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Proposed \$86.2 Million School District Budget Presented

HUNTER McGEE **NUTFIELD NEWS**

After weeks of preparaproposed the tion. \$86,261,396 budget for the 2018-19 school year totals \$203,619 more than the previous year's budget.

The proposed spending plan was presented at the Jan. 9 School Board meeting current budget along with by Business Administrator Jane Simard.

Before beginning the presentation, she thanked the Fiscal Advisory Committee for volunteering their time in recent weeks to work sory Committee met in a on the project.

time and are a huge asset for the school district when we increases together a budget for the next year," Simard said.

Under the spending plan, the budget would increase by \$203,619 over last year's approved spending plan of budget, which includes the whatever the school district is financially obligated to, totals \$86,719,841, according to officials.

Members of the School Board and the Fiscal Adviseries of meetings in recent "They gave a lot of their weeks to craft the budget.

Some of the proposed include are working on putting increase of 3.5 special education teachers at \$280,000: a .5 guidance counselor position at \$40,000; and two in-school suspension assistants at \$25,000, according to the presentation. And \$86,057,777. The default while there are proposed increases for staffing, the plan also calls for reducing: three elementary teachers for a savings of \$240,000; three special education assistants for a savings of \$55,000; and two middle school English language arts teacher for a savings of \$160,00, according to offi-

Town Holds Public Hearing on Electric Car Charging Stations

ALEX GUITTARR **NUTFIELD NEWS**

As the town of Derry inches closer towards implementing electric car charging stations downtown, the Town Council recently held a public hearing at their Jan. 16 meeting in electric cars, Tesla to elaborate further on the agreed to cover the majority details of the station.

The case for the stations was presented by Mike Fowler, Derry's Director of Public Works. According to Fowler, the idea for electric car charging stations has been explored by town officials for a couple of years now. Unfortunately, financing the venture took a major toll on the project, as the tion that was considered the sand to fifty thousand dol-

However, Energy, one of the largest solar energy providers in New England, presented town officials with a chance to minimize these costs. As part of a grant program with Tesla Corporations, one of the more prominent names purchasing and installation of four of these stations in Derry, which was described as a very "cost-favorable solution" by Fowler.

be situated in the public parking area directly behind the Derry Municipal Center on McAllister Court, a locathe fourth is a universal

ReVision model manufactured by Clipper Creek. The three Tesla stations will be running at forty amps per hour, while the Clipper Creek station will run at thirty two amps per hour. But regardless, most cars can expect a full charge from the stations within four hours.

Referring back to the of costs surrounding the cost for the stations, purchasing the units would normally run around four thousand dollars. However, Tesla has agreed to provide the stations completely free These four stations will of charge. Furthermore, installing the units would cost eight thousand, three hundred and seventy seven dollars, but with Tesla covering six thousand dollars prices for purchasing and most feasible due to it being of these costs, Derry will installing these stations ran a public lot. Of the four sta-only have to cover the anywhere from five thou- tions, three will be exclu- remaining two thousand, sive to Tesla vehicles, while three hundred and seventy

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SNOW SURFER Autumn Miller of Derry takes a slightly different approach to the slopes at Alexander Carr Park on Saturday, Jan 20, before warmer temperatures melted last week's snow. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

House Bill Seeks To Improve Veterans Services

NUTFIELD NEWS

The current Department of Veterans Services could see an overhaul thanks to a house bill co-sponsored by local state legislators. House Bill 636 would create a new department of military and Veterans Services only

house everything under one Baldasaro, and he believes a vets to different place for different services. Londonderry Rep. Al Baldasaro, one of the co-sponsors, called it a "one stop shop for

Currently, the Office of veterans services that would assists with benefits, said

roof, rather than sending new department would coordinate both benefits and services through one location. Right now, services are spread out through several different departments, which can make navigating the system difficult.

> The goal of the new continued on page 3

Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee Looks at Goals

ALEX GUITTARR **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Derry's Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee, which is tasked with educating residents ing stations to be installed and town staff on clean energy policies and environmental concerns, tackled its most recent accomplishments and prospects for 2018 during their latest meeting on January 22.

Members of the committee were seemingly pleased with the successful adaption of several projects 1563 – L, which would per-

for in town as of late, including a solar energy system being utilized at the town Transfer Station and four new electric car chargoutside of the Derry Municipal Center.

But in the face of these successes, they also wanted to keep in mind several upcoming state legislative bills that could have major impact on environmental efforts in New Hampshire. For example, there is HB

equipped with a solar energy system to either pay the property tax on the assessed value of the property equipped with the solar array system or make a payment in lieu of taxes of a specified amount for that portion equipped with the solar energy system. Members of the board were primarily concerned that the bill seemed rather vague in its language and what kind of impact that ambiguity could have.

There is also SB 446, metering.

that they have been pushing mit owners of property which would allow customers with electric generators peaking between one and five megawatts to be paid or credited by the electric distribution utility for its excess generation. The committee felt that this may very well have some sort of fiscal impact on the Transfer Station system.

> Finally, there is HB 1202, which would permit towns to establish a revolving fund for the purpose of facilitating transactions relative to municipal group net

the committee continued selves and the Net Zero their efforts to introduce a Task Force in order to solar panel system at the explore how to win resi-Derry Landfill. Although dents and town staff over on they have not been successful in implementing this project in the past, they are bers threw around the idea still pushing to put it of possibly rebranding the together, especially with the committee in order to purdwindling costs of solar sue other avenues, includpanels and potential for ing public education and changing their financing other projects on environmodel making the idea easier to sell to the town.

chance, however, the committee agreed to form a sub-

On a more local level, committee between themthe idea.

Finally, several memmental matters, perhaps with the idea of environ-In order to have a better mental sustainability in

Amazon Annouces Finalists for HQ2, Londonderry Misses Out

KATIE O'DONNELL **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Governor Chris Sununu proposed Londonderry as the Granite State's bid for Amazon's second headrowed its list of hundreds companies" Woodmont Commons didn't make the cut. This news to the governor's office, are finalized. but was still a disappointment.

knew that our bid was considered a long shot, we are for Amazon's second headexcited that it is already Three months ago, serving as a template for other businesses that now have New Hampshire on their radar," said Sununu.

Londonderry Town quarters. This month, the Manager Kevin Smith said online retail giant has nar- about "a half dozen or so have down to the top 20 and expressed interest in developing at Woodmont, but was not at liberty to disdid not come as a surprise close any names until plans

"It's not when, but who moves into Woodmont "While we always Commons," said Smith.

quarters was one of 238 proposals from across North America, with Boston as the local place to beat. The whole affair was almost like an episode of "The Bachelor," with cities and states offering everything short of their souls to CEO Jeff Bezos for the golden ticket of 50,000 jobs and a \$5 billion investment in construction.

Sununu sold the state as "all the benefits of Boston without all the headaches," convince Amazon to keep

New Hampshire's bid strong rail system, neither tem in the state. or which exist in this state. to damper Sununu's spirits, however.

> "We will never stop emphasizing that New Hampshire is open for business, open for workers, and open for opportunity," said Sununu.

Since the Amazon proposal, the governor has changed his stance on rail. The bid had proposed that Woodmont would build a rail stop if that's what Amazon wanted. It seems but that wasn't enough to that idea has been on the governor's mind because it on the list. The appeal of he is now supporting a \$4 Beantown is access to an million study on the impact international airport and a of expanding the rail sys-

Suffolk Downs and in the space. Somerville.

"It will have a spill- time," said Smith. over effect," said Smith. outpost offices... that could benefit southern New Hampshire."

pus with 20,000 job oppor- the future. tunities. Smith did not

Despite the rejection Apple had any interest in Those setbacks didn't seem from Amazon, Smith felt Woodmont, but said while New Hampshire would still the development would be come out a winner if Ama- good for a large company, zon moved to Boston, it was just as likely that which has two spots still up several smaller companies for consideration, Revere's could take up residence in

"It's only a matter of

Either way, it would "Amazon may need some affect the already rapidly growing population in town, which is being used as a reason for the increase Smith said the proposal of next year's school budgthat was sent to Amazon et. Having either one large could easily be used to company or several smaller entice other large compa- ones in Woodmont will nies to Londonderry. Apple create economic and culrecently announced that it tural impacts that residents is also seeking a new cam- will need to consider for



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Town Council Approached With Second Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year

ALEX GUITTARR **NUTFIELD NEWS**

As Derry finds itself halfway through its latest fiscal year, the Town Council was recently briefed on Derry's financial status duruary 16.

Led by Susan Hickey, elaborated on the second quarter of the fiscal year which ended on December

According to Hickey's report, revenue from the town's general fund is set at for re-classification into a

expectations, while its expenditures are at fifty five percent. The town's cable revenue is at only twenty two percent, with its expenditures at thirty one percent. Derry's water revenue and ing its latest meeting on Jan- expenditures are both at eighty two percent, while its wastewater revenue sits at the town's Chief Financial forty six percent and its Officer, the financial report expenditures are at forty percent.

> Amongst the highlights for the town's revenue include Derry's capital lease revenue for the Police Department being prepared

fifty percent of its annual capital account, a rise in other municipal obligations due to state grants and interest income leading to various competitive bidding efforts for the town and the reasoning for the high water revenue lying upon a project to reduce the amount of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) in our water sup-

> Councilor James Morgan did express some concern over why the cable revenue was so low, to which Hickey explained that these revenues are only due roughly sixty days after the end of each fiscal quarter

elaborated upon the town's use of overtime for its staff. Although it is trending around fifty percent overall, several aspects are higher than usual. Tax collection is running at seventy percent due to increased staffing during property tax collections, code enforcement is set at seventy two percent due to afterhours duties and projects with the Zoning Board of Adjustments and parks are set at one hundred and fifty two percent, as buildings such as the Marion Gerrish Community Derry Public Center.

Finally, Hickey's report Library and Taylor Library with Morgan hoping to see expended a large amount of energy during winter operations due to the extreme

ty one percent of projected overtime hours. This boost is due in part to the station opening earlier in the morning at the request of both station staff and residents.

has proven to produce and beyond...this isn't a big favorable results, the boost deal, but here we are", still concerned the council, Bourdon noted.

how many cars visit the station at the end of the day, while Council Chair Joshua Bourdon wondered the However, what really same thing. Curious about got the council's attention the prospect of simply closwas overtime for the town ing the station earlier while Transfer Station, which was keeping the early opening set at one hundred and thir- time, Bourdon brought the town's tax rate into focus, noting that expenditure boosts like this are not something Derry can afford at the moment.

"If our tax rate wasn't But while the change approaching 30 [dollars]

Veterans

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department would be to coordinate, enhance and oversee "the benefits and services offered by organizations within the state of New Hampshire and directing veterans to appropriate benefits and services offered by such organizations," according to the bill. It would be responsible for promoting veterans causes and to help educate the public on veteran needs.

The bill would also establish a commissioner and deputy commissioner to run the new department, with the assistance of a military leadership team and a revamped State Veterans Advisory Committee. The commissioner would report to the governor directly, which bill sponsors felt was necessary to improve the quality of care and availability of services. It was important to the sponsors of the bill that the commissioner be a veteran. Bal-

dasaro said that was because the commissioner would have a better perspective on the needs of veterans.

Right now, it's hard to determine what the cost of the bill would be. There are projected costs of upwards of \$1 million, but until the bill goes to the Finance Committee for evaluation, that number is just speculation. However, it's enough to ruffle some feathers in the veteran community. Three major veteran groups, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans all oppose the bill. The cited reasons are cost and a concern about increased bureau-

huge chunk of money," said Paul Lloyd, the adjutant for VFW NH. He said the money spent on creating a new department should be put to better use, like hiring in understaffed departments.

"We, the veterans associations, believe we need

IS IT TIME TO DO YOUR WILL?

more workers, not more bureaucracy," said Lloyd.

Instead of hiring a commissioner and a new set of staff for the proposed department, the VFW and other organizations believe the money should be used to hire more workers at places like the Community Based Military Programs in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Joe Clark, the state comletter to Governor Chris Sununu expressing the group's opposition to the bill. In it, he voiced the VFW's concern over moving control of the Veterans Cemetary and the NH Veterans Home.

"Both of these entities "It's going to cost us a take extremely good care of Our Veterans and their Families at that particular stage of their lives and adding another level of bureaucracy would undermine their success," said Clark in the letter.

> Lloyd said another option would be to move veterans services under the

umbrella of the state's Adjutant General, Brigadier General David J. Mikolaities. As the military chief of staff to the governor, he oversees the National Guard, Army and state veteran's cemetery. Lloyd said giving him more control over veterans services would "give us the clout we need at the table" while allowing funds to be spent on more support staff.

"We have other areas to mander for the VFW sent a help veterans," said Lloyd. "Moving the office would cost less than starting a whole new department."

> Baldasaro disagreed. He did not think the projected cost would be as high or that much of an issue because the people already working on veteran services and benefits would just be moved to the new department. That is a point of pride for Balbeing the case, he didn't see dasaro, who is concerned

the need to have the Adjutant General take control.

"They're protecting their bubble," he said. "We reserve the right to agree to disagree."

Baldasaro sent his own letter out to fellow legislators, trying to convince them of the benefits of the bill. He cited the need for more streamlined communication between state and federal Veterans Affairs to coordifederal funds.

"Millions of dollars are funneled through different departments from Federal government and there is no tive Veteran Leadership to assist in how to communicate with the Veteran community," said the letter.

Assisting local veterans

that there won't be a go-to person to point vets in the right direction when he is no longer in office.

"When I'm gone, when I don't run again, what happens," he asked.

Llovd agrees that something needs to be done to better help veterans in the state, but that an entire new department may not be the best solution.

"We agree on the premnate services and distribute ise, we just don't agree on how to get there," said Lloyd.

> The bill was brought up for a hearing in the Execu-Departments Administration Committee on Jan 23. From there it will be revised before going to a vote later this year.

"It still needs a lot of work," said Baldasaro.

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— Editorial

Meetings in the 21st Century

Text messaging has allowed phone users to send quick and to-the-point messages without having to dial or wait for the intended recipient to be available. Though convenient for the everyday phone user, text messaging definitely has its time and place, and perhaps town meetings should be neither of them.

At town meetings, board members may receive or be sending text message which they may shared with others on the board or not. Just like looking at their computers and chatting amongst each other instead of listening while fellow members or the public are speaking, and whether they were conversing about what was being discussed during the meeting or about their personal matters is unknown.

In Londonderry, we noticed this kind of commication happen quite often. In the interest of transparency, board members should identified the sender of the message in question, what the message was about, and if pertinent to the meeting's subject matter, it should be read into the record. The subject matter of the text message remains unknown to the public, along with weather or not it had any influence in decisions being made for the town.

In the lineup of each public meeting is time set aside for public comment, so that all can have a say and decisions can be reached as harmoniously as possible. Disruptive texting, scrolling, and gossiping is just as disrespectful as if someone were to start shouting over others and throwing things for attention instead of holding his or her peace until it is time for public comment. Both actions are bad-mannered and take attention away from the one who has the floor.

There maybe some exceptions to this rule. For example, should a board member be unable to make a meeting and need to weigh in via phone or text, or if a text was sent by a friend or family member alerting the recipient to an emergency, then that should be made clear to the room so that no one feels slighted.

This issue isn't unique to Londonderry, and this editorial is not intended to criticize its Board's behavior by bringing this issue to light. It is simply to suggest a no-phone policy (with the exception of the aforementioned situations) or at the very least adopt a policy reminiscent of passing notes in the classroom, and each text be read into the minutes, so that nothing is kept from the public.

For the sake of keeping the public properly informed, we'd recommend keeping all comments shared in real time, public, with the speaker clearly identified and, ideally, visible.



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Looking Out for the Elderly in Wnter's Frigid Weather

MELISSA RUIZ NUTFIELD NEWS

It has been bitterly cold these past several days in New Hampshire. If it were possible, the majority of residents would most likely be found hibernating, warm and cozy until the sub zero wind-chills pass over us. While this may not be a luxury most can afford these days, we must consider that there are some of us that are less equipped to deal with these temperatures than the rest.

Older adults lose body heat faster than when they were young, says the National Institute on Aging, and these changes can actually make it more difficult to recognize that they are getting cold. This puts the elderly population more at of developing hypothermia, or an excessive lowering of the body's temperature. According to the NIA, a body temperature lower than 95 degrees farenheit in the elderly can lead to increased risk of heart attack, kidney problems, liver damage, and

Much of the older generation may be too proud to ask, but they may be in need of help this winter season. It could make a world of difference to establish a friendship with one or two of your elderly neighbors, and check in on them every so often, especially on days when the temperatures dip to freezing and below.

Additional ways you can help your neighbor friends stay safe and warm this season is by ensuring that their homes are being heated at least 68 degrees or higher. To help them save in on a neighbor during a him save on heating bills, be sure that rooms not in

all doors and vents are closed as well, with a rolled towel or door blocker placed in front of the doors to keep out drafts. Be sure that basement doors are closed, as well. Checking to make sure heat is not escaping through the windows. and that blinds and curtains are closed is another important step in ensuring neighbor safety, and if you should find gaps around the windows, offer to close them using weather stripping or caulk. Finally, make sure that your neighbors have plenty of food to keep a healthy weight for natural insulation, warm clothes to put on in and out of doors, warm bedding and night clothes, and that they have a way to get in touch with you should they require any additional assistance.

It is important to be aware of the signs of hypothermia, in case a neighbor happens to be severely impacted by the frigid temperatures. Early signs include cold hands and/or feet, puffiness or swelling in the face, paleness of skin, shivering (although in some cases, a person suffering with hypothermia may not shiver), speaking more slowly than normal or with slurred speech, appearing to be sleepy, or acting angry or confused. Later signs of hypothermia include moving slowly, having trouble walking, or appearing clumsy, having stiff and jerky movements of the extremities, slowed heartbeat, slowed and shallowed breathing, and blacking out or losing consciousness.

If you happen to check particularly cold day, and he or she seems to be suf-

use are closed off, and that fering from hypothermia, call 911 and move them to a warmer place if possible, and wrap the person in a warm blanket or whatever is close at hand. If the person is responsive enough to accept a warm drink, have him or her drink it slowly, avoiding anything with alcohol or caffiene. Your own body heat will also be helpful in warming your neighbor up, so lie or sit close to them gently. Be sure not to rub their arms and legs, and do not try to put them in a warm bath or use a heating pad to bring up their body temperature.

Due to the high cost in heating, many unfortunately go with little to almost no heat year after year, including the elderly population. As mentioned before, the NIA suggests that older people keep their homes set to at least 68 degrees farenheit, which is difficult to manage, should the person have difficulty affording heat. If you know that your neighbor or neighbors are having trouble affording their heating bills, you can get information from the National Energy Assistance Referral Service for them at 1-866-367-6228. Your local senior center or social service agency may also have further information on programs that can help your neighbors.

The cold is rough on anyone, even us rugged New Englanders, but for those who aren't as hardy as they once were, it can be a matter of life and death. We encourage you to reach out to your elderly neighbors to make sure they stay safe this season. Who knows? You may end up with a valuable friendship in the

COTTECTION: On the January 18 issue of the Nutfield News, an article describing the positions of town government up for election incorrectly described the role of Moderator. The position will only involve organizing and overseeing Election Day activities. The position does not involve residing over town meetings, the reading of warrant articles or declaring of every vote passed during said meeting.

Fresh Snow Means Fresh Powder at Alexander Carr Park







Area residents took to the hills at Alexander Carr Park in Derry on Saturday and took advantage of warmer temperatures and some fresh snow from a storm earlier in the week. The warmer temps later melted the snow and by Tuesday the area was covered in ice.

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Town Council Hosts Workshop On Election Proceedings

ALEX DUITTARR NUTFIELD NEWS

Election proceedings, whether local or national, can be a long and complicated affair when one is not prepared.

In order to make sure the upcoming March elec-Mary Till recently held a Council on Jan. 16 to elaborate on what needs to be dents.

done and what needs to change in preparation for these elections.

The workshop, while being done to make several changes that will allow Derry elections to fit in with state election laws, as well as take into account the that Derry is prepared for large number of voters participating in Derry elections, as well as subsequent tions, which is currently the ones, Town Moderator largest voting district in the state, was put together to workshop with the Town keep the voting process smooth and fair for resi-

Derry elections as non-partisan, voter-friendly as possible," Till noted.

Over the course of the workshop, Till expanded upon the roles of the Town Councilors for the election, clearing up issues over the Chain of Custody for ballots and safely transporting the ballots from one location to the next.

But throughout the night, the council had several concerns that they felt needed to be cleared up

"My goal...is to make prior to the March elec-

For starters, Councilor James Morgan felt that better training needed to be provided for individuals tasked with closing down voting machines at the end of the proceedings, as previous years have seen that process take as long as an hour and a half. Councilor Richard Tripp agreed, also noting that the manuals used by these individuals have proven to be quite clarification over specifically when a transport for the voting ballots would arrive at each polling station.

As far as what the councilors are required to do places. during the election process, Tripp seemed unclear with what their specific duties would be throughout the day and asked that Till clarify them in the future.

Healey noted that there council can assist with were complaints in the past recruitment.

Morgan also felt that that the moderator could there needed to be some not be found at the central police station, which is where the moderator is required to stay unless absolutely needed at one of the additional polling

Finally, Council Chair Joshua Bourdon noted that he would like a list of roles for the election process that Till needs to fill, including assistant moderator and Town Clerk Daniel clerk positions, so that the

Several Committees Report to Town Council on Progress and Prospects

ALEX GUITTARR NUTFIFI D NEWS

progress of the town's assorted committees and what they on where they stand at the moment.

Dionne, the Chair for the Conservation Commission, which is responsible for the that you have to tend", proper stewardship, utiliza- Dionne stated.

tion and protection of Derry's natural resources.

In order to give the Town selected timber harvest is Council an update on the set to take place on the Albert Doolittle Conservation Area. The one hundred are planning for the coming acre property will be having months, the Chair's of four certain undesirable trees committees recently met up removed from the area as a with the council during their means of inviting more January 16 meeting to report fauna diversity and additional wildlife, which he typically tells to those who First off was Paul initially oppose such a har-

"A forest is like a garden

The commission is also converting it into recre- Derry adopt eco-friendly hoping to make some Dionne noted that a updates to its page on the town website, expand upon its land stewardship program, improve sign placement on its conservation lands and potentially add additional trails around Derry, as well as new volunteers that would help maintain the trails.

While the report went rather smoothly, Councilor James Morgan recommended that the commission look into analyzing one or more of its protected properties for the sake of possibly

ational land.

Maureen Reno, Chair of

Next up was Maureen Reno, the Chair for the Enersory Committee (EEAC), which oversees various ecofriendly projects in Derry and helps to educate the public on these matters.

According to Reno, the EEAC has managed to provide guidance to the Net Zero Task Force on building energy use and the feasibility of Derry's upcoming solar energy systems, held a home heating workshop during fall of last year and even assisted in a middle school soap box derby with cars that were entirely powered by solar panels.

The EEAC seems to have made great strides is the prior months and Reno noted that she hopes to continue these efforts into the future

Moulton, the Chair for the want to start getting high Net Zero Task Force, which school students involved is tasked with helping with them in order to bol-

energy options in order to achieve "Net Zero" compliance by all key Stakeholders by 2025.

The task force is contingy and Environmental Advi- uing its work on the recently introduced solar system for the town's transfer station, which was approved by the council on January 2, while also hoping to revisit establishing a similar system at the Marion Gerrish Community Center after reanalyzing pricing options.

> Aside from this, the task force is also looking into working with the Economic Development Advisory Committee to market the incoming electric car charging stations with the efforts of local Downtown businesses and explore educational opportunities with the Department of Public Works for Pinkerton Academy students.

Councilor Neil Wetherbee advised to Moulton that Following her was Jeff the task force may even

ster interest in these matters, while Council Richard Tripp felt that there could be some stronger communication between the task force and the council, especially when it comes to the solar projects.

"When it comes time to spend money...'Trust me' is not the answer", Tripp noted.

Finally, Lynn Perkins, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, made his report to the council on the board's efforts to resolve zoning disputes in various construction projects in Derry.

Perkins noted that the latest fiscal year has been rather uneventful, with only fourteen requests for variances and one withdrawal. Tripp was curious about the state of the board's staff, to which Perkins noted that they currently have five full time members and three alternate members, although one of those positions is expected to open by March, leaving them with three vacancies as of then.

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Council Considers Committee to Form Bond Between Town and State

ALEX DUITTARR **NUTFIELD NEWS**

As Derry officials continue to think up solutions to the town's latest tax rate conundrum, one Town large proposal to potentially help alleviate the situation at the council's latest meeting on January 16.

gan started the meeting by mentioning the recently killed House Bill 413, which would allow for the state of New Hampshire to help contribute funds to the likes of fire departments, councilors and thus has not schools and police departments in towns like Derry. However, the bill is going worth of opinions, Morgan

could lead to one million not only between Derry and dollars of assistance towards the Derry tax rate, which increased to \$28.26 late last year.

And while the initial Councilor made a rather failure of this bill inspired Morgan to send letters to each of Derry's ten state representatives to support the bill, he also felt that this Councilor James Mor- was a good opportunity to communication and nonstart bridging the gap between Derry and the state government.

> Citing how he has not been involved with Derry politics as long as other developed any sort of personal stake on decades

its state reps, but also between the council and Derry School Board. In particular, Morgan noted how every member of the board and council seems to have a different story as to why the tax rate is the way

"There is a lot of miscommunication...between the senator, the state reps, the council and the school board", Morgan noted.

Thus, in order to address this issue, Morgan suggested opening up an exploratory committee made up of himself and two other councilors in order to Derry Legislative and Hampshire and economic gestion. Councilor Brian Municipal Commission. The commission, which would be made up of two council members, two school board members, two state reps and either a state senator or a representative for the senator, would focus on collaborating on tax saving measures, budget and legislative issues and other bills that could benefit the

just why such a committee was so important, Morgan said that residents would be highly invigorated to see a deeper connection between town and state officials on issues such as elderly assisvoter turnout.

"They're community issues. They're people issues. They're life quality issues", Morgan stated.

Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon noticed that Morgan excluded inviting representatives from Pinkerton Academy to be a part of the committee. In order to emphasize Upon asking him why this exploratory committee will was, Morgan felt that be primarily focused on Pinkerton was rather selfsufficient at the moment, referring to Derry as a business and Pinkerton as a vendor in this situation

Regardless, most of up for a revote in February, has observed that there look into the creation of tance, encouraging younger the council seemed to

which Morgan believes appears to be a disconnect what he describes as the residents to remain in New approve of Morgan's sugdevelopment, on top of the Chirichiello also seemed potential for bolstering to approve of the idea, but proposed that there be an individual with the job of reviewing and expanding upon pertinent legislation for members of the committee in the case that members are occupied with other matters from separate committees that they are a part of.

> At the moment, the recommendations for the creation of the official committee, as well as developing its mission statement and bylaws, in order to sell it to state officials.

Eversource Annouces Lower Prices Starting with New Year

MELISSA RUIZ **NUTFIELD NEWS**

when the sun is down by the time many return home energy charge calculation from work, the lights are on method will be facilitated. in the house more often. might not be quite as high.

At the beginning of this year, Eversource implenews release from the com- has said. pany. The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commis- several adjustments on the sion approved Eversource's delivery portion of monthly request to adjust its Energy Service Charge from 11.66 Eversource customers concents per kilowatt hour to suming 600 kWh per 11.25 cents/kWh.

take place for the three- percent decrease from the month period from January previous \$124.50 1st through March 31st. month. This new charge

During this period, the company anticipates the closing of the sale of its In the throes of winter, power plants, and the implementation of a new

"...our Energy Service For those with electric heat, Charge will be based on the this can further lead to the price of purchasing power power bill seeing a spike. from the competitive But this year, the spike regional wholesale energy market and will no longer include the costs associated with owning and operating mented a modest decrease our New Hampshire power in its Default Energy Ser- plants." President of Evervice Charge, according to a source NH, Bill Quinlan,

In combination with statements, residential month will see a bill of The new charge will \$123.64 each month, a one

the actual cost of producing and purchasing the energy serve New Hampshire customers.

After this initial price change, Eversource's Default Energy Service Charge will be adjusted twice a year on February 1st and August 1st. Shifting away from a January 1st adjustment will help to avoid price fluctuation by spreading out higher energy costs that typically come with the winter months.

But the savings don't have to stop there. By cutting back on the amount of energy used, customers can make additional cuts in their monthly energy bills. This can be as simple as remembering to turn lights off after exiting a room, to replacing household lighting and appliances.

Switching from stan-

was figured out based on dard bulbs to LEDs (Light left running constantly Emitting Diodes) is one way to cut electric costs. that Eversource requires to LEDs are directional light sources, meaning that they emit light in a specific direction, as opposed to incandescent lightbulbs, which emit light and heat in all directions, using 70-90% more energy. Not only that, but LED bulbs typically last 15 times longer than remember to turn unnecesstandard incandescent bulbs.

> Air conditioners, air purifiers. washing machines, refrigerators and power strips can all take up a surprising amount of energy, as they are left on

(refrigerators). Thankfully, in recent years, more energy efficient appliances have been developed. While these domestic machines exist towards the purchase of energy efficient household appliances, and they are even tax deductible.

Most people probably not in use, but what many may not be aware of is that New Hampshire. they continue drawing power even when turned off. The US Department of and for more tips on how to Energy's Lawrence Berke- make your home more ley National Laboratory energy efficient, visit evereither a long portion of has said that depending on source.com. time (air conditioners and how many of these appliwashing machines) or are ances, or "energy vam-

pires," a household may have constantly leeching energy, it could mean a potential \$100-\$200 lost per year. Getting into the habit of unplugging noncan be a little pricy, rebates essential appliances when not in use can put money back into your pocket bit by bit.

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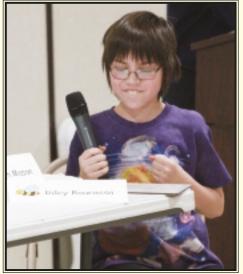


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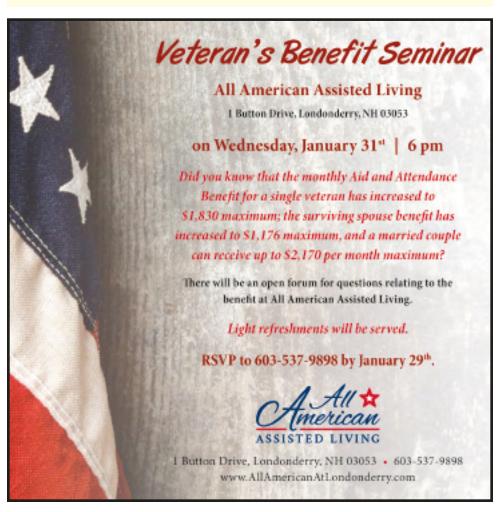








Twelve fourth and fifth grade students at South Range Elementary School competed in the school's Spelling Bee last week for a chance to represent their school at the state level next month at the Capitol for the Arts Performance Center in Concord. Six students, three from each class in each grade level took to the stage and went through a number of rounds until only one student remained. By the seventh round, only two fifth graders remained, Sophie Dandawa, upper right, and Sarolta Zsofka, upper lelt. Eventually Sophie won with "mandible" and "taxidermy" being the final words of the contest. Photos by Chris Paul





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continued from page 1 seven dollars for the complete project.

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ing phase of the presentation, Councilor Phyllis Katsakioes's major concern revolved around how many people were expected to use the stations in order to justihow many are expected to ic development in Derry. use the stations at the moment.

"In the initial phases,

many people using it", Fowler noted.

However, one of the other major reasons for implementing these stations is to encourage drivers coming off of Route 93 to use the stations and potentially fy their installation. Fowler spend money downtown, admitted that he has no idea thus strengthening econom-

> In the end, the council unanimously approved the resolution to accept Tesla's



DERRY SPORTS

Gymnastics Win Helps PA Roll Toward Keeping Ball Trophy

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

the rival Londonderry High Lancers - and four other opponents - at LHS onMonday night helped the defending state champion Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad drive toward maintaining its school's stranglehold on the Ball Family Trophy for a seventh consecutive year.

Pinkerton and Londonderry have been playing for the Ball Trophy during winter sports seasons since the early 1990's. And the gymnastics victory gave the academy its sixth win over LHS varsity teams this winter. And with just four events yet to be completed, that meant that Londonderry had its back up against the wall with a 6-1 Ball Trophy deficit.

virtue of a 136.25-130.1 An impressive win over outscore of the host Lancers on Monday - gave Pinkerton press time. the victory in that sport to go boys' and girls' skiing, boys' and girls' track and field, and boys' swimming. LHS's lone win is in girls' swimming.

> The rival schools' wrestling teams met up at Londonderry High this Wednesday Jan. 24 - after Nutfield Publishing press time and the boys' and girls' basketball teams are slated to face off in the LHS gym in a double-header this coming Friday night. Pinkerton won the first ice hockey meeting with an overtime victory recently, but they are slated to play on the Lancers' home ice this Saturday and athletic directors Brian O'Reilly

The Astro gymnastics Sobolov of Londonderry squad's win - tallied by had yet to determine which of those two contests would count in the Ball series at

In the victory, Pinkerton along with earlier ones in received top performances from Sophia Viger on vault (first with a score of 91.5), the uneven bars (tied for second with teammate Emily Connors and Lancer Maddie Croteau with an 8.0), and the balance beam (third, 8.9), Zoe Demers on the uneven bars (first, 8.4) and the balance beam (tied for first with a Raymond athlete, 9.1), Ashley McKinnon on vault (second, 9.1), Ashley Loeffler on beam (second, 9.05), and Connors in the floor exercise (third,

Croteau was a true star for her Lancers. Along with the aforementioned second of Pinkerton and Howard on bars, she was tops in the



the PA gymnastics squad against uneven bars and the balance beam Londonderry.

all-around (34.35), second tie for third on the bars with ular season Sunday, Jan. 28

on floor (8.75), and third on a score of 7.7.

Mira Kutney contributed a close out their 2017-18 reg- Guertin Cardinals hosting.

Sophia Viger continued to stand out for Zoe Demers collected wins on the Photos by Chris Paul against Londonderry High.

at NoHa's Gymnastics in The undefeated Astros Manchester with the Bishop

Bowlers Enjoy a Big 10-Point Day on Manchester Lanes

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

Coach Janet Boyden's Pinkerton Academy bowling Kingston in Baker-round squad found success in a Time Lanes in Manchester Saturday, Jan. 20, tallying 10 points with a strong effort.

After notching the top standard-round score and the first seed with a team pin tally Pinkerton rolled individual

Winnacunnet of Hampton before falling to the number two Sanborn Indians of competition. The Hillsborofourth squad which competed that day, and they finished seeded third after standard

In standard level action,

defeat fourth-seeded Dan Kirichok scoring a 150 137-135 and 144-121. and a 135, Jason Barton contributing tallies of 156 and 137, co-captain Lauren Sylvain notching a 145 and a 170, Meghan Slater putting four-team match on the Spare Deering Hillcats were the forth a 139 and a 96, and cocaptain Keenan Nash showing great consistency with a 216 and a 215.

The locals then moved on to their Baker battle with Winnacunnet, which they

tion with those Sanborn the second game. It was pret-Indians, and PA won game one 142-134 but lost games two and three by margins of 152-120 and an extremely tight 142-140.

vault (9.0). Her teammate

It was then on to competi- 7 split in the eighth frame of Sanborn in Baker play. ty," said coach Boyden.

with a standard pin tally of effort.

"Sylvain picked up the 5- 1,106 and then besting

Astros Jarod Wong, Elijah Johnson, Sean Forkey, The PA junior varsity Bryant Nourse, and Zac crew also had itself a memo- Emery all made significant rable day, taking the top seed contributions to that fine



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Pinkerton Ski Squads Excel Again on Pat's Peak Slopes in Henniker

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

For a second consecutive week last week the Pinkerton Academy girls' and boys' ski squads showed just how successful they can be on the slopes at Pat's Peak in Henniker.

first place finishes in slalom that day by tallying a team competition at that ski area score of 393 in besting the

last Thursday, Jan. 18, coach Paul D'Antonio's academy crews came extremely close to matching that level of success in multi-team giant slalom action.

The defending state champion Lady Astros did Both PA crews notched in fact finish first once again

back on Jan. 11, and then runner-up crew from Keene teammates went up against Echerman South (337).

> In the boys' action, the Astros males notched a team score of 370 to finish behind Keene (394) but another ahead of North and Timberlane (tied with 353) and South (340).

Astros were flying high again," said the proud PA

Astros' Lady Danielle Martineau and her claim

(379) as well as Nashua a crowd of 46 individual North (354), Timberlane of competitors, and Martineau Plaistow (347) and Nashua finished first overall. Right behind her was teammate Hannah Peterson in second place overall. And directly behind Peterson was yet Lady Astro. Katelyn Bennett in third place overall.

Beyond that talented "When the last racer had trio, the locals had Emily crossed the finish line, the Gardner place fifth overall, Kathryn Leighton snag the PA males by placing 13th, Caroline Mills finish 14th, Elizabeth Veale get star 19th, Danielle St. Peter Dylan Durazzano finishing the 25th for a slalom event Miranda 10th.

Meghan Lahey snare 30th place, and freshmen Annabell Veale and Caryl lied 16th place. Zach Khan Huebner place 31st and 32nd respectively.

"It was a great job by the girls. Number one again," said coach D'Antonio.

As for the Astro guys, they competed among a field of 46 skiers as well and did extremely well.

Kenny McCarthy paced eighth overall, with Eric Ihloff taking ninth and His

26th, Camden Caswell was right behind him in the 11th spot, and Brandon Simpson talwas next in 17th place, Peter Tinker tallied 26th, Ethan Hatch placed 33rd, and James Smith was 40th.

> The locals had Owen Sezgin enjoy a superb first run with a time of 34.10 seconds, but he didn't finish his second run despite a strong effort.

The academy teams will be back at Pat's for a third straight week this Thursday teammate hosted by Bedford.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 15



Brooke Kane, Junior, Girls' Basketball

This talented 11th grader had a well-rounded game against Manchester Central, scoring 27 points and tallying several assists, steals, and rebounds to help the Lady Astros wallop the Little Green, 63-28.



Kaleal Cerafici, Senior, **Boys' Track and Field**

This skilled veteran is leading all Division I competitors in the shot put, and he ranks second in the state at present. He also won the shot on Sunday the 21st at Southern Maine with his best throw of the season.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office



11:30-1:00pm, Sunday, January 28

Pinkerton Track and Field Contingents Rule the Roost in Southern Maine Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS NUTFIFI D NEWS

Neither of the Pinkerton Academy indoor track and field squads could be touched by their opponents where team scoring was concerned in big league meets at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham this past Sunday, Jan. 21.

The Lady Astros outscored everybody - tallying 72 points - in their 10team meet at USM that afternoon, and the Astro males were some 25 points better than the runner-up Nashua North Titans in their meet with a total of 85

In their meet, the Astro guys tallied a bunch of first places with standout Jadyn Ruimwijk taking two himself. He proved unbeatable in the 55-meter dash (time of 6.79 seconds) and the 300 dash (36.68).

Other wins were bagged by Adam Spencer in the 55meter hurdles (7.97), Colton Boursier in the high jump (5 feet, 10 inches), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (46'4 1/2"), and the 4x400 relay quartet of Noah Woodman, Pat Hanlon, Spencer, and Ruimwijk (3:40.83).

Second places came

points. A total of nine teams from Hanlon in the 600competed in the boys' event. meter run (1:27.62), Conor Seleny in the 55 hurdles (8.20), Joe Gagnon in the 1,500 meter run (4:16.38), and Troy Voisine in the long jump (19'7"). And third place finishes were registered by Matt Small in the high jump and John Brooks in the long jump.

The victorious Lady Astros, who ended up being a dozen points better than the girls' runner-up squad from Bedford, got event wins from Amelia Graves in the 300 dash (42.21), Britney Johnson in the 1,000 (3:03.96), Meghan Cross in the 3,000 (10:46.11), Emily Lesburt in the high jump (5'4"), and the 4x400 relay quartet of Graves, Macy Graves, Megan O'Brien, and

Vaillancourt (4:21.52).

Third places were delivered by Amelia Graves in the 55 dash, Macy Graves in the 600 run, Maison D'Amelio in the 1,500 and the 3,000, Adrianna Buccieri in the shot, and the 4x200 relay team.

The academy teams will have hosted a field-events which included meet Londonderry High School athletes in their Hackler Gymnasium this Wednesday the 24th - just after Nutfield News press time - before returning to the University of New Hampshire's Sweet Oval this coming Sunday for a standards meet which the Astros hope gets still more of their athletes qualified for the upcoming state meets.





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Pinkerton Wrestlers Face Challenges at Bay State Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling squad tested its mettle against some strong Springfield Duals at the Springfield (Mass.) High School of Science and

Jan. 20. And the locals wound up registering a 1-3 record where overall team outcomes were concerned.

The Astros defeated the competition at the annual Hampden Charter School of Science squad of Chicopee, grapplers with a 4-5 dual Mass., by a 45-23 score but dropped decisions to the

Technology last Saturday, Mount Anthony Union was spearheaded by the Robinson and 220-pound pound competition. Billerica (42-36), and 113 Those outcomes left coach Dave Rhoads' academy meet record.

The Pinkerton effort

powerhouse of Vermont unblemished, 4-0 perform- stalwart Robbie Fahey each (58-18), Shawsheen Tech of ances of Walker Stinson at went 2-2. pounds, David Springfield Central (42-33). Hammond in the 120- collected by Robbie Morin with the host Londonderry pound class, and Sterling at 152 pounds, Jacob Dube High McLaughlin at 182 pounds. at 170, Raul Martinez at the Wednesday night, Jan. 24, Tyler MacKiernan went an 195-pound level, Christian after Nutfield News press excellent 3-1 at 145 pounds, Kuechler at 195 pounds, time. That event looked like and 106-pounder Dominic and Cam Macro in the 285- a truly strong match-up.

The Astros drove into this week looking at a big Single victories were Ball Family Trophy battle Lancers

PA Hockey Squad Remains the Only Unbeaten Team in D-I

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy ice hockey squad kept its Division I record perfect and an 8-4 tally at Saint Anselm huge in the success. College in Manchester last Saturday, Jan. 20.

Littlefield's Astros moved to (four assists), Ty Riviere remained the only unbeaten 7-0 and dropped Bedford to entity in that tough league 6-3 with the lopsided deci-

Bedford High Bulldogs by iors coming up absolutely

Senior captain Pat Hare potted three goals and his Scond-year coach Sam fellow seniors Tyler Whiting goals), Lucas Masciarelli, and Cody by thumping the tough sion, with some of its sen- Sullivan (one goal apiece)

the PA net.

extremely busy span of four Saturday the 27th, a battle should be something to see.

all chipped in in significant games in just seven days, back at home against ways. Freshman Cooper with slated contests at Salem Nashua South/Pelham two Flinton also bagged one goal this Wednesday the 24th - days later, and then a road and junior goalie Dakota after Nutfield News press trip all the way over to Robinson made 18 saves in time - followed by a rematch with the Londonderry The Division I leaders Lancers at the Tri-Town then stepped into an Arena in Hooksett on rematch with Londonderry

Hanover to play against the host Hanover Marauders the next day. The

Lady Astros' Basketball Crew Keeps the Victories Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad is teams which the Lady Astros are absolutely pummeling can attest to the fact that veteran coach Lani Buskey's hoop crew is truly a powerhouse.

Coach Buskey's bunch ended last week with a three-game winning streak rolling and its Division I record up to an excellent 5-

tive league success last by 31 points in the success Friday, Jan. 19 in the form of a 63-28 pounding of the host Manchester Central having itself one heck of a Little Green in the Queen the Central contest and put 2017-18 season, and the City. And this is certainly not a bad or weak Central contingent by any means. The Little Green stepped into that match with Pinkerton with a 5-2 record and having won four of its last five contests. But the academy squad had no trouble with the host, bagging the opponent by 35 points after throttling Alvirne of 1. And the Lady Astros Hudson by 27 points in its

notched their third consecu- previous victory and Salem prior to that.

The Lady Astros won each and every quarter of the cherry on top of their victory by outscoring the Little Green by an astounding 11-1 margin in quarter number four.

Pinkerton led by a 17-5 tally after one quarter and by a 30-16 margin at halftime. They then outscored their hosts by a 22-11 margin in the third period to lead 52-27 tally going into the last quarter.

(15) combined for 42 of evening. their talented squad's points. And it's important to stepped into action this note that in Pinkerton's lone week facing two contests Merrimack just before records below the .500 Christmas

Brooke Kane (27 PA starter were out of their game against Dover - after points) and Amanda Lemire squad's lineup for the

Lady machine Kane and another Wednesday, Jan. 24 home young but getting better.

Nutfield News press time before rolling forth toward Astros their Ball Family Trophy games road contest at Londonderry High against Division I loss - to with opponents who have an improving Lady Lancer contingent on Friday night. scoring mark in D-I. They hosted a Coach Nick Theos' crew is

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Scuffling Pinkerton Boys' Basketball Squad Falls to Central

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

There's certainly no lack of fight in the Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball squad. But despite its ability and willingness to battle every opponent it faces, the Division I victories have just not been coming for longtime coach Peter Rosinski's

And strong examples of the Astros' willingness to battle and their overall lack of success where the win column is concerned came about last Friday night, Jan. 19, in Derry when the academy cagers took on a tough athletic and very Manchester Central contingent, fought hard, and ended up losing by double digits.

Coach Rosinski's roster stepped into that contest with a 1-4 Division I record having lost four consecutive league games. Central, meanwhile, walked into the fray with a 4-1 record having won three consecutive contests.

So, last Friday night's 57-44 loss to the visiting Little Green kept the Astros' losing skid going while the Manchester mob kept its winning ways rolling.

The hosts got absolutely manhandled by their guests in the first quarter, but they rebounded well in the second period to wind up trailing by just a single point at the halftime break.

It was a four-point game with Central leading - at the end of three periods, and the Queen City crew put the win away in stanza four by outscoring its host by a 20-11 margin.

The Little Green netted 13 of the first 16 points tallied in the first period, and when the buzzer sounded the visitors were up by nine

Central employed a fullcourt press throughout that period, did a strong job on the offensive board while PA had trouble boxing out, and minimized the Astros' number of quality shots on

The visitors continued to full-court press in the second period, but the Astros did a much better job of shooting the ball and countering Central's pressure en route to a 17-9 outscore of the opponent.

The period began with Astro Sam Goy nailing a three-point shot just seconds into that stanza, which came to a close with Central grasping just a one-point lead of 24-23. Junior forward Goy tallied 10 of his squad's points in the opening

The Little Green's nearcomplete ineptitude at the free-throw line in the opening half also stung the Manchester squad mightily. The visitors only hit one of the 10 freebies they attempted in the first half. Central

charity stripe, hitting just seven of 19 free-throws in a recent blowout win of Keene.

Pinkerton notched its one and only lead of the night with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter when Goy sank a three-pointer to make the score 33-31 Astros. However, Central reeled off a 6-0 run during that remaining 2:30 to carry a 37-33 lead into the final stanza.

The Little Green netted the first bucket of the fourth to make the score 39-33, and Pinkerton had its deficit down as low as four points for the final time at 41-37 shortly thereafter. The visitors outscored their hosts

has had its travails at the 16-7 the rest of the way in putting the final touches on a successful night.

> Goy tied Central sophomore standout Ding Niyang - who had a loud dunk in the fourth quarter - as gamehigh scorer with 18 points. PA also had Matt Furgal and Andrew Lufkin contribute seven points.

> The Astros came into this week continuing to try to end their D-I skid with contests at Dover High this Wednesday, Jan. 24 - after Nutfield News press time followed by a Friday night Ball Family Trophy contest against those arch-rivals from Londonderry High on the Lancer's home court.



Pinkerton basketball veteran Andrew Lufkin goes fullspeed to the basket but a Manchester Central defender is intent on a block. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Swim Squads Have Mixed Success in Home Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy swim squads experienced distinct ups and downs where team scores were concerned when they each hosted three opponents in their home pool at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester last Saturday, Jan. 20.

> The PA males were bested by the Exeter High powerhouse (113-55) but they defeated both Merrimack (110-41) and Timberlane of Plaistow (121-25) handily in going 2-1 on the day. But the Lady Astros only managed to get past Timberlane (89-78), falling to Exeter

resoundingly (119-51) and Merrimack by a tiny margin (84.5-83.5).

"On the boys' side, Exeter should challenge Bishop Guertin for the state championship again," said coach Faszewski. "This was a great chance for our kids to swim against the cream of New Hampshire and see what we need to do to be there.'

The PA boys didn't claim any individual event or relay first places, but seconds were turned in by Gordon Suwirjo in the 100-meter butterfly (time of 1 minute, 03.72 seconds), Will Ploss in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:20.61), and its quartets in the 200 freestyle



Astro swimmer Tyler Montgomery and his teammates had mixed fortunes in their most recent event against some strong competition.

relay (1:56.88), 400 free the 400 free (5:03.94), and relay (4:15.84), and the 200 medley relay (2:08.67).

Thirds came from Christian Nelson in the 100 in the 200 free (2:14.57), Suwirjo in the 400 free (4:46.35), Will Poole in the 100-meter backstroke (1:17.38), and Ploss in the 200-meter individual medley (2:44.66).

(2:22.72) and took third in another multi-team meet.

the Lady Astros' 400 free relay quartet proved unbeatable (4:36.91).

Zoe Freedman came in free (1:02.48), Jackson Neeb second in the 50 free (30.77), the 200 free relay team bagged a second (2:03.79), and Skyler Eno snagged a third place in the 100 free (1:14.86).

The academy contingents will get all wet for a For the girls, Olivia cause again this coming Neville won the 200 free Saturday when they host

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The Greater Derry Track Club's 23rd Annual Boston Prep 16-Mile Road Race paired this year with a "BP Lite 5-Miler" - will get the starting gun at 10 a.m. this coming Sunday, Jan. 28 starting on Humphrey Road near the West Running Brook Middle School in Derry. That school will serve as race headquarters, and the finish line will be at the end of Forest Ridge Road close to the school.

The 16-mile race is called "moderately challenging" while the five-miler is meant for folks not quite ready to take on 16 miles but who still wish to take on a good run.

new this year is a Sunshine Start at 9 a.m. for those who expect to finish the 16-miler in three hours or more.

Local Track Club's Annual Boston

Interested folks should visit the GDTC website for more information about the Boston Prep: www.gdtc.org.

Returning to the GDTC prep race this year is K.D. Mason, New Hampshire author and runner. He will be signing copies of his latest book, "Cancelled Out," before and after the race. The book is the ninth installment in the Jack Beale mystery series. The story revolves around winter running events in New England, and reaches its climax at the Boston Prep event in Derry.

"Proceeds from these Number pick-up and events help support the race-day registration will GDTC's popular Kids'

and the 16-miler is a great training race for those tackling the Boston Marathon this spring," said track club media liaison Bonney Cashin.

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