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Decision to Postpone Town Election Discussed by Council

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Despite some confusion at the state level, it was decided that the town had the legal authority to postpone the March 14 election because of a powerful nor'easter, according to the law firm representing the town.

Speaking at the March 28 Town Council meeting, attorney Brenda Keith, of Boutin & Altieri PLLC, said she was asked by the council to address the lingering questions surrounding the postponement of the election from March 14 to March 21 by town officials.

Derry was among a number of towns that postponed the election because of the potent storm that struck the east coast.

Following the postponement, former State Rep. Andrew Manuse, of Derry, filed the formal complaint to nullify the election.

In addressing the postponement, Keith said Derry's Charter section 2.2 sets out the town moderator's duties and specifically indicates that the moderator shall have "all the powers and duties under state law."

And citing state statute, RSA 40:4, section II, she said that clearly states that the town moderator in a weather emergency can postpone the election.

Keith said there was a little bit of disagreement between the offices of the secretary of state and the attorney general on whether RSA 669:1 called for towns to hold elections on the second Tuesday of March. The

secretary of state's office holds that the statute requires towns to hold elections despite a weather emergency.

But Keith said RSA 40:4, section II, was adopted later than RSA 669, and does allow for voting day to be postponed in the event of a weather emergency.

Keith said she received multiple alerts from the town to the postponement and praised the way the town administrator, town clerk and town moderator handled publicizing the postponement.

"So I think that the town not only had the authority, but they used the authority and when the moderator postponed, the town government took great steps in getting the word out that the

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ZBA Rehearing of Storage Facility Set For April 7

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Continued from March 16, Zoning Board of Adjustment members are scheduled to hold a rehearing Friday, April 7 on a proposal to build a storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road.

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

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 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, ZBA Chairman

Lynn Perkins said. Attorney Bernard Campbell is representing Robert Allen, the applicant.

"This will be a continuation 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.

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April Showers

The last day of March and the first of April brought with it a healthy dose of heavy wet snow to remind residents that winter wasn't quite through with New England. The area yards and parking lots were nearly snow free before the weekend storm dumped over a foot of fresh snow in Derry.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry To Use Collection Firm For Outstanding Ambulance Fees

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With approximately \$300,000 a year in outstanding ambulance fees, the town plans to use an outside firm to pursue collection.

Town Administrator David Caron updated the council on how ambulance fees have been

collected and the plans to turn from an in-house system to a private firm at the council's March 28 meeting.

"This is a challenge which is shared by any community in New Hampshire and throughout the country which provides emergency medical services to its residents," Caron said.

In the process, health and billing information is collected from patients and a bill is sent out in about 120 days.

For the first step in the process, after responding to a medical call, Emergency Medical Services personnel take accurate information regarding health and billing

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Josh Bourdon Named Derry Town Council Chairman

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Following a swearing in ceremony, Councilor Joshua Bourdon has been named chairman of the Town Council.

Bourdon replaced former Chairman Brian Chirichiello at the council's March 28 meeting.

In the March 21 election, Bourdon, an incumbent, 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.

At the start of the meeting, Bourdon and Wetherbee each raised their right hand and were sworn in by Town Clerk Daniel Healey.

The election of officers

followed and Bourdon was named chairman, with Councilor Charles Foote named council pro tempore.

"Thank you for trusting in me as your chairman," Bourdon said. "As your chairman I'll make sure that every person who speaks here at public forum is treated with class, dignity, especially those who come to us

to voice their concerns. The public forum is an opportunity for residents to speak their mind and I encourage as many people as possible to do so.

Bourdon added, "I truly believe that this council truly wants to listen to you."

He also promised to listen and make a note of every councilor who communi-

cates any requests questions or concerns in a timely manner.

Bourdon said, "Lastly I promise to do my best to run a procedurally accurate meeting and ask on each of you to call me into question if I make any mistakes for the benefit of the voters who put each of us up here."

Rehearing

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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 vari-

ance 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.

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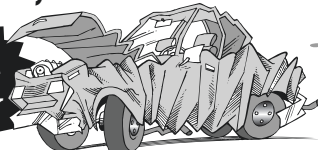
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New Economic Development Coordinator Works First Day on Job

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Plans to spark economic development in Derry are underway, with the new economic development coordinator starting work and a company hired to recruit retailers ready to unveil a marketing package, according to officials.

Anne Struthers began work on March 27 as Derry's new economic development coordinator, Town Administrator David Caron said during the Town Council's March 28 meeting. He added

that he expects Struthers will be making regular appearances at council meetings to provide updates on meeting council and community objectives to enhance economic development activities.

The Council members voted at their March 7 meeting to appoint Struthers to the position. She previously served as a business recourse specialist with the State Division of Economic Development, and also worked with the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in

Massachusetts. She is receiving an annual salary of \$83,679, according to officials.

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, according to officials.

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 devel-

op the local economy.

In addition to hiring an economic development coordinator, councilors late last year voted to hire Buxton Marketing to help recruit retailers to Derry.

Also during the March 28 meeting, Caron said Buxton is ready to deliver a marketing package on 20 retailers in about the next three weeks.

And a hotel feasibility study has been executed that, "Buxton thought that would be very beneficial for the community," Caron said.

In addition, the client representative from Buxton would like to meet with the economic development coordinator at some point in possibly the next three or four weeks and take the opportunity to brief the council, Economic Development Advisory Committee and Planning Board on activities, Caron said.



Anne Struthers began work on March 27 as Derry's Economic Development Coordinator.

Councilors voted unanimously at their Dec. 20 meeting to hire Buxton Marketing for retail develop-

ment 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 the FY 2017 economic development budget, according to officials.

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

Collection

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information, Caron said.

The patient's insurance company is billed and then reimburses the town, with the patient then responsible for reimbursing the town. But in some cases, patients don't make the payment and fees become overdue.

The town used to have an in house system to begin collecting the overdue fees after 120 days. The town's office staff members would begin making phone calls to set up payment arrangements, but the system was highly inefficient, he said.

With the new system, the town plans to use an outside firm that is used by a number of communities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts to collect the fees.

"So our goal is to contract with a collection firm at which time they will make contact with these folks in an attempt to collect the balance of the bill," Caron said.

The firm that is being considered is experienced in working with customers with limited ability to make payments.

"So they are very sensitive to the need to maintain dignity with the customers, so we expect them to hold the same standard working for the Town of Derry if they are the selected vendor," Caron said.

He said net billings are about \$1.3 million per year and the town anticipates collecting just over \$1 million. By using an outside firm, Caron said administrators hope to improve the current collection rate from about 76 percent to more than

80 percent.

"This is an internal procedure," Caron said. "We want to make sure that the council and the public were aware of that process."

In addition, the town will also have a process for addressing any hardships through a committee.

Following the presentation, Councilor Richard Tripp said, "I think this is a great step in the right direction. I believe what went on before was non transparent."

He added, "I do believe if there is going to be forgiveness of fees that the council should be aware of it and I don't believe that was the case because in the previous two years I never heard anything about a hardship committee."



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Editorial

For Your Entertainment

In light of recent discussions in the community about Comcast's cable services in the towns, we thought we would voice many peoples' dissatisfaction with it, by taking a look at the history of television and how things have progressed to where they are now.

Before cable TV made its way into American homes, television was actually a free service, programming was paid for by advertisers, and was meant to be a way to inform and unite families (sounds like a local paper we know...except the paper's advertisers are non intrusive to what people are reading). Today, viewers pay the providers for those enhanced services, but still have to sit through the all the endless same commercials repeatedly that pay the channels produce the content that they enjoy, with an excess of repetitive commercials that seem to overstay their welcome.

You may ask why? Well, it's the agencies that create one to two ads that repeat in a loop. They tell companies it is by repetition that consumers buy their products. Yes and no. While the ads do stick with the viewer, after a while it can get annoying can end up turning a consumer off.

Nowadays, it almost feels like there is more advertising than programming, and people are moving more towards on-demand services, streaming, YouTube and other mediums with little to no advertising, or paying a quarter of what it costs to have cable with tons of ads, to have the convenience of a service with supposedly little to none. However, this too can become over-run with ads. Even with recorded programs, fast forwarding through ads is disabled so viewers are forced to wait them out.

Even still, while you get what you pay for with cable TV (more channels, etc), and while your payments cover the cost of delivering the signals to your home, it can still feel insulting to, in a way, pay twice for a service. Particularly when many only use 3% of what is provided, and the cost of said service seems to be rising and the quality of service diminishing, and for only one option to be available, not just for cable, but for internet and phone as well.

Some people have felt that because Comcast is seemingly the only provider to get these services from, the company sees itself as too big to fail, and almost doesn't care that its customers are inconvenienced by the continually rising costs for the same service. There also almost doesn't seem to be any reason for the price increase, furthering the insult.

But is there a way around it? You could try a streaming service as an alternative for cable and be met with less ads and less cost, but then what do you do about obtaining the internet to provide you with that service?

There are in fact other options out there for internet, and as we move towards streaming, perhaps the need for variety in cable will diminish with that. For now, we've seen how things have changed, and we shall see how things continue to change.

Because at the end of a long day or week, all we want to do is sit down unwind and be entertained and not interrupted over and over with the same ads that you can not escape from no matter how much you pay even if you try. Maybe these big companies should rethink how they are getting the customers!



JUST SUPER

Two members of the Derry Garden Club won blue ribbons at this year's Boston Flower Show. Derry residents Blanche Garone and Michelle Mensinger achieved the extraordinary accomplishment. Blanche won a blue ribbon in the Design Division for her entry in Class 102 "X-Ray Vision," on left, - a Creative Transparency Design. Michelle won a blue ribbon for her entry in Class 101 "Strength," right photo, a Traditional Mass or Mass Line Design in early twentieth century American manner (1930-1960). Her design also won the Marie Hancock Cook Award for achievement in Traditional Design. The theme of the show, which ran from March 22 to March 26, was "Super Powers". Pictured are Blanche Garone's entry, "X-Ray Vision" - Creative Transparency Design and Michelle Mensinger's Class 101 "Strength" a Traditional Mass or Mass Line Design.

Courtesy photo

Letters

Election Results

To the Editor;

The results of the 2017 Town Elections show that the Derry School Budget was approved for \$85,570,415. What are the taxpayers paying for? Once a very good system is now rated as average, a 5 with 2 schools rated as a 3 and a District rating of 120 of 163, a drop of 30 positions from last year. Especially concerning is the NECAP 2015-16 Math scores for Grinnell-Grade 5, only a 21% passing grade, 79% failure rate. This information was obtained from the Internet and the D.O.E. web site. More and more parents are removing their children from the District due to there dissatisfaction with the education they were receiving. Also, parents are removing their children from kindergarten

since they were not being instructed, only "play time".

Due to declining performance results over the last several years, the Administration and School Board have tried numerous approaches to improve performance such as, 3 Math pilot programs, a recently approved new Math program at a cost of 300k and now, a new Math Coach at a cost of 110k. The Administration's response to the latest test scores to identify how to improve low performance was to "drill down" into the numbers. This perspective is bothersome to me since it is essentially treating children as only numbers.

The District has a very experienced and dedicated teaching staff. However, with continued low performances in most grades and minimally improvement in

others, there appears to be a disconnect within the system. After all, we are talking basics: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The Administration seems unable to introduce effective measures that assist teachers in obtaining better performance results and to identify the challenges facing teachers. All of Derry's students deserve to leave the system with the educational tools to pursue their dreams and to be a productive member of society. How long do they need to wait? There needs to be more accountability by the School Board and by the public. If these trends continue the School District will be responsible for creating Derry's 21st Century "Lost Generation".

Mary Eisner
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Pinkerton Class of 2017 Hosts Egg Hunt Focused on Fun

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Mariah Mansur, a senior at Pinkerton Academy, remembers a little boy who came to her face-painting booth at the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community. "I print out different pictures and I tell the kids, 'If you don't see what you want, tell me.' A boy who was about 5 came to the booth and said, 'I want to be Snivy.'" Mansur didn't even know what that was, so she quizzed the little boy further and found out it was a Pokémon character. But the boy didn't just want "Snively" painted on his cheek. "He wanted me to turn him into Snivy," Mansur recalled with a laugh.

So she did, consulting her phone for guidance.

The little kids rule at the annual Pinkerton Egg Hunt, planned this year for April 15. Mansur, an officer at large for the Class of 2017 and Danielle Tompkins,

class vice-president, took a few moments to talk about the beloved event, which cycles through each class.

The egg hunt has been one of the class's service projects for the past four years, Mansur said. This is their last year, and the event will be passed down to next year's freshman class, she said.

Tompkins said the event runs from 10 a.m. to noon in and around the Shepard Building. There are games, coloring and prizes. Free snacks include popcorn and water.

The two seniors from Derry weren't sure how many people the event attracts. "A lot," Mansur said. "We don't really count."

But they've learned a few things over the years, including the fact that there will be a crowd. "In our first year, we learned there were too many people to do just one egg hunt," Tompkins said. "We want every child

to find an egg." So they now offer the hunts every half-hour, and have split the groups into 5 and under and older kids.

They don't put candy in their plastic eggs, Tompkins said. There's always the possibility of allergies, along with hyper kids and irate parents. Instead, the eggs contain tickets for prizes. They have hundreds of small gifts to be redeemed with a ticket, including balls, tops and yo-yos.

If the weather is good they'll hide the eggs outside in the area by the gazebo. If the weather isn't cooperative, they will hide them in the cafeteria in the Shepard building, Mansur said, adding that they give the littlest kids a break and spread out the eggs on the floor.

The atmosphere that day is lively, fun, enthusiastic



Pinkerton seniors Danielle Tompkins, left, and Mariah Mansur show off a poster for the Class of 2017 Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 15. The egg hunt is free and open to the public.
Photo by Kathleen Bailey

and exciting, Mansur said. They have often had parents offer them money for the event, which they happily refuse.

"This is our way of giv-

ing back to the community," Mansur said. "The community supports us, and this is our way to say 'thank you.'"

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Class of

2017 will be held Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to noon in and around the Shepard Building. The public is welcome.

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Group Raises More Than \$60,000 To Help Local Veteran

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With assistance from the community, a local group has raised approximately \$60,000 to help a Derry veteran who has struggled for more than 15 years to stay on his property.

And more money is expected to be raised as a fundraiser was scheduled to be held last week at the Tupelo Music Hall, said Councilor Jim Morgan. He gave an update on the fundraising efforts during the Town Council's March 28 meeting.

Morgan explained how the man ended up alone in a small shed, without running water, clinging to his property. Owning a wood-cutting business, he was self-employed and was struggling to make ends meet and pay his property taxes. He lived on the property with

his wife. The couple had worked hard for decades to support and bring up their children, Morgan said.

In early 2001, the veteran made the difficult decision to cancel his homeowner's insurance to pay his property taxes. About seven months later an accident sparked a fire that made his house unlivable, Morgan said.

"From there his life goes into a tailspin," Morgan said.

"He has lived in Derry all of his life except for the four years he served in the Air Force," Morgan said Monday. "He is a proud man who never asked for any help or anything."

Living on Social Security, he is also humble and private, Morgan added. Because there isn't room for his wife and daughter, they are living in Manchester.

To protect the veteran's privacy, his name and the location of the property will

not be released until after the house is constructed, Morgan said.

About 15 years later, the man's situation was revealed through an investigation by the Property and Maintenance Committee, said Morgan, who joined the committee in 2015. The committee members who went out and spoke to the man were fellow veterans, Morgan said.

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

But instead of demolishing the house and having the town spend funds, the decision was made to begin a fundraising campaign to assist the veteran for serving his country," Morgan said.

With Derry's two Rotary clubs helping, the group plans to obtain the materials

to build the house at cost from different vendors, with local tradesmen donating their time, Morgan said.

In the last two weeks the group has taken the house down through volunteer labor and removed debris, Morgan said. The property has also been prepared for a foundation.

"This man, by middle to end of May, should have a brand new two-bedroom home, he will have his taxes completely paid in full and we've made a sad story into a really good one," Morgan said.

By taking on the project, the group has saved the Town of Derry from approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 in costs that would have been incurred from tearing the property down, leaning the property, disposing of the materials and "kicking a veteran off of his only home," Morgan said.

"So this has been a hugely successful fund," Morgan said.

And from this initial effort, the Derry Veterans Assistance Fund has been produced to help other local veterans.

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

Once the project to build the house for the veteran concludes, Morgan said he will step aside to let other residents get involved.

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

The group also recently

helped another veteran who has stage four esophageal cancer and was struggling financially while waiting for benefits to come in from the federal government, Morgan said. Through assistance from the fund the man has been able to pay his bills.

"A few hundred dollars really changed their lives so this is a pretty exciting thing for our community," Morgan said. "It really couldn't be possible without the help of the Derry Rotary club and Derry Village Rotary Club."

Morgan said plans call for modeling the fund to other communities and "to get the word out there that helping our veterans who live locally is a lot faster action than federal government help or state help."

He added, "Kudos to everyone who helped on this."

For more information, visit, www.gofundme.com/help-a-derry-veteran

College Fair Will Inform Parents as Well as Students

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

At its 26th annual occurrence last year, the Southern New Hampshire Spring College Fair, hosted by Pinkerton Academy, saw 2,000 attendees and 150 vendors. This year promises to be just as eventful.

"This will be my ninth year doing it," said Tammy Craft, Manager of Pinkerton Academy's School Counseling Department. "and we've always had a nice April evening. I hope that the snow goes away by then!"

This year's college fair will take place on Thursday, April 13th, from 6pm-8pm in the Pinkerton Academy

Field House after Pinkerton Academy's second annual career fair. The event is open to students and families throughout New Hampshire at no cost.

Over the past few years, the college fair has seen the inclusion of trade schools, two-year colleges, schools of hair design, and military services in addition to the "traditional" four-year colleges and universities. Staff from the NH Community College system will also be there for students who are interested in starting out at a 2-year technical school or college and later on transferring to a university, to help them navigate through the process.

For those students who

feel they will not be ready to enroll in college, trade school, etc after graduation, representatives from Winterline Global Education, a "gap-year" program based out of Cambridge, MA, will be available to help guide them. Gap-year programs offer high school graduates a chance to take a year to learn through travel, or to study different trades, while giving them some time to soul-search while they decide on the right path for them.

There will be two sessions made available again by popular demand for families who would like to learn more about the financial aid process in preparation for post-secondary education. Karen Collins

from the NHHEAF will be present to explain the FAFSA, as there have been some changes made to it in this past year. One session will be available from 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., and the second session will be from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., both taking place in the Ek Science building in the Manning Lecure Hall. Space will be limited to the first 70 attendees.

There will also be two sessions for parents of juniors to learn more about what their child should be doing in preparation for the college application process. Two Pinkerton Academy counselors will be putting on presentations on the important things going on during this time, and will

also offer a quick review of the Naviance program. These sessions will be available from 6:10 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. and from 6:50 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. in Room 320 - the second floor of the EK Science building. Students will be available to direct parents to the correct room.

Along with their families, the majority of students in attendance are typically sophomores and juniors, who are starting to figure out their post-secondary direction, with some seniors who are still left on the fence as to what they want to do. The event is advertised to freshmen, although many do not attend.

"It's too early for many of them," Craft chuckled. "They don't want to think

that far into the future yet."

But to the older students scouting schools and programs, the Southern NH Spring College Fair offers a chance to speak personally with various school representatives and have questions answered about their prospective college. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet with their student(s)' school of interest, and have questions answered about funding options available to them.

For more information on the college fair, contact Tammy Craft in the Pinkerton Academy School Counseling Office at (603) 437-5200 ext 1189.

See related story on page 7 about the Career Fair preceding this event.

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Pinkerton Career Fair Slated For Thursday, April 13

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

In just its second year running, the Career Fair at Pinkerton Academy has reached its maximum capacity for vendors, and has had to ask any remaining interested vendors to submit their applications for next year.

On Thursday, April 13th, about 300 people are anticipated to come through the doors of the Freshman Academy Media Center at Pinkerton Academy. This year's career fair will begin at 11:30 a.m. as Pinkerton Students arrive to either meet immediately with vendors, or attend a workshop on resume writing starting at 11:45 a.m., courtesy of the Manchester Area Human Resources Association (MAHRA). Stu-

dents who have resumes already may have them revised at the Resume Review booth, also courtesy of the MAHRA.

The event will be open to interested area high school students, who will be welcomed starting at 1p.m., and their first Resume Writing and Review session will be available at 1:30 p.m.

This year, the career fair will also be open to members of the community, also welcomed at 1pm.

"If there is a 45-year-old veteran seeking employment, we will welcome them." Said Doug Cullen, Manager of Career Services at Pinkerton Academy.

He said that last year the career fair yielded several interviews, over a dozen on the spot, and several job

offers to job seekers.

Vendors this year include PICA Manufacturing, N.H. DOT, Atlantic Steel Detailing, Tecomet, Methuen Construction, In-Laws Construction, Eversource, Maine Drilling & Blasing, Easter Seals, City Year, Genesis Healthcare, Right At Home, Job Corps, Campus Feedback, Hannaford, and the U.S. Army Reserves.

It is not by coincidence that the career fair will take place before the Pinkerton Academy College Fair, according to Cullen.

"The Fair was intentionally put just hours before the College Fair so students and adults could have their resume reviewed and refined, meet with staffing agencies and employers with the possibility of securing on-the-

spot an employment interview, then meet with colleges to enroll in a course-of-study that supports their future employment career pathway all in one day on one campus!" Cullen said.

According to Jennifer Haskins, Career and Technical Education Director, "The Career fair scheduled here at Pinkerton Academy is a great way to give our students the ability to continue moving along their career pathway and start to plan beyond high school. These pathways could be college, career certifications, apprenticeships or going directly into the workforce. The students here at Pinkerton have an opportunity to network within their career fields with not only employers that are currently hiring, but also

those that are looking for future hires. Some of career pathways represented have tuition reimbursement, signing bonuses and the ability to move up within the company. These are all strong characteristics to consider while students move along this pathway and decide how they are going to continue to learn within their career of choice."

Lynne Lonergan, Director of Pinkerton Academy's Adult Education Center, remarked, "This is also a fantastic opportunity to make connections with our Adult Education students who are ready and willing to learn about specific job tasks and the 'soft skills' required for success by becoming a 'Career Mentor'."

Kristy Butler, the incoming Director of School Counseling commented, "The Career Fair is an exciting opportunity for Pinkerton Students of all ages. For those who are preparing to graduate, it will connect students with employers and allow them an opportunity to have their resumes fine-tuned. For younger students, they can learn about what employers are looking for, or may present an opportunity for part-time

work or internships. We want our students to be involved with 'real life' employers. Employers who can offer feedback to our students while they, too, learn about what our students have to offer them as future employees with valuable skills."

Overall, Cullen stated that the entire event will be "part of a continuum of what we will be doing to increase and enhance the economic development of Derry, and surrounding communities." He also said that these events would be the beginning of the Academy's migration to aligning more closely to both college and the workforce, and engaging business partners as a natural part of the education process.

"We've only just begun," Cullen stated.

Stay tuned to future editions of the Nutfield News for upcoming articles on Pinkerton Academy's workforce development efforts to bring businesses and education together. For more information in the meantime, visit www.pinkertonacademy.org/partnership. See related story on page 6 on the College Fair following this event.

Salvation Army To Hold Yard Sale April 29

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Unlike some other Salvation Army centers in the area, the Derry office doesn't operate a thrift store to raise money.

So as a fundraiser, the non-profit organization is planning to hold a yard sale at the center, 18 Folsom Road, on April 29, said Advisory Board member Randall Kelly.

He spoke during the Town Council's March 28 meeting, appearing with Salvation Army officers Lt. Kathryn Mayes and Lt. Kathryn Bender.

When he first became involved in humanitarian efforts in Derry, Kelley said

he was drawn to the Salvation Army because of the organization's reputation for helping so many people in the community.

"I can't say enough about what these two young ladies do for our community," Kelley said.

Over Christmas, the Salvation Army provided gifts for 190 children who wouldn't have received anything without the organization's assistance, Kelley said.

The Salvation Army is currently holding a Bunny Drive and selling chocolate bunnies to raise money, with plans underway to purchase the property, Kelley said.

"Right now we are trying to purchase the property, which will open up a lot

things for a lot of people," Kelley said.

Since the budget is down somewhat from last year, board members hope the planned yard sale will help provided needed funds.

"Please go through your cellars, your garages your basements, let's get it all together," Kelley said. "We are a little underfunded from our budgets last year and we would not like to see that

happen in this next coming year."

The fundraiser is being held for the first time, according to the officers. Anyone who plans to donate will be asked if the items can be sold at the yard sale, they said.

At the end of the presentation, Councilor Joshua Bourdon said, "Thank you so much for your service and for coming tonight."

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Wellness Week is Kicked Off with Bike Safety at South Range



South Range Elementary School's year-long mantra of "South Range Strong" was strengthened by the school's Wellness Week with students learning to be healthy in body and mind. The week was kicked off with a visit by retired South Range teacher Judy Burakowski representing the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire. She met with all grades throughout the day during their lunch period and stressed the importance of bike safety and wearing a helmet. Other daily themes during the week were Healthy Eating, Martial Arts and Yoga as well as a variety of activities during each day.

Photos by Chris Paul

Election

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election had been postponed," Keith said, adding,

“So I’m am perfectly comfortable with the actions of the town moderator and all of the town government in postponing the election. And as far as your town’s legal counsel is concerned this is a closed issue.”

As for Manuse's complaint, the former state representative said he didn't get a

chance to vote because of the postponement and nothing was posted to alert voters.

Town Clerk Daniel Healey said the town recently received Manuse's complaint letter.

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 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 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 this week had could be null and void we and may have to have another town election to ratify,” O’Connor said.

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DERRY SPORTS

Blending Talent is Key to Lady Astro Lax Squad's Title Defense

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' varsity lacrosse squad has won three of the last four Division I championships under the tutelage of veteran coach Rob Daziel. And Daziel and his Lady Astros enter the 2017 season looking to defend the D-I title with some key players having graduated but other important, battle-tested veterans right back in the fold.

Blending those trophy-hoisting veterans together with some promising and determined newcomers will be a major key in the academy squad's drive for a title repeat this spring.

The 2016 Pinkerton contingent won 17 of the 20 matches it played last spring and bested the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals by a 9-5 tally in the D-I title contest at the end of that superb campaign.

Returning starters from that championship crew include seniors Dani Tompkins (an attacker), Megan Jarvis (defender), Emily Sharretts (defender), and Avery Drouin (midfielder). The returning junior starters are Madison Peredna (attacker) and Carly Young (defense), and standout sophomore Kiley Davis is back to play in the midfield for PA.

Other returnees to the title-winning varsity crew are junior attack Meaghan Michaud and sophomores Emily Wong (defense), Danielle Martineau (goalie), and Jordan Vaillancourt (middie).

The crowd of newcomers looking for opportunities to contribute to the varsity squad include senior goalie Alex Messitidis, sophomore defenders Sydni Dery and Celina Singster, and ninth graders Lillian Auger (middie), Zoe Howe (attacker), Madison Daziel (middie), Hailey Peredna (middie), and Lauren Lissauskas (attacker).

Freshman Daziel is getting the chance to play for her dad in her first season of high school lax, following in the sizable footsteps of her step-sisters Riann and Kennedy, who were goal and point-producing machines for their father at PA before moving on to fine collegiate lacrosse careers.

As stated above, combining the talents of the veterans and newbies sits at the center of the Lady Astros' title hopes, and the youngsters will be a focus at the start of the campaign.

"Our sophomores and freshmen need to learn and play within our system quickly," said coach Daziel, a former lacrosse star at



The Pinkerton girls' varsity lacrosse team won its third state title in four years last spring, and that crew brings back lots of talent for 2017.

both Londonderry High School and New England College in Henniker. "They are a talented group of players that have had a winning tradition in the youth ranks, so I know they are determined and committed. Melding that group with our tough and smart juniors and seniors will be the key to our success."

When thinking about which teams he expects to give his academy girls the biggest challenges this spring, Daziel anticipates

that the toughest battles will come from the teams which played PA the toughest last year. That list includes the Bishop Guertin bunch from



Veterans Jordan Vaillancourt (left) and Megan Jarvis face off during a recent PA lax practice in the school's Hackler Gymnasium.

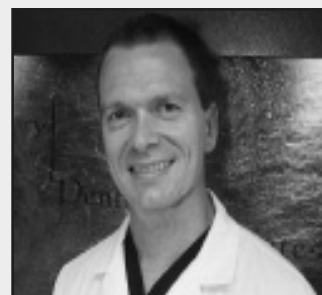
Nashua, which would love nothing more than to avenge its D-I title-game loss of last spring.

The Lady Astros get

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their 2017 season officially under way at home against the Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers next Wednesday, April 12.

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Battle-Tested Veterans Are Keys for Pinkerton Baseball Crew

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

This spring, there are 10 returnees from the 2015-16 Pinkerton Academy varsity baseball squad which battled its way through a challenging campaign back in Astro uniforms. And eight of those players boast important experience as starters for PA coach Steve Campo.

Those 10 athletes stand at the center of coach Campo's crew's hopes for the forthcoming 2016-17 season, which officially gets under way for the locals on Wednesday, April 12 at Merrimack High School.

The 2016-17 Pinkerton hardball bunch also includes a solid slew of varsity newcomers who lend depth and whose development may prove key to the team's fortunes both this spring and during springs to come.

"We will need some of our returners to take on bigger roles and play with consistency early in the season to allow our younger guys to gain some varsity experience," said coach Campo. "Our focus will be pitching and defense. If we can limit mistakes in the field and

continue to improve on the mound throughout the season, then we should be able to win some games."

Among the key returnees from last spring's Pinkerton team which finished with an 11-10 overall record after losing to Bedford in the Division I tournament quarterfinals are All-State Honorable Mention selection and senior first baseman Norm Kerman, who batted at a .304 clip last season and drove in 16 runs; sophomore pitcher/outfielder Rich Marique, who notched a fine 2.41 earned run average and won a tournament game; junior hurler Eli Runge, who compiled a 4-1 record and a strong 2.87 ERA, and senior designated hitter/first baseman Brian Sutton, who earned a .340 batting average.

The other four returnees with starting experience - all seniors - include outfielders Sean Muller and David Currier, infielder Matt Clark, and catcher Mike Jellison.

Also back in the PA fold from that 2015-16 contingent are senior utility man Ryan Simard and versatile sophomore Sam Boudreau

(catcher/first baseman/third baseman).

The newcomers to the varsity club include juniors David Unkles (pitcher) and his brother Jacob (outfield), Cam Walsh (infield), and George Welch (pitcher), sophomores Connor Jenkins (versatile) and Jacob McGill (infield), and freshmen Brady Day (infield/pitcher) and Asa Runge (pitcher/outfield).

When looking at which teams he expects to be front-runners in Division I this season, coach Campo pointed to the defending state champs from Bedford as well as Dover, Keene, and Exeter.



Pinkerton first baseman Norm Kerman applies the tag to a stunned Bedford base runner on a successful pick-off play during the Astros' tough, season-ending tournament loss to the Bulldogs in Bedford last year. Kerman is one of a bunch of players who return to coach Steve Campo's 2017 Astro crew. Photo by Chris Paul

Lady Astros' 2017 Softball Squad Has a Strong Mix of Veterans and Newcomers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

'Rising Up From Challenges' is a major mantra for the Pinkerton Academy softball squad as that seemingly well-balanced contingent rolls into its 2017 season with a road game over at Londonderry High School next Monday afternoon, April 10.

Seven impressive starters and one other returnee come back from a 2016 Lady Astros' varsity club which had an up-and-down, 7-13 campaign last spring but did manage to bag a tournament berth. And this year's bunch also includes some six varsity newcomers who will be intent upon helping their squad in any

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Lady Astros' veteran pitcher Carrie St. Peter rifles a pitch toward home plate during a tough home loss to Londonderry last spring. Photo by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Laxmen Aiming to Remain in D-I Title Hunt

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

There are at least a few things in modern life upon which folks can count, including having car trouble crop up when they can least afford it, May showers, and the need for air conditioning in July.

And the Bishop Guertin and Pinkerton Academy boys' varsity lacrosse teams have seemingly added themselves to that list of reliable things.

Coach Chris Cameron's Guertin Cardinals of Nashua have played in each and every one of the last dozen

Division I championship matches, and they and coach Brian O'Reilly's Pinkerton Astros have faced off for the D-I crown every single year since 2013 and every year but one since 2011.

Those championship meetings haven't been too fruitful from the Pinkerton perspective, with BG collecting titles every season but one in those five contests.

In the 2016 Division I title battle last spring, Guertin squeaked out a tight, 9-8 victory in bagging its eighth championship in the last dozen years. The Astros had claimed the 2015 crown

the previous spring by beating the always tough Cards.

So thinking the Astros and Cardinals may meet up in the D-I title contest yet again this spring is a pretty strong bet, and coach O'Reilly's intention is to have his boys playing in that big game no matter who the opposition is.

And Pinkerton will be well equipped for that drive, with a number of important players back in the fold and solid crews on both the front and back lines.

"With several key returners our expectations are to compete for a championship. This team has a high

lacrosse IQ and solid skills. Cohesive units on defense and attack will be a strength," said the coach, who begins his 35th season at the Pinkerton lax coaching post while being able to boast of a pretty incredible 508-136 career record.

Among the key returnees from a 2016 Astro contingent which went 20-1 overall are point-producing machines and attacks Chris Valentine (a junior) and Ryan Auger (sophomore).

Youngster Auger was good for 43 goals and 42 assists for 85 points last spring, and Valentine produced 53 goals and 15 helpers for 68 points. Auger also collected all-state honors, as did his fellow returnees Tom Sweeney (junior midfielder), Ryan Albrecht (senior defender), and Alex Sturgess (junior goalie).

Other returning starters include seniors Kyle Fortier (defense) and Nick Coombs (middle).

Other returning lettermen include seniors Brandon Tetler (middle), Connor Delea (middle), Adam Morin (middle), Sam Goudreault (defense), and junior Matt



Pinkerton lacrosse standout Chris Valentine tries to decide whether to pass or shoot during an Astros' tourney win over Concord last spring.

Newman (middle).

The Astros' big crew of promising newcomers includes juniors Josh McCormack (attacker), Nathan Landry (middle), Mike Gorham (defense), and Cam Leborgne (goalie), sophomores Owen McCormack (middle), Gennaro Marra (middle), Shawn Tewksbury (middle), Jacob McAdams (middle), Cam Gagnon (de-

fense), and Jack Sweeney (goalie), and freshmen Nathan Laliberte (middle), Mason Drouin (middle), Chad Teresky (attack), and Dom Zirn (defense).

Weather permitting, the Pinkerton laxmen will get their 2017 season officially under way next Monday, April 10, at home against the Merrimack High Tomahawks.

Softball

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way they can.

Coach Kristen Abbott's 2017 academy crew includes seniors Abby Amato (at shortstop), Nicole Gonya (second base), Caitlin Hogan (outfield), Jess Nardoza (outfield), and Carrie St. Peter (pitcher). The two returning junior starters are third baseman Briahna Janulewicz and catcher Makayla Bolduc, and the other returning varsity player is sophomore catcher Amanda Lindquist.

The newcomers to the Pinkerton varsity softball

fold include sophomores Sarah Amato (first base/outfield), Emily Connors (pitcher), Hannah Frazier (outfield), and Alyssa Oullette (pitcher), and freshmen Alyssa DiMauro (infield/outfield) and Mattie Sullivan (outfield).

When asked to outline her keys to a successful season for her 2017 Lady Astros, coach Abbott responded, "Developing the team's skills and knowledge of the game, and really making sure they understand the game and the situations that arise. Having them realize their potential and reaching it together to exemplify what

our program is about. Having fun and teaching them to always have respect and love for the game. And I want them to create the tempo this season and really excel together. We are putting an emphasis on rising up from challenges."

In looking at the makeup of Division I softball this spring, coach Abbott stated that she expects Timberlane of Plaistow, Alvirne of Hudson, and the Londonderry High Lady Lancers - against whom the Pinkerton contingent will begin its new season next week - to vie for the top positions.

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Former PA Astro Athletic Stars Shine on at Worcester Polytechnic

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Athletics, academics, and sportsmanship are three areas in which Pinkerton Academy takes great pride. And four former Pinkerton student/athletes were recently recognized for their abilities in those areas at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

Swimmers Tori Claverie and Hendrick Suwirjo, wrestler Tyler Wilson, and softball player Natalie Fabrizio have all collected honors at their Bay State school since February, giving fellow Pinkerton alums and the folks presently involved with the school still more reasons to puff out their chests with pride.

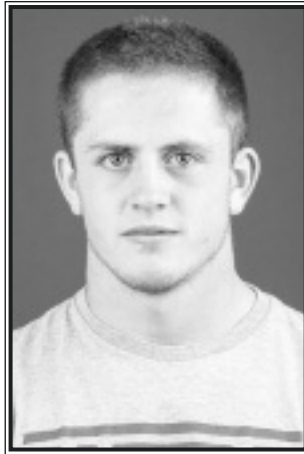
In late February, former Astros' swimming star Suwirjo was named an Academic All-New England Women's and Men's Athletic



Former PA swimming star Tori Claverie excelled at WPI this winter.



Ex-Pinkerton swimming standout Hendrick Suwirjo tallied an award at WPI.



Former PA wrestling star Tyler Wilson stood out on mats and in class at WPI.



Ex-PA softballer Natalie Fabrizio is excelling at WPI so far this spring.

Conference (NEWMAC) selection for his strong work in the classroom. All in all, some 28 WPI student/athletes managed the impressive feat, with the mens' swimming and diving contingent being particularly well represented.

Suwirjo, a sophomore swimmer who specializes in the backstroke for the

Engineers, was a first-time recipient of the award, which is given to student/athletes who have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.35 on a 5.0 scale after the 2016 fall semester, achieved second-year academic status at their institution, and been a member of a varsity team for

the entire season.

The former swimming star's efforts in the pool during the 2016-17 season were certainly nothing to scoff at either. He tallied a top personal time of 24.20 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle at the Cougar Invitational at Clark University there in Worcester in early February, had a 52.88 in the 100 free at that same event, and a 1 minute, 10.12 second finish in the 100-yard breaststroke at that competition. He also notched personal bests of 58.07 in the 100-yard backstroke, a time of 2 minutes and 10.47 seconds in the 200 back, and a 58.44 in the 100-yard butterfly at WPI's own Gompei's Invitational in December.

Suwirjo's former fellow Pinkerton swimming standout Claverie completed her fine swimming career at the Massachusetts school by making a little history.

She became one of four WPI winter student/athletes to be named to the inaugural NEWMAC All-Sportsman-

ship Team, which was announced as part of the league's revamped post-season award program in mid-March.

The award is intended to recognize one student-athlete from each team in every sport who best demonstrates the ideals of the NEWMAC and its code of conduct, regardless of his or her overall performance or statistics for the season.

But sprint freestyle competitor Claverie wasn't a slouch in the pool either, helping the Lady Engineers to a program-best second place finish at the NEWMAC championships.

At that major event, the former Lady Astro stalwart was a member of the WPI 400-yard freestyle relay quartet which snagged runner-up status in its B race.

Former Astro wrestling standout Wilson made significant contributions to the 12-12 season of the WPI contingent, and his hard work on the mats and in the classroom paid off with an

award.

Two-thirds of the Engineers' wrestling roster and all 10 weight classes were accounted for as Wilson and a bunch of teammates were named Academic All-New England Wrestling Association selections in March.

To make Academic All-NEWA, a WPI wrestler must have been a major contributor to the team and have a GPA over 3.00, and 165-pound sophomore grappler Wilson managed both feats.

Wilson contributed wins to the Engineers' second place team finishes at both the Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) Tournament and the Scott Viera Invitational at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

And in spring sports action, former Pinkerton softball standout Natalie Fabrizio has been making news on the nationally-ranked WPI women's contingent recently.

The junior outfielder was recently named the WPI Women's Student-Athlete of the Week after batting a white-hot .667 during the first week of the campaign, including a 3-for-4 performance in the season-opener versus Thiel College. The ex-Lady Astro also drew a walk against Simmons and scored a run in each of those games.

Through 16 games, Fabrizio was batting just under the .300 mark overall for her 9-7 team, with six runs batted in and six runs scored. She had also stolen two bases.

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Kids Fish Derby

Derry Lions annual Kids Fish Derby will be taking place at Hood Pond in Derry on May 6, from 8 a.m. until noon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is no charge for entrants although donations are accepted to defray the cost of stocking the pond. Kids from 2-3 years old to age 15 can fish without a license and be eligible for trophies in several fish categories including largest fish and smallest fish. The first 100 participants will receive a ribbon to commemorate their day of fishing. There will be raffles and other assorted giveaways for the kids. Some light refreshments, soda and water will be available at the refreshment stand.

Head Start Preschool Accepting Applications

The Derry Head Start program is now taking applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Children must be 3 by September 30 and the family must meet income guidelines. Classes meet Monday through Friday mornings from September to June with breakfast and lunch included. For more information or to complete an application call Kathleen at 668-8010 ext. 6098

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in April: April 9, Dinner at the Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, 5 to 6:30 p.m., call 432-2130 for more information; April 15, Dinner at St. Luke's Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, 5 to 6:30 p.m., call 434-4767 for more information; April 16, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, 5 to 6:15 p.m., call 432-0004 for more information; April 20, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 5 to 6 p.m., call 432-1350 for more information; April 23, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, 9 to 10 a.m., call 432-2130 for more

information; April 26, Spaghetti Dinner at First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, call 434-0628 for more information; and April 30, Lunch at Lions Club in Londonderry, 435 Mammoth Road, provided by St. Jude parish, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., call 432-3333 for more information. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

Lifeway Easter Fest

Join us at LifeWay Church this Easter for a Free Family Festival for kids, teens, and adults! Interactive resurrection story, Egg Hunt, Cycle Stunt Show, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, and more on Sunday, April 16, at 5 Hood Rd. Derry.

Risk of Fentanyl

Narconon wants to educate families on the new escalated risk Fentanyl has added to opiate abuse. Fentanyl has been found to be 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin and has a greatly increased chance of overdose. Learn more about the new dangers of opiate addiction and the details on Fentanyl. Learn more by visiting narcononnewliferetr eat.org/blog/fentanyl-laced-heroin-worsening-overdose-crisis.html

Jayme's Fund

Jayme's Fund Sat., April 8, 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., at Tupelo Music Hall. Buy tickets at tickets.tupelohall.com, for Jayme's Fund for Social Justice welcomes everyone for a concert with Entrain! For more information, visit jaymesfund.org.

Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show

The 24th annual Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show will be taking place April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Keene Rec-Center's Multi-Purpose Room, located at 312 Washington St, Keene NH. There will be a \$5 cover charge, \$1 for children under 16 and seniors over 75. Events include a mini XP Deus Boot camp, and 6 other workshops, contests, historical & valuable

find displays, and charity silent auction (also benefiting the Wounded Warriors & Dublin Christian Academy). For more information, please visit www.streeter.org.

Parent and Teen Workshops

The Upper Room will hold a workshop, "A Turn In the Road - Distracted Driving" Mon., April 10, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. and Drugs, Alcohol and You - Your Choice" Mon., May 11, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at its facility, 36 Tsienneto Road. Cost is \$10 per family. Teens are welcome to attend with parents. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

School Budgeting Workshop

School budgeting workshop April 22 hosted by School District Governance Association of NH. Guest Speaker, Peter Bragdon past President of the New Hampshire State Senate, past Executive Director of NH HealthTrust. This event is designed to benefit elected school district officials, but the public is also welcome by advance registration. A continental breakfast will be provided. Sat., April 22. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 749 East Industrial Park Dr. Manchester, NH. Advance Registration is Required Registration fee: \$10 SDGA members, \$15 Guests. Registration contact: azgreen@cmcast.net, 603-218-9910.

The Run for Healing.

The 5K Run & 3K Walk is a fun, affordable, family event to be held Sun. May 7 at 2 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years. The number 18 translates to "life" in Hebrew. Sign up at NH4Israel.org before April 21 for your free t-shirt. See you at the starting line!

Run for Freedom 5K

Tue. 6 p.m. & Sat. at 8:30 a.m. from May 9 to July 4, starts an 8 week program designed to help train anyone who has ever wanted to try to run a 5k (3.1 mile) road race. Training starts off slowly and

progresses with the goal of running in the Run for Freedom 5k on July 4 in Derry, NH. This is the only known FREE Couch to 5k training program in NH. Receive a free t-shirt to wear during the race as well as a free membership to the Greater Derry Track Club. Please go to www.gdtc.org to register

Easter Egg Hunt

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 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 pre-school 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 jennm@derrypl.org

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. 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.

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.

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 or call 603-432-6140.

CASA of NH

On April 10, from 1 - 3 p.m. Support group/in-service training for CASA volunteers who work out of the Derry Family Court. Held in Meeting Room B at the Derry Public Library. For more information contact Heather Raymond at 603-626-4600 x2117 or haymond@casanh.org

Ballroom Dancing

The Londonderry United Methodist Church at 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry

offers learning to Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Tango and others on Thursday nights, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. beginning April 13. Cost is \$5 per person, per session. For all dance related questions, phone instructor 603-537-0799.

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 lightboxreg.com/the-upper-room-race-for-families-turrrf.

Book Sale

On April 8, from 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. Hardcover are \$1/ea, paperbacks are \$.50. We have a large selection of almost new books and other items. All proceeds from the sale go to the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and provide museum passes and program funding to both the Derry Public Library and the Taylor Library. For more information, call 432-6140.



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