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Town Reevaluates Solar Energy System for Transfer Station

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Attempts to establish a solar panel array for Derry's Transfer Station got a second chance at earning approval during the Town Council's latest meeting on Jan. 2.

The plan for the system has been an ongoing project for the past few months, led by the likes of the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee, Net Zero Task Force Committee and Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon.

Costing three hundred thousand dollars to kick start the project, the system would consist of two hundred and forty ground mounted, three hundred and

sixty watt panels. Insured to last at least twenty five years, the system would produce roughly fifty thousand kilowatts per hour (kWh) for the Transfer Station and another one hundred and five thousand, two hundred kWh for the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Furthermore, on top of receiving three thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars annually via Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and causing no impact to the tax rate, the resolution asserted that avoid over twenty thousand dollars worth of costs annually within just over a decade.

However, when the plan was put forth for

approval by the council back on Dec. 19, it failed to receive enough votes to be confirmed, losing with four vote for, and three votes against, as several councilors did not believe that the project would be economically viable as presented.

But since then, Councilor Charles Foote, one of the three councilors to vote against the plan, requested that the council reconsider the vote during this latest meeting.

Foote established near the beginning of the meeting that prior to the first vote, many residents reached out to him and opposed the plan. Having run for his position as a

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Derry to Get Charging Station, Conservation Land Harvested

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One of Derry's hottest pizzerias, Sal's Pizza, is currently in the middle of getting some major renovations, but has unfortunately come across a snag, as was discussed during the Planning Board's latest meeting on Jan. 3.

Back on July 6 of last year, the board had granted the owner, Salvatore Lupoli, conditional approval for a site plan that would demolish the current building on the corner of Lenox Road and Crystal Avenue. In its place would be an updated model currently being adopted by other Sal's Pizza locations, covering over twenty two hundred square,

featuring a larger kitchen and seating area on the inside, as well as brick walls and larger windows on the outside.

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However, Phil McCabe,

a representative for Sal's Pizza, came before the board on January 3 requesting their third extension on the site plan. According to McCabe, the extension is required due to some major construction work recently performed in preparation for the new building. Construction crews needed to excavate a sort of test pit on the side of Crystal Avenue to both determine the depth of a local conduit encased in concrete and the potential for drainage based on the elevation of the parcel.

But considering both the time of year and the rather poor weather Derry has been experiencing as of late, no more permits for this sort of construction are being grant-

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FRIGID FISHIN'

Hearty outdoorsman Jeff Benoit braved the single digit temperatures and below zero windchill on Beaver Lake Sunday, Jan. 7 for a little ice fishing. Benoit and a handful of other anglers were having good luck catching fish in the extremely cold temperatures.

Photo by Chris Paul

Exit 4A Study Continues, Timeline Slowed Down a Bit

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

The updated exit 4A environmental impact study funded by the towns of Derry and Londonderry to the tune of 5 million dollars each is nearing completion. A 2007 draft environmental impact study was found to be outdated and partially

inaccurate by the time funding was secured for the widening project and had to be updated. The study by CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Manchester will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration for review next spring.

Officials had previously hoped that the study would be complete by this month.

The current estimate for completion is now April of 2108.

One area of concern that is slowing the process is salt reduction. Any exit option will add salt according to Derry Public Works Director, Mike Fowler, but the area around Beaver Brook has a low salt usage man-

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Home Close To Downtown Area and Crystal Avenue Up For Sale

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One of Derry's older buildings, located at the heart of town, is currently set to go up for auction soon.

Currently being possessed by James R. St. Jean Auctioneers in Epping, the conventional style home was built in 1910 and lies on 12 Laurel Street, situated on roughly .07 acres of land. It is just off of Crystal Avenue and situated between businesses such as Moo's Place Homemade Ice Cream, Exotic 9 Nails and Sal's Pizza, as well as

the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish church. Furthermore, it is a short walking distance from the Downtown area.

The house itself contains one and three quarter stories and around one thousand, sixty square feet for its gross leasable area. Within the home are five rooms, three bedrooms, one bathroom and an unfinished basement, on top of vinyl siding, an open front porch and oil/forced hot air heating. The home is currently served by the town water and sewer systems and currently has an assessed

value of one hundred and forty four thousand, two hundred dollars. It faced taxes in 2017 of four thousand, one hundred and sixty two dollars.

The auction is set to take place on Jan. 24 at 3 p.m., or Jan. 25 in the case of severe weather, at the site of the building. A preview of the home can be requested by contacting the Auctioneer prior to or even on the day of the sale up to 2 p.m.

There must be a minimum deposit of five thousand dollars by cash, certified check, bank check or other form of payment at

the time of sale and a balance due within thirty days, as well as a 7.5 buyer's premium payable to the auctioneer that is due at the closing of the auction. Other terms may be announced at the time of the sale and the Town of Derry reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The sale of the house is subject to town confirmation and will be conveyed by Quitclaim Deed.

It will also be sold "As Is, Where Is" and is subject to all outstanding liens, if any.

For more information, please visit jsjauctions.com.



This home at 12 Laurel Street is scheduled to be auctioned off on Jan. 24 at 3 p.m.

Solar System

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non-partisan candidate and wanting to keep the public's opinion in mind above all else, their opinions are what led to his prior vote.

"Personally, I'm not opposed to this, but I was in a torn situation last meeting", Foote noted.

But since then, Foote received more feedback

from residents, many in favor of the solar plan. As such, Foote requested that the council take a second vote on the matter, but only after having received a more in-depth presentation on what the plan would bring to Derry.

Thus, Michael Fowler, Derry's Director of Public Works, as well as a representative from Granite State Solar, Erik Shifflett,

came before the council to go into more detail about the project. During his presentation, Shifflett established that the panels would be rear-conducted models that were manufactured by LG and were of the highest quality possible, so much so that he even has some installed at his own home.

More importantly to the councilors was Shifflett's overview of the fiscal aspect of the plan, wherein he explained that the general fund would cover the

costs of the project over the next ten years, on top of a three percent interest rate. The waterworks would then pay back to the general fund payments based on the electricity produced by the panels, leading to a minor tax decrease of one cent per year.

There would also be a ten thousand dollar decommission fee if the town chose to cut off the system at any time, but Shifflett finished by noting that based on various scenarios concerning inflation, the

project could possibly save the town anywhere from three hundred thousand dollars to over four hundred and seventy thousand dollars on energy over twenty five years.

The council still had numerous questions for the pair, including specifics about the technology of the system and one particular question from Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores about why they were unable to use US manufacturers of solar panels. To this, Shifflett admitted that the US market for solar panels is not in the best of shape and they simply wanted to use

the best, most effective products for their projects.

"If there was a way for us to put American made panels on here...we would do it", Shifflett stated.

But the discussion ended on a much more positive note than previously, with councilors such as Richard Tripp, who had also previously voted against the project, thanking the two for their presentation, noting that it was far more informative than previous ones.

In the end, the council unanimously approved the project, which is expected to start during the spring.



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Derry Hosts Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Competition

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The Derry Opera House was recently host to one of the final phases for a very prestigious contest, as the Distinguished Young Women organization held the New Hampshire and Vermont State Finals for its High School Seniors Scholarship program on Jan. 7.

Hosted by 1991 New Hampshire State Winner Michelle Tolson, the program has been working since the 1950s to offer life skills training to young women, empowering them and preparing them physical and mentally for a successful future and education. Already, the program has managed to give out over one hundred and four million dollars in scholarships for over one hundred applicable colleges.

Amongst the four New Hampshire finalists were Sophia Joyal, a Nursing and Speech Pathology major from Laconia, Isabelle Richard, a Physical Therapy major from Timberlane, Lidia Balanovich, an Environmental Research major from Nashua, and Tyler Prather, a Civil Rights Law major from Alvirine. Also amongst their ranks Alexia White, the sole participant from Vermont and an Ele-

mentary Education major from Green Mountain Union.

The five contestants were judged on five different criteria, two of which were tested prior to the beginning of the event, as their scholastic abilities were judged by considering their grade point average and standardized test skills, amongst other elements, while their interview skills were tested in ten minute interviews with the competitions six different judges.

Each of these judges brought something different to their position in order to test each competitor on as wide a scale as possible. Included were classically trained dancer Lynn-Diane Briggs, published author and journalist Cathy Burnham Martin, English and Humanities teacher Matthew O'Brien, wireless solutions provider Program Manager Kevin Shea, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for Worcester State University Lois Wims and Sign Language teacher Laurie Gilbert.

After a quick opening number that allowed the audience to witness the five contestants, the other three judging criteria were tested in separate contests. First up was the self expression portion, where each girl was

asked a question based on their aspirations and were judged on their grace, demeanor, communication skills and self-confidence.

Next up was the talent competition. Each contestant not only showcased solid aptitude in their presentation of choice, but also a solid variety amongst each act, whether it was a sign language soliloquy from Joyal, a dance number from Richard or White performing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow on the ukulele.

Finally, the five girls competed in a fitness presentation, where each competitor executed a choreographed set of moves while being judged for their agility, coordination, strength and stamina.

While the judges stepped aside to make their final decision, the audience was also shown performances by both Katrina Wilson, the New Hampshire Distinguished Young Woman of 2017, and Skye Bork, the Distinguished Young Woman of America of 2017. Wilson, as well as the Vermont Distinguished Young Woman of 2017, Mara Senecal-Albrecht, also came forward to give speeches about their time during the past year as the title winners and preparing to pass the torch to the new

winners.

To cap off the night, scholarships ranging from one hundred to two hundred dollars were given out to most of the girls, first off for each individual category, with Balanovich winning scholarships for scholastic and self-expression skills, Richard winning two for fitness and interview skills and Joyal winning one for talent.

However, the major winners of the night were White, who became the Distinguished Young Woman for Vermont, and Balanovich, who became the Distinguished Young Woman for New Hampshire. Both also won five hundred



New Hampshire Distinguished Young Woman Lidia Balanovich, right, being presented her award by the previous year's winner, Katrina Wilson

Photo by Alex Guittarr

dollar scholarships for their efforts and are expected to compete at the national level in June in Mobile, Alabama.

Derry Man Sentenced for Cocaine Trafficking

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

A Derry man has been sentenced to over seven years in prison for cocaine trafficking. Edwin Ruiz, 30, was arrested on Dec. 1, 2016 after being stopped while driving by Manchester Police. Ruiz was arrested after officers searched the car and found \$8,264 and almost 800 grams of cocaine.

That much cocaine weighs just under two pounds.

Ruiz was taken to court last September and pleaded guilty to "possessing cocaine with intent to distribute," according to a press release by the Department of Justice.



Edwin Ruiz

Acting U.S. Attorney John Farley said, "As we continue to fight against the deadly problems posed by opioids, the law enforcement community also remains committed to working together to stop the distribution of other dangerous illegal drugs."

Captain Vernon Thomas of the Derry Police Department reported that despite Ruiz being a resident, the town's police did not have any involvement in the case. Instead, it was investigated by the Manchester Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

"I commend the work of the law enforcement officers in this case," said Farley of the Manchester Police. "Their efforts prevented a substantial quantity of cocaine from being distributed in the Granite State."

Ruiz was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Georgiana Konesky. All of the money found in his car was forfeited to the United States.

Exit 4A

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date because Beaver Brook is currently listed as an impaired waterway by the Environmental Protection Agency due to past road salt usage.

Fowler is optimistic that the brook will be removed from that listing within the year, pointing out improvements in salt usage techniques in recent years. "In the old days salt usage was not even meas-

ured. Now, with rising costs of salt, [improved] driver education, and brine use, this has all come together to reduce salt use overall." Said Fowler.

The communities of Derry, Londonderry, Windham and Salem have joined efforts to make the reduction of salt use a priority in watershed areas impacted by the Interstate 93 widening project.

After completion of the study, the Federal Highway Administration has

120 days to review the study and recommend a route for exit 4A. After that 18 to 24 months of work securing permits will begin. This means that construction on Exit 4a will begin between late 2019 and the middle of 2020.

Numerous routes have been proposed, with the clear front runner connecting Interstate 93 to North High street at Ash Street

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Editorial

Celebrating A Milestone

It isn't hard to find news of the impending death of print newspapers. The last year has seen the closure of major dailies across the country, and closer to home, at least one daily in the state and several weeklies have shut their doors, even as others have cut their frequency of publication.

So it's a piece of good news to recognize the 18 year anniversary this week of the Londonderry Times, the original newspaper of Nutfield Publishing, LLC's three publications.

In these days of economic hardship and business closure, the Londonderry Times is going strong, continuing in its founding tradition of printing news its hometown readers can use, with the goal of building a stronger sense of community.

What started literally in the basement of a Londonderry home has expanded into a company that has never lost touch with its roots, or with its desire to help the community find out what's going on. With knowledge, as the saying goes, comes power, and great responsibility to educate the people on what is happening in the town encourage people to get involved/to take action and in Londonderry, that knowledge has oftentimes translated into powerful action, as residents reacted to stories of their neighbors' problems by offering help, and responded to gaps in services by stepping in to provide them.

These days, many communities are

realizing just how much of a hole opens up when they lose their newspaper. When is deliberative session? When is softball registration? When does the garden club meet? What's the town council's stance on an issue?

Sure, you can find most of those answers by making a series of phone calls if you know to ask about or searching online if you know what you are looking for. That excludes the residents without Internet service, of course, and most of us don't have the patience to do all that research or the time. So for many, local news falls by the wayside, and a sense of community and traditions falls away as well. As time passes, fewer and fewer people know about town events, fewer and fewer participate, and fewer and fewer bother to care or take action, very sad.

There are plenty of things we don't miss until they're gone, and a community newspaper is a big one of them.

Founder and publisher Deb Paul said she wants her newspapers to have heart. We hope you'll be part of that community connection we've forged between the Londonderry Times and its readers, as we move forward into our 18 years for being a part of your life and community.

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Letters

Letter to Editor

How encouraging it was last Tues. night to witness a bipartisan group of public officials working cooperatively with one another to come to agreement about an issue which has good potential to benefit the Town of Derry. Our Derry Town Council is to be commended for working together so well.

Last month a proposal to establish a solar project at the Derry Transfer Station was voted down. A number of Councillors indicated that they voted "NO" last month because they felt that they did not have enough information to make a decision.

After that vote Councillors started hearing directly from the public. Last night Councillor Foote, who originally voted "NO", proposed that the vote be reconsidered so that the Councillors could have more specific info on the project. Council Chairman Bourdon accepted responsibility for having both our Public Works Director and the Granite State Solar vendor available this time to provide specific information about the project and to answer any and all questions.

The public was provided an opportunity to speak. NH Rep. John O'Connor was in attendance in the audience,

and I thank him for publicly speaking in support of the project. The Councillors had an opportunity to ask the experts all the questions they needed to ask in order to make an informed decision. All this was done in a very respectful manner and ultimately the vote last night was unanimous in favor of the project.

Thank you to Councillor Foote and all the Council members, to Chairman Bourdon, and to Public Works Director Michael Fowler for a job well done.

Corinne Dodge
Derry NH

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Derry Public Library Hosts Winter Reading Challenge

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The cold weather and frigid snow may be a boon to many seeking to spend some quality time outside, but it is weather like this that makes it ideal to curl up by the fire with a good book.

And in order to encourage Derry residents to crack open a book and expand their minds, the Derry Public Library is currently holding its second annual Winter Reading Challenge.

According to library employee Courtney Wason, this challenge was thrown together in order to encourage adults to get some reading done during these cold months, as they already have challenges for both children and teenagers at the library.

"Everyone should have something to look forward to during the winter months", Wason noted.

The challenge consists of nine objectives to under-

take, including reading a nonfiction title, reading something by a New Hampshire author, reading a book that was turned into a movie, reading from the Young Adult collection in the library and reading from the library's "new" shelf.

The objectives also expand beyond just reading a book of your choice, as takers of the challenge can also share a recipe from one of the libraries cookbooks, ask someone for a graphic novel recommendation or digging into the poetry department.

And if you have any ideas for books that you think might interest others, the library encourages you to post your suggestions on the bulletin board near the libraries elevator or send a suggestion to derrylib@der-rypl.org.

By looking at the list of objectives, it is clear that the challenge is pretty varied. That is because the library is

hoping to expand people's horizons and get them to step outside of their comfort zones so that they might come across something amazing that they never would have considered before.

"We want people to read something that's new and fresh to them", Wason stated.

But on top of all the great books participants will be able to read during the challenge, for each objective they complete, they will receive a raffle ticket. On the last day of the challenge, three people will receive a ten dollar gift card to the Coffee Factory, while one person will win a Roku Streaming Stick, which allows you to stream everything from TV and movies to news and music to your TV.

Those willing to participate can pick up a sheet and the subsequent raffle tickets at the Derry Public Library. The challenge will extend until Feb. 17.

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Destination Imagination Teams STEAM Ahead Despite Frigid Temps

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's not every day a kid will venture out on a freezing Saturday to learn the best way to build a tower made of straws and cups, but for some local students, going to the Destination Imagination "DIve In!" workshop is worth every chilly step to get there.

"It's a great way to get all your random ideas out," said Alea Millis. She is on the Londonderry Middle School Destination Imagination team with Nathan Anderson, Rebecca Buckley, Matthew Villineau and Rowan Romanauskas (who was absent). Meeting new people and trying new things is what brings the kids back year after year.

Buckley said she keeps coming back to the team because, "you get to do challenges that help you be creative and use your brain. It's fun!"

Kids from all over the state gathered at Southern New Hampshire University for a workshop on creativity, team building and problem-solving through the New Hampshire Destination Imagination program, or NH-DI for short. It's a way for students from kindergarten through college to participate in groups of 2 to 7 to work on standards-based challenges that broaden their thinking and help them develop new skills. The challenges are designed to push the limits of students in STEAM education. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

NH-DI is an after school

program that has been around for decades. Some millennial-aged parents may remember when it was called "Odyssey of the Mind." A few changes have been made to the program since those days, but the general focus of solving themed challenges is the same. There are seven Team Challenges kids can choose from as their main project, Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Service Learning and Early Learning (for the little ones).

The groups involved compete in regional competitions across the state by completing a Team Challenge and an Instant Challenge, which is timed. The winners go on to the Global Finals at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"We'll have around 2000 students from NH in competition from about 100 schools," said Wayne Kurtzman. He, like so many others, volunteers his time to the program. The adults who dedicate themselves to NH-DI either become involved because of their children, or are alumni of the program.

Sushmita Anand has been managing her team for four years. Her son, Nitin is on the team from Barka Elementary in Derry. He and six other students, Gabrielle Holt, Zoey Li, Declan Collins, Dylan Rousseau, Levi Bethine and Megan Carnahan were busy trying to work on the Instant Challenge of building a structure from things like paper cups, foil and plastic straws. The goal was to have the structure fit in

five circles drawn out on a piece of cardboard. The kids sit around their design with Anand standing back, letting them figure it out for themselves. During the workshop, the Team Managers are able to help and offer advice, but once the students go to the real competition, they are on their own.

"I think it's a fantastic program. It teaches them accountability and teamwork," said Anand. "Those are all real world skills... it helps them be successful."

The third grade team from Hampstead Central School was happy to try something different. "I thought it would be interesting," said Angelina Abruzzese. "I tried something new!" Her Team Manager, Meredith Eyre is trying her hand at leading an NH-DI team. She got involved because she thought her daughter, McKenna, would enjoy it.

"My daughter likes the hands on and I wanted to see more girls get involved," said Eyre.

Four of the five students were able to attend the workshop, Eyre, Abruzzese, Julian Malcolm and Andrew Conti. Tighe Wisecarver was absent.

But it's not just the younger ones that get into the fun. Londonderry High School's team also participated in the workshop. They have all been doing NH-DI since elementary school, according to their



Students from the Barka Elementary School work on an "Instant Challenge" of building a tower at the Destination Imagination workshop at Southern New Hampshire University.
Photo by Katie O'Donnell

Team Manager, Bill O'Connor. After the team was done practicing the Instant Challenge, the group broke off to participate in some of the more focused classes.

Jillian Fitzgibbeons and Gillian Lynch decided to work on their theater arts skills, saying they wanted to use the opportunity to become better at the production side of challenges. The girls explained that one of the aspects to the Team Challenge is a skit that the students write, act and produce themselves.

Jimmy Fitzgibbeons and Ian Goodspeed attended a class that was focused on using microprocessors to create patterns with LEDs and sound. They were taught by fellow high

schoolers from the Seacoast School of Technology. When their processor finally worked, it played the "Imperial March" from Star Wars.

"We're going to take what we learned and focus it into our solutions," said Goodspeed.

The countdown to competition starts now. Teams started preparing in the fall for the regional competitions in March. From there, they can move onto the NH-DI State Finals before, hopefully, making their way

to Global Finals in May.

In the last three years, students from Londonderry, Derry and Hampstead have all sent teams to the Global Finals. The Granite State has a proud history of sending 40 teams there every year, according to Kurtzman. Once there, teams compete against kids from 48 other states and 30 countries.

Parents interested in getting their kids involved next year, or even volunteering themselves can learn more at nh-di.org.

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Sal's Pizza Looks For Extension to Site Plan For Updated Building

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But considering both the time of year and the rather poor weather Derry has been experiencing, no more permits for this sort of construction are being granted, meaning that getting the full results from the test pit are impossible until the spring.

None the less, McCabe was still very excited to continue the business relationship with Derry and expects that they will be able to

break ground by the spring, as long as everything else goes according to plan.

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Pinkerton Students Place in State Foreign Language Competition



From left, Joe Novotny, Evan Kotulak and Samantha Brillhart after their victories at the Hanover High School Foreign Language Recitation Contest on Dec. 14.

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy continues to show the strength and potential of its students, this time in the subject of foreign language, as three students recently managed to place in the Hanover High School Foreign Language Recitation Contest on Dec. 14.

Two of these students, sophomore Joe Novotny and freshman Evan Kotulak, competed in the German portion of the competition, with Novotny taking a silver medal and Kotulak taking gold, while senior Samantha Brillhart won a bronze medal in Latin.

The statewide contest revolved around the over two hundred and seventy competitors memorizing a short poem, speech, monologue or song from the language of their choice, sometimes even using props and costumes to set the mood, while judges focus on how the students managed their pronunciation, stage presence, delivery and memo-

rization. Latin students were only judged on the former two criteria.

One of the individuals instrumental in this success, aside from the students, was Judell Schlachter, a German teacher for Pinkerton and the teacher for both Novotny and Kotulak. Taking a liking to teaching poetry during her time, Schlachter spends her time both in and out of school training students to memorize and properly speech these poems.

As the recitation contest began to close in last year, Schlachter had noticed that not only were Novotny and Kotulak excelling at their poems of choice, but that their selected poems were also some of the pieces being accepted for recitation for the competition. Seeing how well they were performing, she advised that the two students join the contest and the rest is history.

"Their accents are near native", Schlachter noted.

But Schlachter argued that the one teacher that

played the greatest role in all of this was foreign language teacher Kurt Hastings. Although the Hanover competition has been going on for over forty years, Pinkerton has not really been involved that much until Hastings involvement. For the past five years, he has led the charge to get students interested again in the contest. And as a result, roughly seventeen students, mainly speakers of French and Latin, competed from Pinkerton, in contrast to only three during Hastings first year of involvement.

"He has really grown the participation for this event", Schlachter stated.

Hastings mentioned that he has taken pride in just about every phase of preparations for the contest, from training students on how to memorize and recite their selection to seeing how far they have come by the end to even visiting Dartmouth College and local cultural monuments in the area while in Hanover.

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Winter Festivities and Games Hosted at Londonderry YMCA

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Sledding, skiing and snowball fights are all the rage with kids during this time of year, but they are only some of the vast amount of activities that local kids can be a part of, as was shown during the Londonderry YMCA Winter Carnival event on Jan. 7.

Taking place for the very first time, the event serves as an opener to the winter sports season for the organization, helping to give kids a taste of what the season will have to offer them and keeping them active during a time that is usually harder to stay active in than other months.

For the children looking to head outside and brace the chilly temperatures in order to have some fun, they could take a shot at snow-

shoeing through the deep powder surrounding the building or use colorful substances to perform snow-painting, spelling their names and carving out various shapes in the snow.

But if the cold became too much for the kids, there were plenty of other activities for them to join in on inside. Downstairs, the kids could play Pin the Tail on the Snowman or use cotton and other supplies to build their own miniature snowman, while the upper floor had Snowball Fight Gaga, which was essentially a take on dodge ball where participants could only aim for an opponent's legs, and a hot chocolate bar. Finally, kids could also search around the building for a series of hidden snowmen and earn various prizes upon finding them all.

Melissa Mason, the

Camp Director for the Londonderry YMCA, noted that although this only the first time they had done this event, it was still a roaring success amongst the dozens of participating children.

"They're having a good time", Mason noted.

But the event also served a greater purpose beyond simply helping kids enjoy the season. It was also a chance for members of the YMCA Leaders Club to work to grow their leadership skills. Designed as a development program for teens ages eleven to eighteen, members work together during various events to learn about community building and volunteer service.

One such member, Leo Zupokfska, lent his help throughout the event to guide children to various events and has been more



Kids and parents at the YMCA Winter Festival brave the harsh cold to paint various shapes in the snow.

Photo by Alex Guittarr

than proud to be a part of the Leaders Club. Originally working for the YMCA's Summer Club, he was eventually encouraged by one of the leaders of a similar Win-

ter Club in Manchester to join in on the Leader's Club and has been a solid member of it ever since, taking pride in helping kids with experiences that he can relate to

and seeing other children positively impacted by his help.

"You get to really share your experiences with them," Zupokfska stated.

Pinkerton Student Honored For Frightening Short Story

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton has always been full of creative geniuses, honing their skills to one day reveal their craft to the world. And for one student, such recognition has already come her way.

That student, Eve Hodgdon, was recently honored by the organization Young Writers for her untitled story, or "mini-saga" that she submitted as a part of one of their latest writing competitions, entitled Spine-Chillers.

Young Writers was created in 1991 in eastern England and has now branched out all over the world to encourage and promote literacy and creative writing amongst children through a variety of contests that

extend from elementary school to high school, challenging them on everything from poetry to short stories.

Their latest contest, Spine-Chillers, asked students to write a story in only one hundred words that incorporated elements of atmosphere, tension and suspense. Aimed at both middle schools and high schools, Young Writers received over forty five hundred submissions from the east coast to the west coast. And the winners from New Hampshire, including Hodgdon, will have their stories featured in a special publication called "Spine-Chillers - Tales from New Hampshire".

But although Hodgdon confidently showcased her abilities in this contest, that has not always been the way those close to her would

describe her. Deb Kneisley, Hodgdon's English teacher and one of her biggest supporters, noted that she normally been very shy throughout her time at Pinkerton. However, writing has always been a big part of her life.

"She's been a writer ever since she was a little girl", Kneisley noted.

Always having taken a liking to writing dark fiction and showing promise with conveying ideas such as symbolism, Kneisley felt that the competition was right up Hodgdon's alley.

And despite her shy nature in the past, it would appear contests like this have already had a tremendous impact on the student, as she currently part of Pinkerton's journalism program and has already sub-



Eve Hodgdon, pictured alongside Deb Kneisley, English Department Chair Peter Gaucher, and Dean of Students Dr. Tim Powers, having just discovered that she had won her contest.

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mitted more stories to the New Hampshire National Writing Project of

"To share her story in this competition was a big step forward", Kneisley stated.

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At right, Joe Medeiros shows off a pickerel he just pulled out of his Ice fishing hole on Beaver Lake Sunday morning. The recent cold snap has made the ice safe enough for fishing, and the sub-zero windchill did stop Medeiros and his friends from a day of fishing.

Photos by Chris Paul



Former Astro Golfer Berberian Wins Another PGA Award

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Golf has played a huge part in the lives of the Berberian men, with dad Rich Sr. having been the resident golf pro at the Hoodcroft Country Club for more than 30 years and son Rich Jr. having learned many of his considerable golf skills on that very course on the way to starring

in the sport at Pinkerton Academy and well beyond.

The 29-year-old local Rich Jr. has created plenty of waves in New Hampshire and New England golf over the years en route to his dream of making significant waves in the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA). And the local man bagged a second consecutive major PGA honor recently.

The younger Berberian

was named the 2017 Omega PGA Professional of the Year by that prestigious golf organization in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. on Dec. 21. He will be honored on Friday, June 15, in conjunction with the 51st PGA Professional Championship at Bayonet Black Horse in Seaside, Ca.

The Omega honor is the second consecutive national award for the 30-year-old

Berberian, a Hooksett resident who is presently a PGA Director of Instruction at Vesper Country Club in Tyngsborough, Mass.

The 2016 PGA Professional Champion Berberian secured the 2017 PGA Professional Player of the Year honor through winning New England PGA Player of the Year honors, finishing tied for fifth in the PGA Professional Championship in June, making the cut in two PGA Tour events, and finishing fourth during December on the PGA Tournament Series money list.

The Pinkerton grad finished with 907.917 total points, while reigning PGA Professional Champion Omar Uresti of Austin,



Rich Berberian Jr.

Texas, was runner-up with 846.5. The 2013 national champ Rod Perry was third (807.500), and Alex Beach of Paramus, NJ, was fourth (751.964). Berberian and Mike San Filippo (1993) are the only New England PGA Members to capture the national award.

"It was a year filled with golf, a lot of travel, great opportunities, and a period where I learned a lot about myself," said Berberian, who got married, took a new job, and competed in six PGA Tour events that he earned exemptions from, winning the 2016 national championship. He competed in the PGA Championship, and in September represented his country on the U.S. PGA Cup Team that faced Great Britain and Ireland.

"I enjoyed a great year at my home club, where they were very kind and supportive of me to be out competing," said Berberian. "I consider myself lucky to have won one PGA Professional Player of the Year Award."

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DERRY SPORTS

Lancer, Astro Swim Squads Battle Hard in the SNHU Pool

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The boys' and girls' swim teams from Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High helped to keep the intense rivalry between their local schools healthy last Saturday, Jan. 5, when they engaged in a great battle in the Southern New Hampshire University pool.

And all four teams were able to walk out of the humid conditions in the pool area and out into the bitter cold of an early-January day wearing smiles as the Lancers and Astros all had reasons to be pleased with what they'd accomplished.

In girls' action, the Lady Lancers became the very first opponent to outscore the previously-unbeaten 2017-18 Lady Astros by a tiny, 86-84 margin. And Londonderry also defeated its other three opponents in the meet to go a perfect 4-0 on the day.

For their part, the Lady Astros also beat their other three opponents to go 3-1 on a strong day.

In boys' competition, the Pinkerton males remained perfect on the campaign by steamrolling all four of their opponents, including Londonderry by a 110-60 tally. And the LHS Lancer males' lone loss was the one to Pinkerton as it went a fine 3-



Lady Astro swimmer Amanda Roberge competes in the breaststroke during her team's home meet last Saturday. *Photos by Chris Pantazis*



PA swimmer Tyler Montgomery had himself in high gear during his squad's strong home performance last weekend.

1 on the day.

GIRLS

Along with their narrow defeat of Pinkerton the Lady Lancers downed Bow (93-69), Hopkinton (126-25), and Campbell of Litchfield (133-13) in notching the sparkling, 4-0 day.

The Lady Astros were far better than Bow (91-69), Campbell (126-16), and Hopkinton (122-25) in tallying the strong 3-1 mark on the day.

The Londonderry performance was spearheaded by youthful star Kaitlin Witkop, who won two individual events and also swam on a victorious relay team.

Witkop proved unbeatable in the 100-meter butterfly (time of 1 minute, 12.42 seconds) and the 100-meter breaststroke (1:22.53), and she teamed up with Caity Mahan, Elizabeth Allen, and

Jasmine Brown on a win in the 200 medley relay (2:19.19). Allen also delivered an individual victory in the 200-meter individual medley (2:53.50).

The PA girls got exceptional work from a number of sources, and that group was led by Olivia Neville who was nearly omnipresent among event winners.

Neville won the 400 free (5:09.90) and the 200 free (2:24.03) on her own and teamed up with Camelia Hannah, Maya Hedstrom, and Zoe Freedman on victories in the 200 free relay (2:05.44) and the 400 free relay (4:37.88).

The Lady Astros also snagged second places in both the 400 free relay and the 400 freestyle.

BOYS

The Astro males powered their way past Lon-

donderry, Hopkinton (127-0), Campbell (123-14), and Bow (125-16) in tallying the 4-0 day. Londonderry bested Bow (140-0), Campbell (134-14), and Bow (132-19) handily in tallying the 3-1 record on the day.

And the final event results ended up being absolutely packed with Pinkerton names like Gordon Suwirjo and Nathan Landry and Londonderry's Brian Parrott.

Suwirjo won the 100-meter butterfly (1:04.85) and the 400 free (4:51.62), leading a top-two sweep in the butterfly and a top-three

sweep in the 400.

Landry, who took second in the butterfly, won the 50 free in a time of 27.29 seconds, and Christian Nelson proved unbeatable in the 100 free (1:04.58). And all three of those young men played important roles on victorious relay teams.

Landry, Nelson, Chris Ploss, and Suwirjo teamed up for victory in the 200 free relay (2:00.53) - with another Pinkerton quartet also bagging second in that event - and Landry, Ryan Golobiewski, Nelson, and Suwirjo also proved unbeatable in the 400 free relay

(4:22.52). The Astros also had another foursome snare second in that event.

Seasoned Londonderry veteran Parrott showed his talent and importance to his Lancers by winning the 100-meter backstroke (1:14.33) and the 200-meter individual medley (2:38.63) and teaming up with Minsoo Kim, Luc Lafond, and Devin Janas on a win in the 200-meter medley relay (2:15.37).

The Pinkerton swim teams are slated to compete at the Bobcat Invitational at the University of New Hampshire this week.

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Comeback Effort Falls Just Short For Astro Boys' Basketball

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball squad stepped into last week - the first week of 2018 - slated to play two contests. It only wound up playing one of those thanks to Old Man Winter, and the Astros' contest which was in fact played early in that span left coach Peter Rosinski and his Astros feeling a tad frustrated.

In their first 2018 contest, the Astros showed their mental toughness and intestinal fortitude against the visiting Salem High Blue Devils in Derry on Tuesday, Jan. 2, and fell just short of an epic comeback in a 63-59

loss.

The visitors grasped leads of 16-8 after one quarter, 34-20 at the half, and 47-31 rolling into period four before watching an 18-point lead nearly completely evaporate under the stifling Pinkerton comeback effort down the stretch.

Coach Rosinski's crew got its deficit all the way down to just two points before the Blue Devils managed to hang on tight and squeak out the success.

The Blue Devils pushed their lead to 18 points on a fast-break bucket with 6:30 left in regulation time, but the Astros then picked up their defensive intensity and pressed Salem nearly into submission, sliding their

deficit down to just two points (61-59) on two free throws by Sam Goy with just 18 ticks of the clock remaining. But the Devils sank two freebies of their own to get to the final score.

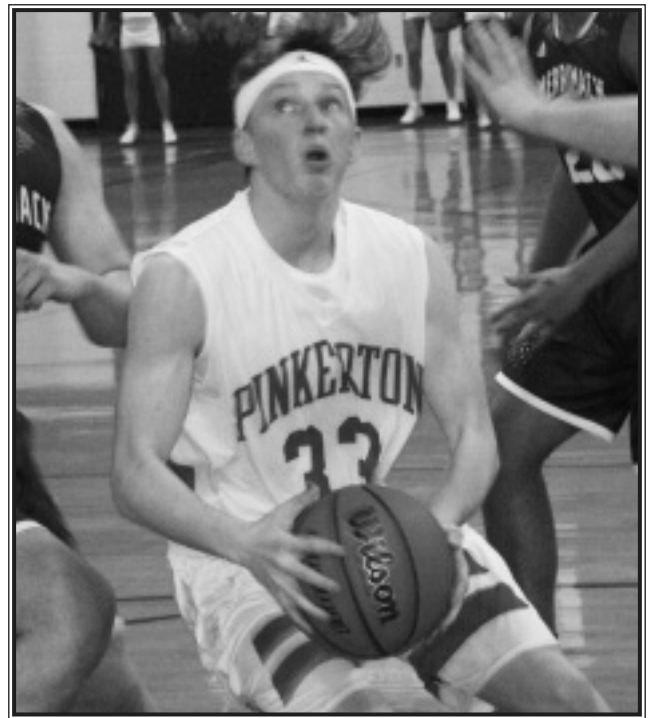
Goy (13 points) and Cason Giordano (16) both came off the bench with big performances for PA, leading their side in scoring before the intense evening was over. Andrew Lufkin also finished in double figures with 11 points.

Pinkerton, which fell to 2-4 overall with the slim loss, was left with the knowledge that it needed to balance a great finish with a better start as the still-young season continues to develop.

But the academy side

didn't get the chance to play its scheduled Friday, Jan. 5 game on the seacoast against the host Winnacunnet High Warriors of Hampton because that beautiful section of the Granite State was hit particularly hard by the Nor'easter which smacked New England late in the week and the contest had to be postponed.

Pinkerton then rolled into this week looking at another slated drive to the seacoast with a game on Portsmouth High School Clippers' home floor this Tuesday, Jan. 9 - after Nutfield News press time - before playing host to the Alvirne High Broncos from Hudson this Friday night Jan. 12.



Pinkerton's Andrew Lufkin and his fellow Astros fell just short of a full comeback at home against Salem early last week.
Photo by Chris Pantazis

Astro Track Standouts Test Their Mettle at Dartmouth Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Dartmouth Relays draw a great many talented high school track and field teams from throughout New England, New York, and even Quebec to that renowned New Hampshire

college's Leverone Field House early each year. And some of Pinkerton Academy's top athletes made the ride to Hanover to test their mettle at the 2018 event held last Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6.

Both the Astro males and Lady Astros competed

among 57 squads in their respective competitions, with the Pinkerton guys finishing tied for 16th place and the PA girls finishing near the back of their pack with just a single point.

BOYS

The Bishop Hendricken squad from Rhode Island finished first as a team, but coach Ian French's talented Astros had three point-scoring performances and a bunch of top-20 efforts at

the huge event.

Pinkerton snagged a pair of third places thanks to Jady Ruimwijk's individual effort in the 300-meter dash (time of 35.95 seconds) and his teamwork with fellow Astros Adam Spencer, Kayden Baillargeon, and Pat Hanlon in the 4x400 relay (3 minutes, 37.15 seconds).

The academy side also got a point from Spencer in the 55-meter hurdles where he was sixth (8.04).

Other top-20 efforts were delivered by Spencer in the 55 hurdles and the high jump, Hanlon in the 600-meter run, Steve Groulx in the 1,000, Ethan Desmaris in the unseeded mile, Joe Gagnon in the two-mile championship run, Conor Seleny in the 55 hurdles, John King and Jacob Bourassa in the unseeded shot put, and the team's 4x800 relay quartet.

GIRLS

Coach Mike Karthas' Lady Astros' lone team point was tallied by Emily Lesburt with her sixth place in the high jump (effort of 5 feet, 2 inches). But Ciara

April collected a fourth place in the unseeded mile with her time of 5:32.50.

Top-10 finishes were delivered by Amelia Graves in the 300 dash, Molly McGaffigan in the unseeded two-mile, Adrianna Buccieri in the shot, and the team's 4x400 and 4x800 quartets.

Top-20 performances came from Britney Johnson in the championship mile, Meghan Cross and Maison D'Amelio in the championship two-mile, and the Lady Astros' 4x200 relay quartet.

The PA tracksters will be back at UNH this weekend.

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Astro Icemen Start 2018 With a Thrilling, Late Victory in Capital



CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After going a modest 1-2 - with a pair of slim losses followed by a tight victory - in the Blue Devil Classic Holiday Tournament in Salem right after Christmas, the Pinkerton Academy ice hockey squad returned to its consistently winning ways in Division I contests by nipping the host Concord High Crimson Tide by a 3-2 margin in the state capital last Wednesday, Jan. 3.

And that first contest of 2018 for both sides was both penalty-packed and climactic, with second-year Pinkerton varsity coach Sam Littlefield's now 4-0 Astros (5-2 overall) nipping long-time Concord coach Dunc Walsh's Tide with a power-play goal with just two ticks of the clock remaining in

regulation time.

Pinkerton barreled out to a 2-0 lead in the first period by netting two unanswered goals, with Nick Trask potting the first and Ty Riviere scoring the second. The assists on the first tally went to Pat Hare and Gennaro Marra, while Nick Plaza and Cody Sullivan had the helpers on Riviere's goal.

But the host Crimson Tide knotted the score at 2-2 in the second stanza by netting two unanswered markers of its own, and that deadlock wouldn't be busted until just two seconds remained on the game clock and Pinkerton senior forward Tyler Whiting scored his huge man-up goal, sending his team and its fans into full celebration mode.

Prior to that evening's contest, the Crimson Tide had gone a perfect 3-0 in Division I and outscored its first three league opponents by the lopsided margin of 20-6. So nipping former Plymouth State College star Walsh's tough contingent was all kinds of noteworthy for the Derry team.

PA goalie Dakota Robinson drew the praise of coach Littlefield and everybody

wearing Pinkerton's red and white garb for a 23-save performance which was key to the Astros' success in this hard-fought battle.

"Dakota had a really good game," said the PA coach. "He kept us in it all the way."

Regarding the contest in overall terms, Littlefield

said, "It was a great game all-around. It was great competition, but there were quite a few penalties."

The Pinkerton contingent will face off against rival Londonderry High School on that opponent's home ice at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett this Friday, Jan. 12.

Pinkerton Wrestlers Edge Alvirne Squad in Hudson

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling squad began the 2018 segment of its 2017-18 season with a success, squeezing out a 42-36 victory over the Alvirne High Broncos in that opponent's home gym in Hudson on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Pinkerton collected five weight class wins on the mat and two significant forfeit victories, with PA freshman

David Hammond being named his team's Wrestler of the Meet after winning the 120-pound bout on a pin 5:01 in that contest.

Other Astros with pin wins were Walker Stinson at 113 pounds (just 12 seconds in), Tyler Mackiernan at 152 pounds (at 1:23), Will Brown in the 160-pound bout (just 19 seconds in), and Sterling McLaughlin at 182 pounds (1:13 in). Forfeit victories were claimed by Dominic Robinson at 106

and Raul Martinez at 220 pounds.

That victory made the Astros 3-1 in dual meets and set them up for the long bus ride to Bennington, Vt., for the Mount Anthony Union High School Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 6. But that ride never ended up being necessary because the tournament was postponed due to dangerously cold temperatures in the Bennington area in the wake of the late-week storms.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 31



**Dakota Robinson,
Junior, Ice Hockey**

This talented veteran goalie has played very well for his Astros, and kept the team in every game by making crucial and often game-winning saves. In his team's battle with Concord, the skilled keeper made 19 saves.



**Meghan Slater,
Freshman, Bowling**

This skilled youngster rolled a first standard game score of 70 pins over her average followed by a second game which was 61 pins over that average. And her fine second game gave the Astros the third seed.

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Pinkerton Gymnasts Power Past the Competition in Amherst

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The defending state champion Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad kept its 2017-18 record unblemished by powering its way to victory in a five-team road meet at the Gymnastics Village in Amherst this past Sunday, Jan. 7.

Veteran coach Chelsie Burland's academy bunch tallied the top team score of 138.5 to vanquish the host Souhegan High Lady Sabers of Amherst, the Milford Lady Spartans, the Merrimack Lady Tomahawks, and

the Hollis-Brookline Lady Cavaliers handily.

The Merrimack crew finished second, and it was an extremely distant second as the Lady Tomahawks ended up more than 60 points behind the Lady Astros with a score of 76.

The academy bunch bagged the top three spots in every event, with veteran stalwart Ashlee Loeffler winning both the balance beam and the all-around in helping to pace her Pinkerton crew to another thorough success at the start of the new calendar year.

Loeffler won the beam with a score of 9.0 and the

all-around with an impressive tally of 34.65. Other event wins were bagged by Audrey Hill in the floor exercise (9.1), Zoe Demers on the uneven bars (8.4), and Ashley McKinnon and Sophia Viger in a tie on vault (9.0). McKinnon snared second place behind Loeffler in the all-around (33.75).

The Lady Astros are now in the midst of a competitive break which will last until next Monday the 15th when they play host to opponents from Dover, Hollis-Brookline, Keene, Nashua North, Nashua South, and once again those Souhegan Lady Sabers from Amherst.



Versatile Zoe Demers, shown here doing her floor routine, excelled on the uneven bars during her team's most recent meet in Amherst. *Photo by Chris Paul*

PA Girls' Basketball Begins 2018 With a Blowout Victory

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What was supposed to be a two-game week for the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball team last week ended up being just a one-game span for veteran coach Lani Buskey and her Lady Astros.

The Pinkerton crew simply plowed its way past the

Salem High Lady Blue Devils on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border in the first days of the new year, but three nights later plows weren't quite enough to make the local girls' scheduled home game against the snow-ravaged Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors of Hampton possible.

The Lady Astros had no

real trouble with the host Salem Lady Blue Devils in their first 2018 contest on the same SHS court on which the locals played in the Blue Devil Holiday Classic after Christmas. And coach Buskey's bunch won every quarter on the way to an impressive 58-27 success.

Pinkerton led 11-8 after one quarter, 29-17 at the

half, and 42-19 after three after outscoring its host by a huge 13-2 margin in that third stanza.

Brooke Kane (16 points), Amanda Lemire (12), and Madison Mahoney (10) each scored in double figures, with Lemire and Mahoney each sinking a pair of three-point shots. All in all, 10 Lady Astros contributed points to the win-

ning cause.

However, the Pinkerton bunch wasn't able to maintain its momentum against the Winnacunnet contingent in a game which was slated for the night of Friday the 5th because the Nor'Easter which thumped New England at the end of last week hit the New Hampshire seacoast particularly hard. Some high school

hoop games were played in other parts of the Granite State, but not ones which involved seacoast squads. So that game was postponed.

Hence, the Lady Astros came into this week with a fine, 3-1 Division I record and a game scheduled for this Friday evening the 12th in Hudson against the home-standing Alvirne Lady Broncos.

Astro Bowling Crew Enjoys a Six-Point Day on Keene Lanes

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The Pinkerton Academy bowling squad enjoyed productive day in a five-team

match at Yankee Lanes in Keene last Saturday, Jan. 6.

After finishing seeded third in standard-level play, the Astros performed well in Baker action in tallying the

big six team points.

Pinkerton, the host Keene High Blackbirds, Dover, Spaulding of Rochester, and Hollis-Brookline all competed in the match.

The host Blackbirds finished as the top seed in stan-

dard action thanks to their score of 1,801, with Spaulding second (1,647) and coach Janet Boyden's PA bunch third (1,503) in establishing the Baker match-ups.

The academy bowlers then went on to battle the

Dover High Green Wave in Baker action and rolled over that opponent in two games by tallies of 167-123 and 142-133 before falling to Spaulding (losses of 167-162 and 234-131) in finishing with six points on the day.

The Astros' standard-round play - which notched separate game scores of 726 and 777 - was backboneed by the strong play of Jason Barton (individual games of 155 and 119), co-captain Sean Forkey, Elijah John-Lauren Sylvain (145, 158),

Zac Emery (one game of 116), Meghan Slater (one 155), Dan Kirichok (118, 131), and co-captain Keenan Nash (192, 214).

Pinkerton's junior varsity crew also had itself a strong day, finishing second in standard play before later falling to Spaulding before beating Hollis-Brookline.

The PA junior varsity team had strong performances from Meghan Slater, Jarod Wong, Bryant Nourse, Sean Forkey, Elijah John-Lauren Sylvain (145, 158),

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Potters Bowl

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is hosting their 13th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria in Derry. For \$40, patrons are able to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local NH artists, and enjoy over a dozen different soups donated from local restaurants in the Derry area as well as delicious breads & desserts. In an effort to encourage more families with children, we will be selling a Kids Under 12 ticket for just \$10. A pottery wheel demonstration will be occurring in the hour prior to the event for waiting patrons. Auction items donated from other New England artists and craftsmen include oil, acrylic and water color paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing and handcrafted jewelry. The value of all art donated amounts to over \$5,000. It is not too late to donate your fine art, pottery or homemade craft to a good cause. To purchase tickets to the event, please call Caregivers at 432-0877 x 1 or drop by 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day.

Youth Free Throw Competition

Local Knights of Columbus Councils from St. Mark, St. Thomas, St. Jude and St. Peter to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 1 - 4 p.m. (registration begins at 12:30 p.m.) at St. Thomas Aquinas Center Gymnasium in Derry. Participants are required to furnish a birth certificate as proof of age and written parental consent.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner on Jan. 14, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner on Jan. 20, at St. Luke's Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner on Jan. 21, at Etz Hayim Synagogue Derry, from 5 - 6:15 p.m.; Dinner on Jan. 26, at First Parish Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Breakfast on Jan. 28, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m.; Lunch on Jan. 28, at St. Jude's, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit: <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>

Derry Fun Night

Interested in model trains? go to Derry Fun Night on Jan. 12, The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. The January program will provide all the materials to build a small laser-cut hand-car shed. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

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Renew CLothing

Renew clothing opening Jan. 13, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. (arrive by 10) also open every Thursdays 9 - 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11) winter clothing is now available. Families and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed. We give away free gently-used apparel that has been donated by the community, and sorted and organized by volunteers. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To

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Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the

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