers' net to Hare at the left post of the cage, and the junior forward didn't miss.

"I think this was our best

game of the season," said PA coach Sam Littlefield. "Every guy stepped up and we played really well."

The Astros had more success in the Monday contest in Nashua, with a 3-2 win over South-Pelham.

Pinkerton snared a 1-0 lead with the first goal of the game, netted by Ty Riviere on assists from Lucas Masciarelli and Cody Sullivan in the second period.

But the hosts potted two power-play goals in the first five minutes of the third stanza in claiming a 2-1 lead. However, PA bounced back to win thanks to shots off of the sticks of Sullivan (from Masciarelli) and Nick Trask (from Eddie Welch and Patrick Hare) in the final 10 minutes of action.

Pinkerton back-up goalie Matt Gilliland snagged his first varsity win in the game, turning aside 17 shots in doing so.

## Gymnasts Keep 2016-17 Record Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad continued their winning ways on Saturday, Jan. 28, as they outscored two more oppo-

nents at The Gymnastics Village in Amherst in making its 2016-17 record a perfectly glittering 23-0.

The Lady Astros made quick work of the Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers and the Souhegan High

Lady Sabers of Amherst by tallying a big team score of 135.35. The runner-up Hollis-Brookline crew was well back with its team tally of 118.6.

The locals were led by senior Julianna Corsetto, who won the uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise, and the all-around title as well.

The Lady Astros rested some of their starters, allow-

ing others to get some competitive experience for the first time this season.

"Junior Chloe Abreu took second on beam and in the all around," said PA coach Chelsie Burland. "Senior Michelle George won the vault title for the second meet in a row."

The academy bunch concludes its regular season this coming Sunday, Feb. 5 at Goffstown.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 9



**Zoe Freedman, Junior, Girls' Swimming**

This talented 11th grader has been producing impressive times all season, and on Saturday the 28th she notched individual wins in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter breaststroke.



**Gennaro Marra, Sophomore, Ice Hockey**

Marra showed poise and skill in bagging his Astros the only goal they'd need to beat their rivals from Londonderry. That tally came on a penalty-shot and helped PA to a 2-0 shutout.

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# Astro Grapplers Enjoyed a Truly Fruitful Week of Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A slim dual-meet victory over the rivals from Londonderry High School followed by a top-three finish at the annual Capital City Classic in Concord made last week a fruitful one for the Pinkerton Academy wrestling contingent.

The PA crew nipped the LHS Lancers by a scant two points during the middle of the week, and followed up that success by finishing third out of some 19 teams at the Concord competition.

The visiting Lancers came close to defeating the Pinkerton bunch in Ball Family Trophy action in Derry on Wednesday Jan.

25. But in the end the hosts were winners by a 36-34 tally.

Action began with the 160-pound bout between Lancer Colin Reardon and Jacob Dube, with Reardon making quick work of his opponent by pinning him with just 47 seconds left in period number one.

The Astros then got a pin of their own at 170 pounds with Kyle Setzer doing the honors against Mike Watts with a mere seven ticks of the clock left in the first period of their battle.

But Londonderry's 182-pounder Alex Boucher bagged a pin of his own by knocking off rival Raul Martinez with just a second left in the second period.

LHS 195-pound stalwart

Ben Psaledas then took down Astro Cam Macro with just 13 seconds left in the first period of their bout as Londonderry seemed to tally a bit of momentum.

But Pinkerton turned the tide with consecutive successes from Robby Fahey at 220 pounds, Deene Hill via a forfeit at 285, 106-pounder Kris DiNitto, 113-pound standout Walker Stinson, and Jonathan Simonelli in the 120-pound bout.

There was a double forfeit at 126 pounds, and with PA leading 33-18 Dave Donnelly gave the Lancers a significant victory at 132 pounds by pinning Zach Vigroux with 34 seconds to go in their second stanza.

Derek Wilson gave the

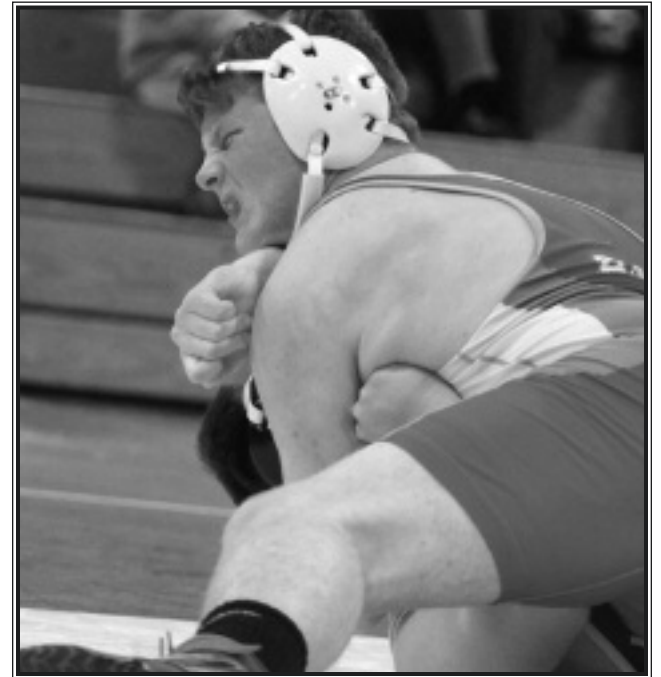
academy crew a win at 138 pounds by squeaking out an 8-7 decision against Craig Santos.

Londonderry battled its way back with decisive wins from Tyler Byrd at 145 pounds (9-0 major decision) and Drew Chase at 152 (pin with 1:25 to go in second).

"Londonderry has some quality wrestlers. Every time we wrestle them, it's a battle. Tonight was no different," said PA coach Dave Rhoads. "We had some solid wins, specifically the decisions by Stinson and Wilson and the pins by Setzer and Fahey."

At the Capital City event on Saturday Jan 28, PA scored 144 points to finish behind only the victorious hosts from Concord High (219) and the Warwick, R.I. grapplers (183.5) out of a crowd of 19 total teams.

Fahey paced the fine Pinkerton performance by winning his 220-pound weight class, besting Hollis-Brookline's Clem Sherwood



Pinkerton Academy's standout 220-pound wrestler Robby Fahey beat a Londonderry rival and took a first place at the annual Capital City tournament in Concord last week.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

in a sudden-victory situation pounds, Setzer finished fourth at 170, Sterling

Second places were nabbed by Tyler Mackiernan at 145 pounds and Hill at 182, and Vigroux was good for a sixth at 132.

PA will be home against Derek Wilson at 138 Milford this Saturday.

## Pinkerton Bowlers Bag Big Successes on Their Home Lanes

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity bowling squad had a wildly successful Saturday last weekend, vanquishing the Merrimack High and Hillsboro-Deering contingents on the Astros' home turf at Striker's East in Raymond.

After winning the top seed in standard round play, the Astros got to sit back and watch Hillsboro-Deering knock off Merrimack in the opening round of Baker action.

That set up the academy side in a Baker round series

with Hillsboro-Deering, and Pinkerton won that match-up in three games. The locals won 208-122 in game one, the Hillcats rebounded to bag game two (155-144), but the Astros ended that opponent's day with a 175-108 victory in game three to collect four important team points in the tight divisional standings.

The academy side played extremely well in standard play in bagging a team score of 1,761 to collect the top seed handily. The Hillcats rolled a 1,537, and Merrimack was third with a 1,207.

In standard action, the

Astros tallied game scores of 893 and 868 to get to their 1,761, with captains David Pierson (182, 186) and Austin Caux (167, 191) pacing the charge. Keenan Nash rolled fine games of 196 and 212, Eric Reardon had a fine 195 and 149, Ben Tripodi contributed a 153 and a 130, and Matthew Clark notched a 143 and a 115.

The PA junior varsity crew also excelled on the day, notching first place as a crew thanks to the strong work of Lauren Sylvain, Kyle Vachon, Liam Padian, Nathan Stallings, Matt Morrison, and Bryant Nourse.

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# PA Boy Hoopsters Falter in Fourth Quarter in Loss to Lancers



Pinkerton senior guard Matt Anzivino goes in for a layup during his team's Ball Family Trophy loss to Londonderry late last week. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After leading by three points at the conclusion of three quarters, the struggling Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball squad saw the rival Londonderry High Lancers kick their game into a far higher gear and claim an immensely-pleasing 64-47 victory over their hosts in Derry in Ball Family Trophy action on the evening of Friday, Jan. 27.

Jake Coleman and Ethan Garofalo both sank key three-point shots during the decisive final stanza as the visitors outscored their hosts by a big, 27-7 tally during those final eight minutes of play.

Londonderry bumped its Division I season record over the .500 mark to 4-3 with the noteworthy victory

while the academy crew slipped to 2-6 in the tough league.

After heading into the fourth period trailing 40-37, Londonderry regained the upper hand on the combination of a single free throw followed by two consecutive treys by spunky sophomore guard Garofalo which made it a 44-40 contest. And the LHS crew wouldn't lose the lead again, with game-high scorer Coleman throwing down a dozen points in that vital stanza on the way to a 25-point output. All in all, the skilled senior nailed a handful of threes despite having some trouble getting his shots to fall earlier in the battle.

Coleman, who has been a key player for the Lancer varsity since his freshman year, surpassed the 1,000-point scoring mark during

the Lancers' loss at Exeter back on Friday the 13th.

The Lancers grasped leads of 13-9 after one quarter and 31-24 at halftime, but Pinkerton was the considerably stronger of the opposing squads during the third period in outscoring its guest by a 16-6 margin to carry the aforementioned 40-37 advantage into quarter four.

But coach Peter Rosinski's scuffling PA crew went scoreless through the first 3:25 of the final stanza as Londonderry zipped off a 9-0 run to claim a 49-40 lead.

Nick Bortone ended the PA scoring drought with 4:35 left on the game clock, and the Astros continued to battle. But the LHS lead never slipped below seven points the rest of the way.

Along with Coleman's

game-high 25 points, the victorious Lancers received a baker's-dozen of 13 points from Garofalo, 12 from Brandon Radford, and nine from Pat Zepf.

Pinkerton ended up having three players score in double figures, with senior guards Bortone and Matt Anzivino pacing the way with 12 apiece, sophomore guard Jay Reynolds tallying 11, and his fellow 10th-grader Joe Merrill contributing nine.

Coach Rosinski and his Pinkerton crew then bounded into this week looking at a pair of road contests. The first was all the way out in Keene on Tuesday the 31st, after Nutfield News press time, followed by a far shorter journey over to Manchester Memorial in the Queen City this Friday, Feb. 3.

# Astro Swimmers Glide Past Everyone But the Exeter Blue Hawks

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Exeter High swim teams proved to be the only impediment to a perfect day for the Pinkerton Academy

swimmers in their home pool at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester last Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Astro males and females competed against

five contingents that day, and both squads defeated four opponents but fell to the tough Blue Hawk crews of Exeter High.

## BOYS

The Pinkerton males disposed of Hollis-Brookline (120-38), Portsmouth Christian (137-0), Sanborn Regional of Kingston (137-0), and Winnacunnet of Hampton (117-50) more than handily, but they were dealt a 92-77 defeat by the Exeter swimmers.

Zach Denbow was his usual productive self for the

academy squad, winning the 50-meter freestyle (25.57 seconds) and the 100 free (56.75) on his own and teaming with Addison Carder-Cannillo, Chris Ploss, and Christian Nelson for the victory in the 400 free relay (4 minutes, 04.31 seconds).

## GIRLS

The Lady Astros swam right past Hollis-Brookline (107-52), Portsmouth Christian (127-4), Sanborn (122-14), and Winnacunnet (88-77), but they got dunked by Exeter by a 97-72 tally.

Hannah Terry was an absolute competitive monster for the academy girls, winning the 50 free (29.33) and the 100 free (1:06.60) as a solo and combining with teammates for wins in the 200 free relay (2:02.30) and the 400 free relay (4:33.57).

Zoe Freedman, who was also a member of those two winning relay quartets and was every bit as productive as teammate Terry, took the firsts in the 200-meter individual medley (2:43.66) and the 100-meter breaststroke (1:25.39) on her own.

Olivia Neville, who was also a member of the winning 400 free relay crew, won the 200 free on her own (2:21.02).

Other members of the victorious relay quartets included Skyler Eno and Maya Hedstrom.

The Pinkerton swim squads will now concern themselves with staying sharp and entirely prepared for the 2016-17 state championship competition at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Sunday, Feb. 12.

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# Pinkerton Skiers Keep the Great Competitive Efforts Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy skiing had more than enough reasons to feel proud after watching his girls' and boys' varsity squads compete at Pat's Peak in Henniker last Thursday, Jan. 26.

The defending Division I champion Lady Astros finished first out of six teams and the Astro males bagged a strong second place as a

crew out of six contingents.

## GIRLS

The reigning state champs' returning varsity members Emma Bennett, Nicole Gonya, Danielle Martineau, Hannah Peterson, Kathryn Leighton, Caroline Mills, Elizabeth Veal, and Meghan Lahey and newcomers Emily Gardner and Katelyn Bennett not only claimed the top spot as a team but they also snagged the first, second, third,

fourth, fifth, and sixth individual places out of 45 skiers.

"We dominated," said coach Paul D'Antonio.

Gonya grabbed first, Emma Bennett placed second, Martineau took third, Katelyn Bennett finished fourth, Peterson claimed fifth overall, and Gardner tallied sixth overall.

Additionally, Leighton snared 14th place overall, Mills was right behind her in

15th, Veal nabbed 21st place, and Lahey managed 34th place.

## BOYS

The Astro males got strong efforts from returning varsity members Mikka Hyvonen, Eric Ihloff, Dylan Durazzano, Kenny McCarthy, Brandon Simpson, Billy Gonya, Camden Caswell, Alex Mielens, and Peter Tinker, and newcomer Owen Sezgin.

"Leading the pack again

was Mikka, who placed first for the team and first overall out of a field of 55," said the PA coach. "Owen placed second for the team and sixth overall, Eric placed third for us and 16th overall, and Camden came in fourth for the team and 22nd overall."

The PA side then kept coming on strong with McCarthy right behind Caswell in 23rd place, with Mielens in 25th, Durazzano

placing 33rd, Simpson tallying 36th place, and Tinker taking 43rd.

"Billy (Gonya) had a mishap on his first run, but he showed true sportsmanship and finished it. His second run was strong and the combination placed him at 51st overall," said D'Antonio. "That's what it's really about. Getting back up and keeping going to finish the race. Might even be a life lesson in there somewhere."

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## Buy a Bowl, help The Community

The Potter's Bowl to benefit Community Caregivers will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria. For \$40, patrons will be able to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local New Hampshire artists, and enjoy more than a dozen different soups donated from local restaurants in the Derry area as well as breads and desserts. Other handcrafted items will be offered in an auction including paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing and handcrafted jewelry. In an effort to encourage more families with children, the Caregivers will offer a "Kids Under 12" ticket for \$10. Tickets are currently on sale. To purchase a ticket call Caregivers at 432-0877 or drop by 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day. For a soup menu, directions, and a list of auction items visit [www.comcaregivers.org](http://www.comcaregivers.org) or the agency's Facebook page.

## Trustees Sought for Public Libraries

The two public libraries serving Derry have a combined number of seven positions open for election in March. Derry Public Library has three three-year positions, one two-year position and one one-year position. Taylor Library has two three-year positions. The filing period is now through Feb. 3, and those interested may file at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

## Healthy Aging Lecture

Derry Parks and Recreation Department will host its monthly Healthy Aging Lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at

39 West Broadway. Harri Sterling, Traffic Safety Specialist from AAA of Northern New England will present a program titled "Keeping the Keys; Help Extend Your Safe Driving Career". Sterling will provide guests with information that will help older drivers, younger ones too, be proactive in managing their driving careers, recognizing changes in driving that come with age, and planning ahead for continued mobility. He will also offer resources to can help accomplish this. Advanced reservation is required. Please call (603) 432-6136 by noon on Friday, Feb. 10, or email [derryrecreation@derrynh.org](mailto:derryrecreation@derrynh.org).

## Color Your Stress Away

Adult coloring will be offered Mondays, Feb. 13 and 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. For information or to register, call 4321-6140.

## How small can you go?

"Tiny Houses" will be the topic of a program to be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. The program will discuss planning and owning tiny houses, including "how much," "where to live," heating, and electricity. Those interested may register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Brighten A Life With Hospice

Volunteers are sought for Amedisys Hospice in Londonderry. Volunteers can make the life of a patient a little brighter by reading together, playing a board game or doing a puzzle or by simply visiting and sharing valuable time. Amedisys Hospice has an immediate need for volunteers in Rockingham County, Manchester and Concord. For more information contact Patty Cooper at [patty.cooper@amedisys.com](mailto:patty.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.

## The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center

Positive Solutions for families, 6 week workshop for: Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers Feb. 6, 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$20 per family for all six sessions, light refreshments provided; Monday nights learn how to promote social and emotional competence in your young children, understand your child's challenging behavior, learn strategies to help your child learn appropriate behavior? Support their development of emotional skills. Call to register: 437-8477 ext. 27.

## Winter Coats Available

The Renew Clothing Ministry will be open Saturday, Feb. 4, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in Calvary Bible Church, Hampstead Road, Derry. Those interested in clothing are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. Winter coats are in stock, with a limited number per household. To make sure the newer clothing is available for everyone, each family is limited to 20 of the newer items, plus a "reasonable

amount" of the older ones. The service is free and confidential and gives gently-used apparel to families and individuals on a budget. Donations of modern clothing in good condition may be placed in the donation bin at any time. The shop does not accept housewares, books, toys or bedding. The ministry is unable to provide tax receipts for donations. No money is asked for or accepted for the clothing. or more information find "Renew Derry" on Facebook, e-mail [renewclothing@myfairpoint.net](mailto:renewclothing@myfairpoint.net) or [renewclothing@yahoo.com](mailto:renewclothing@yahoo.com), or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

## Eat Healthy in New year

"Healthy Living for Brain and Body" will be the topic of a program to be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Charles Zoeller will speak on lifestyle choices to keep brain and body healthy. He is a representative of the New Hampshire/Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Those interested may register online at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

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