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Severe Snow Prompts Move of Town Election To March 21

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a rare move, the local election has been rescheduled from March 14 to March 21 because of the approach of a powerful nor'easter.

Officials made the announcement in a March 13 press release.

"The Town Election scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, is being postponed until Tuesday, March 21 due to a severe weather emergency," the release said. "The forecast is for between 12 and 24 inches of snow on Tuesday with winds rising between 40 mph and 60 mph during the day with whiteout conditions."

In the upcoming races, four candidates are competing for two open council seats.

Vying for the councilor at large seat are incumbent Joshua Bourdon and Planning Board Chairman David Granese.

In District 3, former Councilor Neil Wetherbee and Marc Flattes, Planning Board members, are running.

Both council seats carry three-year terms.

In other races, Joel Olbricht is running unopposed for Trustees of the Trust Funds. The seat carries a three-year term, according to officials.

In the Supervisor of the Checklist race, Dina Bourassa is facing Leslie

Dombroski. The seat carries a three-year term.

Running for Taylor Library trustee are: Edward Ciano and Jillien Klok.

For Derry Public Library Trustees, three-year seat, the candidates are: Colin Buxton; Valerie Roche; Dorianne Haverty; James Diricio; Matt Leavitt; Deirdre Bridge; and James Thomas.

For the Derry Public Library Trustees, two-year seat, the candidate are: Erin Matlin; Kristen Mari; and Shannon McKenna.

And for Derry Public Library Trustees, one-year seat, the candidates are: Armand Marcotte and Walter Bingel Jr.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Derry Town Moderator Planning Audit In Election

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite warnings from officials, Town Moderator Mary Till is planning to conduct an audit in the upcoming election.

The election has been rescheduled for March 21 because of the March 14 nor'easter.

During the March 7 Town Council meeting, Till gave an update on the election and mentioned that she is planning to conduct a validation audit of a randomly selected machine and race after the election.

"This is an audit to verify that the machines are working as intended and to identify any vulnerabilities," Till said.

Till said election officials will only be checking one machine and not be counting all the ballots for any race, since all the races are in at least two machines.

Till's decision to conduct the audit follows assertions from New Hampshire officials that she violated state election law during the Sept. 13 Primary.

Secretary of State William Gardner and Attorney General Joseph Foster addressed the alleged violations in an Oct. 20 letter.

The alleged violations involve: failure to identify a central polling place; the handling of ballots; how the ballots were delivered; and that Till conducted a hand recount of an AccuVote machine.

As for the fourth alleged violation of conducting the audit, Till said she felt she was fulfilling her responsibility as town moderator "that the reported vote count is correct."

At a prior council meeting, Till responded to Gardner's and Foster's assertions in the Oct. 20 letter. Till said she wanted to assure residents "that nothing in the letter implied or alleged that the elections in Derry in September were in any way compromised by the violations described therein."

During the March 7 meeting during Till's presentation, Town Clerk Dan Healey said he wanted to point out that a recent bill pertaining to audits failed in the state House for

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JUST PEACHY Kids Coop Theatre presented "James and the Giant Peach Jr. over the weekend with Derry residents Ryan Carrigan and Brenna Kimball playing two of the main roles. Carrigan and Kimball are pictured playing James and Ladahlord. This is the theatre group's twentieth year providing young talent a way to show their talent. See more photo page 8 *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Council Approves Plan for New Sign At Opera House

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Hoping to use the Adams Memorial Opera House as a "gateway to the community," councilors have begun the process for installing a new electronic sign at the historic building.

Council members voted in their March 7 meeting to approve using \$17,000 from the Land and Building Capital Reserve fund to install an electronic message sign at the Opera House, 29 West Broadway.

The vote to appropriate funds begins the process to

seek proposals for the sign and develop an agreement with tenants at the Memorial building, according to officials.

"The Folks at the Opera House, which is a town-owned facility, have been looking for better ways to

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Council Approves Plan To Reassign Bridge Project Funds

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NUTFIELD NEWS

A plan that would allow the Town to have three culverts and one bridge replaced for the cost of just two structures has been approved by councilors.

In their March 7 meeting, the council members voted to approve \$595,783 in bridge replacement funds along with any anticipated bridge reimbursement funds from the New Hampshire Department of Transporta-

tion. The funds will go to pay for the replacement of two culverts on North Shore Road: in Fiscal Year 2018, North Shore Road - Beaver Lake, at a cost of \$375,000 for design and construction; and in Fiscal Year 2020, North Shore Road - Island Pond Road, at a cost of \$485,000 for design and construction. for the NDOT at their March 7 meeting

On May 3, 2011, councilors created the Bridge Improvement Fund to serve as a capital project fund,

Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a staff report.

The two projects that were originally designated were the replacement of the North High Street/Folsom bridge and the Tsienneto Road culvert near Route 102,

But since the creation of the fund, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation has moved forward with plans to actively promote the construction of the Exit 4A project at a total cost of \$53.5 million,

Fowler said. The two projects initially in the Bridge Improvement Fund are within the construction area and NHDOT would likely be addressing these locations under the construction funds for the Exit 4A project, Fowler said.

"As the Exit 4A project accelerated in 2014, the state committed to not only design funds but construction funds that changed the paradigm for what the state would be doing with these bridge funds," Fowler said in

the meeting.

This Bridge Improvement Fund has a balance of \$775,782, which includes a promised payment from NHDOT of approximately \$180,000 for Bridge Aid reimbursement, due in Fiscal Year 2019.

Both of the projects are eligible for the NHDOT Bridge Aid program which only reimburses 80 percent of design costs or \$128,000.

"After factoring in anticipated reimbursements, there is ample balance to fund both

projects," Fowler wrote.

In terms of fiscal impact, "by reassigning funds to two different culvert projects on the Capital Improvement Plan leverages Derry's ability to fully fund them without raising taxes to do so," Fowler wrote.

Both projects would still be completed by NHDOT under federal and state funds.

"Essentially, the Town is able to have four culverts/bridges replaced as opposed to two," Fowler wrote.

Council Approves \$100,100 Transfer For Exit 4A Work

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors have approved a proposal to transfer \$100,100 for technical work on the controversial Exit 4A project.

In their March 7 meeting, the councilors voted to transfer the funds to reimburse the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for contractually obligated technical services on Exit4A.

Dating back to at least the 1980s, there have been a number of starts and stops with the project mainly due to cost escalations, accord-

ing to officials.

Derry's cost for the project is capped at \$5 million because of a prior lawsuit that also involved Londonderry and Boston North, a development firm, according to officials. The suit was filed in the early 1990s, according to officials.

Derry has already spent about \$1.75 million on Exit 4A, according to officials.

Some local officials have praised the proposed project as a way to improve traffic flow to the town's beleaguered downtown. But others have criticized the proposal, saying it will instead divert traffic away from

downtown and harm the local economy.

Designed as an alternate to downtown Derry, Exit 4A would include construction of a 1-mile connecting road from the interchange off Interstate 93 to Ross' North High Street and Folsom Road and Tsienneto Road.

On July 14, 2015, the model of the Exit 4A project changed when former NHDOT Commissioner Christopher Clement told the Town Council that NHDOT would serve as the project sponsor, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a staff report. In addition, NHDOT would

seek federal funds for construction of the new interchange and collector roads. Exit 4A is included 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 required to reimburse NHDOT 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 the project, Fowler said.

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

"At this point what we are looking to do is to reassign \$100,000 from that supplemental appropriation over to DOT, Fowler said in the meeting.

Councilors then voted to approve the transfer of funds.

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New Economic Development Coordinator Named in Derry

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Following an extensive search that drew 34 candidates, Councilors have named Anne Struthers as Derry's new economic development coordinator.

The Council members voted at their March 7 meeting to appoint Struthers to the position. Currently serving as a business recourse specialist with the State Division of Economic Development, she previously worked with the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in Massachusetts, according to a news release. She is scheduled to begin work on March 28 and will receive an annual salary of \$83,679.

"We are very pleased to be able to attract someone of

Anne's caliber to join Derry's economic development team", Administrator David Caron said. "Anne's background in statewide economic development both here in New Hampshire and in Massachusetts, coupled with her senior level roles in the banking and financial services industries will serve the Town well."

During her career in banking and financial services, Struthers has also been instrumental with designing, implementing and managing various financial products and services, during her career in the banking, the release said.

After the announcement was made Struthers thanked councilors and Caron.

"It's an honor to honor to be here and I'm grateful for the appointment," she said.

Caron was aided in the vetting process by local and area economic development stakeholders, including Councilor Jim Morgan, and EDAC Chair Terri Pastori, according to the release.

During the Council's Jan. 3 meeting, Caron said the move to hire an economic development director is vitally important for economic development in town.

"As we all know through the charter the town administrator is responsible for hiring employees," Caron said. "Except in this case I think it's critical that the town reaches consensus on a direction on economic development."

He added, "Since before I became associated with the town, it was made very clear to me that one of the town's primary goals was to stimu-

late is economic development. Part of that strategy is to identify, and secure the necessary resources to help us achieve that goal."

To help offset the Derry's tax rate, which is one of the highest in the state, councilors have been exploring ways to generate tax revenue and help develop the local economy.

While the town likely will not become another Salem or Manchester, both with large retail sectors, councilors voted unanimously at their Dec. 20 meeting to hire Buxton Marketing for retail development services. The agreement calls for the town to pay \$50,000 for the first year, with the option to hire Buxton for the remaining two-years of the contract. The agreement also offers

the possibility of engaging Buxton to develop a hotel feasibility study at a one-time cost of \$10,000. All 2017 costs will be funded by from the FY 2017 economic development budget, according to officials.

The next step in the plan was to hire an economic development director, Caron said.

Caron said the town could choose to hire an in-house employee or a contracted entity, which could be either full-service firm or an individual.

In exploring options, Caron said he looked at all of the models and conferred with a number of economic development practitioners, with experience in New Hampshire and throughout the country. He said the feedback he received is

clear.

"Our best chance for success is to hire an entity that can establish an ongoing relationship with our business community to serve as a resource regarding business financing, state and local tax incentive programs," Caron said, adding, "Someone who is able to speak very clearly and consistently and to provide a sustainable presence for economic development for the town of Derry."

Based upon his research and after reviewing the proposal from the Economic Development Advisory Committee for securing outside services, Caron recommended hiring "an in-house full-time economic development coordinator from our existing resources."

Monday Fire Leaves Cove Road House Uninhabitable

HUNTER McGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Five adults were displaced after a fire extensively damaged a residence at 20 Cove Road on Monday morning.

Three of the residents, who were home at the time of the fire, were able to evacuate after one of the residents smelled smoke in an upstairs bedroom, according to fire officials.

Of the five adults, one is disabled. There are also two dogs and one cat that were all accounted for and uninjured, according to fire officials.

The resident who first

noticed the smoke, went outside, observed fire on the outside of the house and called 911, Battalion Chief Jack Webb said in a press release.

At 11:12 a.m., four Derry engines and a car were dispatched to the residence. Arriving crews observed a moderate amount of fire running up the top of a chimney and extending into the roof and second floor, Webb said.

Firefighters rapidly knocked down the exterior fire and deployed lines into the interior of the structure. Crews then encountered smoke from fire in the ceiling and walls, Webb said.

To gain control of the fire, firefighters had to use chainsaws to open up the roof, the exterior walls, and to open up interior wood paneled walls and ceilings.

The home is uninhabitable with fire damage to the right exterior and second floor bedroom; smoke damage to the entire second floor, and water damage to the right side of the home, Webb said.

The American Red Cross Disaster Services responded to the scene and will be providing family services.

The fire is under investigation by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau, with a preliminary cause listed as

failure of a chimney, Webb said. The origin of the fire was the top of the chimney extending into the home, which is heated with a pellet stove.

Coming from Derry and

five surrounding towns, a total of 35 firefighters responded to the blaze. Mutual Aid was provided by Auburn, Chester, Londonderry, Windham, and Hampstead Fire Departments. Sta-

tion coverage was provided by Nashua, Manchester, Hudson and Salem Fire Departments. During the call the Manchester Engine and a Derry Medic responded to a medical call.

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Editorial

Read Across America Week

March is marked in many local schools as Read Across America month, and celebrates children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2, but this is the week when most celebrations are taking place. And true to the famed children's author, school activities focus on reading.

While Read Across America Week was created by the National Education Association, no matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children early and often. Whether it's dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read a bedtime story, Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today.

There's not a more important factor in future success than the ability (and the desire) to read. Most of us take our ability to read for granted and don't remember how we learned, but we use the skill everyday. Research shows that kids who spend time reading recreationally perform better in school, and whether it's by reading traffic signs or employment applications, college textbooks or exam questions, reading follows us through our lives.

But Read Across America isn't just for kids.

There is great enjoyment to be had from sitting by a warm fire or relaxing by a pool and letting a good book transport you to another world. There is also great enjoyment to be had from learning something new from an informative nonfiction on your favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, there's nothing quite like getting lost in a good book. But this habit starts young.

If your child's school asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home, go for it. In the midst of our busy, out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you're at it, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another reading experience for your youngster.

So whether it's from Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time in class, or awards given to students "caught" reading during the school day, Read Across America Week underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on your phone, you can read on a computer, a paper and best of all, you can read a book.

And when you read to a child, you're building memories for both of you. As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pickup a book and read to a child."

Letters

PAC Money Shouldn't Influence Local Elections

To the Editor;

For the second time in less than two years, we have out of town money trying to influence a local election. Why? Political Action Committees (PAC's) have poisoned politics in both the state and national arenas. Now they're trying to buy the last vestiges of grass roots politics.

In late 2015 we had Americans for Prosperity (AFP) rallying behind misguided budget cuts that closed a fire station and significantly reduced our emergency responders. Now we have a PAC called NH Prior-

ities doing an attack mailing against a Town Council candidate. And while the spelling and grammar resembles that of a poor performing high schooler, the math it cites is even more fuzzy.

Local elections should be decided by local people and local dollars. Period! If we as a community do not outright reject the efforts of these PAC's and the power and influence that their money seeks to buy, we can say goodbye to yet another New Hampshire tradition. Gone will be the days of local working class folks signing up for office in the interest of only public service and helping better the

community. They will be replaced by financially backed puppets that will be voting in the interests of their financiers rather than the residents of our community.

On March 21st, vote for the candidate of your choice. But be sure to tell each and every one of those candidates that big money and PAC's have no place in our local elections. Ask that they pledge to reject outside money and influence. As a community we need to send the message loud and clear that big money PAC's and power brokers are not welcome in our Town!

Neil Wetherbee
Derry

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Police Deal with Shortages in Light of Greater Needs

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Police Lt. Dan Beattie said in a phone interview that Derry "hasn't done badly" in recent recruitment efforts. The last exam, in November, garnered 46 applicants, of whom 31 showed up. Of those, the process eventually brought Derry one sworn officer, he said.

Derry does have openings due to some positions that were cut in 2015 and some retirements, he said.

Derry gave the exam five times in 2016, for a total of

215 applicants. "We tested 190 and 10 percent were no-shows," he said.

Derry's process is the same as other communities and includes the written test, physical fitness component and an oral board exam. If a candidate makes it this far there's a background check, Beattie said, and it's here that a lot of candidates drop off.

In 2016 Derry was able to hire nine officers, he said. Two quit while in the Police Academy, and three are scheduled to start April 10.

Derry has positions for 57 sworn officers and there

are 55 on the payroll, he said. But five of them are still in training, he added.

Derry is scheduled to give the test again on March 25.

"We are still accepting applications," Beattie said. "We still have two vacancies to fill."

Beattie said it could be a full year before anyone who passes the March 25 test goes on the street. The recruit starts in Derry three weeks before going to the Academy, has 16 weeks of training at the Academy, then 12 weeks of field training in Derry, he said.

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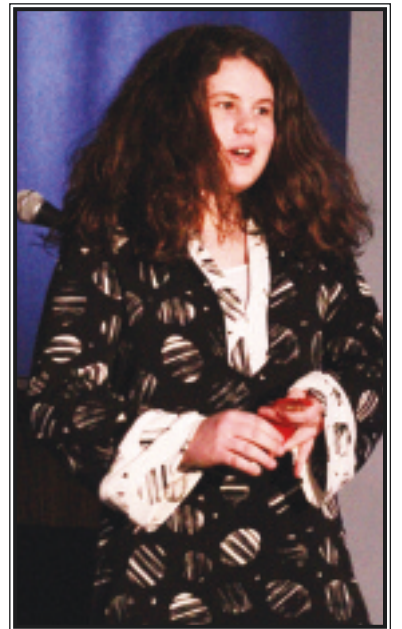
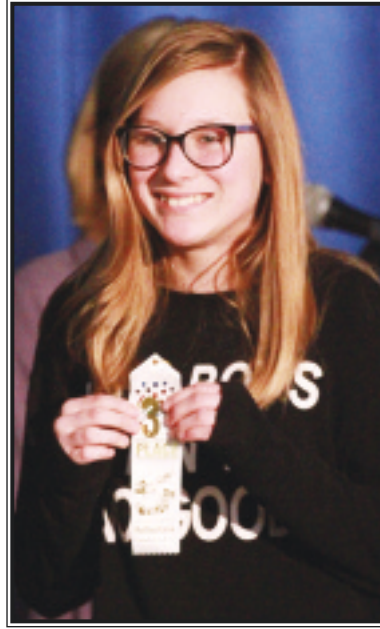
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Local Reflections Winners Awarded at State Level



Gabriela McSweeney, a fifth grader from Barka Elementary School student, was a first place winner with her Film Production.

Cameron Couture of West Running Brook, received a second place ribbon in the Middle School Photography category.

Camille Tindall, a sixth grade student from Gilbert H. Hood Middle School took third place in Photography.

Danielle Higgins, fifth grade student at Derry Village School, was the third place winner in the Intermediate Visual Arts category.

Riley Pearson, a West Running Brook Middle School sixth grader, came in second place in Visual Arts. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2016-17 New Hampshire Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections winners were announced last week on Wednesday, March 8, at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

With 31 PTA groups participating, and 1,643 pieces of artwork submitted, it was no easy task to narrow the field down to 22 first place winners. Out of the over 1,600 entries submitted 304 were judged at the state level.

The theme that each student used to create from this year was "What is Your Story?"

The first place winners will move on to national judging, and those winners will be announced in May.

There were a great many creative locals that were

given honors during the event.

In Derry:

Gabriela McSweeney, fifth grade Barka Elementary School student, was a first place winner with her Film Production entry "My awesome life story" in the Intermediate class.

West Running Brook Middle School eighth grader Cameron Couture received a second place ribbon for "Individual - Three" in the Middle School Photography category. And in that same category, Camille Tindall, sixth grade student from Gilbert H. Hood took third place with "Clinging onto Hope".

Riley Pearson, a West Running Brook Middle School sixth grader, came in second place with her "A Rainbow Leaked Out" Visual Arts entry.

In the Intermediate Visu-

al Arts category, Danielle Higgins, fifth grade student at Derry Village School, was the third place winner with "This is My Story," a 3-D entry. Bridget Williams, Barka third grader, had Honorable Mention for "This is my Story" as well as Autumn Anderson, a Barka fifth grader for "My Today My Future."

Jackson Crawford, a Gilbert H. Hood seventh grade student received Honorable Mention in Literature for "On the Verge."

From Londonderry:

South Elementary School fourth grade student, Elizabeth Roy, received a first place trophy and read her entry "Rose" to the audience in the Intermediate Literature category.

Megan Plaza, Mathew Thornton Elementary School second grader, received a

second place ribbon for her Dance Choreography "Dancing by the Horizon" in the Primary Category.

Rhyannan Finney, second grader at South Elementary School, took first-place in the Special Artist category for "Sailboats in Maine." She also received Honorable Mention for "Sparkly Water."

Emerson Dodge, South Elementary School first grader, received a third place ribbon in the Visual Arts Primary category for his "Happiness To Me Is..." Matthew Thornton first grade student Grace McElroy got Honorable Mention for "The Shining Stars." Also receiving Honorable Mention was Travis Fitzpatrick from North School for his "My Story" creation.

In Photography, two Londonderry students received Honorable Mention. Rachel Hutchinson, fifth

grade, of Matthew Thornton and Isabella Zemetres, third grade, of South School were both acknowledged.

In Hampstead:

Brady Blazka, second grade, took second place for his "Titanic" entry in Primary Film Production.

Kendall LeBel, third grade, was a third place ribbon winner for "My Life" in Primary Literature.

Cameron DeAngelis, kin-

dergarten student, received Honorable Mention for his 3-D entry in Visual Arts, "My Future Spaceship."

In Sandown:

Alexander Garone was a second place winner in Intermediate Visual Arts for his "Passion" entry.

Noah Quinney, first grade, received Honorable Mention for "Stuff About Me" Primary Visual Arts submission.

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Body Of Missing Derry Man Found In Wooded Area

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An extensive search for a missing 63-year-old Derry man came to a tragic end on Friday, March 10.

The body, believed to be that of John "Jack" Walsh, was found in a wooded area off Rockingham Road by an off duty Derry police officer who was hiking, Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas said in a press release.

The officer found the body in a swampy area next

to "Tributary G" Brook, which passes under Rockingham Road near Bradford Street, Thomas said in the release. The body was located about 200 yards into the wooded area from Rockingham Road,

"Investigation by Derry police detectives indicated the body had been there for an extended period of time and there were no signs of foul play," Thomas said in the release.

The body was taken to Concord where the State Medical Examiner will



John "Jack" Walsh

determine the exact cause of death.

After police confirmed the body was found, family members posted a statement on a Facebook Page created

to helping find Walsh.

"Earlier today a body was found in Derry NH off of Rockingham Road. It is with heavy hearts that we disclose that it was, in fact, Jack. We thank you all for being supportive and overwhelmingly helpful for the last three months. As of right now we have limited information and will share with you upon any new findings."

Walsh, a resident of Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, walked away from Parkland Medical Center

prior to treatment on Dec. 13. He was last seen on foot walking southbound on Birch Street in Derry, towards Windham, police said.

Derry Police conducted an extensive search in the area of Parkland Medical Center and the surrounding Birch St. businesses and wooded area but didn't locate Walsh after he walked away from the hospital.

For weeks, police continued to search for the missing man. There was

extensive commentary on social media, with numerous reports of possible sightings.

"There are no verified sightings of Mr. Walsh since his disappearance," Thomas said in a Monday, Jan. 9 press release. "Detectives have followed up numerous reports of possible sightings locally and as far away as Lowell and Methuen. All of these were determined not to be Mr. Walsh. There is no known destination where Mr. Walsh may be headed."

Craft Beer, Not Popcorn, on the Local Movie Menu

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Beer will soon be replacing popcorn as Southern New Hampshire's favorite movie snack, but the beer will be craft beer and the films independent.

The SNOB (Somewhat North of Boston) Film Festival will be coming to Derry and Londonderry this spring, with a twist: the award-winning indie films will be shown in local small-batch breweries. The new event is called the Derry Regional Ales and Films Together Festival (DRAFT) and will take place April 2 through 8 at breweries in Derry and Londonderry.

Jay Doherty, executive director of SNOB said in a phone interview that SNOB has been in existence for 14 years. "A group of people who wanted to bring independent films to the area got together in Concord," he said. Doherty has been Executive Director of SNOB for seven years, and said there were three areas he and the board were interested in: independent films, live music and craft beer.

"It's not the first time we've melded films with beer," he said of DRAFT

But it's the first time for Derry and Londonderry.

The area was a natural fit for Doherty, who grew up in Derry and graduated from Pinkerton

Academy. Several other SNOB board members are also Pinkerton grads, he said.

It works like this, Doherty said. The breweries open their doors on a particular night, typically during the off-hours, and will show a block of six or seven short films, many by independent local filmmakers.

There will be a range of films, from comedy to drama to horror, Doherty said. The owners will try to pair the films with appropriate beers and ales. "For example, a dark horror film would be paired with a dark ale," he said.

Short narrative films will include A Way Out directed by Jason TostevinRussell.

Terri Pastori, chairman of the Derry Economic Development Committee, said she is looking forward to the event. "I think it's terrific. It's exciting," she said.

It's a great start on what Pastori hopes will be an annual tradition.

Pastori would like to see an arts district develop

between the two towns and noted "We are drawing on our organic strengths."

Chris Dryer, one of the film directors with Londonderry roots, wrote in e-mail, "You tend to see the same people a lot and everyone likes sharing their opinions on beers, and new stuff people should try. In the

Derry/Londonderry area, right at the point where the craft beer market was starting to pick up (2007),

The film-and-beer combination will be featured during New Hampshire Craft Beer Week, which begins March 31. For more information, visit www.draftfestnh.com.

Opera House

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publicize events, as has the town," Administrator David Caron said. "And the location of the Adams building is a gateway to the community along Broadway."

Before approving the plan, some councilors said they were concerned the sign would detract from the historical significance of the building.

"The reason I'm torn is because it's a beautiful historic building and the building itself would look different from the sign,"

Councilor Joshua Bourdon said.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores said the town should consult with the Heritage Commission and Historical Society on the placement of the sign.

But the new sign will not alter the character of the Adams building, said Councilor Jim Morgan, who has seen a drawing of the new sign that was provided by the Derry Arts Council Morgan said the sign will fit within the same two poles that are used for the current

sign, which uses an outdated manual lettering system.

"It doesn't change the character of the building," Morgan said. "It's not like they are going to put a much bigger sign there, it's going to stay the same size," Morgan said.

He said an extreme effort has been made in the proposed sign to maintain traditional aesthetics.

"This is a really important first step in trying to improve the Opera House and the visibility of the Opera House for people to go to shows and for different things," Morgan said.

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Pinkerton Students To Participate In SkillsUSA Competitions

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With competitions scheduled throughout the area, Pinkerton Academy students will once again be competing in SkillsUSA contests.

SkillsUSA brings together industry leaders and teachers to help students build skills for the work

force, according to administrators. Students compete in such events as building construction, computers, culinary arts and prepared speech.

"There are about 400 students across the state that are participating in these events, including about 80 Pinkerton students," said Jennifer Haskins, the high school's Career and Techni-

cal Education director and the vice president of the New Hampshire SkillsUSA board of directors.

SkillsUSA provides educational programs, events and competitions to support Career and Technical Education programs throughout the nation, according to its website.

SkillsUSA serves more than 300,000 students and

instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations and more than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA, according to the website.

Upcoming competitions include the Culinary competition scheduled for March 16 at Nashua High School.

In addition, Computer Systems Programming will be held March 17 at Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth.

Also on March 17, Building Construction, Electrical along with Welding and Engineering will be held at Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter, Haskins said.

The Electrical Contrac-

tors Business Association is sponsoring the electrical program and state and local inspectors will be on hand for the event along with vendors and contractors.

The 53rd Annual National SkillsUSA's Leadership and Skills Conference is scheduled to run from June 19-23 in Louisville, KY.

Plan To Extend Municipal Water To Londonderry Approved

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors have approved a proposal to extend local municipal water service into Londonderry to service an 85-unit residential housing development, with an increase in revenues that would go to Derry.

The council members voted at their March 7 meeting to extend water service to Lorden Commons, at 6 Iris Lane, in Londonderry.

The proposed extension would also have to be approved by the Town of

Londonderry, Pennichuck Water Works, and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. It would also have to conform to Derry's ordinances and construction specifications. All work shall be subject to review by the Derry Public Works Department, according to the recommended motion, according to officials.

The developer would pay all costs associated with the extension and connection of the properties including a 12-inch main along old Derry road. In addition, the developer would also pay

Derry all connection fees, meter costs and inspection fees.

In the meeting, Public Works Director Michael Fowler and Thomas Carrier gave a presentation on the proposal.

"We are projecting about 19,000 gallons per day from Derry would be needed to service that development, with a peak demand of about 28,000 gallons a day," Carrier said.

Under the plan, Derry would enter into a partnership with Londonderry that would "increase operating

and capital revenues, address future infrastructure needs and not adversely impact the system's ability to service current and future Derry water customers," Carrier wrote in a staff report.

If approved by all of the entities, the estimated water connection fees that would go to Derry would be \$114,000. In addition, the net annual revenue from billed water usage would be \$18,000, Carrier wrote. Annual hydrant rental charge payments from Londonderry to Derry would increase by about \$4,000.

It would cost approxi-

mately \$5,000 annually to operate the new system.

And Derry would also benefit from the value of the new water mains. Carrier wrote that the new 12-inch main on Old Derry Road "would reduce Derry's future cost for the Manchester Water Works interconnection by an estimated \$250,000."

Carrier wrote. "The 3,800 feet of new 8-inch mains within the subdivision would increase the Derry water division assets by approximately \$380,00."

Connected to the Derry water system, there are 4,143 service connections

serving an estimated population of 17,000 people. Derry services 71 connections in Londonderry along the Route 102 corridor east of Interstate 93 at Exit 4, Carrier wrote.

In addition, Derry also provides water to Pennichuck Water Works' 80 customers in Windham.

Carrier wrote that Londonderry is also serviced by Manchester Water Works along the Route 28 corridor and by Pennichuck Water Works in the northern and southern areas of town. In the remaining areas of Londonderry, water service is provided through private wells.

Audit

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the second time.

"Audits really aren't supposed to be allowed," said Healey, who planned to inform state officials of Till's intentions to conduct the audit.

Till said she has been in contact with the state attorney general's office, and, unless she is told not to con-

duct the audit, will proceed as planned.

During the public forum segment of the meeting, resident Marc Flattes, who is running for the District 3 council seat against Neil Wetherbee, said he wanted to register a "formal protest against any audit that Mary till does. We already have a record and a ruling from the state from this past September. I'm on the ballot; this

could be a possible issue of a grievance. I'm against it, 100 percent against it."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are three polling sites: Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, for Districts 1 and 4; Calvary Bible Church, District 2; and West Running Brook Middle School, District 3. West Running Brook will serve as central polling place.

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The Kids Coop Theatre is Celebrating its twenty year anniversary this season and last weekend the group performed “James and the Giant Peach Jr. to crowds at the Derry Opera House in Derry. The musical was directed by Emily St. Louis, with musical direction by Ruthie Vinson and Choreography by Mary Sullivan. Director Mentors were Maureen Mansfield and Marilyn Olbricht.

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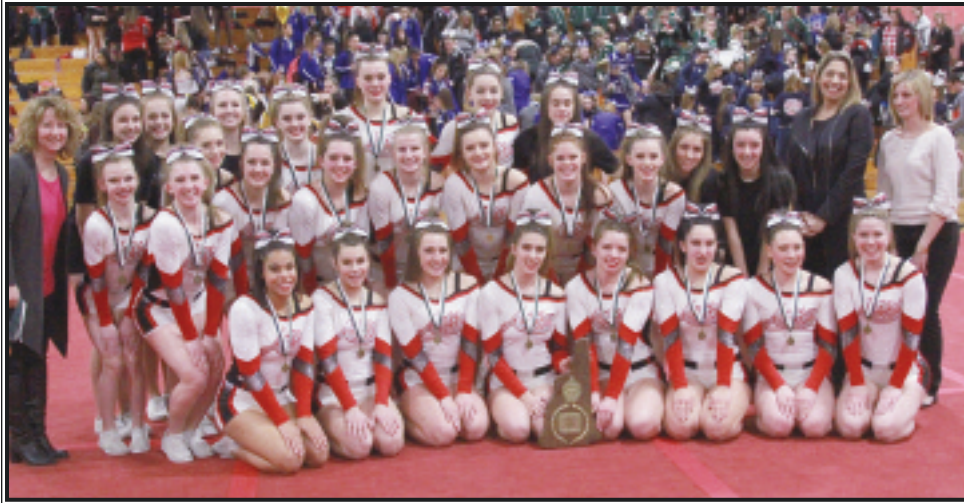
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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Spirit Squad Snares Seventh Straight Winter Title



It's certainly a familiar scene, Pinkerton's varsity spirit team gathered for a championship photo as was the case again this past Sunday at the 2017 winter meet.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Over much of the last two decades, coach Michelle McCarty and her Pinkerton Academy fall and winter spirit teams have established the gold standard for championship efforts in their sport here in New Hampshire.

And the Lady Astros added more prestige and hardware to their exceptional record of performances with yet another winter title success at the Division I championships in their own Hackler Gymnasium this past Sunday, March 12.

To the surprise of precisely nobody, the host Pinkerton crew claimed its

eighth consecutive winter spirit title and the 13th since 2004 by tallying an impressive team score of 107.3 out of a possible 110 points. Concord finished a distant second with a 102.6.

Those two talented contingents will now make the ride down to Providence, R.I. this coming Saturday the 18th to compete at the New England Regionals at the Providence Career and Technical Academy. That was the very venue at which the region's top wrestlers - including several Pinkerton Academy standouts - competed at their New England event several weekends ago.

When one counts the seven consecutive fall spirit championships won by the Pinkerton spirit squads, the

academy juggernaut has now claimed a jaw-dropping 15 New Hampshire crowns in a row.

Speaking specifically of the Sunday success, coach McCarty was positively effusive in her feelings about the efforts of her charges, shedding a few tears at the completion of her squad's superb performance and then giving hugs to her assistant coaches and athletes.

"I could not have been any more thrilled with the way we performed," said McCarty. "The girls crushed it. They hit every single one of my expectations out of the park."

And as the coach noted, in scoring 107.3 points out of a possible 110 they could-



Pinkerton Academy's winter spirit team snagged its eighth straight title with an epic performance in its own gym this past Sunday.
Photos by Chris Paul

n't conceivably been a whole lot closer to perfect with their routine, which they performed to a near standing-room-only crowd which had at its center a spirited, red-garbed Pinkerton contingent which didn't hold back any of its excitement or applause before, during, or after the performance.

The Astro team was the top point getter during the prior week's qualify-

ing round at Pinkerton Academy which put them in the spotlight as the final school on the mat this past weekend.

Pinkerton's title-winning team includes seniors Aurora Goujon, Cameron LaRoche, Hannah Rogers, Kendra Hicks, Alyssa Daigle, Camryn Teresky, Gemma Schena, and Victoria Williams, juniors Jordan Nacos and Hailey

Hanscom, sophomores Kaycie Rizzo, Jacie Harlow, Kristen Bukunt, Allison Connell, Michaela Waterman, Ariana Boudreau, and Hunter Mullane, and freshmen Genna Dellisola, Ashley Hebert, and Julia Saab. The perennial title-winning team's assistant coaches are Gina Mullane and Julie Venglass. Stay tuned to see more titles.

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Lady Astro Cagers Finish Up in the D-I Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The old cliché states that "You have to play the hand that you're dealt," and of

course that's perfectly true. But what do you do when you know that the hand you hold isn't as strong as it could be and you absolutely have to play it anyway?

Relying on its considerable depth and talent and the unquestionable abilities of its fine veteran coach, the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball team worked hard to overcome the tremendously significant fact that its starting junior point-guard Amanda Lemire - the squad's skilled and cool-headed "court-general" if you will - was lost to a stress fracture of the right foot near the very end of the 2016-17 regular season.

In the wake of that injury, the Lady Astros then took a lopsided loss on the chin from the tough Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua in their final regular season but had a week to figure out how they could try to overcome the loss of Lemire in an upcoming quarterfinal tournament game.

Led by sophomore guard Madison Mahoney and her 17 points, the second-seeded academy squad defeated seventh-ranked Merrimack in the quarters, and the locals then faced a considerably tougher semifinal contest against the number three Bedford High Lady Bulldogs at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester Thursday night, March 9.

Doing what it was ex-

pected to do and had to do with sure-handed point-guard Lemire out of the picture, the Bedford bunch used full-court pressure to good effect and won every quarter of the semifinal contest en route to a lopsided 55-30 defeat of the Lady Astros.

"Well, as much as this year did not end in the way any of us wanted, I still believe it was a success," said coach Lani Buskey. "My girls did everything right and just ran into unfortunate circumstances at the end of the season. Losing Amanda was a tough blow, but it was out of our control. I thought my girls stepped up and showed a lot of guts in the last two weeks without her. But the loss of her presences was felt, especially last night."

Pinkerton raced out to five of the game's first six points to snag an early lead, but then the turnovers started to come in earnest in the face of Bedford's full-court pressure. And when the first period ended, the Lady Astros had turned the ball over some 11 times - to Bedford's three turnovers - and the Lady Bulldogs led by a 14-7 tally.

The academy crew clipped its number of turnovers down to just five in the second period, but

Bedford was even more prolific where scoring was concerned and its lead sat at 18 points at 32-14 when the squads adjourned for half-time.

Mahoney, Brooke Kane, Tori Overko, and Alicia D'Onofrio all worked hard in trying to fill the big shoes of court-general Lemire in getting the ball up the court during the contest, but the Lady Astros simply weren't able to generate enough offense to come back.

The Bedford lead sat at 20 points (40-20) at the end of three quarters, and the number three seed outscored PA by a 15-10 margin in the final period in tucking the

big win away.

The Lady Astros ended up turning the ball over a total of 21 times to Bedford's 10 times, and Overko wound up being the lone PA player to score in double digits with 13 points. Kane wound up with nine points and she yanked down six rebounds, as did Courtney Velho.

A total of six Pinkerton players scored while Bedford had seven net points, with three of them scoring in double figures.

Bedford (3) went on to be slimly defeated by the number one seed Bishop Guertin (52-49) in the championship game on Saturday.



Pinkerton senior stalwart Courtney Velho tries to take the ball to the bucket with a Bedford defender within reach during the Lady Astros' tourney defeat at Southern NH University last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Mar. 6



Alyssa Daigle,
Senior, Spirit

This veteran stalwart was a major contributor to her team's 24th overall state title and eighth straight winter crown, and she will graduate from PA with eight state championships in four years.



Elizabeth Bilodeau,
Senior, Gymnastics

This talented 12th grader posted her career-best score on the uneven bars at the New England Championships and helped her Lady Astros to a strong fifth place finish at that major event.

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Pinkerton JV Icemen Enjoyed an Excellent 2016-17 Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It certainly looks like the 2016-17 Pinkerton Academy junior varsity ice hockey squad placed big, bold check marks in all of the boxes designated to determine if a sub-varsity sports team enjoyed a successful campaign and accomplished enough.

The usual criteria to determine if a sub-varsity contingent covered all of the bases involves continuing the development of athletes,

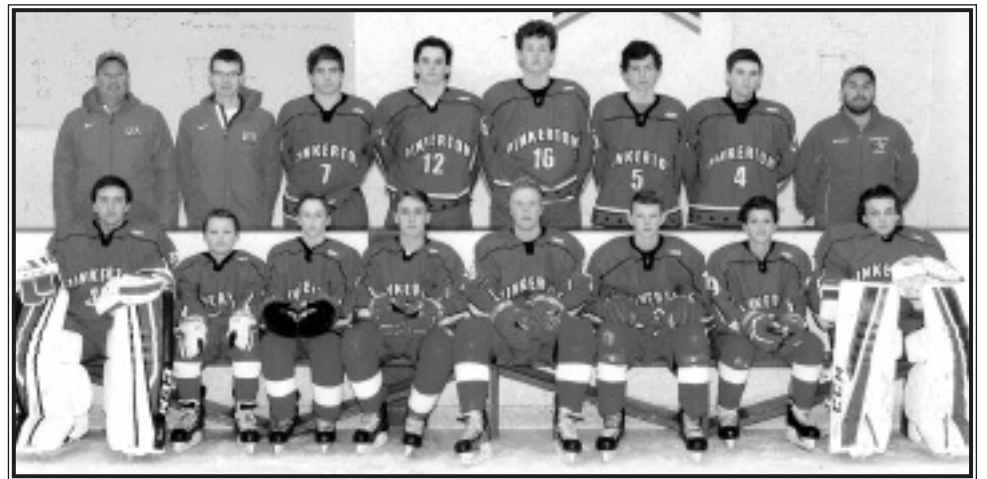
gaining them vital game experience, winning some games, and certainly having fun.

Coach John Hall's Astros apparently did all of that, with the winning of games being particularly impressive when someone looks at the results both superficially and even a bit deeper.

The Astros finished with an exceptional 10-1-4 record, going undefeated in their first five games with a 2-0-3 mark before suffering their lone loss in a 4-2 game against Exeter.

But coach Hall's Heroes went an exceptional 7-0-1 in their final eight games with no less than four shutouts. And the academy crew outscored its opponents by the truly jaw-dropping margin of 35-8 in those eight contests.

Ten of the 13 Pinkerton JV players were freshmen getting their first high school ice hockey experience. And it certainly looks like the academy's varsity team - which itself enjoyed a great 2016-17 season under its first-year coach Sam



Pinkerton Academy's freshman-filled junior varsity ice hockey squad enjoyed an exceptional 2016-17 season, posting a 10-1-4 record and going a truly stellar 7-0-1 in its last eight games of the campaign. And with a half-dozen PA varsity players graduating, there's little doubt that a number of JV's will step up to the big club and play significant roles next winter. *Courtesy photo*

Astro Gymnasts Claim Fifth at New England Regionals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After notching its sixth New Hampshire high school championship since 2010 a bit more than a month ago, the Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad spent a month preparing itself to take on some of the very best competition in the entire region at the New England Championships at Woodstock Academy in Vermont last Saturday, March 11.

And veteran coach Chelsie Burland's Lady Astros put forth a very solid performance at the New Englands in finishing a quite respectable fifth out of 10 teams. There were two other teams qualified for regionals which didn't compete.

The regional title was won by the host Woodstock Academy team with its point total of 150.825. Pinkerton's score was a 141.450. The locals had notched a title-winning score of 138.65 in winning the New Hampshire Division I title by mere percentage points over the runner-up Londonderry High Lady Lancers (137.925) in mid-March. Londonderry also competed at the New Englands and finished eighth overall with a 136.875.

Pinkerton's highest single event finish at the regionals came on the uneven bars, with the Lady Astros coming in fourth with a 35.325 thanks to the work of Julianna Corsetto, Ashley Loeffler, Anya Comeau, and Elizabeth Bilodeau.

The academy crew fin-

ished fifth in both the floor exercise (37.375) and on vault (35.800), with Corsetto, Audrey Hill, Chloe Abreu, and Emily Connors doing the work on floor and Michelle George, Corsetto, Loeffler, and Sophia Viger contributing to the finish on vault.

The Lady Astros ended up tied for seventh place with Londonderry on the balance beam with a tally of 32.950, with Corsetto, Loeffler, Viger, and Juliana Iarrobino doing the work.

When it came to the all-around finishers, Corsetto ended up an impressive 10th overall (score of 36.475) out of 110 competitors, and she also snared 10th place on the bars (9.275). Her teammate Loeffler wound up 26th in the all-around with a 35.00.

Littlefield - will benefit from the talents of the Astro JV's quite soon. This winter's PA varsity team loses six players to graduation.

"We had a very successful season, as our record shows," said coach Hall. "We had a mix of players from different playing backgrounds that made the transition to high school hockey. I'm confident that several players will be able to step up to the varsity next season and several more the following year."

The JV contingent's

three sophomores were forwards Connor Trask, Jonathan Last, and Landon McClure. The freshmen included goalies Jordan Richard and Grayson Garrity, defensemen Jack Normand, Scott Cavan, Samuel Patti, and Nikolas Dunham, and forwards Mason Drouin, Joseph Marra, Jackson Chalmers, and Ethan Livingston.

Among the highlights of a truly superb PA season were a 13-0 throttling of the arch-rivals from Londonderry in which Drouin netted five goals, his line-

mate McClure scored three for a hat-trick, and Last collected two tallies.

Later, nearly everybody on the roster notched points in a 12-3 blasting of Bedford, and in the wake of the 4-2 loss to Exeter the local icemen claimed shut-out defeats of Hanover (8-0), Bedford (3-0), Londonderry (6-0), and Hanover again (2-0). And the Pinkerton crew also avenged the earlier loss to Exeter by besting those Blue Hawks by a 4-2 tally on home ice in Hooksett.

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Pinkerton Celebrates a Superb Winter Sports Season



The captains of the perennial title-winning Pinkerton varsity spirit squad make their trophy presentations before a big crowd gathered for the school's 2016-17 winter sports awards night this past Monday, March 13. *Photo by Chris Pantazis*

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

From just about every angle at which one could look, the 2016-17 winter sports season was wildly successful for the folks over at Pinkerton Academy.

So there was plenty to celebrate when the athletes, their coaches and parents and school administrators

alike gathered for the school's winter sports awards night in the Hackler Gymnasium this past Monday afternoon and early evening, March 13.

Longtime PA football and boys' lacrosse coach Brian O'Reilly, in his first year as the Derry school's athletic director after being a history teacher previously, directed the event and

informed the big crowd that Pinkerton teams had posted an impressive overall win/loss record of 199-57 for a pretty stellar 79 percent wins margin.

"This is an athletic powerhouse, for sure," said O'Reilly with obvious pride.

After having some 544 athletes try out for winter teams, there were more than 400 still active at the close of

the season, and no less than 204 of those had shown their considerable abilities in the classroom as well as on the playing surface by claiming coveted scholar-athlete honors.

Three Pinkerton winter varsity contingents collected state championships including the girls' skiing, gymnastics, and spirit squads, leading O'Reilly to make certain to let those gathered know that "So far this year seven Pinkerton teams have won state championships, and six of them have been girls' teams." Quite understandably, that news brought forth a loud barrage of applause.

The awards presentations then commenced, with the school's winter Athlete of the Week plaques being handed out by assistant athletic director Jeff Sojka as O'Reilly called off the names.

Former Pinkerton AD and present dean of students Dr. Tim Powers then stepped

to the front and accepted the presentations of championship trophies from the team captains of the title-winning skiing, gymnastics, and spirit contingents, which were all applauded loudly as were the names of all of the members of the championship squads.

As is Pinkerton's tradition, the individual programs' teams then spread out across the PA campus for their individual award sessions, during which Coaches Award winners were named. All of the Coaches Award winners were announced with the exception of the championship team ones, which will be presented at the forthcoming championship banquets of each of those three teams.

Coaches Award winners included Alex Mielens (boys' skiing); Matt Anzivino (varsity boys' basketball); Ryan Auger (JV boys' hoop); Mike Packowski (freshman

boys' hoop); Madison Lolicata (varsity girls' hoop); Alyssa DiMauro (JV girls' hoop); Lillian Auger (frosh girls' hoop); David Pierson (bowling); Audrey Hill (gymnastics); Cam Appleyard (varsity hockey); Sam Patti (JV hockey); Alyssa Daigle (varsity spirit); Ashley Dube (JV spirit); John Divelbiss (boys' swimming); Bridget Mulhall (girls' swimming); Pat Bastek (varsity boys' track); Troy Voisine (JV boys' track); Maria Virga (varsity girls' track); Adrianna Buccieri (JV girls' track); Kyle Tamasi (unified basketball); Walker Stinson (varsity wrestling), and Christian Kuechler (JV wrestling).

The special Gail Carnovale Basketball Award - given out for many years now in memory of former Pinkerton boys' hoop coach Tony Carnovale's beloved wife - went to varsity cager Joe Merrill.

Pinkerton JV Boy Hoopsters Enjoyed a Strong Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2016-17 Pinkerton Academy junior varsity boys' basketball squad gave coach Steve Miller plenty to be pleased with and proud of during its campaign, which the Astros completed with a record just above the .500 mark. But the numbers only tell a segment of the tale.

"We finished the season at 10 wins and 9 losses. However, the record did not reflect the quality of the team," said Miller.

Coach Miller's mob included eight sophomores and three freshmen, with two of the 10th graders taking over vital roles and sitting at the heart of their

crew's success.

The sophomores included guards Jacob Lear, Sam Goy, and Ryan Auger, forwards Robert Cronin, Aidan Conroy, Joron Harrell, and Hunter Hazard, and center Sean Galusha. The freshmen were guards Miguel Mejia and Brady Day and center Andrew Bolduc.

"The team was led by sophomores Ryan Auger and Sam Goy," said coach Miller. "They led the team in every statistical category but rebounding, in which they were second and third, and they set a standard for excellence throughout the season."

The coach felt that his charges showed plenty throughout the winter cam-

paign, and he expects that their futures within the Pinkerton basketball program are all kinds of bright as the Astros look to regain footing after a down season.

"Any JV team faces the challenge of preparing to become varsity players. This year our group set a standard for future years to look up to," said Miller. "We had three freshman players who started and will have an excellent opportunity to help the varsity team as the years go on. The character of these individuals was outstanding. It was a pleasure to coach them. I look forward to watching them as they advance in the Pinkerton program in the upcoming years."

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A celebration of the life of poet Robert Frost will be held Monday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Local historian Rick Holmes will speak. For more information or to register, call the library at 433-6140.

Have a Cup of Tea

The Derry Public Library will host "Tea Time" Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Presenter Lydia Simmons will speak on the history of tea, cooking with tea, health benefits, etiquette, and how to brew the perfect cup. Those attending are welcome to bring a favorite cup and saucer and share the story behind it. For more information or to register, call 432-6140.

Depression Workshop

In conjunction with The Upper Room, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry is offering the final workshop in a series for teens and their parents Thursday, March 23, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School, 313 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. "Depression—How It Feels To Be You:" is the topic. The workshop is free; for more information or to register contact Lisa Fitzgerald, the "Y" branch director, at 232-8640.

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Standing Rock

Ann Podlipny will speak on her experiences at the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's camp this past December in a program to be held Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. She joined 5,000 veterans and 7,000 water protectors in support of the tribe's protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

Model Railroad

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Frost's Birthday

A celebration of Robert Frost's birthday will be held Monday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Local historian Rick Holmes will be the speaker. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

Adult Coloring

Coloring nights for adults will be held March 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Materials are provided, or attendees can bring their own. For more information, call 432-6140.

Race for families' futures

The Upper Room will hold its second annual TURFF 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.

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Free Meals

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