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## Complaint Filed With State To Nullify Derry Election

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Following postponement of the March 14 election because of a powerful nor'easter, a formal complaint has been filed with the state Attorney General's office to nullify the recent Town Election in Derry.

Former State Rep. Andrew Manuse, of Derry, has filed the formal complaint to nullify the election that was postponed a week to March 21 by local officials because of the storm.

Derry was among a great number of towns that postponed elections

because of the nor'easter.

Because of the postponement, Manuse said he didn't get a chance to vote and nothing was posted to alert voters, according to officials.

Town Clerk Daniel Healey said the Town received Manuse's complaint letter last week.

In response, Healey cited a letter from Town Moderator Mary Till on the matter.

"I would refer you to Mary's official letter on the day of the postponement for our view on the matter," Healey wrote in an email.

In the letter, Till said she was advised by the

town attorney, and based on the results of a conference call with the Governor, state election officials, and various town attorneys and moderators, "it was determined that the Town Moderator is responsible for postponing a town election due to a weather emergency."

Till wrote in the letter before the postponement, "Thus as indicated earlier, the polls in Derry will be closed tomorrow March 14 and the election postponed until Tuesday, March 21 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The same three polling places

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## Derry Revolving Loan Fund Revisited by EDAC

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On Monday, March 20, The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) met to discuss a topic that was opened back up in a February meeting: The Derry Revolving Loan Fund.

Laurel Bistany, President of the Regional Economic Development Company (REDC) of Southern New Hampshire, opened the EDAC meeting with a presentation detailing the ways the Revolving Loan Fund would benefit the town of Derry.

She began by stating that the REDC, which administers Derry's Revolving Loan Fund, has been around for more than two decades, administering lending designed to fill gaps in traditional

financing. They do not compete with banks, and their rates are a little higher, as the risk to the REDC is a little higher than with traditional financing.

The Derry Revolving Loan Fund began in 2010, and since then loans have been provided to local businesses such as Water's Edge Spa, Royal T Car Wash, the Granite House, Kelsen Brewing, Birch Wood Vineyards, the Cask and Vine, Firefly Salon, and Tupelo.

Currently, the fund balance is about \$21,000. EDAC member and Town Councilor Jim Morgan asked how much would be needed to supplement the fund, and if funds could be earmarked specifically for the revitalization of downtown and if funding could be added to recapitalize.

Bistany responded that funds could be targeted strategically for façade improvements and other revitalizations of property.

Bistany explained that the loans are established with a 3-5 year balloon so that business owners will refinance to pay back the loans, and that the loans are small and principal comes back slowly.

The REDC uses other sources of funding, mostly from government agencies.

Bistany posed the question, "What would happen without Derry Funding? We're competing with other towns.

Morgan brought up that larger cities such as Nashua were getting HUD money, and asked why Derry was not receiving HUD money.

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**Seuss Celebrated** Pinkerton Academy Player Britany Cardoza took on the role of the Cat in the Hat in "Seussical The Musical" that was performed last week at the Stockbridge Theatre. The musical brought many of the Seuss story book characters together for a colorful combination of music and fun for families to enjoy. See more photos page 8.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Derry Planning Board Approves Revised Plan For Storage Facility

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the objection of abutters, Planning Board members have conditionally approved a revised plan for a Windham Road storage facility concerning propane tanks and air conditioning units

on the property.

Board members voted 5-3-1 in their March 15 meeting to approve the revised plan with conditions such as including all weather sound panels surrounding all of the air conditioning units on the property.

"This is so upsetting to me," abutter Maureen Rose

said.

"It's not enough that they have a 44,000 square foot building beside my building that looks like a space ship was landed there but they have to take every inch of that land."

Rose and other Abutters said they are concerned about

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# Incumbent, Former Councilor Win Seats On Council

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In the March 21 election, voters decided to return an incumbent and a former councilor to office.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon defeated David Granese, Planning Board Chairman, 1427 votes to 440 votes in the Councilor-At-Large race to return for another three-year term.

And in the District 3 race, former Councilor Neil Wetherbee earned 343 votes to defeat Marc Flattes, with 161 votes.

The election was postponed from March 14 to March 21 because of a powerful nor'easter that struck the East Coast.

As for turnout, Town Clerk Daniel Healey said the numbers are still being processed but the final numbers of voters is expected to be 1905.

"Our supervisors of the checklist are still processing this election, so those numbers are the total ballots that went through the voting machine including absentee," Healey said at press time. "Our final voters' number should be the 1905 when they are done with their paperwork."

This compares to 2,543 voters in last year's election

and 1,159 voters in 2015.

In reaction to his victory, a grateful Bourdon thanked supporters and looked forward to returning to office for another three-year term.

"I was blown away by the number of people who supported me, blown away by the number of people who volunteered throughout this whole process and especially on election day," Bourdon said. "I'm just so honored and grateful and I love public service."

Serving in office is something Bourdon said he and his family take extremely seriously.

"I want to be the best example for this community that I can be," Bourdon said.

He also thanked his opponent for putting his hat in the ring and said he plans to listen to the voters who chose Granese over him.

"I also recognize and appreciate and respect that there was a good chunk of people who didn't support me," Bourdon said, adding, "And I want to reach out to those people personally and let them know that I will do my best to listen to them to hear, to understand them and to think of them as well when I cast every vote."

Bourdon said the victory wouldn't have been possible without the support of his



Joshua Bourdon retained his seat as an At-Large Derry Town Councilor.



Neil Wetherbee was elected the District 3 Derry Town Councilor.

wife Leah.

He said his wife "is the backbone of this family and I'm so grateful for her too." They have two young children.

Looking to his second term, Bourdon said he would like to focus on reducing taxes while maintaining services. He also wants to continue to push the Net Zero initiative with the goal of reducing as much or more energy as Derry consumes by the year 2025.

"I think there's a great opportunity for this community to be a leader in the state when it comes to our Net Zero goal," Bourdon said.

In addition, Bourdon said he wants to continue to

look into updating the Master Plan while focusing on the Exit 4A project.

"We really have to get it right and that starts with planning," Bourdon said. "I want to make this town as attractive as possible when it comes to economic development. When my three years are up I hope that we see a reduction in taxes and maintaining of services and more businesses, more solar panels and more green energy and better communication amongst the boards."

He added that his goal is to try to unite all of the boards in town.

Elected again to the council after serving from 2008 to 2014, Wetherbee said he was honored and

humbled by the voters' decision.

"In a town where some elections have literally been decided by one vote, I was honored and humbled that a significant majority (68%) of District 3 voters have put their faith in me once again," Wetherbee said.

One significant goal he said he has is to increase voter turnout and overall awareness of issues going on in the community. Although the numbers were up slightly than in recent years, he said it's disappointing to see less than 10 percent of Derry's registered voters participating.

"I haven't analyzed the numbers but I'm aware that many of our surrounding communities have significantly better turnout than Derry," Wetherbee said.

To help improve turnout, Wetherbee said he might

explore trying to form an informal task force to brainstorm ideas to achieve the goal. He said his background in marketing could help in the effort.

He said he is also hoping that the council can improve its relationship and communication with both the Derry School District as well as Pinkerton Academy.

Wetherbee said he wants to try to formalize a liaison position between the Council and Pinkerton, something that has yet to be achieved.

"I think that communication and cooperation, not only with our schools, but throughout our entire town can go a long way towards helping make Derry the best community it can be."

As for economic development, he said Derry is on the right track with the recent selection of Anne Struthers as Derry's as new economic development coordinator and decision in December to hire Buxton Marketing for retail development services.

"We have invested in a highly qualified person to head up our economic development efforts along with the hiring an outside firm to provide direction based on statistical demographic data," Wetherbee said. "While this is undoubtedly a long term strategic move, the Council will need to monitor progress and expect accountability as part of that process."

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# Work Resuming on \$2.9 Million Route 28 Waterline Project

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After taking a winter break, crews are resuming work on a \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the presence of the gasoline additive MTBE, according to officials.

Crews from American Excavating were scheduled to start saw cutting pavement along Stark Road and Gervaise Drive beginning on Monday, March 27, with

drilling and blasting set to start on Monday April 3, according to officials.

About 62 percent of the project is complete and the contractor is ahead of schedule, Town Administrator David Caron said during a meeting late last year Caron updated the council on the project, which began earlier this year.

Work is scheduled to finish later in the summer.

"The balance of the project will be completed by August 2017," Caron said.

Working in conjunction

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

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

MTBE was a gasoline additive that has since been banned in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire

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

The testing was then expanded to 148 houses,

with six properties found to have MTBE levels over federal drinking water standards, Carrier said. And MTBE was detected in approximately another 10 properties, but at levels lower than the drinking water standards, according to officials.

After the testing, the state approached Derry officials to see if the town would be able to extend waterlines up Route 28 from the Berry Road area. Waterlines will also be extended along portions of Frost

Road, Lawrence Road, Blunt Drive and Stark Road. Extending the waterlines could help with mitigating the MTBE levels, according to officials.

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

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

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

# Derry Town Council To Swear In Two New Members

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

During the Tuesday March 28 Town Council meeting, councilors were scheduled to swear in two new council members and elect officers.

In the March 21 election, which was postponed from March 14 because of a powerful nor'easter, incumbent Joshua Bourdon defeated Planning Board Chairman David Granese to win a second term on the council. And in the other race, former Councilor Neil Wetherbee defeated Marc Flattes.

Following the swearing in ceremony, at press time the council members were scheduled to elect new officers.

Councilor Brian Chirichiello currently serves as Chairman of the Council.

Also on the agenda under the Town Administrator's Report was the topic of Ambulance Fees Collection and Billing Process.

Councilors voted in August to increase the ambulance fees by 12 percent.

Before the change was approved, EMS Director Charles Hemeon said Derry

charges far less for ambulance service in comparison to many other communities.

The increase was approved so that Derry could stay in line with what other communities, according to officials.

In 1990, the town council approved a user fee for ambulance service, Hemeon said during a presentation.

Every community in New Hampshire except for one charges for ambulance service, Hemeon said.

By increasing the fees by 12 percent, two groups would be affected: those who have insurance through

providers like Anthem, and residents who pay for services themselves, Hemeon said.

People who are on Medicare wouldn't be affected, because the cost of ambulance service is covered, according to officials.

About 52 percent of residents using the ambulance service are 65 years or older and have Medicare he said.

As for residents who use

the ambulance service and don't have insurance, a program is available to help them pay or avoid the charges altogether, Hemeon said. Through this program, a hardship committee will review the charges and possibly make an accommodation to lower or remove them, he said.

The fees were last increased in 2012, according to officials. Of Derry's approximately 33,000 resi-

dents, about six to eight percent use the service each year.

And also on the agenda under New Business, councilors were scheduled to consider approving longtime Derry firefighter Randall Chase the Town Administrator's designee for one year to the Planning Board. Chase has served in the position for many years, according to officials.




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# Editorial

## Waterlogged

Dictionary.com defines this word as: "so filled or flooded with water as to be heavy or unmanageable...excessively saturated with...water." A related word, it says, is "soggy."

That is most likely how we'll all be feeling the next couple of weeks, as the majority of days will be met with showers and clouds, with one or two breaks of sun in between.

The good news is that temperatures should not drop below 40 the next couple of weeks, which is a step in the right direction towards more enjoyable weather.

And you know what they say: April showers bring May flowers!

When the spring floods came years ago, many of us were taken by surprise. We learned. We prepared. So when the rains come this month, we'll have our candles and generators and flashlights and extra gasoline. We'll know where the weak spots are in the house, and we'll have buckets and plastic tarps at the ready. We'll know what the rain can do to the basement, and we'll the pump going.

But then those crocus will start coming up, and the weather will be nice enough to work outside and get rid of some of the debris from the aftermath of the previous months. We will definitely be ready for a change in the season.

We're not like the coast dwellers of Oregon and Washington, where rain can

literally be an everyday occurrence. There, you get used to it or you leave.

But in New Hampshire, we take change for granted. We expect a variety of weather, not rainstorm after rainstorm after rainstorm. Mud season is one thing, and it's brief. Sinking through the grass in our backyards is definitely something else, and hopefully it won't go on too long this year.

We can get into technical meteorological discussions about high and low pressure and stalled fronts, and we can debate whether our wacky, almost bipolar lat winter is evidence of Global Weather Change (going from warm to cold, you'd swear New Hampshire was getting a fever and chills), and we can start looking longingly at pictures of Caribbean beaches and Florida shores. Or we can get used to it, and hope that the old New England adage - if you don't like the weather, wait a minute - will hold true.

After all, when those inches of rain have fallen and turned our yards and roads into babbling brooks, we can look forward to the months ahead, when the forecast calls for sunny skies and 70+ degrees.

And we can hope, if anything, that all this rain and leftover snow will help add up to fight against the drought we have been fighting since last summer. Rain, rain, maybe don't go away just yet.

# Storage

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the position of the propane tanks that are not that far from her property line and a residential street. There have been some crashes and a telephone pole on the street has been struck in the past. Rose and the other abutters said they are concerned that the tanks could possibly be affected in a crash.

"I don't want to go to bed some night and someone hits that pole and I have to evacuate my house or blow up," Rose said in a meeting last month.

She said the solution would be to move the tanks to another site farther away from her house.

Longtime Derry firefighter Randy Chase, who is also a Planning Board member, said the propane tanks are safe because they are buried underground. Chase said underground propane tanks are common throughout town and where he and fellow Planning Board member Michael Fairbanks live.

"Mr. Fairbanks and I, we both live in the same neighborhood and we are surrounded by 20,000 gallons of it," Chase said.

Chase added, "The chance of an explosion in an underground tank," is absolutely nil.

Bollards have also been placed around for protection in the event of a crash, according to officials.

Owner Edward Smith, of CROM LLC, said precautions were taken to ensure that families that live around the project are safe.

"I have children of my own and I would never sit in front of here and put anybody in danger," Smith said.

The abutters also expressed concern about the noise that would be generated by air conditioning units on the property. Abutters

said the units would be too noisy to keep their windows open in the summer.

The abutters said the project will change the dynamics of their neighborhood.

In response, Smith said the units are not loud and sound deafening material will be used to dramatically bring down noise.

"They are not loud units," he said, adding, "We will take all of the precautions to make sure that people can spend with their windows open in their households."

The original project dates back to the 1980's.

In 2014, Smith received site plan approval from the Planning Board to build an additional storage building in the industrial zoned area, according to officials. Construction started on the project last year.

In a meeting last month, Planning Board members questioned the position of the two 1,000-gallon underground propane tanks at the site of where the building is being constructed. The tanks were moved to another site on the property from the original site near parking spaces because of code restrictions, according to officials. The new location for the tanks was approved by inspectors but was not listed on the original site plan, according to officials.

Planning Board members also questioned the position of air conditioning units that have been placed where the propane tanks were intended to be positioned and the potential for noise. In 2014 during a hearing before site plan approval, Smith originally told the Planning Board that his building wouldn't have air conditioning units. Smith said he based this statement on other storage facilities he owned in the area, which

also didn't have air conditioning units.

But after later changing to a new contractor it was determined that the building would have climate control and air conditioning units, Smith said.

In addition, Smith said he wanted to point out that he had also mentioned, which is shown in Planning Board minutes, that the building would be "climate controlled," which he said includes air conditioning. So, air conditioning, even though it was left off the original plans, had been mentioned repeatedly, Smith said.

In the meeting last month, Rose complained about the position of the propane tanks in relationship to her property line.

Rose said she is also concerned about the potential for noise being generated by the air conditioning units.

In complaining, Rose said the project has caused her a great deal of stress since its inception.

"They had three acres of land to put this 44,000-acre storage area on," Rose said. "They should have thought it out better."

Smith, who also had a chance to speak at the meeting, said he has tried to do everything he can to work with not only Rose, but the town and officials. He said he stands behind the property, as he does with the other properties he owns.

"I've tried to do everything above board," said Smith, adding that the process for competing the project has become exhausting.

Even though it's becoming more difficult, Smith said he will continue to try and work with the abutter and officials. If asked by officials, he said he would make such additions as putting up sound deadening material around the air conditioning units if necessary.

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# Pinkerton To Host National Association of Student Councils' Annual Conference

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For the first time in New Hampshire, Pinkerton Academy is scheduled to host the National Association of Student Councils' Annual Conference in June.

The conference is scheduled to run from Monday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 28.

Student Council Adviser John Breda, said he and students are extremely excited that the high school has been chosen to host the conference, even though at times they were anxious waiting for the contracts to be signed.

"I am very excited for both Pinkerton and New Hampshire to host such an event," said Breda, a chemistry teacher at the school. "I think both have a rich history

that I am glad we can share with others from across the country and world."

Pinkerton Student Council members started planning for the event back in August and will spend most of the conference setting up, he said.

It is rare for the conference to be held in New England in general because schools are smaller than in the South and West, where large, regional schools are more common he said. One of the factors needed to host the conference is for the school to be able to easily accommodate more than 1,000 students and advisors for all workshops and sessions, Breda said.

"Pinkerton's large size is unique to New Hampshire, allowing it to meet the space needs national office to host

this event," Breda said, adding, "We are also promoting the mountains, seacoast and Boston as diverse areas which the delegates can explore."

Plans call for Pinkerton to have about 60 student volunteers for the event. Also serving at the event as volunteers will be some parents, alumni and other student council members from nearby schools. In all he said there will be about 100 to 150 volunteers helping at the conference.

During the conference, students will have many opportunities to interact with their peers from across the country. Breda said the conference consists of general sessions with keynote speakers; large group (100 to 200) presentations with other speakers; workshops



Representatives from the National Association of Student Councils recently toured the Pinkerton Academy Campus with PA Student council members and Headmaster Griffin Morse. The organization has picked Pinkerton as the site for their Summer Conference.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

prepared by both advisors and students; and community service.

"Many of the speakers and workshops actively

engage the students," Breda said. Some of the announced keynote speakers are Phil Boyte, Ed Gerety, Natalie Panek, Mike Smith and

Kevin Wanzer.

To access other conference information and draft schedule, visit [www.nasc-conference.org](http://www.nasc-conference.org).

## Revolving Loan

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"Why you do or don't isn't for me to say, other than that it's a formula based on poverty, housing tax," and other factors, Bistany explained.

Bistany went on to say that Derry has done a great job with Alternative lending, with significant impact and low risk, later adding that Derry has workforce housing, making it highly marketable to new businesses. She recommended a \$500,000 fund with a portion to be targeted to Downtown.

Morgan suggested that the next steps would be for the Town Council to review the budget and get more money into the fund.

REDC member and

Town Planner, George Sioras said that if the amount of the fund could be increased it could get the attention of people from surrounding towns, as they would see the success of Derry and show them that there would be more that could be done for them. He had mentioned that people compliment Derry saying "Wow, we didn't know that this place was in your town!"

Sioras also mentioned that the downtown could use facade improvement, and looked to Concord as an example, as they had a separate fund for facade improvements. He suggested splitting the fund to use some for facades, and the rest for business development.

EDAC member Terri Pastori asked how to go about structuring incentives so that taxpayers would be okay with the structure, as the town didn't, for example, help residents with home improvements.

Morgan stated that as an advisory committee, the action to take would be for the REDC to advise the Town Manager to add money to the Revolving Loan Fund, and that he could determine what would be feasible for the town. The motion to advise the Town Manager unanimously passed with the rest of the members.

For more information on the Revolving Loan Fund, Bistany's presentation can be found here: [https://p-rezi.com/\\_x7lwxjjsieg/derry](https://p-rezi.com/_x7lwxjjsieg/derry)

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# ZBA Rehearing Of Storage Facility Proposal Continued

HUNTER McGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Zoning Board of Adjustment members have continued a rehearing on a proposal to build a storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road.

In their March 16 meeting, ZBA members agreed to continue the rehearing.

On March 2, the ZBA granted a request from the Town Council to hold a rehearing.

Citing new references to case law, ZBA members voted at their March 2 meeting to approve the council's request for a rehearing. Attorney Matthew Serge, who represents the town,

made new references to case law that weren't presented in the previous hearing, ZBA members said.

"There's numerous references to case law and not being versed in this case law causes me some concern; and I think I'd like to know more about the case law that's being referred to," ZBA Vice Chairman Alan Virr said.

The attorneys for the two sides will each have an opportunity to rebut at the rehearing on March 16, ZBA Chairman Lynn Perkins said. Attorney Bernard Campbell is representing Robert Allen, the applicant.

"This will be a continua-

tion of the former case," Perkins said.

Before approving the council's request, the ZBA rejected a request for a rehearing of the variance by abutters Neil and Gail Hitter. The ZBA members said the request by the Hitters lacked any new information.

Despite the opposition of abutters, the ZBA voted on Jan. 19 to grant a variance to the property at 343 Island Pond Road for a proposed 138-unit storage facility.

Citing opposition from abutters, councilors voted in a meeting last month to request the rehearing.

In the Jan. 19 meeting, ZBA members conditionally

granted a variance to build a 138-unit self-storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road.

ZBA members voted 4-1 to grant the variance.

The variance was approved subject to obtaining all required state and town permits and inspections; Planning Board approval; and establishing 12 business hours and reducing lighting.

If approved, the self-storage facility would consist of 138 units in four buildings on an approximately 3-acre lot at 343 Island Pond Road. In addition, it would have an office for an on-site manager at the property, according to officials.

For many years, an automotive related business, the Russell Dickey Motor Service, operated on the property that is zoned low density residential. Old equipment and vehicles that were left on the property accumulated. An environmental cleanup of the property was later conducted, according to officials.

To gain approval, the applicant had to demonstrate that granting the variance met certain criteria necessary for approval, including meeting the spirit and intent of the low density residential zoning. In addition, Allen needed to demonstrate that a hardship existed.

During the meeting, several abutters went to the microphone to oppose the variance.

The Hitters said they have lived in the same house for 34 years. If approved, the self-storage business would be located directly across from them. They opposed granting the variance because they said the business didn't meet the spirit and

intent of the low density residential zoning. The self-storage business represents a large commercial operation that doesn't fit with the zoning, Neil Hitter said.

In addition, Neil Hitter said he didn't believe that Allen had demonstrated that a hardship existed by not granting the variance. Even though it wouldn't be as profitable, Hitter said a house could still be built on the property and sold.

If the variance was granted and the business approved, Gail Hitter said the it would increase traffic and cause light pollution.

She said Island Pond Road is already busy enough. Returning from work, she sometimes has to wait for eight to 10 cars to pass before she can turn into her driveway.

"The traffic on that road and the speed is an issue," Gail Hitter said. "And I think that should be taken into consideration for a business like this."

And despite some vegetation on the property, the business would still be visible to the Hitters, she said.

"We'll be able to see this out of every window in our home, so it's not like it's going to be hidden from us, it's going to be pretty visible," Gail Hitter said.

She added that, "The lighting and hours will impact us in a negative way because it is right across the street and we will be able to see it."

Several other abutters also voiced opposition to granting the variance, saying the proposed business didn't fit into the neighborhood and that it would cause light pollution.

In response to the abutters, Campbell was given an opportunity to speak.

As for whether a hardship is present, Campbell proposed applying the current zoning and determining "can it be used for what it is zoned for?"

Campbell said under the current zoning the house would have to be on a three-acre estate and wouldn't fit.

"The fact is where this house sits and with its history it simply doesn't fit to be a three-acre estate house in this location with the traffic we've already heard about and with the uses that are clearly visible in the aerial photos," Campbell said.

He added, "It has to do with the character of the neighborhood."

Campbell said Island Pond Road has an extremely mixed character and is not a three-acre estate subdivision area to fit with the low residential zoning.

"We believe that there are special circumstances of this property that make it not feasible, not reasonable," Campbell said.

ZBA members who voted for the variance said it had met all of the criteria necessary for approval.

ZBA member Heather Evans, who cast the lone vote against granting the variance, said she believed it didn't meet the character of the neighborhood.

"The variance I believe is contrary to the public interest with regard to change to the character of the neighborhood," Evans said.

Conditions were added to require 12 business hours of operation and to reduce lighting.

## Resident Charged With Drug Possession After Shots Fired

HUNTER McGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

With people inside at the time, multiple shots were fired early Tuesday, March 21, at a house on Pemigewasset Circle, Derry police said.

At approximately 4:52 a.m. on March 21, Derry police received a report of possible gunshots fired in the area of 25 Pemigewasset Circle, Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas said in a press release.

At least six bullets struck the residence at 25 Pemigewasset Circle, but no injuries were reported. An

investigation revealed that the shots were fired from the street and most likely from a car, Thomas said.

The rounds penetrated the outer wall of the home. A window to a car in the driveway at the residence was also broken, Thomas said. Derry detectives determined that this window had also been shot. There were several people inside the residence at the time of the shooting but no one was injured, the release said.

The suspect vehicle in this incident is described as a dark sedan, possibly a Volkswagen Jetta with a loud exhaust and front end damage.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Derry police at 603-432-6111.

Hours after the shots were fired Derry detectives executed a search warrant at the residence. As a result, a large amount of marijuana was seized along with firearms and cash, Thomas said. Police arrested Patrick Roche, 19, who lives at the residence, on charges of possession of a controlled drug with intent to distribute and manufacturing a controlled drug. The investigation is still on-going and additional charges may be forthcoming, Thomas said.

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# Weishaar Named VFW Post No. 1617 High School Teacher Of The Year

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Helping students in such projects as an anti-opioid campaign, Pinkerton Academy teacher Amanda Weishaar has earned the VFW High School Teacher of The Year award through the VFW Post No. 1617 of Derry.

Weishaar, a Career and Technical Education marketing teacher, received the award for the high standards she set for her students and for reinvigorating the marketing program since she took over 3 years ago, according to administrators.

She will now move on to the state competition, said VFW representative Lenny Perkins.

"Should she be selected to represent New Hampshire, she will be submitted to national competition," Perkins said.

Weishaar is a Pinkerton Academy graduate and was a member of the marketing program and a DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) officer in high school. After graduation, she

attended Southern New Hampshire University to study business and marketing.

After earning her degree, she returned to lead the Pinkerton marketing program. Administrators credit her with helping to reinvigorate the program, which she took over three years ago.

Weishaar serves as the advisor to the DECA club. In the club, members participate in marketing and business-related activities while learning leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

As the DECA advisor, Weishaar has led Pinkerton to numerous awards in the state for membership, non-profit fundraising and competition winnings.

One of club's recent projects was to raise awareness about the opioid epidemic during Pinkerton's Red Ribbon week in October. As part of the campaign, the Pinkerton Academy Guidance Department brought a crashed car to the campus to demonstrate the effects of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.



Amanda Weishaar

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

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

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

For their efforts, the students were presented a

proclamation at the Jan. 24 Town Council meeting on an official "Derry Drug Addiction Awareness Day." The day is set for Oct. 27, 2017.

While overseeing the school store, the Campus Corner, Weishaar was challenged by newer nutrition standards. The standards limited the products the store could offer students. Undaunted, Weishaar instead continues to research and find offerings that not only students want to buy but that draw in new busi-

ness, according to administrators.

Rules for the VFW Teacher of the Year contest state that VFW local chapters, called Posts, recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest,

according to the VFW.

Nominations had to be submitted to Posts by February 15. Judging occurred from February 16-28.

National awards include: a national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; a \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.

## Election

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will be open."

The Secretary of State's Office has determined that ballot voting must go on and that elections in New Hampshire can't be postponed because of storms.

Healey responded in the email that, "The Secretary of State's opinion

has been publicly noted. We are one of many towns that postponed and every town I have spoken with had consulted with their legal counsel, as have we."

In hearing from Secretary of State's Office recently on the election's postponement, State Rep. John O'Connor

nor said it's possible the election could be nullified. O'Connor said it is an extremely complicated situation.

"There's a possibility that the election we had this week had could be null and void and we may have to have another town election to ratify," O'Connor said.

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# Seuss Characters Come to Life in Pinkerton Musical



The Pinkerton Players with the help of the Fine Arts Department took to the stage at the Stockbridge Theatre last week to perform their Spring Musical “Seussical The Musical.” Directed by Laura Iwaskiewicz and Choreographed by Bethany Cassidy the play featured a number of Dr. Seuss’ favorite characters. The Cat in the Hat was played by Brittany Cardoza, Horton was played by Josh Gore, Sara Chemi played JoJo, Gertrude McFuzz was Olivia Christopher, Mayzie was Arianna Earnshaw and the Sour Kangaroo was played by Amara Phelps. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Ex-Pinkerton Hoop Standouts Advanced to College Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A pair of former Pinkerton Academy basketball standouts stepped into the collegiate hoop world for the 2016-17 season this winter and made their presences known in significant ways.

Pinkerton Class of 2016 graduate Melissa Martel played a huge role in the successes of a New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) women's basketball squad which won 22 of its 33 games, and one-time PA boys' hoop star Luke Rosinski stepped into the men's program at the University of New Hampshire and helped out that team by producing off the bench in 23 of the Wildcats' 32 contests.

Martel was nothing short of superb in starting 30 and playing in 31 of the NHTI Lady Lynx hoop team's 33 games this winter, and the former Pinkerton player helped that squad go 22-11 from her guard position.

The ex-Lady Astro aided her team in reaching the Yankee Small College Conference championship game against Central Maine Community College in South Portland, with the Mainers claiming the crown with a 71-60 win.

Martel tallied 11 points, pulled down eight rebounds, snagged three steals, and dished out two assists in that

defeat, and during her freshman season she averaged 12.6 points, 4.4 rebounds, and 2.1 assists per contest in a fine campaign.

"Melissa is a terrific young lady," said NHTI athletic director Paul Hogan. "She had quite a year for our women's hoop team and contributed greatly to the success of our 22-11 ball club."

Martel had a bunch of big games for coach Jennifer Fithian's Lady Lynx crew - which went an excellent 11-4 in its conference - and the Vermont Tech team is likely still having nightmares about the efforts the ex-Astro put forth against it during the 2016-17 season.

Martel had a huge, 31-point performance against Vermont Tech in mid-February after netting 22 and 18 points in previous games between the two teams.

The former Pinkerton stalwart also tallied 23 and 21 points in games against the College of Saint Joseph and she netted 19 in a game against the State University of New York-Delhi team.

Meanwhile, in Durham, former Pinkerton boys' hoop star Rosinski played an important reserve role for the UNH Wildcat men's team of coach Bill Herrion.

The Wildcats went 20-12 overall and 10-6 in the America East Conference but lost to the University of

Vermont contingent in the America East semifinals in early March.

Rosinski, who played for his dad Peter at Pinkerton as a standout freshman and sophomore before moving on to two great years at Kimball Union Academy in Plainfield, NH, came off the UNH bench and averaged nine minutes of court time in his 23 games.

The 6-foot-8, 235-pound forward had his biggest games of the season against the University of Vermont and Wheelock College contingents, netting 12 points and yanking down five boards against the UVM team and tallying 10 points and snaring six rebounds in just 11 minutes of court time against Wheelock.

The Wildcats have three players graduating from their 2016-17 crew - three of the six Texans on the team, believe it or not - including a forward and two guards. And Rosinski will doubtless work hard toward gaining more playing time next year.

"He loves UNH, Coach Herrion, and the team, and he decided very early in the recruiting process," said proud dad Peter Rosinski. "This year he came off the bench behind an experienced front-court of Tanner Lessier and Iba Camara, and those two have had outstanding careers at UNH. He



Former Pinkerton hoop standout Luke Rosinski contributed to the UNH men's success this winter. Courtesy photo



PA graduate Melissa Martel was a true standout as a freshman on the 2016-17 NHTI women's hoop team. Courtesy photo

hopes in time he can work himself into more playing time and help the team to get to the NCAA Tournament. That is his dream, to be on the first UNH men's basketball team that goes to the NCAA Tournament."

During his impressive freshman and sophomore high school campaigns on his father's Pinkerton varsity squads, Luke Rosinski was named a Division I Second-

Team All-Stater and was a team captain as a 10th grader, averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds per contest in that second season. As a high school rookie, he was named a D-I Honorable Mention All-Stater after averaging 10 points and eight boards per contest.

During his senior hoop season at Kimball Union, the big forward was named a New England Private School

Athletic Conference Honorable Mention pick and a Lakes Region All-Star, serving as a team captain and averaging 12 points and nine bounds per game.

Rosinski has aspirations of playing professional basketball overseas some day, but first he'll have the chance to play three more fine seasons of collegiate hoop for UNH and make a difference for the Wildcats.



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# Pinkerton Varsity Spirit Bunch Basks in its Huge Title Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Anybody who has been fortunate enough to be a member of a high school state championship team knows that there are few greater satisfactions than being able to sit back comfortably - after all the hard work and pressure-packed performances are in the proverbial rear-view mirror - and revel in what you and your athletes or teammates have achieved.

Of course, if you're a member of the Pinkerton Academy spirit program headed by longtime leader Michelle McCarty you've had a great many opportunities to celebrate championships and then bask in the glow of your successes.

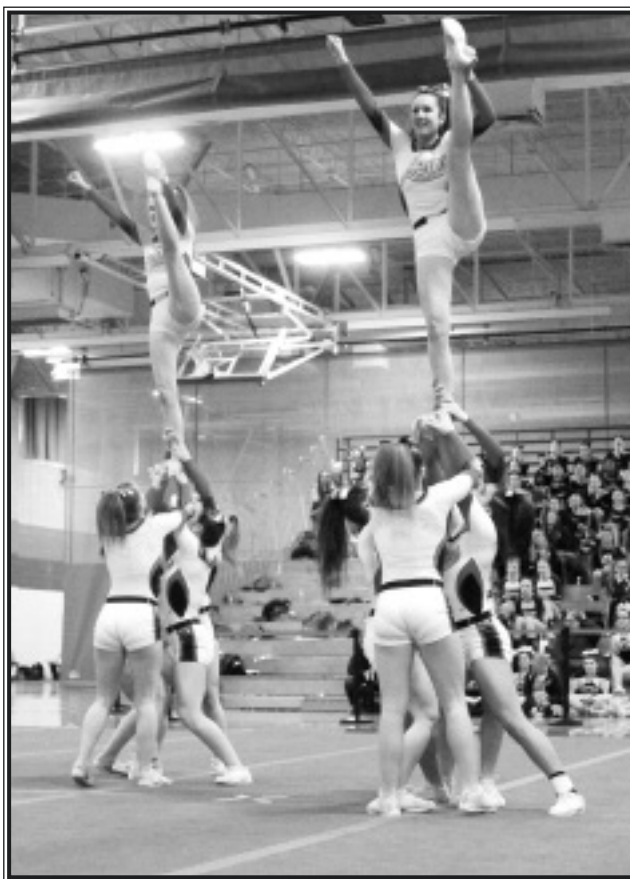
The most successful New Hampshire high school spirit program of the new millennium - and arguably in state history - has had a truly exceptional 2016-17 school year, with the Lady Astros' varsity most recently collecting state and New England championships to keep its program's truly jaw-dropping list of successes rolling in earnest.

On consecutive March weekend days - Sunday the 12th and Saturday the 18th - coach McCarty's determined contingent bagged another Division I state title in its own Hackler Gymnasium and then almost a week later backed up that bit of magic with still more at the New England Championships at the Providence Career and Technical Academy in Rhode Island.

The Lady Astros' varsity crews have now won eight consecutive winter spirit titles and 13 since 2004. And when one counts the seven consecutive fall spirit championships won by Pinkerton varsity spirit squads - including the 2016 one this past autumn - the academy juggernaut has now claimed a jaw-dropping 15 New Hampshire crowns in a row.

And the locals have also gained all kinds of respect and acclaim throughout the New England region and even beyond by tallying a slew of regional crowns.

"We earned our ninth New England title this past weekend, and in our history we have earned six all-girl Division I titles and three co-ed titles," said proud



The Pinkerton varsity spirit juggernaut continued its tremendous run of success by bagging state and regional titles recently. Photo by Chris Paul

coach McCarty. "Currently our routine has been shared over 4,000 times and viewed 80,000 times on Facebook. Coaches, teams, and fans from across the country have shared and commented on the video. It's so crazy!"

And should anyone ask how the Pinkerton program's future looks, well, the day after the varsity won the

regional title the Pinkerton junior varsity crew bagged the state title in Nashua.

The Lady Astros tallied a stunning score of 208.4 - out of a possible 220 points - in snaring the 2017 New England crown. That was the highest mark of any team in Divisions I, II, III, IV, or co-ed on that busy day in Providence. And the run-

ner-up squad in D-I - from Bangor, Me. - finished some 20-plus points behind as the PA bunch also bagged the title "New England Grand Champions."

"The energy was high, although there was a tinge of underlying sadness from all," said coach McCarty. "This has been such a remarkable team and the love and respect for one another runs so deep. It was hard to fathom this was to be 'it.' Even parents have remarked that although the athletes and coaches are tired, they wouldn't mind one more opportunity to come together to compete. We are such a united front from athletes, to coaches, to parents. The red pride clearly flows hard and strong."

Pinkerton's title-winning 2016-17 winter 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.

Having put in countless hours of hard work and sacrificed personally to once again reach the lofty goals they have achieved this win-

ter, the PA spirit squad members take nothing for granted and are deeply proud of what they've accomplished.

"This is the best program I have ever been a part of, and this year is the best team I have been a part of. I am so proud of how much we accomplished this season. It's surreal to say I am a New England Champion," said Victoria Williams.

Her teammate Goujon added, "PAVC has been one of the greatest experiences for me. We have such a family-type of team. I feel very connected to everyone on the team, and I'm going to miss it more than anything. This has truly been the perfect season, and I'm so honored that it is my last with this amazing team."

Williams and Goujon are two of the eight seniors who will be leaving the Pinkerton spirit program this spring when they graduate. Goujon is moving on to Plymouth State University, and Williams heads on to Towson University in Maryland.

Others making their way into college include Gemma Schena (Southern NH University), Alyssa Daigle (Morehead State University in Kentucky), Hannah Rogers (Bloomburg University in Pennsylvania), Camryn Teresky (Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island), and Cameron LaRoche (UNH).

Kendra Hicks is still undecided on her college choice as the Nutfield News went to press.

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# Derry's Viehoff Returning to Mariners' Short-Season Squad

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It would be impossible to tally the number of young men who have stood on a Little League pitchers' mound and envisioned themselves wearing a major league baseball team's uniform. But suffice it to say, that number would be huge.

Derry resident and former Pinkerton Academy baseball star Tim Viehoff is in the process of getting closer to that reality than the vast majority of young men ever do, headed toward his second season with the Seattle Mariners' Level A short-season squad the Everett (Washington State) AquaSox later this spring.

Viehoff, who enjoyed an excellent baseball career at Southern New Hampshire University before being

drafted by the American League's Mariners in the 12th round of the June draft last year, did nothing to lessen his value as a talented young lefty pitcher in the Seattle minor league system after joining the AquaSox soon after the draft.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound southpaw appeared in 12 contests for the Everett contingent with six starts and six relief appearances, tallying an 0-2 record with a very strong 2.77 earned run average and 55 strikeouts in 39 innings worth of hill work.

The 23-year-old, who won't turn 24 until December of this year, drew raves from The Mariners' Musings on-line publication right after being snagged by the Seattle organization in the 2016 amateur draft.

"Viehoff is a senior from a small school, but he



Former Pinkerton and Southern NH University pitching standout Tim Viehoff will be back in Washington State as part of the Seattle Mariners' organization.

absolutely crushed his competition. Flawless production, albeit the age and level of competition must be noted. However, this is a stage in the draft where a player with this kind of track

record makes all the sense in the world. Also, Viehoff uncorked 10 wild-pitches in just 14 starts, which actually might be a good thing. Pro catchers are much better at blocking pitches, and wild pitches tend to be partly caused by pitches that move around and are tough to handle. Grade: A."

During his first stint with the AquaSox, Viehoff received a promotion to the Mariners' Arizona League affiliate in Peoria, Az., from June 20-23, but he didn't see any action there during that brief span before being sent

back to the AquaSox.

The Pinkerton grad enjoyed a spectacular senior season for the SNHU Penmen last spring, posting a 8-2 record with a 2.19 ERA. He struck out some 115 would-be hitters in 92 2/3 innings. He also claimed numerous collegiate honors after enjoying that noteworthy success on the way to being snagged by Seattle.

Viehoff was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings East All-Region First Team, the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (D-2CCA) East Region Pitcher of the Year, a D-2CCA East All-Region First-Team selection, the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Assoc. (NCBWA) East Pitcher of the Year, an NCBWA East All-Region First Team pick, the Northeast-10 Conference Pitcher of the Year, and an NE-10 All-Conference First Team selection.

During his junior campaign of 2015 at SNHU, the ex-Astro went 4-1 with a 2.10 ERA, striking out 41 in 30 innings and holding opponents to a tiny, .181 batting average.

The season before that

during the spring of 2014, sophomore hurler Viehoff made 12 pitching appearances and was named a Northeast-10 Second Team All-Conference pick and an All-Rookie Team selection as well after posting a 5-3 record and a 1.69 earned run average. He tallied 82 strikeouts in 58.2 innings of work, walking just 24. Now he's down to work on a pro career.

The minor league ladder in the Seattle Mariners' organization goes from Everett up to the Low A Clinton LumberKings in Iowa, on to the High A Bakersfield Blaze in California, then upward to the AA Jacksonville Generals in Tennessee, and then on to the AAA Tacoma Rainiers in Washington State. Tacoma is one phone call away from the big league club, and if he continues to progress and stays away from any arm woes, big lefty Viehoff could join a select list of Granite Staters like Rich Gale, Mike Flanagan, Rob Woodward, Bob Tewksbury, and Chris Carpenter who made it all the way to major league pitchers' mounds in at least partially fulfilling some big dreams.

## JV Spirit Snares State Championship

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

While the Pinkerton Academy winter varsity spirit team was busy closing out its absolutely exceptional 2016-17 season by winning the New England Championship at the Providence Career and Technical Academy on Saturday, March 18, the academy's winter junior varsity contingent was looking forward to finding success at the New Hampshire Junior Varsity Championships the next day at Nashua High School South.

And the Lady Astros' JV bunch did in fact climb to the very top of the junior varsity mountain that day, hoisting the title trophy overhead.

Anybody who sees that as pretty convincing proof

that the Pinkerton varsity spirit contingent is likely to go right on collecting championships at tournaments, in state title competitions, and even at the regionals as coach Michelle McCarty's Lady Astros' varsity bunch did down in Rhode Island on the 18th would seem to be on very solid ground.

The state title-winning junior varsity crew, which is coached by former Pinkerton spirit standout Kristina Toney, consisted of 15 athletes including junior Alexis Vanloan, sophomores Maddison Gibbs, Stella Dionis, Grace Daniele, Olivia Guy, Lauren Tellier, and Lauryn Carroll, and freshmen Samantha Gibbs, Courtney Hamilton, Isabella Baird, Emily Whitehead, Jada Gaudreau, Keara Bruno, Ashley Dube, and Jenna

Desrochers.

Opposing spirit contingents must shake in their sneakers when they're reminded that Pinkerton winter varsity spirit crews have now won eight consecutive winter spirit titles in New Hampshire - and 13 since 2004 - as well as four of the last five New England crowns.

And even more daunting facts rise to the surface when one counts the seven consecutive fall spirit championships won by Pinkerton varsity spirit squads, so the math shows that the academy varsity spirit team has now claimed 15 New Hampshire crowns in a row. And with the Pinkerton JV's tallying trophies as well, the academy varsity spirit squad may just roll along like a steamroller in future years.

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# Lady Astros' Hoop Coach Buskey Bags Division-I Coaching Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It says quite a bit about Pinkerton Academy girls' varsity basketball coach Lani Buskey's commitment to her players and the team concept that when she was contacted by a member of the press recently who was inquiring about how many of her athletes received all-state recognition she gave glowing praise to both of them - junior Amanda Lemire and sophomore Brooke Kane - and neglected to mention that she herself had been named the state basketball coach's association's Division I Coach of the Year at the very same meeting.

Buskey, who has now coached for 14 years within the Pinkerton girls' hoop program and the Lady Astros' varsity for four years since replacing her mentor John Barry, led the academy ladies to a 16-2 regular sea-

son and another final-four appearance in the D-I tournament. were it not for a hairline fracture of court-general Amanda Lemire's right foot Buskey's 2016-17 bunch would have doubtless done even better than 1-1 in the post-season.

"I was extremely honored and humbled to receive coach of the year," said the coach, who played her own high school hoop at PA. "For me, it's always more than just basketball. I try to impart to my girls bigger life skills and a strong sense of confidence and pride to not only help them excel on the basketball court, but in their lives as well. So, it's quite validating to see that my coaching ideas, strategies, and approach are considered worthy of the highest honor from my peers. But, I also know I do not win that award without my players working hard for me each and every day. I don't win

that award without my girls buying into this system of 'team first' and 'defense first.' We did this together and it's a season and a team that I am quite proud of. The honor was just getting to coach them. It was a lot of fun."

One of Buskey's foremost peers, Nick Theos of the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers, was quite forthcoming with his feelings about the job Buskey did with her Lady Astros this winter.

"I sent her an e-mail at the end of the season telling her what a great job I thought she'd done," he said. "She had a talented group of kids, and what she did with that group this season was exceptional. The coach of the year has to be someone who takes a good group of kids and does something special, and Lani did that this year."



Pinkerton Academy veteran girls' basketball coach Lani Buskey, shown here with some of the players on her 2016-17 team, was named the state coaches' association's Division I girls' hoop coach of the year recently. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Lady Astros' JV Basketball Crew Showed Lots of Growth

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Few members of the Pinkerton Academy athletic program have more experience with coaching sub-varsity teams and accomplishing what junior varsity and freshman squads are expected to accomplish than Kathie Garrish.

For many years Garrish has been coaching Pinkerton field hockey teams during the fall and softball squads during the spring, and in the winter months the dedicated academy coach busies herself with preparing Pinkerton girls' basketball squads

for their future years in the sport at the Derry school.

This winter Garrish had the Lady Astros' freshman hoop squad under her direction, and her Pinkerton girls showed the kind of growth which coaching staffs absolutely love to see from their charges both individually and as a group.

Coach Garrish's group finished just below the .500 mark where win/loss record was concerned (6-7), but any coach working at any high school level will tell you that getting young players vital game and practice experience, honing athletes' skills, deepening players'

love for their sport, and having fun are more important than how many victories a junior varsity or freshman contingent amasses in the big picture.

"From start to end the team worked on becoming a better unit as individuals and team members," said coach Garrish. "It really showed in the second half of the season. The team's aggressiveness was great to watch as they became more focused and familiar with the team's plans."

The squad's roster included Khaliyah Ellis, Lily Auger, Angela Colindres, Michaela Laurent, Caitrin Keefe, Nicole Valcourt, Emmie Lesburt, Jocelyn Bourassa, Alex Williams, Zoe Perez, and Brianna Kelley.

"Lily Auger was given the Coaches Award for consistent great play, fundamentals, coach-ability, and knowledge of the game," said the coach.

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On Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pinkerton Academy is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children in the area. The fun-filled hunt comes with prizes, games, face painting, and many other activities, including a "Pictures with the Easter Bunny" photo booth. The Senior Class of 2017 and many other Pinkerton clubs will be helping out, playing games, and painting with kids. The event is completely Free and takes place at the Shepard Auditorium at Pinkerton Academy. The auditorium is located just to the left of the Clocktower on campus. Students encourage all children and adults to join in for a blast of a day.

## Preschool Storytime

On April 3 and 10, from 10 - 10:45 a.m. for children ages 3-5 years old, and their caregivers. Lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets, nursery rhymes, early literacy, and preschool activities. At the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Minecraft Mondays!

On Mondays at the Derry Public Library, from 4 - 5 p.m. Join our group of Minecraft enthusiasts. Ages 8-11. Registration required. For more information contact Jenn Morton at 432-6140 or [jennnm@derrypl.org](mailto:jennnm@derrypl.org)

## Angels of Hope

On April 3, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Provide support and hope, gather info and share challenges for people who have brain tumors. Held in Meeting Room A of Derry public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Adult Coloring

On April 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Come for coloring and conversation! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own. Held

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## YOPD Support Group

On April 3, 6:30- 8:00 p.m. Provide opportunities for people affected with Young Onset Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers to connect for support, discussion and camaraderie. In Meeting Room B at the Derry Public Library. Contact Diane Cole at [donaco6@aol.com](mailto:donaco6@aol.com) for more information.

## Step Into Music

On April 4, from 10 - 10:45 a.m. A music and dance program for young children ages 3-5 years old and their caregivers. Celebrate early childhood with songs, stories, games, and movement. At the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Brunch Cooking Club

On April 4, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Who doesn't love brunch? Let's make Braided Cinnamon Wreaths, Yogurt Breakfast Bark, Blueberry Cake, Ham and Cheese Puffs, Apple Roses, Berry Salad in Marscapone and Mini Pancake Skewers. Come share the love of breakfast and eat hearty! No Registration Required, ages 12-18. Held in Meeting Room A at the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Erin Robinson at 603-432-6140 or [erinr@derrypl.org](mailto:erinr@derrypl.org).

## Afterschool Fun!

Join us on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. for fun afterschool drop-in activities geared just for kids ages 5-7. All will feature stories and process art activities, with the focus on FUN and creativity! There is no registration required for this program. At the Derry Public Library. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Bedtime Stories

On April 4, 6:30 -7 p.m. An evening story time with emphasis on fun! Stories, flannel

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## Infant Story Time

On April 5, from 10 -10:30 a.m. A 25-30 minute lap sit story time for infants, birth - 12 months and their caregivers. Learn finger plays, songs, and simple rhymes to share with your babies as they sit in your lap. At the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Bobcats of New Hampshire!

On April 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. come learn about Bobcats! Black Bears presenter Don Allen returns. Held in Meeting Room A & B at the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Liz Ryan, Adult Services Librarian, at 432-6140 or [lizr@derrypl.org](mailto:lizr@derrypl.org).

## Teen Writers Group

On April 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. We're looking for the next batch of talented teen writers for our teen writers group. This is a workshop-based group led by teen librarian and author, Erin E. Moulton (Chasing the Milky Way, Keepers of the Labyrinth/Penguin). Come and share your stories, talk about writing craft and where and how to submit your work for publication Ages 12-18. At the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Toddler Tunes & Tales

On April 6, from 10 - 10:45 a.m. toddler story time for children 12-36 months old and their caregivers, using music, finger plays, props, and movement. At the Derry Public Library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Retro Reading Book Club

On April 6, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Join us as we dip into books written in the sixties.



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We'll read The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander (1964) and make sword and bauble charms/key chains. Then we'll dive into James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (1961) and make peach cobbler. Finally, we'll read From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (1967) and create Mixed-Up artist trading cards. Pick Up Book At Circulation Desk, ages 10-18, held in the Teen Space. at the Derry Public Library. For more information, call 432-6140.

## Cookbook Book Group

On April 7, from 11:30 -1 p.m. Do you enjoy cooking? Do you love to read cookbooks? Come join us for our afternoon Cookbook Book Group! We will chose a new cookbook for each meeting. Make something from the book and bring it in to share! Discuss tips, tricks, troubles, and eat! Cookbooks will be available to borrow at the front desk. Held in Meeting Room A at the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Jessica at [jessicad@derrypl.org](mailto:jessicad@derrypl.org) or call 603-432-6140.

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## Ballroom Dancing

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## Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, April 7, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Girls and Boys Club. 40 Hampstead Road. Derry. The April speaker will be Kari Allard, a horticulturalist with over 25 years of experience in the plant industry and is from a Garden Center in Londonderry. She will speak on Organic Herbs and alternative pollinators in the garden. Members are to bring a bag lunch. The committee will provide beverages, chips and desserts.

## Race for families' futures

The Upper Room will hold its second annual TUR-RFF 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 [light-boxreg.com/the-upper-room-race-for-families-turrrf](http://light-boxreg.com/the-upper-room-race-for-families-turrrf).

## Run For Healing Registration

On Sunday, May 7th at 2pm, Pinkerton Academy will be hosting a 5k run and 3k walk to benefit Hadassah Hospital and their relief teams. Funds raised will help the Hospital purchase Accuvein, which is a life-saving system that helps allow venous access in trauma patients and patients with collapsed veins. The Hadassah Medical Organization and Jerusalem A bridge to PEACE forges links between patients of all nationalities, races, and religions who come to its doors for healing. Registration is \$18 for Adults and \$10 for children under 18. Those interested are encouraged to organize a team and register before April 21st to receive a free t-shirt. To sign up, visit [NH4Isreal.org](http://NH4Isreal.org).



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