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CIP Proposes New \$1.6 Million Emergency Communications System

HUNTER MCGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

To replace aging equipment, a new \$1.6 million emergency communications system for police and fire has been added as a pro-Capital Improvement Plan, according to officials.

The item is being proposed to replace outdated transmission and radio equipment, Town Administrator David Caron said during an appearance on Feb. 15 before the Planning Board.

their end of life," Caron said.

"We've been told by the manufacturer that it's difficult to get parts and it or so the vendor will no longer support those two facilities."

Caron appeared at the year." posed budget item in the meeting with Chief Financial Officer Susan Hickey for a presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan.

If approved by the Town Council, the proposed communications system would replace all of the transmitter and receiver sites in town. Caron said.

"It will deal with all of "The reason we are the equipment on both head doing this now is we've got ends," Caron said. "It will very old equipment with our continue interoperability police and fire dispatch and with respect to communica-

Caron added, "We expect that if the project survives the budget process and appears that in another year is approved by the Town Council it will be developed beginning in the summer of 2018 and end in about a

> Caron said he reviews all budget items submitted to his office and forwards his recommendations to the Town Council in the first week in April.

Caron was asked in the meeting by Planning Board Chairman David Granese about the possibility of getting a grant provide funding for the new system. Granese said he works for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office in Boston and the agency just both facilities are reaching tions between police and received a large grant to

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Community Reaching Out To Help Struggling Derry Veteran

HUNTER McGEE NUTFIELD NEWS

Following a fire that made his house unlivable, a local veteran has waged a quiet battle for more than 15 years to stay on his property.

Living in obscurity, in a 4-foot, by 8-foot shed on his property with no running water, the 79-year-old just recently received an offer of assistance from the community. Several residents, with help from Derry's two Rotary Clubs, are on a mission to build him a new house.

So far, the group has received approximately \$35,000 in pledges and donations toward constructing a modular house, said

effort with resident Ernest employed and was strug-St. Pierre.

who never asked for any children, Morgan said. help or anything."

ty, he is also humble and pri- to cancel his homeowner's Morgan Because there isn't room for ty taxes. About seven his wife and daughter, they months later an accident are living in Manchester.

To protect the veteran's said. privacy, his name and the location of the property will into a tailspin," Morgan said. not be released until after house is constructed, Morgan said.

man ended up alone in the nance Committee, said Morshed, clinging to his propergan, who joined the commit-Councilor Jim Morgan, who ty. Owning a wood-cutting tee in 2015. The committee is helping spearhead the business, he was self-

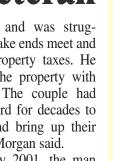
gling to make ends meet and "He has lived in Derry pay his property taxes. He all of his life except for the lived on the property with four years he served in the his wife. The couple had Air Force," Morgan said worked hard for decades to Monday. "He is a proud man support and bring up their

In early 2001, the man Living on Social Securi- made the difficult decision added. insurance to pay his propersparked the house fire, he

"From there his life goes

About 15 years later, the man's situation was revealed through an investigation by He explained how the the Property and Mainte-

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\$1,116, 598 supplemental appropriation to reimburse the New Hampshire Departmeeting, Councilors are ment of Transportation for scheduled to consider a proposal to transfer \$100,000 for contractually obligated techtechnical work on the controaccording to officials.

Dating back to at least

to hold a public hearing to the 1980s, there have been a transfer the funds from a number of starts and stops with the project mainly due to cost escalations, according to officials. Derry's cost for the project is capped at \$5 million nical services on Exit4A, because of a prior lawsuit

that also involved London-

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A GOOD GAMBLE The West Running Brook Middle School production of "Guys and Dolls Jr." ran on Friday and Saturday evenings last week at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre. Pictured, Jacob Kenny and Katelyn Robertson play out a scene between Sky Materson and Sarah Brown. The play was directed by Jennifer Ciarla and Blake Leister. See more photos page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Council Considering Funds' Transfer For Work On Exit 4A

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

versial Exit 4A project.

In their Tuesday, Feb. 21

The council is scheduled

Pinkerton Robotics Team Earns Trip To World Championships

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

A Pinkerton Academy robotics team is headed to the Vex Robotics World Championships in April thanks to their performance in the recent New Hampshire-Vermont Vex Robotics Regional Finals.

The finals were held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Manchester Community College.

The 40 best teams from the two states competed to qualify for one of the five spots allocated to go to the competition, where only 450 Worlds Competition in April in Losuiville KY.

Pinkerton had five teams make the event, and team 241A, The A-Team, won the Design Award, Ernest Biron, the the team's teacher and adviser. Biron said the team won for their unique robot and their excellent engineering documentation package of their design, build, timelines, calculations, pictures and presentation. This qualified them to attend the World's

high school teams from out of over 10,000 from 32 countries get to make it. This is the fourth year in a row that Pinkerton Academy has qualified for the World's competition, Biron said.

Teams are required to build robots out of materials from the Vex Company, which supplies primary parts like the wheels and gears. The robots also have the ability to use pneumatics to run certain contraptions.



Pinkerton Academy Robotics team members(from left to right)Katie Allan, Brandon Simpson, Mike Estes, Nate Stallings, Austin Caux, and Alex Mielens competed recently in the New Hampshire-Vermont Vex Robotics Regional Finals. The event was held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Manchester Community College. Courtesy Photo

Exit 4A

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development firm, according to officials. The suit was High Street and Folsom filed in the early 1990s, Road and Tsienneto Road. according to officials.

about \$1.75 million on Exit changed when former NHDOT 4A, according to officials.

as a way to improve traffic flow to the town's beleaguered downtown. But others have criticized the prolocal economy.

to downtown Derry, Exit 4A would include construction of a 1-mile connecting road derry and Boston North, a from the interchange off Interstate 93 to Ross' North

On July 14, 2015, the Derry has already spent model of the Exit 4A project Commissioner Christopher Some local officials have Clement told the Town praised the proposed project Council that NHDOT would serve as the project sponsor, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a staff report. In addition, posal, saying it will instead NHDOT would seek federal divert traffic away from funds for construction of the downtown and harm the new interchange and collector roads. Exit 4A is includ-

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Designed as an alternate ed as part of a NHDOT statewide plan that is scheduled to be completed in 2022, Fowler wrote.

> Derry entered into an agreement with Londonderry and NHDOT on Dec. 1, 2015, committing to move forward on the Exit 4A project. Both towns are responsible for engineering costs related to generating the Environmental Impact Study. In addition, the towns are re

quired to reimburse NHDOT the project, Fowler said. for environmental services.

After some interruptions in work over the past several years, the plan calls for CLD Engineers Inc. to finish the environmental impact study of the project so the work can proceed, according to officials.

Known as Engineering Amendment 7, the environmental impact study plan is the most critical aspect of

Fowler said included in the scope of work in the EIS are a variety of topics that will be addressed, such as preliminary engineering, noise, water resources, air quality, cultural resources, wetlands and vernal pools.

The total cost of Amendment 7 is \$2,333,197, with Derry and Londonderry each paying half of the cost. Derry's share is \$1,166,598,

Fowler said.

Staff is recommending that \$100,000 be reassigned from the \$1,166,598 supplemental appropriation for Engineering Amendment #7 on the Exit 4A project, Fowler wrote.

The Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the third-floor meeting room of the Municipal Center.

Veteran

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members who went out and spoke to the man were fellow veterans, Morgan said.

At the time, the newly formed committee was attempting to address blight and abandoned local properties. The house was being considered for demolition at one point, Morgan said.

But instead of demolishing the house and having the

sion was made to begin a fundraising campaign to assist the veteran for serving his country," Morgan said.

With Derry's two Rotary clubs helping, the group plans to obtain the materials to build the house at cost from different vendors, with local tradesmen donating their time, Morgan said.

"I believe this is a worthy cause," said Morgan, who has met the man in his

town spend funds, the deci- temporary structure. He "I hope through added, donations of labor, time, money and effort to make this dream come true."

> The Derry Rotary Club has given \$10,000 and in conjunction with the Derry Village Rotary is putting on an event in March at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10A St., to raise money for the veteran, Morgan said. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. for Thursday, March 30.

Other residents are also helping in the drive. Jennifer Lague organized and ran a fundraiser over the weekend involving Powerball tickets, with donations going toward the veteran, that netted

"This is a great way for Derry to show the community and unite behind a cause that is selfless," Lague said. "I never expected this to happen. It's just a bunch of

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Derry Woman Facing Multiple Charges For Allegedly Trafficking Women For Sex

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY NUTFIELD NEWS

In connection with allegedly trafficking women for sex in Massachusetts through an online escort service, Charlotte Napolitano, of Derry, is facing multiple charges, according to officials.

The 45-year-old Napolitano, nicknamed "Red", was arrested on Feb. 8 by authorities in Derry,

Along with a number of other agencies and police departments, the Derry Police Department also assisted in the investigation, according to officials.

Also arrested on the same day and facing similar charges was Sonya Palic, nicknamed "Chloe", 46, of Manchester, according to a

arrested in Lexington by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division with assistance from the Lexington Police Department.

"We allege that these defendants ran an organized and sophisticated criminal enterprise in which they profited personally from trafficking women to sex buyers in our communities, said Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey. "Demand for commercial sex drives this exploitative industry and we will continue our work to disrupt these operations and prosecute traffickers to protect women from this egregious crime."

The Attorney General's

in Sept. 2016 after the matter was referred by the Waltham Police Department, Emaile Gainey, a spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office said Thursday.

The Attorney General's investigation revealed that Palic and Napolitano allegedly ran an organized and sophisticated criminal enterprise from their home offices in New Hampshire.

The two women allegedly advertised and provided "escort" services in the Northeast, primarily in Massachusetts but also in New Hampshire and New York, through their website, chloescompanions.com. Women were allegedly trafficked in local cities and towns including Boston,

warrants at both residences and home offices and seized evidence, including digital evidence, Gainey said.

Palic and Napolitano allegedly arranged women to meet with men, either for "in-calls" or "outcalls" at hotels, to provide commercial sexual services in exchange for cash. Authorities allege that a large portion of the money from these encounters went to Palic and Napolitano, which they laundered into the business to perpetuate the daily operations of the criminal enterprise, release said.

ney General's Office ob-

tained an order to have the

website taken down, accord-

Office also executed search

The Attorney General's

ing to the news release.

Authorities allege that about 12 to 15 women were trafficked through this site at a time. The website allegedly provided profiles of the women and a calendar for available dates and locations for each woman, according to the release.

Massachusetts State Police obtained an arrest warrant for Napolitano on Feb. 8. After a rendition hearing in Derry District Court on Feb. 9, she was transferred to Massachusetts and arraigned on Monday in Concord District Court on the charges of trafficking in persons for cy, sexual servitude (one count), deriving support from prosti-

ton and Waltham. The Attor- conspiracy to traffic persons for sexual servitude (one count). At the arraignment, human trafficking investiga-\$75,000 cash, with the conditions that she have no contact with Palic, the sex buyers, or the victims and surrender her passport. Napolitano is due back in Concord District Court on March 8 for a probable cause hearing, the release said.

> Palic was arraigned on Feb. 8 in Concord District the Court on the charges of trafficking in persons for sexual servitude (one count), deriving support from prostitution (one count), money laundering (one count) and conspiracy to traffic persons count). At the arraignment, Palic pleaded not guilty and bail was set at \$100,000 cash, with the conditions that she have no contact with Napolitano, the sex buyers, probable cause hearing.

The investigation remains ongoing, Gainey said.

The charges are allegapresumed innocent until proven guilty, the release said.

The case is being handled through the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division, which focuses on poliprevention and team of specialized prosecu- the release said. tution (one count), money tors, victim advocates and

news release said. Palic was Office began an investigation Braintree, Lexington, New-laundering (one count) and Massachusetts State Police troopers who handle high impact, multi-jurisdictional Napolitano pleaded not tions and prosecutions across guilty and bail was set at the state. Through the Human Trafficking Division, the Attorney General's Office has charged more than 30 individuals in connection with human trafficking since the law went into effect in 2012, the release said.

> The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Nancy Rothstein of Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division, with assistance from Victim Witness Advocate Rebecca Auld, director in the Attorney General's Victim and Witness Services Division.

It was investigated by for sexual servitude (one Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Division, Investigator Sallyann Nelligan, director of the Attorney General's Financial Investigations Dior the victims and surrender vision and the Attorney her passport. Palic is due General's Digital Evidence back in Concord District Lab. Massachusetts State Court on March 20 for a Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and from the Also assisting in the investigation were the Crime Scene Sertions, and all defendants are vice Section, New Hampshire State Police, along with Lexington, Mass, and Newton, Mass Police Departments also assisted in this investigation, along with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeprosecution and includes a land Security Investigations,

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people in town that recognized something needed to be done. It's the right cause."

Councilor Joshua Bourdon, who is also assisting in the effort said some veterans have been through ordeals that few people could even imagine. Humble and proud, they typically keep to themselves, he said.

"People need to reach out, because there are a lot of great people who are step aside to let other resiready to give good, especial-

ly in this community," Bourdon said.

While helping the veteran, the group found other local veterans who also needed assistance. And so, a decision was made to begin forming the Derry Veterans Assistance Fund. This group will be comprised of a board of directors of veterans, and will be run under the guidance of the Derry Village Rotary Club, Morgan said. Once the project to build the house for the veteran concludes, Morgan said he will dents get involved.

Through the fund, veterans who might need a water heater or a heating oil can be assisted, he said.

"It really is a community-based action group that really needs to be done because our federal government isn't doing anything," Morgan said, adding, "Our veterans should be held in high regard based on the service they've provided four our country."

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Editorial Change in the Air

If you look at the calendar, or out the window, or at the outdoor thermometer, you can see that it's winter. Snow, ice, wind and all the silver bells and whistles.

But little by little, the light has been getting brighter, more birds have begun to sing, and the sun doesn't set quite so early anymore. It's far from spring, but it's hard to miss the signs that the season is changing. Gradually. And not without a few steps backward.

But change it will, and soon enough we'll be thinking of flowers and gardens and opening up the screen porch.

Change seems to be the watchword these days in matters other than weather as well. If you follow world news, countries are wracked with change, as multitudes of people seek the overthrow of long-established rulers. In our own country, Republican legislators, replacing the Democrats' former majority in Washington and in many state legislatures, has brought its own changes.

The last thing any of us need, however, is change just for the sake of doing something different. The focus in various legislative bodies on abortion rights, guns, and same sex marriage are touted as a beacon of change, but we're hard pressed to believe that these are the kinds of changes that will cure our country's ills.

They won't create jobs, free up loans, keep people from losing their homes, or give any of us hope that the "Great Recession" is anywhere near coming to an end in a positive way.

Change doesn't require burning down the building and starting from scratch. There are plenty of bills in the State House to change how we fund education, and the more discussion on that topic, the better. Coming up with something reasonable doesn't mean returning New Hampshire to the dubious distinction of being the only state without mandated Kindergarten, or eliminating art and music as components of an adequate education. Both of those proposals offer plenty of drama, and little monetary benefit.

Here's a change we'd like to see: something substantive to the bottom line. Because as property tax bills rise, the flow of residents out of the state will increase as well, and it won't be because of the rough winter weather.

Just as we watch to see how changes in power translate into changes in individual rights, we should be watching our legislators to see that change is more than flexing muscles or down shifting funding. If it helps the foreclosed on, the unemployed, and the large numbers struggling to stay afloat, that will really be a breath of spring.



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Letters

Hello Derry Residents

To the editor,

I wanted to introduce myself as I have recently thrown my hat in the ring for one of the 3 open 3yr Trustee of the Library positions. My name is Dorianne Haverty and I've been a Derry resident for 16yrs. I am a Manufacturing Project Manager and have a love of books, adventure, and community. I have 3 children, ranging in age from 3 to 16. When my two oldest kids, who are now both at Pinkerton, were with the Derry School district I was an active member of the PTA, volunteered in the schools, classrooms, and their sports teams. In recent years, I have wanted to become more involved with the community in a larger scope.

To me the library is not only a place that enables a person to escape into a world of adventure of their choosing just by picking up a book, it's a safe and welcoming place for every Derry resident. I love the range of clubs and activities for tweens and teens that the library has to offer and hope to have it expand even more. The evening sessions that showcase a wide range of interests from local poets and authors, to educating on how to spot fake news, to how to navigate Medicare is valuable to people across all ages. Plus, the enhancement of the children's area to engage our youngest residents early to keep them coming back as they grow into needing help with school projects, expanding their interests, college prep and maybe coming back to the community when they are adults is a large asset.

of our town and I hope to

ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the Derry community and maintain this valuable resource for our resinity families. dents.

March 14.

Dori Haverty Derry

Vote Joshua Bourdon

To the editor,

Having known Josh many years as a friend, fellow father, and volunteer for causes within our community. I know the kind of man and person he is and what he stands for. Being a family man he draws inspiration, strength, and support from his family and friends. He and I may not be on the same aisle for political parties, but that doesn't matter at the town level, in my opinion.

What matters is how he has taken on real challenges. Looked solutions that are good for our community and groups within. His admirable ability to balance work, family, volunteering, and public service. He leads by example with a conviction and commitment to the community.

He co-founded Spinathon for Hunger, Run for Recovery, and Keep Our Veterans Warm. Each of these endeavors provides direct support to organizations in our community or for a specific group.

He is out front leading the way for the Spinathon with calls to assemble support and participants to raise donations for the Sonshine Soup Kitchen and The First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

He continues support for our veterans and veteran The library is a key part programs within the community through his volunwork with the Board and teerism and action. He holds Director to continue to clothing drives for Liberty

expand and enhance their House and assisting Derry Memorial VFW Post 1617 hand out Thanksgiving baskets to veterans and commu-

He has sat on the Derry I hope I have your vote Town Council and debated for Trustee of the Library on for you and I and what is right for the town. Working even when things didn't go his way. Working on the behalf of all of Derry. He believes in processes of government and providing services with fiscal responsibility. Not making hasty decisions and changes without contemplation.

> His leadership with sense, purpose, and honesty is what Derry needs as it looks to the future. Please join me and vote for Joshua Bourdon?

> > Leonard Perkins Derry

Support Josh Bourdon

To the editor.

I would like to ask the voters of Derry to support Joshua Bourdon and Neil Wetherbee for Council on March 14th.

These two candidates have dedicated hours of time and effort to our community. They both represent a forward thinking vision for Derry and will continue to build on the work achieved this past year.

Josh on the Council and Neil a former councilor and Chair of the conservation commission exemplify the level of leadership and commitment needed to do the work on the Town Council.

I hope the voters will agree and support these candidates on March 14.

Jim Morgan Councilor at Large, Derry

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To the editor,

I want to recommend Josh Bourdon for reelection as Town Councilor in Derry. I've known Josh for 4 years now, and have interacted with him dozens of times. He's a family man with a good heart who cares about people. He's also bright, committed and a tireless worker. He was a huge help to the less fortunate in the way he conceived of and implemented a Spinathon fundraiser for one of Derry's largest Food Pantry, the one at the First Baptist Church in downtown Derry. He was the key person in that effort which raised several thousands of dollars for hunger relief in Town. I was also at his home this past year when he and his wife Leah led a drive to collect winter clothing for US veterans in need. He's a joy to work with, and a man who honors his word. We need more people like him in pol-

Malcolm Widness Pastor at First Baptist Church, Derry

Vote Joshua Bourdon on March 14th

To the Editor: I've served in office for over 30 years now. In all that

time, few people have been as selfless and hard working as Joshua Bourdon. He is so energetic and passionate about tour community. Nearly every conversation we have is focused on "how can we make Derry better."

Joshua leads by example. He's created events to help veterans, people in need, and those who are struggling with substance abuse. He's raised a great deal of awareness for local non-profits and has raised over \$40,000. This young man is a go getter.

Joshua was a voice of reason during the budget that closed a fire station a few years ago. The thing that impressed me the most was how calm and cool he was under pressure. Those were extremely challenging times for our community but he remained optimistic, level headed and focused on public safety. He was instrumental in helping to restore our services.

Over the past year, this council, with Joshua's help has settled 7 union contracts, hired a town administrator, and budgeted money for an economic director role all while reducing the tax rate.

I ask the people of Derry to join me in voting for Joshua Bourdon on March 14th. He's got the experience, the temperament, and the work ethic to continue moving Derry forward. Thank you and God bless.

> Phyllis Katsakiores Derry

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town's capital improve-

ments, which are used pre-

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and information technology,

tal reserve funds.

He said the plan contin-

budget," Caron said.

replace 2,500 units, along

with all of the base stations.

"Why not get a grant," he asked.

Caron said, as part of the budget process, he said he works with state emergency

Operations departments and will exhaust all revenue sources with respect to

"We are definitely going to look in that avenue," Caron said.

Also in the meeting, Caron and Hickey gave an overview of the CIP.

"It's our most important Caron said.

To the editor,

For Josh Bourdon

In the land of the comics, super heroes abound. There is never a shortage of caped or masked crusader swooping in to save the day and the world is a safer and better place. But that is only in the movies. Right? No! Not in Derry. In Derry, we have a legitimate super hero in town, Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon.

Josh has always been the voice of reason during his tenure on the council. He is never intimidated from doing the right thing. Josh was Derry's champion when cutting a Fire Station jeopardized public safety. His perseverance left the residents of Derry safer. Josh understands the responsibility of keeping taxes under control but also understands that a community needs quality services to continue to grow. Josh has worked diligently to improve communications between the Town Council, the Derry School District and Pinkerton Academy.

not limited to his work as a Town Councilor. Josh is a champion of people. He is a community activist. Josh's successful fundraising events have benefited the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, the Friendship Center and the Keep Veterans Warm program. He created the Net Zero Task Force, a group working to have Derry producing as much energy as it consumes by the year 2025.

Although you are more likely to see Josh wearing bike shorts as he trains for the PMC than his super hero cape, he is truly Derry's own hero. On Election Day, please join me in voting for Joshua Bourdon.

> Meg Morse-Barry Derry,

Support Josh

To the editor,

I am a Derry born and His super hero status is raised resident, Vietnam combat veteran with fiftytwo years as a VFW member who asks you to support Josh Bourdon for town council. Josh fought the budget cuts two years ago to help restore the lost police and fire services. Josh has worked to help homeless veterans by holding winter clothing drives for Liberty House. Josh continues to work with Derry's social support services to reduce the effects of the opioid crisis here. I ask that you vote Josh for councilor at large in the upcoming election.

Tony Bruno Derry

Vote Bourdon To the editor, Josh Bourdon and I have

served together on the Derry town council with for two years. During this time we have worked to bring new business to the town of Derry, business that will provide needed jobs and property tax relief to Derry's citizens. We have also worked to improve the quality of life here in Derry by funding rail trail improvements and conservation land acquisition. We continue to support Exit 4A. This project will reduce the traffic overload on Broadway and permit its restoration as a thriving business district while also opening up Folsom Avenue for business growth. I ask that when voting for at large councilor in the upcoming election that you vote for Josh Bourdon. Please don't break up a team that is working for Derry's future.

Richard Tripp Town Councilor, District One, Derry



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Conservation Commission Approves \$215,697 Toward Purchase of Island Pond Parcel

HUNTER MCGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Sought after for years, approximately 78 acres of land at 138 Island could soon be preserved for conservation purposes.

unanimously at their Feb. 13 meeting to approve spending a total of \$215,697 toward the purchase of the parcel.

scheduled to consider a proposal to complete the pur-

chase of the property at their member Margaret Ives. Feb. 21 meeting.

Commission meeting, Commissioners approved spending the money from the Commission's land use fund. The property has long Commissioners voted been sought after because it connects with other conservation land in the area of Ballard Pond.

"I just think it's so exciting that we are getting this proper-Councilors are next ty and that it abuts other properties that have been conserved," said Commission

Commission members In the Conservation have been seeking to purchase the land for years. Vice Chair Paul Dionne said he remembers when discussion began on the parcel 24 years ago.

The land is near the Ballard Pond State Forest and abuts other properties that have already been conserved.

"This is going to be pretty significant for protecting the Ballard Pond watershed for many years to come," Commission Chairman Neil Wetherbee said.

The Commission mem-Land Trust to hold the conservation easement on the property should the project be approved by the Town Council.

Councilors are scheduled to hold a public hearing in their Feb. 21 meeting on a proposal to spend \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance in a supplemental appropriation toward the

The overall project cost is funds would be combined bers also agreed to enter into \$465,697. In addition, coun- with the already approved a memorandum of under- cilors will consider approvstanding with the Southeast ing a letter of understanding between the town and the Southeast Land Trust, according to officials.

> The Council previously agreed to present the supplemental appropriation of \$250,000, to come from the unassigned fund balance, to a public hearing for input and action, according to a p.m. in the third-floor meetstaff report prepared by Town Administrator David Center.

> purchase of the property. Caron. If approved, the \$215,697 from the Conservation Commission.

Of the initial appropriations, it is anticipated that the Town will recover about \$75,000 from the subdivision and sale of an approximately three-acre parcel, Caron wrote.

The Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 ing room of the Municipal

Registration Open For Second Annual Race To Benefit Upper Room

NUTFIELD NEWS

After a successful inaugural launch last year, begin at Pinkerton Acadeorganizers of The Upper my's Hackler Gymnasium. Room Race For Families (TURRFF) are encouraging a.m., with the first wave runners of all abilities to reg-starting at 9 a.m., according ister and participate in the to organizers. All proceeds

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uled for April 9.

The race is scheduled to Registration begins at 8

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Room.

Despite extremely cold conditions last year, 135 people completed the race, Upper Room Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg said Monday.

"Last year despite the

second annual event sched- will go to benefit the Upper weather the race was a great success, and we are looking to have another great event," Guggisberg said. "I would like to encourage teams, runners preparing for other races needing timing, and families, walkers and kids to participate."

> for a first year run and 100 was our goal and we surpassed that," Guggisberg said. "People had a really good time. We had good music, good energy."

While some people ran or walked, others pushed a baby strollers in the 5K and 10 K events, with separate start times.

"The separate start times really helped people," she

She added, "It was great be 5k and 10k events, with teams eligible to compete in each, Guggisberg said.

"It's a certified race and I think that's helpful for people who are trying to qualify for other races," she said.

She added that the race is good opportunity for school teams, company teams, or runners who want to get their spring legs mov-

"We would love to have several local businesses, This year there will also sponsors and funders enter as teams or have representatives at the race for a little healthy competition," she

> Guggisberg said there is ample parking at Pinkerton Academy, with the start off right in front of the field house. There will also be music food, and prizes for top runners.

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that provides prevention and early intervention services to children, youth and families in southern New Hampshire.

The 5K is \$20: 10k is \$25: 5k team is \$80: and 10k is \$100

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Wetherbee Running for District 3 Council Seat

HUNTER McGEE

Council candidate Neil Wetherbee, 52, is opposing candidate Marc Flattes for the District 3 seat

Wetherbee has lived in town for 16 years. He has been active in local government over 10 years, serving for six years as a Town Councilor for District 3 from 2008 to 2014; Derry Conservation Commission

years, liaison for all 6 years on Council - Current Chair of the Commission. In addition, he said he was active in signature gathering to petition Council's budget actions in 2015 and subsequent fundraising for legal action that gave residents the chance to vote on budget issues. One of 3 signatories to that legal action.

When asked why he is running, Wetherbee said, "

be. I know there are a lot of great people in our Town and I want to work to encourage more community political and civic level. I working more in conjunction with both our school district and Pinkerton Acad-

to live and raise my family. I nity. I also want to see the excellent working knowl- a small business owner I want to work to make this Council working more with the best community it can our State delegation on issues that can help us at the local level such as education funding and state pension funding that burden local involvement both at the taxpayers. The downshifting of costs from the state to the want to see the Council local level is a significant driver of our property tax rates.'

When asked what he emy, both of which are brings to the table, Wether-

edge of the Town's \$40+ know how seemingly small million-dollar Equally as important, I have impacts both positive and an intimate knowledge of the services that budget pro- work well with fellow vides to its residents and Councilors, our state delegawhat those services mean to tion, school district, Pinkerour community. I have ton Academy and local busiexcellent working relation- ness owners and residents ships with many of the towards common sense department heads and staff and can work with them towards long term goals and

prior to and after Council Derry is where I've chosen major assets to the commu- bee answered, "I have an consistent improvement. As budget. decisions can have big negative. I believe I can goals and objectives that can help our community grow and thrive."

Heritage (Commission Works to Preserve Derry's History

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

From planning for the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Nutfield to overseeing activities at the Derry History Museum, the Heritage Commission is responsible for preserving Derry's History for future generations.

Appearing before Councilors at the Feb. 7 meeting, Chairman Karen Blandford-Anderson gave an overview of the Heritage Commission and its functions. Blandford-Anderson said the Commission also oversees, the Town Historian, the Friends of the Forest Hill Cemetery and a number of other activities

sites or land that that may impact any historical aspects of the town.

Blandford-Anderson also discussed the Commission's ongoing strategy for the year.

Part of this strategy is to increase visibility for the History Museum and to ensure artifacts that the Commission acquires are available for Derry residents to see.

Mark Mastromarino is the curator of the Museum, which bration of the founding of is open every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., she said.

The Commission was recently able to add to the Museum's inventory by acquiring 100 glass negatives. The addition of the old negatives have resulted in a graphs, she added

For a short range goal, the Commission is searching for another Boston Post Cane holder. The cane was last awarded by the Town Council to Appolonia "Bella" Riccio, who passed away on Oct. 29, 2016 at 101.

"So we've started the search for that," Blandford-Anderson said.

As for the 300th Cele-Nutfield, the Commission is reaching out to the community for residents who are interested in participating, she said. The celebration isn't until 2019 but plans are already underway to prepare for the big event.

gan said he would like to see funds put aside and for a line item in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

'It think it's a big deal; I think it's a really big deal," Morgan said, adding that it isn't too early to line up corporate donors. "This is something that Derry should be very proud of."

Councilor Joshua Bour- known rather than do it ourdon said it would be smart to engage the Economic Dealso suggested possibly trying to bring in a professional to market the event.

bringing in a professional marketer to make it more is scheduled for March 6.

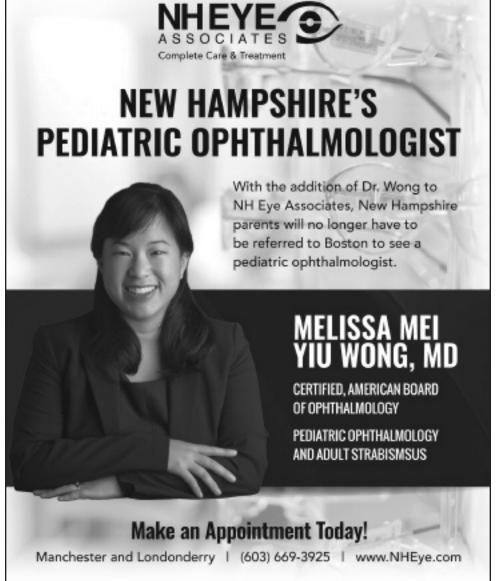
selves?" he asked.

Councilor Phyllis Katvelopment Advisory Com- sakiores praised Blandford mittee in the effort. Bourdon Anderson for work on the Commission.

The Commission meets every other Month on the 'Is there any thought to first Monday in the Municipal Center. The next meeting





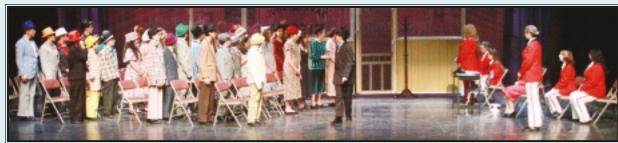


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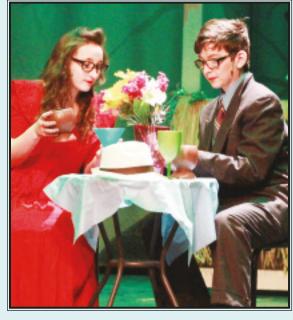














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Locals Excel at the Division I Wrestling Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIFI D NEWS

Londonderry High School played host to some of the finest high school wrestlers in New Hampshire at the day-long Division I championships Saturday, Feb. 18. And grapplers from both Londonderry High and Pinkerton Academy put ed extremely well to the forth some superb work in helping their squads to topfour team finishes.

Timberlane Regional Owls from Plaistow earned their 17th state championship in the last 18 years by easily dozen contingents.

Timberlane - which has only failed to win a Division I championship once since 2000 thanks to the performance of the 2015 Londonderry High crew - tallied a runner-up (194.5), with host Londonderry third (107), Pinkerton fourth (103), and Exeter fifth (100).

Both local squads advanced a total of seven athletes to the state Meet of highlight of my year," said Champions, which will be PA coach Dave Rhoads. held Saturday Feb. 25 at Nashua High School South.

The host Lancers had three grapplers advance to the championship matches Englands. I've had all three

Chase winning the individual state title in his 152pound division.

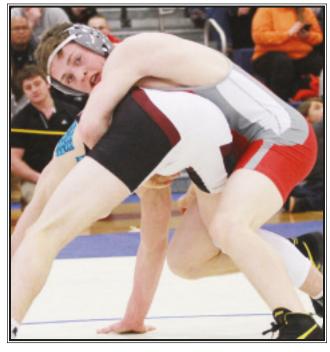
The PA Astros also had a talented trio of wrestlers make it to the title rounds in their divisions, with 138pound senior Derek Wilson taking top honors.

Chase certainly respondpressure of the state championship spotlight, and his 11-3 vanquishing of Nashua To no ones surprise, the South senior Shad Lacombe was riveting for all LHS grappling fans to witness.

"He's had a really good season, and a really good outdistancing the other tournament, and it was great to see him get the championship," said coach Cucolo.

The Pinkerton crew had senior Wilson vanguish his opponent Cody Lewis of Timberlane in the 138pound championship bout team score of 271.5 to notch by a 6-4 count and then cela second straight D-I crown. ebrate the massive accom-Concord was a very distant plishment with a back-flip before accepting congratulations from his fellow Astros. Wilson's elder brothers Brett and Tyler were also fine wrestlers at PA.

> "His victory was the "And the next highlight is going to be his winning at the Meet of Champions and going on to the New



Astros Derek Wilson (above), Robby Fahey (upper right), and Sterling McLaughlin all battled for Division I titles at Londonderry High. Photos by Chris Paul

is the first to win a state That call tied the score at 3championship.'

Rhoads and the other members of the Pinkerton unhappy with a controversial refereeing call in the waning seconds of regulation time of 220-pound PA sophomore standout Robby Fahey's title battle with Timberlane senior Ryan Cole which may have cost the Astro sophomore a state

With Fahey up 3-2 and less than five seconds to go in the third and potentially final period, the official

in overtime

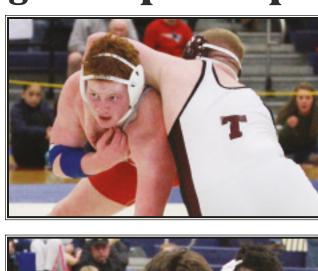
Pinkerton also had freshthe 182-pound title bout against battle-tested Concord senior standout George hard but eventually fell in a at 195 pounds (sixth).

9-2 decision, gaining vital 3, and Cole went on to win mat experience for the future their 2016 heavyweight runin the process.

entourage were extremely man stalwart Sterling Mc- medalists included freshman year's title meet. Laughlin battle his way to Kris DiNitto at 106 pounds (fifth), sophomore Walker Stinson at 113 pounds (fifth), sophomore Kyle Setzer at Tarwo. McLaughlin fought 170 (fifth), and Cam Macro

Unfortunately for PA, ner-up Deene Hill wasn't eli-Pinkerton's other four gible to compete in this

> "So we'll be bringing seven guys to the MOC's, including four sophomores, two freshmen, and one senior. That's pretty good for a young team," said Rhoads.







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Pinkerton Lady Astro Skiers Repeat as State Champions at Sunapee

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

It's said that the only thing tougher than becoming a champion is remaining a may, the Pinkerton Academy girls' ski team repeated as Division I state champion with superb work on the slopes at Mount Sunapee in Newbury last Friday, Feb.

a team score of 755 to out- in a row," said proud PA distance the other 17 competing teams. Bedford finished second with its group tally of 744.

"With poise, determinachampion. But be that as it tion, sportsmanship, and ability, these six girls came out of a field of 88 athletes from 18 Division I schools and did what has never been done before in the history of the Pinkerton Academy Alpine Ski Team, winning a The Lady Astros notched second state championship

coach Paul D'Antonio.

Varsity skiers Nicole Gonya, Danielle Martineau, Hannah Peterson, team captain Emma Bennett, Katelyn Bennett, and Emily Gardner rose to the challenge in great fashion and accomplished the feat upon which they've had their focus all winter.

academy The girls notched 384 of their points in the giant slalom, with Gonya finishing first and taking the individual state crown.

"Nicole has been first for the team and first overall in just about every race she has been in. A truly outstanding accomplishment," said the PA coach, who is ably assisted by Nicole Cuerdon.

Martineau finished second for the champs and fourth overall, Peterson was third for PA and sixth overall, captain Emma was fourth for the squad and

The Pinkerton girls' ski team repeated as Division I champion at Mount Sunapee last week. The title-winning crew includes, from left, head coach Paul D'Antonio, Hannah Peterson, Danielle Martineau, Kathryn Leighton, team captain Emma Bennett, Nicole Gonya, Katelyn Bennett, Caroline Mills, Emily Gardner, and assistant coach Nicole Cuerdon. Missing from the photo are Elizabeth Veale and Meghan Lahey. Courtesy photo

ninth overall, Bennet wound up 13th over- Emma Bennett 17th, and all, and Gardner got 24th Katelyn Bennett 19th over- ing state champs had closed

Pinkerton notched 371

Katelyn overall, Peterson 15th, of Champions as well.

The now two-time reignout their regular season at Gonya, Martineau, Pet- Crotched Mountain the prepoints in the slalom, with erson, and Emma Bennett vious Friday with their sixth Gonya first overall, Mar- all qualified to compete in consecutive first place team tineau third, Gardner 14th the forthcoming state Meet finish in a meet which

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 13



Nicole Gonya, Senior, Girls' Skiing

This impressive skier won the individual state championship and helped her Lady Astros repeat as champions at the Division I title meet. Going into the Meet of Champs, Gonya has placed first in every race this season.



Derek Wilson, Senior, Wrestling

Going into the Division I tournament, this veteran standout was ranked third at 138 pounds. And he went on to best the number six, number two, and number one seeds to take the individual state championship.

Boy Skiers Finish in Top Five at States scored 322 points in the GS. closed out their regular sea-

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy boys' ski team closed out its 2016-17 season in truly fine fashion by finishing a strong fifth as a crew out of some 18 teams at the Division I championships on the slopes Mount Sunapee in Newbury last Tuesday, Feb.

Standout Mikka Hyvo-

slalom and fourth in the slalom, with the locals tallying a total team score of 649.

Hyvonen qualified for the forthcoming state Meet of Champions in both events by placing fifth overall in the slalom and seventh overall in the GS. He was first for PA in both events.

The Astros, who were represented by Hyvonen, team captain Alex Mielens, Owen Sezgin, Eric Ihloff, McCarthy, and

32nd, McCarthy managed 38th place, Mielens was 41st, and Caswell claimed 46th overall.

points in the slalom, with Brandon Simpson, Billy McCarthy 22nd overall, Gonya, Caswell, Mielens, Sezgin 24th, Mielens 31st, Peter Tinker, Sezgin, Zach and Ihloff 35th out of a crowded field.

Several days earlier - on Mountain - the Astro males the big meet.

In that event, Sezgin son by finishing third as a took 11th overall, Ihloff was crew out of six Division I contingents.

Strong work was received from Pinkerton stalwarts Hyvonen, Ihloff, Dy-Pinkerton bagged 327 lan Durazzano, McCarthy, Kahn, Ethan Hatch, Ben Qualters, and Isaac Coulombe as the locals got in Friday the 10th at Crotched their final preparations for



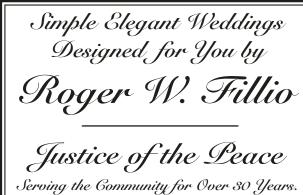
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Hot Pinkerton Girls' Hoop Crew Keeps the Victories Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad continued its impressive surge toward the number one seed in the Division I tournament weak opponent on the road moving to 15-1 in the incredibly-competitive class.

The Lady Astros had no trouble at all with bagging victory in a 72-36 romp over

Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Pinkerton won every period handily, grasping a 16-5 lead after one quarter, a 31-10 advantage at the half, and a 56-25 bulge jumping into the fourth quarter.

The PA success featured last week by trouncing a points from 11 different sources, with Brooke Kane and then besting an extreme- (14), Alicia D'Onoforio (12), ly tough rival in Derry in and Isabella Brouillet (10) all scoring in double figures and Madison Mahoney netting nine.

The Lady Astros then their seventh consecutive created some significant waves in D-I by handing the the Spaulding High Lady Bedford High Lady Bull-Red Raiders in Rochester on dogs just their second divi-

sional defeat in a 60-52 Amanda Lemire netted a night of Friday Feb. 17.

In doing so, the Lady superb position to claim the top seed in the class with the regular season at 16-2 that

close of the first quarter, but they were only up by a bucket at 32-30 at the half.

their tough guests by a 28-22 margin in the second half en route to the win.

decision in Derry on the team-high 18 points with Kane tallying 16 on an evening during which the Astros put themselves in a Lady Astros got scoring from seven players. Courtney Velho and Mahoney Lady Bulldogs ending their each added eight points to the PA effort.

The academy side began The academy side sprint- this week aiming to close ed out to a 19-10 lead by the out its 2016-17 regular season well with contests at Trinity of Manchester on Tuesday, Feb. 21, after The locals outscored Nutfield News press time, followed by a real challenge against a 13-1 Bishop Guertin bunch at Pinkerton Talented court general on Friday, night Feb. 24.



Pinkerton standout court general Amanda Lemire has helped her Lady Astros look like perhaps THE team to beat in Division I this winter. Photo by Chris Paul

Astro Boy Hoopsters Sandwich a Win Between Two Tough Losses

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The 2016-17 season has been a real peaks-and-vallevs affair for longtime Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball coach Peter Rosinski and his charges.

And that continued to be the case last week when the Astros tucked a victory over the Dover High Green Wave between an overtime loss to Spaulding's Red Raiders and a mere one-point defeat at the hands of the exceptionally tough Bedford High Bulldogs.

The now 5-9 academy crew suffered a tough, 73-63 overtime loss to Spaulding High in Derry on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 14, getting outscored by an 11-1 tally by that opponent in the extra stanza with the decision on the line.

The Raiders led 9-8 after one quarter and 28-25 at the half. But the Astros held the upper hand at the close of

the two teams were knotted up tight at 62-62 at the close of regulation.

But the 10-3 Rochester crew was the far stronger of the two sides in overtime, and it headed back on its long bus ride home with the 10-point victory to celebrate.

Jay Reynolds paced the locals with his 18 points, Joey Merrill was good for 14, and Nick Bortone tallied 10 on a night when seven Astros potted points.

cagers the next night when they made a road trip to the seacoast and took on the scuffling Dover High Green Wave. And the final result of that road run was a 79-60 Pinkerton blowout success.

Coach Rosinski's roster won each and every quarter, grasping a lead of 21-17 after one quarter, a 36-30 advantage at the half, and a 60-45 bulge rolling into the final stanza.

Reynolds (22 points) and Merrill (21) combined for But things improved 43 big points - nearly equal-

Anzivino and Andrew Lufkin each netted a dozen.

On paper, few folks likely expected the Astros to give the 13-2 Bedford High Bulldogs a challenge in Bedford on the evening of Friday the 17th. But Pinkerton gave that tough opponent all it could handle before suffering a 68-67 defeat.

Bedford led 20-15 after quarter.

three periods at 47-43, and markedly for the academy ing Dover's team score one period, but the Astros quarter to carry a 37-35 lead at halftime.

> Both contingents netted so Pinkerton held a slim lead of 53-51 rolling into the final stanza.

eighth consecutive win by outscoring the locals by a 15-12 margin in that final

Merrill paced the PA themselves - and Matt outscored their hosts by a attack with 23 points, Bor-22-15 margin in the second tone bagged 18, Reynolds was good for 10, and Anzivino collected eight.

> This week the Pinkerton 18 points in the third quarter, crew faced a schedule which had it at home against the Trinity High Pioneers of Manchester on Tuesday Feb. But Bedford bagged its 21, after Nutfield News press time, followed by a ride to Nashua to face the Bishop Guertin Cardinals three nights later.





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Astro Icemen Get Tripped Up By Tide, But Beat Bulldogs



Pinkerton's Lucas Masciarelli races a Concord player for the puck in front of the PA net during the Astros' recent loss to that opponent. Photo by Chris Pantazis

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy ice hockey squad stepped into what could be called a "barometer game" against a white-hot Concord High Crimson Tide contingent at the Ice Den in Hooksett last Wednesday, Feb. 15.

And in trying to find out where they stood against one of the upper-echelon squads in Division I that evening, the Astros very nearly overcame a nightmarish first period with a comeback during the remainder of that contest.

The visiting Concord crew wound up bagging its

moving its Division I record to a glittering 14-1 with a 5-2 victory over the academy icemen that night. But after falling behind by a 4-0 count in fairly stunning fashion in the first period, the Astros battled hard to make a game of it before finally falling.

The Crimson Tide took advantage of power-play opportunities during the first 15 minutes of play, with senior forward Alex Marceau potting no less than three man-up markers in that stanza in collecting an early hattrick. Concord also netted an even-strength tally after Marceau's second marker in driving out to the four-goal advantage.

But the academy side climbed back into the fray and built up some momengoals off of the sticks of defeat of the divisional cam-Chris Gile and Lucas Masciarelli, so the hosts were only down 4-2 rolling into period three.

Robinson helped to keep his team right in the game with some big stops, and he finished the night with 33 saves. But the Tide hung tough and put the win away with an open-net goal late in the third.

The Astros, who moved 10-4-1 following the defeat, then had their hands at Saint Anselm College against the undefeated Bedford High Bulldogs on Monday Feb. 20.

And in a battle whose

14th consecutive victory and tum with second period dealt the Bulldogs their first paign in a 5-4 overtime decision.

> The locals ended their two-game losing skid and Pinkerton goalie Dakota moved to 11-4-1 in D-I by getting first period goals from Tyler Whiting and Chris Gile, two in the second from Eddie Welch, and the game-winner in overtime from Nick Trask.

> > "Dakota Robinson had a great game in net and saved us tons of times," said coach Sam Littlefield.

Bedford, which has even more full with a game amassed eight shutouts this winter and at one point blanked five consecutive opponents, outscoring those rivals by the incredible total tally of 33-0, moved to 14-1outcome shook Division I 1 with the somewhat stunhockey, the academy icemen ning and noteworthy defeat.

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Pinkerton Spirit Squad Hosts its Annual AstroBlast Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy spirit program took a step away from its competitive and sport-supporting duties and played gracious host to no less than 65 teams in two sessions during the Eighth Annual AstroBlast Live event Saturday, Feb. 18.

The competition, which is the brain-child of Pinkerton head spirit coach Michelle McCarty and her assistant coach Gina Mullane, had its largest competitive turnout ever, with a dozen teams on a waiting list to get involved.

The competition is held under the lights, similar to that of a nationals competition," said McCarty. "We work to set up Friday night after the (PA basketball) game, until the early morning hours on Saturday getting the gym ready for the production. Each team is scored in live time. Our competition has a very

unique format for high thing in the afternoon. school cheer. The first team out in each division performs and then heads over to the Leader Lounge area where they have a front row seat to the next team to com-

All awards are given out at the end of the competition. Astroblast provides a grand champion trophy for the highest score earned in the session, as well as several extra team and individual awards.

"The competition is a full-blown production. With the lights, the ambiance, the balloon arch, the camaraderie between teams, we highlight the sportsmanship and provide a competition that the athletes in New Hampshire can't really experience anywhere else," said McCarty.

During the two sessions that day, recreation, church youth organization, and middle school teams competed in the morning and high school squads did their

The grand champion squads at the high school level included the crew from Dracut (Mass.) High School. Concord took first in Division I. Windham won the D-II crown, Dracut won for Division III, and Mascenic of New Ipswich won the Division IV crown.

Pinkerton's feeder programs also did quite well during the morning session, with Hampstead Middle taking third place and Hood Middle earning first as well as Grand Champion honors.

"Another element that makes this competition so special is our ability to give back to the communities our cheerleaders come from," said McCarty."We ask each team to submit a charity they stand behind or want to give back to, and we draw the causes out of a hat. We draw one charity each session and give \$500 to each charity in the name of the team or program that submitted on their behalf.'

Top-Ranked Astro Bowlers Can't Bag Trophy at D-I Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIFI D NEWS

seeding heading into the Division I championship match at Striker's East in Raymond last Saturday, Feb. team, 18, the Pinkerton Academy bowling squad failed to snag

second.

The Goffstown Grizzlies Despite its first-place claimed the team title with ed by senior captains Austin Brookline in a tough first the Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua grabbing runner-up honors at the eightsingle-elimination

any hardware at that event played Baker-style matches Keenan Nash.

by finishing either first or in determining who the champions would be.

Pinkerton was represent- eighth-ranked Caux and David Pierson match which went seven along with their senior teammates Matthew Clark, Eric

Coach Janet Boyden's Astros squared off against came back strong with a contention. Hollisexciting and grueling games.

Pinkerton Academy won Reardon, Benjamin Tripodi, the first two games by scores Kyle Vachon, and Brian of 172-150 and 151-144, but The competing crews Wilkinson, and junior the upset-minded Cavaliers took game three 144-126.

207-122 success in game

line came back rolling sive is that 10 out of our 14 strong in winning the next members were new to bowlthree games by margins of ing this season." 201-161, 201-139, and 185-

The Astro team then 176 to knock PA out of title-

"It was an impressive four, leaving the locals to season for our team, as we just win one more game to finished first or second in every match," said coach However, Hollis-Brook- Boyden. "And more impres-

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Fantastic Beast

Fantastic Beasts will be the topic of a program for teens to be held Thursday, Feb. 23, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. For more information, call the library at 432-6140.

Race for families' futures

The Upper Room will hold its second annual TURRFF Road Race Sunday, April 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Hackler Gym, Pinkerton Academy. Registration is at 8 a.m. Competitive and non-competitive runners, walkers and walkers with strollers are welcome as individuals, families or groups. Prizes will be awarded for the top child, male, female and team to finish. There will also be music, food and entertainment.To register, sign up at lightboxreg.com/the-upperroom-race-for-families-turrff.

Cupcake Wars

The Hogwarts Kitchen program for teens and bridging tweens will wrap up with an epic Cupcake Wars decorating competition Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. For more information, call 432-6140.

Learn about and make robots

A Renaissance Kids robot demonstration will be held Monday, Feb. 27, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. For more information, call 432-6140.

Rotary Club

The Derry Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. If interested in editor, and instrumental in joining please call Nick Norman at 603-432-5549 for more information.'

Fight addiction

Narcanon provides screenings and interventions for those struggling with addiction and their families. For more information go to narconon-suncoast.org/blog/the-power-ofan-intervention.html or call 877-841-5509.

Derry Democrats

The Derry Democratic Committee will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Committee officers and delegates to the state convention will be elected. For more information, visit derrydems@gmail.com

Parents of Young Children Support Group

The Upper Room offers FROG, Families Reaching Our Goals, a support group for parents and caregivers of toddlers, Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in its facility at 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry. For more information or to register, call 437-8477.

Gospel Music

Thomas A. Dorsey, the father of black Gospel Music, will be the topic of a program by local singer Deanna Butler to be held Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is requested by calling 432-6140.

Sarah Josepha Hale

In honor of Women's History Month, the Londonderry Women's Club will host a New Hampshire Humanities program on Sarah Josepha Hale Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Sharon Wood will portray Ann Wyman Blake speaking of her admiration for Hale. Hale was a New Hampshire native, first female magazine establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.londonderrywomensclub.com

Dragon's Tale Comes to Area

The New Hampshire Theatre Factory will present "A Dragon's Tail" Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 4at 2 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. in the Derry Opera House, 29

West Broadway, Derry. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online by visiting www.nhtheatrefactory

Renew Clothing

Renew Clothing Ministry will be open Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Calvary Bible Church. Hampstead Road, Derry. Those interested in clothing are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. 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 gives free gently-used apparel to families and individuals on a budget. The service is free and confidential, to residence. 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. For more information find "Renew Derry" on Facebook, e-mail renewclothing@myfairpoint.net or renewclothing@yahoo.com, or call the church secretary at 434-

Library Offers Fun for Kids

The Derry Public Library offers regular programs for children including: Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., drop-in stories and crafts, ages 5 to 7, no registration; Thursdays, March 9, 16 and 23, 4 to 5 p.m., Spring Into Art Club, registration required beginning Feb. 15; and Thursdays, March 6, 13 and 20, Minecraft Club, registration required beginning Feb. 15. For more information, call the library at 432-6140.

A Soldier's Mother

Amoskeag Questers hosts NH Humanities program, "A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story". Living history presenter Sharon Wood portrays Betsey Phelps, Amherst, NH mother of a Civil War soldier. The program, is free and open to the public, is 10:00 a.m. Wednesday March 1, at Marion Gerrish

Community Center, 39 West to 2:30 p.m., at the Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. For more information, contact Meredith Hatch 434-8673.

Meet Derry's Poet Laureate

Robert Crawford Chester is the first Poet Laureate of Derry. A reception to welcome him will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Crawford was nominated by the Derry Public Library and endorsed by the Town Council on its Jan. 24 meeting. He will serve a term of two years.

Adult Coloring

Adult coloring nights will be held Mondays, Feb. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Materials are provided or participants can bring their own. For more information, call 432-6140.

Derry Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its March meeting on Friday, Mar. 3, at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry, at 10 a.m.. The meeting will be "Beautiful Habitat Gardens and their Fascinating Inhabitants" featuring speaker, Thomas Berger. He is a naturalist that has traveled the world observing, photographing and painting nature. There will be a slide show and recommendations for plants and typical garden insects. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in February: Feb. 24, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; Feb. 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Feb. 26, Lunch hosted by St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 Londonderry Lions Hall, 432-3333. IMarch. 12, St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Church of the Transfiguration, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 16, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; March 18, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767: March 19, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; March 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 31, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628. Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves a free meal every weeknight from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Rotary Club

The Derry Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Interested in joining please call Nick Norman at 432-5549 for more information. Teen & Parent Workshops

The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, holds the following free weekly support groups and workshops: Hour Power Lunch Time Workshops, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics available on Web site. Parents of Teens. Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of children 0-6, includes playgroup and/or childcare, Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Light refreshments and coffee. Teen and Young Parents (up to age 23), Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m., includes light dinner and child care. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

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

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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