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## Council To Appeal Decision On Storage Facility To Supreme Court

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After voting, the Town Council will be appealing a decision by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to grant a variance for a storage facility on Island Pond Road to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The decision, which was recently upheld by Rockingham Superior Court, will be appealed to the Supreme Court following a 5-2 vote by the council. Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon said during a Jan. 16 meeting, Bourdon added, "That is all that anybody will go into because essentially we

have an open case."

The Superior court recently upheld the variance granted last year by the ZBA for the storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road, Town Administrator David Caron said. The ZBA voted 3-2 at their May 4 meeting to grant the variance to the property at 343 Island Pond Road for a proposed 138-unit storage facility. In the Jan. 19 meeting, ZBA members conditionally granted a variance to build a 138-unit self-storage facility at the site. ZBA members voted 4-1 to grant the variance.

The variance was approved subject to obtaining all required state and town

permits and inspections; Planning Board approval; and establishing 12 business hours and reducing lighting. If approved, the self-storage facility would consist of 138 units in four buildings on an approximately 3-acre lot at 343 Island Pond Road. In addition, it would have an office for an on-site manager at the property, according to officials.

For many years, an automotive related business, the Russell Dickey Motor Service, operated on the property that is zoned low density residential. Old equipment and vehicles that were left on the property accumulat-

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## Economic Development Committee Looks at Elderly Housing in Town

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Big plans may be heading towards yet another section of the Downtown area after a discussion held at the Economic Development Advisory Committee's latest meeting on Jan. 29.

Committee Chairman, Paul Needham made the suggestion that members of the committee establish a motion to advise the Town Council to look into advertising an RSA for elderly housing around the intersection of Maple Street and Elm Street, which is surrounded by the likes of Linc's Auto Body, Kittredge Farms and Hood's Pond.

More specifically, several members are hoping to alter zoning rules in that specific area so that only residents fifty five and older

could live there, although only one person residing in the home would have to reach that age requirement.

Needham feels that not only would the location be excellent for elderly housing and empty-nesters when one considers all the surrounding attractions and establishments, but many residents have complained in the past about suspicious activities occurring in and around Hood Park after hours. Needham feels that restructuring the area could help to alleviate this problem, noting that there is only so much patrolling that the Derry Police can do.

Although many seemed to agree with the idea, there were some with concerns over the possibility. For starters, member Gordon Graham felt that they needed to elaborate more on

what they hoped to accomplish before making a suggestion to the council.

"It just seems to me that we don't have a plan", Graham noted.

There did seem to be some general idea of where to take the idea if the council were to approve it, with Planning Director George Sioras noting that the zoning region would only need to be moved over three or four parcels in order to achieve their desired effect, while Needham it should be a relatively easy project as long as they are able to reach out to the proper demographic.

As far as the age requirement for the housing goes, member John Potucek worried that such a move would potentially alienate younger residents in town, especially since New Hampshire as a

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**POTTER'S APPRENTICE** Pinkerton Academy Art Teacher, Mike Gooden gives Andrew Tanuma some tips on throwing a bowl at the 13th annual Community Caregivers Potter's Bowl at the Pinkerton Academy Freshmen Building on Saturday, Jan. 27. See more on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

## Heritage Commission Kicks Off Nutfield 300th Anniversary

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Nutfield region continues to inch closer to April 12, 2019, which is established as the area's three hundredth anniversary. Encompassing the towns of Derry, Londonderry and Windham, each of the three

have been working hard to put on a celebration worthy of such a monumental occasion.

At the suggestion of town staff, Derry held the first meeting of its celebration planning subcommittee on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in order to start laying the groundwork for the event.

Led by the Derry Heritage Commission, the subcommittee itself is being headed by Commission member Paul Lindemann, along with Commission Chair Karen Blandford-Anderson, other members of the commission and numerous residents who came to

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# Derry Board Members Learn About Running Effective Meetings

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Derry's system of governance tends to come off as a double-edged sword at times. Having volunteers throughout the town fill in the various positions on the numerous commissions, committees and boards can give residents the sense that these individuals have their best interests in mind. However, using people who may not have experience in government matters, particularly on how to effectively run

their meetings, tends to open up possibilities for negative consequences, including potential backlash from fellow citizens.

In order to make sure these volunteers are prepared to handle the rigors of these positions, the town held a presentation on Jan. 23 to educate them on state Right-To-Know laws and the means to effectively handling public meetings.

The representative, Margaret Byrnes, ended up taking charge of the Jan. 23 presentation as a part of the

New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA). As a member of the NHMA, Derry has been able to take advantage of their legal advisory services, financial advisory services and an assortment of other training workshops, including training on budget and finance matters, local welfare and municipal law.

Roughly the first half of the presentation focused on the legal ramifications surrounding public meetings, teaching the volunteers about the state's Right-To-

Know law, the difference between meetings and hearings and generally the do's and don'ts of how to handle meetings effectively.

But a large focus was also placed on how the public would perceive a board or commissions actions throughout a meeting. Buckley emphasized that maintaining a respectful appearance and a good sense of decorum are key to keeping both citizens and fellow volunteers content, noting how one should avoid spending time with personal

electronic devices and keeping calm when dealing with public commenters who are being difficult to work with.

The meeting itself was attended by dozens of members of the town's government, including several town councilor, state representatives Brian Chirichiello and John O'Connor and various members of the town's numerous committees and commissions.

Before Byrnes began his presentation, Council Chair Joshua Bourdon spoke before those in attendance to

give his thoughts on the presentation, telling the audience just how important a well-run meeting is to the town and that they could not run New Hampshire local government without volunteers.

The NHMA is also planning a number of other workshops throughout New Hampshire, primarily at their office in Concord, but also culminating in a conference at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester in Nov. For more information, visit [nhmunicipal.org](http://nhmunicipal.org).

## School Board Announces Volunteer of the Year Award and Retirees

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The Derry School Board recently took the opportunity to honor a number of individuals for their years and years of dedication to the Derry school system at the Jan. 23 board meeting: one for her volunteer efforts and plenty more for deciding to bring their long careers to an end and get some well-deserved rest.

First off, Gilbert H Hood Middle School Principal William Fox honored Hood PTSA President Jen O'Neill

with their Volunteer of the Year Award. A strong part of the school for the past seven years, Neill has already had three of her children attend Hood, with one of her daughters graduating this year.

During her time with the PTSA, O'Neill has led many student activities and the charge for a variety of fundraisers for the school, including a very successful golf tournament fundraiser done recently.

"We couldn't do it without Jen O'Neill", Fox noted. Unfortunately, O'Neill is

planning on leaving the Hood PTSA at the end of the school year to be a part of the East Derry Memorial PTSA with her son, but will eventually return to Hood once he graduates and moves on to Hood.

None the less, her work was greatly appreciated and will no doubt be welcomed back with open arms in the future.

While O'Neill announced only a temporary end to her time with Hood, a large number of other staff in the Derry School District recently announced that they would be retiring at the end of this school year.

As announced by Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, the district's

Director of Maintenance Gary Webster would be leaving.

From East Derry Memorial, PACE teacher Monica Cataldo, Fourth Grade teacher Patricia McDonald and Second Grade teacher Sue Devine will be retiring.

From Derry Village, Physical Education teacher Maryrose Dorazio, Nurse Lucie Collins and First Grade teacher Darla Scali will be leaving.

From Ernest P. Barka Elementary, Special Education teacher Carol Sheil, First Grade teacher MaryEllen Stella, Second Grade teacher Deborah Vachon, Fifth Grade teacher Gail MacGuire and Second Grade teacher Michele Pro-

copio will be leaving the school.

From South Range Elementary, Reading Specialist Deborah Bush will be retiring.

And finally, from Gilbert H. Hood, Foreign Language teacher Michael Philion will be leaving the school.

For all their hard work,

the board, including Chair Dan McKenna, expressed their appreciation for the retirees and wished them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives.

"I will miss all of these people for all of the different contributions they have throughout our district", McKenna noted.

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whole has been pushing as of late to encourage younger citizens to remain in New Hampshire for their careers and other activities.

Regardless of these concerns, however, the motion passed unanimously and is expected to go before the council sometime in the coming weeks.

In other news, Town Councilor James Morgan mentioned that plans are currently being discussed to introduce a privately-funded mural along the outer wall of the Cask & Wine Bar on East Broadway that would detail the history of Derry. If successfully procured, the mural would be unveiled during the Nutfield 300th Anniversary next year.

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# Derry Man Sentenced Recently for Fentanyl Trafficking

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The opioid crisis has been a hot-button issue in New Hampshire for years, and although there has been much talk on how to resolve it, it seems to merely plateau if not worsen. This crisis, peaking in 2016 but still significantly prevalent, has led to thousands of needless fatalities.

While many advocate for the implementation of more rehabilitation and recovery resources, hopefully the issue can also be combated with fewer avenues for dangerous substances to be dispersed.

On June 5 of 2017, Derry

resident Anthony Barth, 26, plead guilty to two counts of distribution of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. The substance in question was found to be fentanyl, an opioid analgesic (pain reliever) similar to morphine, but 50 to one-hundred times stronger.

Fentanyl was developed in 1959 to be used to treat pain, particularly after surgery. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, when prescribed by a physician, fentanyl is medically administered via injection, patch, or a lozenge, and

in its prescription form goes by either Actiq, Duragesic, or Sublimaze. However, the fentanyl that has been introduced illicitly in more recent years, and that is associated with recent overdoses, is made in secret laboratories and distributed in several forms, including powder, spiked on blotter paper, or in a staggering number of reported cases, mixed with or substituted for heroin and as tablets that mimic other less potent opioids. The street names for the drug include Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Jackpot, Murder 8, TNT, and Tango

and Cash, says the NIDA.

According to statements made in court, Barth had sold fentanyl to an individual on two occasions in July and Aug. 2016. On Aug. 17, 2016, said individual, cooperating with authorities, placed an order for 50 “fingers” of fentanyl, equating to 500 grams of the substance.

Barth arrived at the predetermined meeting location in Derry, where officers attempted to take him into custody. Barth then hit a police car in his attempt to flee, eventually abandoning his own vehicle behind a nearby business. Barth then ran into a wooded area in an attempt to discard the drugs and evade arrest, but was apprehended by officers shortly thereafter, where they found nearly 490 grams of fentanyl left by Barth.

Barth was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison on Mon., Jan. 28.

While there may be one fewer avenue for dangerous substance access, the opioid epidemic continues to ravage the Granite State. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, New Hampshire ranks as one of the highest in the entire United States for illicit drug use among 18-25 year olds, and these young adults have a higher rate of dependence on and abuse of these substances than other states in the nation.

“Most overdose deaths in

the Granite State are being caused by fentanyl,” Acting U.S. Attorney Farley has said. “The substantial amount of fentanyl that this defendant was distributing could have placed many lives at risk.”

Fentanyl is most often either swallowed, snorted, injected, or placed in the mouth via a blotter paper by the user, and works by binding the body’s opioid receptors, which are found in the same areas of the brain that control pain and emotions. When opioids bind with these receptors, they increase dopamine levels in the brain’s reward center, which gives the user a feeling of euphoria and relaxation, and can lead to addiction and dependence. However, these same receptors that provide these positive feelings are also found in the same area of the brain that controls the body’s respiratory rate, so high doses of the substance can lead to the user’s breathing to cease entirely, leading to death by overdose.

Attorney Farley also noted, “While the law enforcement community recognizes that those who suffer from addiction require treatment, those who seek to profit from the sale of these deadly products are damaging the fabric of our communities. We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to seek substantial penalties for those who threaten our state

by selling fentanyl and other deadly drugs.”

According to most recent reports available via the NH Drug Monitoring Initiative, drug overdose deaths were slightly fewer in 2017 than in 2016 (all numbers based on analysis as of Dec. 7, 2017, with 89 toxicity cases pending - Dec. data has yet to be made available as of this release). However, this decrease is only by approximately 4%. While this may be an improvement, there are still leaps and bounds that need to be made in remedying the state’s opioid crisis.

“The state of New Hampshire is faced with a fentanyl crisis unlike ever before,” said Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Ferguson. “Those suffering from opioid addiction need access to treatment and recovery, but those that distribute and profit from lethal drugs like fentanyl to the citizens of New Hampshire need to be held accountable. This investigation demonstrates the strength and continued commitment of our local, state and federal partners and our strong relationship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office.”

For resources on how to combat drug addiction and abuse, visit the New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition at nhhrc.org. Reports by the NH Drug Monitoring Initiative are available at [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/data.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/data.htm)

## 300th

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lend their support to the cause as well.

The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to a slideshow held by Lindemann. Beginning with a history lesson about Nutfield and how it eventually split up into three towns, Lindemann explained that the celebration will not just be focused around one day or a single weekend, but will rather encompass the entire summer of 2019.

It would start officially on April 12 as a means of kicking off both the 300th Celebration and Founders Weekend, which would serve to honor the area’s heritage and founding with the likes of history talks, musical performances and inviting individuals from Northern Ireland with connections to the founding members of Nutfield to come visit the area. On top of also involving Windham’s Strawberry Fes-

tival and Londonderry’s Old Home Day, Derry’s Fourth of July festivities and Derryfest will also be centered on the 300th anniversary.

A wide assortment of other plans have already been established for the celebration as well, including collectable coins, historical site tours, ancestral family gatherings and a race to refurbish the First Parish Church in preparations for Founders Weekend, as the church’s support structure has fallen into rather abysmal shape due to its age and general wear and tear.

But the meeting was not only for establishing how far they have come, but what else can and needs to be accomplished within the fifteen months remaining before the celebration kicks off. For starters, Anderson hopes to use this as yet another chance to promote economic development in Derry by uniting with various Downtown businesses to

promote the celebration, including the Cask & Vine and involvement with the Derry After Dark festival.

“This is a great opportunity to place Derry as a place to go,” Anderson noted.

Furthermore, the subcommittee can also expect help from the town museum for the sake of historical research, which will be supremely helpful when trying to arrange other possible activities, including walk-throughs of historical homes in Derry and the telling of various stories based around Derry’s cemeteries through volunteers dressed up as historical figures. The subcommittee even threw around the possibility of replanting the nut trees that were common in the early days of Nutfield and gave the area its name.

For more information about the 300th Anniversary and how to volunteer, visit [nutfieldhistory.org/nutfield300th/](http://nutfieldhistory.org/nutfield300th/).

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# Editorial

## The Big “D” Day

Being involved in Democracy is not always easy. It can be time consuming, a bit monotonous, and occasionally downright unpleasant. But it can also be rewarding, invigorating, and restorative to your faith in government. ?Deliberative session season is here, and for all towns with an Official Ballot government, it means giving up a Friday evening and/or a Saturday to take part in democracy in action. This week and next bring town and school deliberative sessions, and your town’s sessions should be circled dates on the calendar, as they’re just as important as the annual Super Bowl party. Unlike the big game, you are the one who has influence on the passes made in these sessions.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power at the deliberative session. That’s why it’s so important not only to attend, but also to stay for the entire duration. In some towns, that means just an hour or so of your time. While some may see this as too much time, the outcomes of these sessions affect your wallet, specifically in where your tax dollars will be spent.

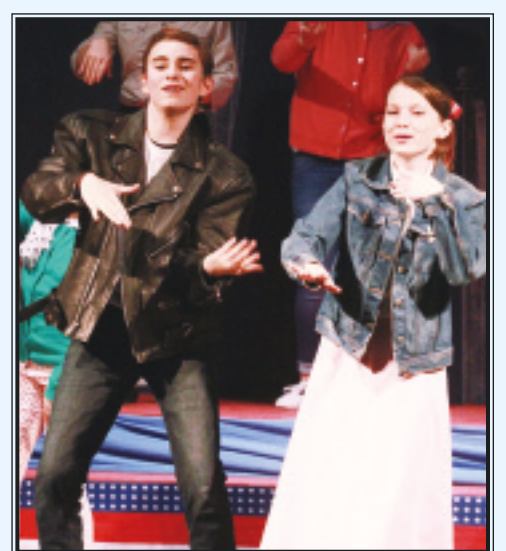
You are the watchdog for your community. Large amounts of potential taxpayers’ money being spent are being discussed, so we urge you to do the right thing and questions, even if they are uncomfortable. These days every penny counts, and there’s no such thing as a stu-

pid question when it’s you and your neighbors’ hard-earned dollars on the line. Remember, it’s the articles that come out of deliberative session that we will be voting on in March by secret ballot, and their wording, thanks in some instances to action at deliberative session, may not be the same as what the town council, selectmen, school board or citizen petitioner proposed. The deliberative is a hybrid animal – no up or down voting on an article takes place, as it would at the old-style Town Meeting. Voters (no quorum required) can propose and vote on amendments to an article, thus altering what goes on the official ballot in March. That is a powerful position for every voter to have.

Staying home equals abdication. For true change to happen, even just a small cadre of voters is necessary. Once you get inside a deliberative session, you’ll be enraptured by the emotion and excitement of the moment of participating in your town’s democracy, with as much right to do so as everyone else. You won’t regret going, but you may regret staying home.

With all of this said, we urge you to make attending the deliberative session a part of your winter routine. All you need to do is pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, and read the proposed warrant articles. Then grab your voting card and get down to the business.

## Majestic Theatre Perform Bye Bye Birdie



The Majestic Theatre Group Young Performers’ Edition performed “Bye Bye Birdie” over the weekend at the Derry Opera House. The musical was Directed of Jocelyn Duford with Musical Direction by A Robert Dionne. The part of Albert Peterson was played by Nicholas Grzywacz of Manchester; Rosie Alvarez was played by Alyssa Beaulieu of Londonderry; Conrad Birdie, James Bridges

of Hooksett; Mae Peterson, Amelia Hansen of Hooksett; Kim MacAfee, Meghan Dolley of Manchester; Hugo Peabody, Landyn Byrd of Auburn; Harry MacAfee, Theo Boyd of Danville, Doris MacAfee, Elsa Gustafson of Manchester. Derry Cast members included: Harley Cassady as Penelope; Audrey Labbe in Ensemble and Youth Ensemble member Rowan Gifford. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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ed. An environmental cleanup of the property was later conducted, according to officials.

To gain approval, Allen, the applicant, had to demonstrate that granting the variance met certain criteria necessary for approval, including meeting the spirit and intent of the low-density residential zoning. In addition, Allen needed to demonstrate that a hardship existed. During the meeting, several abutters went to the microphone to oppose the variance. Abutters Neil and Gail Hitter said they have lived in the same house for 34 years. If approved, the self-storage business would be located directly across

from them. They opposed granting the variance because they said the business didn’t meet the spirit and intent of the low-density residential zoning. The self-storage business represents a large commercial operation that doesn’t fit with the zoning, Neil Hitter said.

In addition, Neil Hitter said he didn’t believe that Allen had demonstrated that a hardship existed by not granting the variance. Even though it wouldn’t be as profitable, Hitter said a house could still be built on the property and sold. If the variance was granted and the business approved, Gail Hitter said that it would increase traffic and cause light pollution.

Several other abutters also voiced opposition to granting the variance, saying

the proposed business didn’t fit into the neighborhood and that it would cause light pollution. In response to the abutters, attorney Bernard Campbell, who represented Allen, was given an opportunity to speak. As for whether a hardship is present, Campbell proposed applying the current zoning and determining “can it be used for what it is zoned for?” Campbell said under the current zoning the house would have to be on a three-acre estate and wouldn’t fit. Campbell said Island Pond Road has an extremely mixed character and is not a three-acre estate subdivision area to fit with the low residential zoning.

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



# Community Caregivers Host 13th Annual Potter's Bowl



For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry hosted their annual "Potter's Bowl" on Saturday evening, Jan. 27 at Pinkerton Academy. The organization is celebrating 30 years of service to the communities of Derry, Chester, Londonderry, Windham, Sandown, Danville and Hampstead.

This year featured 14 soups donated for sampling from local restaurants and hundreds of pots donated for attendees to take home from Exeter Fine Crafts, Lorraine Bauman Pottery, The Voice of Clay, Rock Pond Pottery, and the art students at Pinkerton Academy, Londonderry High School and Timberlane Regional High School.

Pinkerton Academy Art Teacher Michael Gooden also attended the event to demonstrate the art of throwing a pot.

Also on hand, volunteering their time, were the

Red Star Twirlers, D.J. Sharon Deluca with her photo booth, and Denise Tedesco who decorated the cake and baked many of the dessert items.

Over 60 items were presented in the Silent Auction with minimum bids ranging from \$10 to \$425.

During the evening, Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma was presented with honor of being named "Citizen of the Year" by the St. Mark's Masonic Lodge in Derry. A plaque was presented by Al Lamson and Master of the Lodge, Jeremy Ledoux.

The winner of the evenings 50/50 raffle, Tammy Stockton, relieved \$300 which she promptly donated to the Caregivers.

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# Marion Gerrish Hosts Crockpot Potluck to Unite State's Deaf Community



Derry residents, both deaf and non-deaf, enjoying a meal together at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Photo by Alex Guittarr

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Life for deaf individuals obviously is not the easiest. Even when you have mastered sign language and found a daily routine to follow, there is still the task of finding a community and people that you can develop a relationship with. Unfortunately, many still cannot find this community, leaving them alone in their struggle to live in a world without sound.

But groups like the New Hampshire Association of the Deaf (NHAD) hope to change this by bringing the New Hampshire deaf community together in a variety of social events, including

their most recent one: a Crockpot contest held at the Marion Gerrish Community Center on Jan. 27.

Started back in 1973, the NHAD has served as a volunteer organization to work towards promoting economical, educational, cultural and social welfare of the deaf in New Hampshire, all while maintaining an organization of officers who are all deaf or hard of hearing.

Amongst these officers is Sheila Coombs, a Social Committee Coordinator with the NHAD off and on for the past fifteen years who was also in charge of the Crockpot contest since its inception last year. As one of the primary organizers of these

events, Coombs not only tries to unite the deaf community of New Hampshire, but also give other residents, including family members, sign language students and just the generally curious, the chance to know these people.

"We try to make sure they have an opportunity to get out and socialize", Coombs noted.

This is only one of a number of events that the NHAD holds throughout the year for the deaf community, with everything from holiday parties to cookouts and bowling parties being hosted all across the state.

But as enjoyable as these events can be, there is a very personal element to those who attend, and Coombs is no

exception. Born into a hearing family, Coombs did not have many people in her life with whom she could connect and interact with. She would find herself spending most days staring off into space, unsure what to do with her time.

"When around hearing people, I didn't feel alive", Coombs stated.

But it was when NHAD came into her life, things suddenly became a lot easier to cope with. Having a group of people that she could share experiences and conversations with suddenly gave her purpose, and it is with these types of events that Coombs hopes to help others in the deaf community achieve the same feeling.

# Middle School Students Hosts Their Own Morning News Program

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While it is never too early to try and get kids interested in the news, many don't seem to have much interest for an assortment of reasons. But their opinions on that may change if they saw what students from Gilbert H. Hood Middle School were doing with their Friday morning news

reports.

These reports were recently brought into the spotlight during the Derry School Board's latest meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, being presented to the board by Principal William Fox.

According to Fox, in place of traditional morning announcements, the morning reports took the form of fifteen minute news reports shown to all students on Fri-

day mornings from 7:15 - 7:30 p.m. Produced with the help of Media Director David Minkle, the reports cover various announcements and events going on throughout the school year, as well as trivia questions and quiz shows for the students.

Overall, Fox was incredibly proud of the student's hard work, as the process for developing each report takes

the entire week, and feels that they are a great way to start off the end of the school week.

"It's just a great opportunity for them to take charge of that aspect and lead", Fox noted.

But Fox did not want to take all the credit for himself, which is why, after showing a clip of the morning reports on-set and behind the scenes, Fox invited eighth graders Jackson Crawford, Mia Holland and Jade Sullivan, the hosts of the show, as well as members of the Hood AV Club, to speak before the board.

Crawford started by noting just how thankful he was for all the assistance they

receive from the AV Club and the school staff.

"We really appreciate the work that they do", Crawford stated.

Beyond that, they also expanded upon what they have to do to prepare for each week's report, how take efforts to involve as many students as possible in their weekly quiz program and even offer tips to younger students about what they can expect when moving up to the next grade. The AV Club members also got the chance to speak about their experiences, noting how they are hoping to continue pursuing these activities in high school.

As for how the board felt

about these morning reports, Board Member Michelle McKinnon wondered what the students were doing to prepare for the next set of students that would take over the program the following year. The students noted that anyone that is currently a part of the National Junior Honor Society can volunteer their services for the show, as long as they are comfortable with public speaking.

Before leaving for the night, the board thanked the students for their hard work and admired the dedication that they put into producing the reports on a weekly basis. In particular, Superintendent Maryann Connors-Krikorian was proud about the students' emphasis on using the word "we" instead of "I" when speaking about their program, emphasizing the huge amount of selflessness and community that could be found at Hood.

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# Laughter Therapist Helps To Brighten Moods at Derry Library

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Between the short amount of daylight, frigid temperatures and having to contend with constant snow storms, there does not seem to be a lot to smile about during this time of year. And although attitudes like this can be inevitable from time to time, feelings of negativity can not only harm us mentally, but physically as well if left unchecked.

Thus, in order to help Derry residents try and put a smile back on their faces, Sandra Maisey with the World Laughter Tour (WCT) held a laughter therapy session in the Derry Public Library on Jan. 24.

We all know that a good old fashioned belly laugh can brighten anyone's mood, but it is people like Norman Cousins who actually found that it had much greater affects. Known for being a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral science, amongst other things, Cousins came down with connective tissue disease, coupled with extreme arthritis, in his late forties. Constantly crippled by the incredibly painful ailments, he resorted to getting a few laughs by watching a variety of humorous television shows and movies which, on top of large doses of Vitamin C, actually helped him to sleep better at night and somewhat relieved his pain,

generally making life more manageable.

The details of Cousins' struggle and findings could be found in his 1979 book *Anatomy of an Illness as Perceived by the Patient*, and it is through these findings that the WCT works to spread this specialized therapy through what they described as Certified Laughter Leaders (CLL).

One of the more experienced CLLs, Maisey's job is to bring these various lessons to attendees of the sessions, expanding upon the physical, mental and emotional benefits of a bit of laughter, such how it can improve our immune systems and even help fight diabetes, while mixing in some

physical exercises, all to help bring a smile to people's faces.

Serving as a CLL for the last thirteen years, Maisey got her start while working as a business systems analyst, which she retired from back in 2010, when she came across an article written by alternative medicine doctor Andrew Weil. The article in question expanded upon the WCT and the benefits of laughter therapy and Maisey almost instantly knew she had to give it a try.

"This is what I wanted to do all my life and I didn't even know it", Maisey noted.

Having already done plenty of therapy sessions at libraries and nursing homes across New Hampshire,



Laughter Therapy Coach Sandra Maisey advising Derry residents on how to keep their spirits high for both their physical and mental health.

Maisey has no plans of stopping any time soon. And going by the joyous reactions produced by those who attended her latest session, she seems to be doing a great job.

## Ernest P. Barka Elementary Honors Two Teachers For Leadership Skills

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Teachers put forth a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication every day they step into their classrooms to give students a good education and school experience, but some teachers go above and beyond in their efforts, which is why two of Ernest P. Barka Elementary's teachers were recently recognized for their hard work at the Derry School Board's latest meeting on Jan. 23.

Being recognized by Barka Principal Daniel LaFleur and Vice Principal David Brown, the two teachers in question, First Grade teacher Corinna Boisvert and Kindergarten teacher

Cindy Najem were both being honored for different reasons, although LaFleur noted that he wished he could recognize more of the Barka staff for their efforts.

For starters, Brown spoke about Najem's recent recognition at a Teacher-Leader Conference in Meredith, NH back in December, where she was one of only eight other teachers in the state to be honored for their strong leadership skills.

In a letter of recommendation he wrote for Najem, Brown mentioned how Najem has dedicated over two decades of her life to working for both Barka and East Derry Memorial Elementary, showcasing end-less enthusiasm and energy

while going above and beyond to help students, all while staying motivated and goal-oriented.

"It's nice to be able to walk down the hall and see her work her magic with her Kindergartens students", LaFleur noted while also commending Najem.

Boisvert, on the other hand, was recently nominated for and awarded with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year Award at an awards ceremony in Littleton, NH. Having worked at both Grinnell Elementary and Barka, Boisvert is known for being empathetic, humble and compassionate. But what really stood out about her work was her dedication to her country, in that she would regularly organ-

ize veteran-focused programs that her first grade students would assist with, including having them write letters to veterans and sing for a Flag Day concert that honored those soldiers.

"I feel that Corinna epitomizes all that is right in education", LaFleur stated.

While Brown and LaFleur greatly respected these two individuals, the school board also felt the

same way. Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Kirkorian noted that she loved their hard work and felt that they were great role models for both students and staff alike.



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# DERRY SPORTS

# Drubbings of Dover and Londonderry Make PA Girls' Hoop 7-1

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A 32-point pasting of Dover followed by a 24-point thumping of the arch-rival Londonderry High squad last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad bounding into this week contemplating a five-game winning streak and a 7-1 record in tough Division I.

The Lady Astros bagged their fourth consecutive D-I win and moved their league record to an excellent 6-1 with a 56-24 drubbing of the visiting Dover High Green Wave in Derry last Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The academy crew

sprinted out to a 19-2 lead in the first period and found itself up by some 27 points at 36-9 when the squads adjourned for halftime. The locals then outscored their guests by a 20-15 margin in the second half in tucking the win away.

Brooke Kane did her usual strong work in pacing the victorious locals with 17 points - including a pair of three-pointers - and Amanda Lemire and Madison Mahoney were each good for nine.

Veteran coach Lani Buskey's PA bunch had a little bit more trouble with the host Londonderry High Lady Lancers in Ball Family Trophy play at LHS last

Friday night, Jan. 26, but in the end the Lady Astros were a full 24 points better than the youthful and still developing LHS contingent in a 64-40 success.

Pinkerton netted 15 of the first 17 points scored in the contest, and at the end of one quarter the visitors' lead sat at 25-6. They hit 10 of the 16 shots they attempted from the field in that stanza, while Londonderry struggled at 3-for-12.

However, the young Lady Lancers gave glimpses of the promise they have in outscoring their hosts in both the second and third quarters, with the PA lead sitting at 36-23 at halftime and 48-36 rolling into quar-

ter four.

But Pinkerton once again ruled the court in the fourth quarter, tucking the win away comfortably by outscoring its host by a margin of 16-4. Hence, the Lady Astros had outscored coach Nick Theos' developing LHS contingent by a huge 41-10 margin in the first and fourth periods, while Londonderry enjoyed a 30-23 advantage in scoring in the two middle periods.

The academy side had four players finish with double figures in scoring led by junior standout Kane and her 20 points. Lemire and Cydney Lessard were each good for a dozen, and Alicia D'Onofrio tallied 11. The Lady Lancers had sophomore stalwarts Colleen Furlong (12) and Courtney Shay (11) lead their offense.

"After a tremendous first quarter, we had a flat second quarter, which cost us," said PA leader Buskey. "It's a good lesson for my girls on the importance of playing a full game. The gym was loud and had a playoff vibe. This win will hopefully pay dividends for us down the road. We kept our composure for the most part and



Junior standout Brooke Kane was the Pinkerton girls' basketball squad's top scorer in its wins over both the Dover Green Wave and the Londonderry Lady Lancers recently.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

*Photo by Chris Paul*

we were able to pull away in the fourth with a strong defensive effort.

I thought Londonderry played hard and showed a lot of promise. They are going to surprise some teams for sure."

This week's slate had the

Lady Astros on the road for two battles, with the first this Tuesday the 30th out in Keene - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a far shorter trip to Manchester Memorial to play the as-yet-undefeated Lady Crusaders on Friday night.

# Astros Cap Off Ball Family Trophy Success By Sweeping Hoop, Hockey

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's varsity winter sports teams left absolutely no question regarding their desire to hang onto the Ball Family Trophy for a seventh straight year recently, winning every sporting event but one in their annual winter competition with the rival Londonderry High Lancers.

The Astros capped off their massive success in the

2017-18 Ball Family games late last week by sweeping a basketball doubleheader at LHS on Friday night the 26th and then bagging a 3-1 ice hockey victory on Londonderry's home ice at The Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett the next evening.

Earlier, the academy contingents collected victories in their gymnastics, boys' and girls' skiing, boys' and girls' track and field, and boys' swimming contests with the Lancers. Lon-

donderry's lone success  
came in girls' swimming.

The Ball Family Trophy Games were established during the early 1990's - along with the spring Beeman Trophy Games - following the success of the fall Mack Plaque Games which began during the autumn of 1983. Members of the Ball family have made huge contributions in numerous areas at both Pinkerton and Londonderry High over the decades.



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# Astro Wrestlers Reap Good Results at Londonderry and in Concord



Pinkerton sophomore wrestling standout Sterling McLaughlin got the best of LHS junior stalwart Ben Psaledas in their recent bout. *Photo by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A Ball Family Trophy victory at Londonderry High School followed by an extremely strong fifth-place finish out of some 25 competing teams at the annual Capital City Classic in Concord last week left the Pinkerton Academy wrestling squad with quite a few reasons to feel good about itself.

Pinkerton veteran coach Dave Rhoads saw his team bag a 48-27 defeat of the host Londonderry High Lancers in Ball Trophy action last Wednesday, Jan. 24, before heading up Route 93 to the state capital on the following Saturday to take on a big group of talented and determined opponents from different parts of New England. And the Astros got plenty accomplished there in

Concord.

The defeat of the arch-rival Lancers was helped along by some four Londonderry weight class forfeits, but the Astros also received some strong performances in competitive bouts in making it a successful day.

The competitive centerpiece of that event was the epic 182-pound bout between Lancers' junior standout Ben Psaledas and Pinkerton sophomore stalwart Sterling McLaughlin.

That battle was scoreless after one period had been completed, but McLaughlin then built up a 5-0 lead during stanza two and eventually pinned his opponent with 27 ticks of the clock left in that period.

The Astros also notched victories via pins thanks to the performances of Christian Kuechler at 220 pounds,

Walker Stinson in 113-pound action, and David Hammond at 126.

At the Capital City event, which was won by Rhode Island powerhouse Bishop Hendricken (235.5 points) with the host Concord Crimson Tide second (215), Pinkerton managed 136 points and fifth place.

PA medalists included 182-pound divisional champion McLaughlin, Raul Martinez at 195 pounds (fourth), Ty Mackiernan at 145 (fourth), Dom Robinson at 106 pounds (fifth), and Cam Macro in heavyweight competition (fifth).

Coach Rhoads' Pinkerton roster will be extremely busy late this week with the locals hosting that tough Concord High crew on Thursday, Feb. 1, followed by the Pinkerton quad meet on Saturday morning.

## Astro Bowlers Bag Three Points in Match at Merrimack Ten Pin

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy varsity bowling squad faced some significant competitive challenges when it took on four determined rival contingents at Merrimack Ten Pin last Saturday, Jan. 27. But the Astros wound up walking away from that venue with a tally of three points for their considerable efforts.

After finishing as the fourth seed following standard-round play, coach Janet Boyden's academy bunch went on to destroy the fifth-ranked Winnacunnet side of

Hampton by a 152-98 tally in a single Baker-level preliminary-round contest to advance in Baker play.

The locals then faced off with top-seeded Stevens of Claremont and dropped decisions of 192-143 and 195-122. It was then on to a Baker battle with second-seeded Hollis-Brookline, which handed PA defeats of 161-122 and 200-116.

Pinkerton had reached Baker play by tallying a two-game standard score of 1,349 thanks to the efforts of Dan Kirichok (games of 121 and 113), Meghan Slater (126 and 108), co-captain Lauren Sylvain (two games

of 118), Jason Barton (173), Bryant Nourse (132), and co-captain Keenan Nash (a 173 and a phenomenal 247). In that stellar second game Nash rolled seven strikes in a row and finished the game with two more strikes in the 10th frame.

The Pinkerton junior varsity crew enjoyed a strong day with a first place performance which was fueled by impressive individual efforts from Jarod Wong, Elijah Johnson, Sean Forkey, Bryant Nourse, Jason Barton, and Zac Emery.

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# Pinkerton Boys' Basketball Bags Ball Trophy Victory at LHS

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball squad brought an end to a lengthy losing skid with a Ball Family Trophy victory over the strong but struggling Londonderry High Lancers last Friday night.

The Astros had their Division I record slide to 1-6 with an 18-point loss to Dover earlier in the week - their sixth straight D-I defeat - before the

big effort against LHS two nights later.

The Astros had absorbed that sixth consecutive D-I downer in an 80-62 defeat at the hands of the Dover High Green Wave on the seacoast last Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The locals enjoyed a strong start, with a first quarter lead of 19-13. But the host Green Wave crew won each of the next three periods and held leads of 41-29 at halftime and 58-41 at the end of three quarters.

Sam Goy paced the PA effort with 20 points, Ben Lindsey contributed 15, and Cason Giordano was good for eight. Ryan Auger and Andrew Lufkin each netted six points. All in all, eight Astros tallied points on a losing night.

But while the academy cagers had played well in spurts in the Dover contest, they had a more complete effort against a scuffling Lancer squad in Friday night, Jan. 26 action in a 50-44 victory.

Coach Peter Rosinski had his squad hopping in and out of different offenses and defenses all night, and doing so quite effectively in tallying the 50-44 win which ended their losing skid.

"We're a team that has to do a lot of defenses to be effective, and the kids played 10 different defenses as well as eight different offenses, making changes on the fly. And they did a great job," said Rosinski.

Missing from that statement, however, is an explicit acknowledgment of the heart and fire which the Pinkerton players exhibited in a game which they were expected by many to lose despite the fact that the host Lancers had lost two games in a row themselves.

In fact, the game showed once again how it's best to simply throw season records out the proverbial window when the rival squads from Pinkerton and Londonderry meet up in just about any sport at any time of year.

"There's no question that the rivalry played a huge part tonight. Huge. You can't lose to Londonderry," said Rosinski.

In aiming to end their losing skid, Rosinski and his Astros have focused on two factors - possession of the basketball and moving better prior to the release of passes coming at them - and performed well in both areas in the win.

Londonderry grasped a tiny, 10-9 lead at the close of one period, with Pinkerton sinking just one of its final eight shots from the floor and going 4-13 in that area during the opening quarter.

Both teams struggled mightily with their shooting in quarter two - combining to go 1-for-16 during the second segment of that stanza with the lone bucket coming on a goaltending call - but the Astros enjoyed an 11-4 advantage where scoring was concerned in moving to halftime with a 20-14 advantage.

After being held to five points in the first half, Lancers' sophomore guard Jack Anderson came up absolutely huge for his side in the second half with both key three-pointers and important free throws as the two sides wound up knotted up at 33-33 going into the final period. And PA junior forward Sam Goy and several of his teammates came up with big shots for their side as the game came down the stretch with the outcome still very much in question.

After being outscored 19-13 in quarter three, the academy side bested its host by a 17-11 tally in the final period and wound up walking away with the hard-fought, extremely pleasing victory.

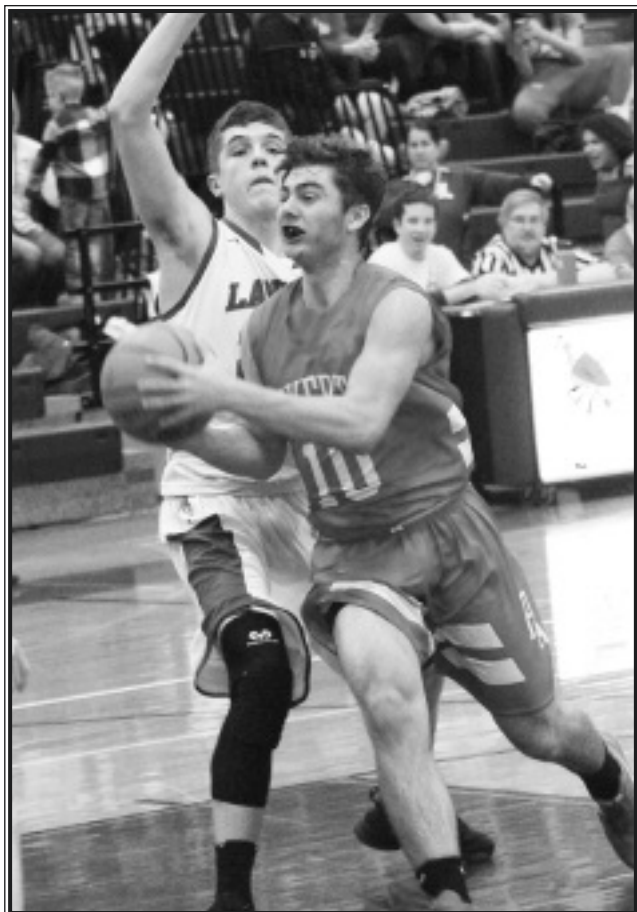
The score was last knotted up at 35-35 early in the fourth, but Pinkerton then reeled off an 8-0 run which left it grasping a 43-35 lead - and forcing a Londonderry timeout - with 4:59 showing on the clock.

The Lancers kept right on battling and did in fact outscore their hosts by a 9-7 margin the rest of the way. But the Astros bent without

breaking, and their celebration following the sounding of the final buzzer no doubt released a whole bunch of frustration built up during their losing streak.

Anderson led all scorers with 20 points - including a quartet of three-pointers - but he was the lone Lancer in double figures. Dakota Bertrand fell just short with nine points for the now 5-3 LHS side.

Pinkerton had Goy (15) and senior forward Lindsey (14) finish in double digits, while Giordano managed nine and Lufkin contributed eight on a memorable night for the Astros..



Pinkerton senior cager Cason Giordano tries to drive past a Londonderry Lancer during his team's big road win last Friday evening.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 15



**Danielle Martineau, Junior, Girls' Skiing**

So far this season this battle-tested and talented veteran has helped her Lady Astros to an exceptional 17-1 record by winning six of eight runs on her way to winning three out of four races.



**Matt Fabrizio, Senior, Boys' Basketball**

This hard-nosed, hard-working veteran had the best game of his career in helping to lead his Astros to a win over Londonderry. His outstanding defensive play and rebounding were key for PA.

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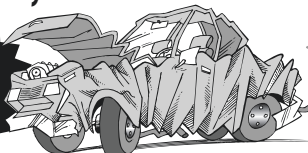
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# Astro Gymnasts Have Reserves Compete and They Win Big

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Injuries and illnesses be damned, on Sunday the 28th at Noha's Gymnastics in Manchester the Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad proved that its reserves are extremely talented just like its regular

standouts.

With three of its stalwarts sidelined by the flu and several others healing injuries in preparation for the state meet at the University of New Hampshire on Feb. 10, Pinkerton coach Chelsie Burland showed and in fact learned how much depth her

defending state championship squad has when she watched her reserves tally some 136.1 points in besting a field of four other teams. The second place host team from Bishop Guertin of Nashua was 14 points behind Pinkerton with a team score of 122.1, and Pelham was a close third

with a tally of 120.25.

"We basically had our B team compete, and they did great. I was surprised," said coach Burland with a laugh which didn't hide her pleasure at learning what her reserves could do when placed in the bright spotlight.

One PA stalwart who

was in fact able to compete was Sophie Viger, and she wound up being second in the floor exercise (score of 9.2) and third in the all-around (34.95). Other third places were delivered by Audrey Hill on the balance beam (9.0) and in the floor exercise (9.1), Zoe Demers on the uneven bars (8.2), and

Ashley McKinnon on vault (9.05).

With that resounding meet success the defending state champions ended their 2017-18 regular season with a perfect 25-0 record, and they'll now aim to get fully healthy for an attempted title repeat at this year's big state meet at UNH.

## PA Track Teams Get Final Tune-Up For D-I Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's talented and battle-tested boys' and girls' track and field teams got the chance for one final tune-up prior to

this coming Sunday's Division I championship meets when they participated in qualifying standards meets at the University of New Hampshire's Sweet Oval in Durham this past Sunday.

That final prep event gave athletes who have already qualified in events the chance to stay in or improve their groove and athletes who had yet to qualify the chance to do so.

The Lady Astros' top

performers included event-winners Nicole Alves in the 55-meter dash (time of 7.74 seconds), Britney Johnson in the 1,500 meter run (4 minutes, 54.84 seconds), and the 4x160 relay quartet of Alves, Macy Graves, Megan

O'Brien, and Amelia Graves, which ran its best time of the year of 1:29.84.

The Pinkerton males collected even more firsts, with events being won by Jadyn Ruimwijk in the 55 dash (6.94), Kayden Baillargeon

in the 300-meter dash (38.64), Adam Spencer in the 55-meter hurdles (8.14), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (45 feet, 3 3/4 inches), and the Astros' 4x160 quartet (1:16.44).

Now on to the title meet.

## Pinkerton Ski Squads Settle For Seconds Behind Bedford at Pat's

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' ski squads wound up looking upward at Bedford Bulldogs in the standings following competition at Pat's Peak in Henniker last Thursday, Jan. 25.

The defending state champion Lady Astros tallied a team score of 377 to finish behind Bedford's Lady Bulldogs (391) but ahead of Nashua North, Timberlane of Plaistow, and Nashua South.

And in boys' action, the academy crew notched a

score of 374 in bowing to Bedford (392) but besting everybody else.

"It was a surprisingly cold night with just enough of a wind blowing up the hill to really make you know you are in the middle of January," said PA coach Paul D'Antonio.

The Lady Astros had co-captain Hannah Peterson finish first for her squad and second overall out of a field of 50 skiers. Katelyn Bennett was second for PA and eighth overall, Emily Gardner placed third for her side and ninth overall, and Danielle Martineau ended

up fourth for her crew and 16th overall.

"There is more to this story," said coach D'Antonio. "Danielle had a spectacular first run that had her leading the pack in first place overall, but on the second run she hooked a gate. That's ski racing, but she got right back up, hiked back to the gate, and continued her run to finish. A true display of sportsmanship and determination that shows just what a champion she is."

Martineau's teammate Carline Mills placed 17th overall, Kathryn Leighton took 19th, Elizabeth Veale

was 26th overall, Miranda Echerman placed 32nd, Annabell Veale finished 33rd, Danielle St. Peter wound up 38th overall, Caryl Huebner took 40th, and Meghan Lahey wound up 41st.

On the boys' side, the Astro males had Kenneth McCarthy place first for his

team and seventh overall out of a field of 46 racers. Camden Caswell placed second for PA and ninth overall, and Owen Sezgin snagged 10th.

"Owen slid out of the course near the bottom on his first run. But in another display of determination and sportsmanship, he hiked

back, made the gate, and finished his run and contributed points for his team," said the PA coach.

Astro captain Eric Ihloff placed 12th overall, Ethan Hatch notched 21st overall, James Smith took 28th, and Zach Kahn had a mishap on his second run and did not finish.

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# Academy Hockey Squad Remains Perfect With Three More Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's usually quite hard for any coach to predict something like an undefeated record for their team, and Pinkerton Academy hockey coach Sam Littlefield admits that when the 2017-18 season began he didn't foresee perfection in his Astros' future.

But as fate would have it, the academy icemen stepped into this week with a 9-0 Division I record which had reached that point with victories over Salem and Londonderry last week.

"I never even thought about us being undefeated," said the coach. "I knew we'd be on the winning end of things, but I wouldn't have predicted that we'd be undefeated."

The Astros - who are the lone remaining unbeaten team in D-I - drove their league record up to 8-0 with a 4-1 defeat of the home-standing Salem High Blue Devils at the Salem Icenter last Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The hosts had a 1-0 lead after one period, but Pinkerton went on to bag four unanswered goals in keeping their record perfect.

The academy icemen got second period tallies from Taylor Whiting, Cody Sullivan, and Brett Levesque in that order to snare a 3-1 lead. And Sullivan managed an open-net goal late in the third in capping off the

pleasing victory. Astros' junior goalie Dakota Robinson made 20 saves his contribution to the team success.

The Blue Devils slipped to the .500 mark at 4-4-1 with the loss.

And the academy squad advanced its D-I mark to 9-0 with a 3-1 defeat of LHS on that opponent's home ice at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett Saturday night, Jan. 27. That success was considerably more decisive than the 3-2, overtime wall-banger Pinkerton managed over Londonderry at The Ice Den several weeks earlier.

Pinkerton busted a scoreless deadlock with two unanswered goals in the second period, advanced its lead to 3-0 in the third stanza, and only saw its shutout hopes vanish with a mere 2.3 seconds remaining in regulation time on a man-up goal by the Lancers.

The first period was incredibly physical, with both teams dealing out bone-rattling hits and both sides getting power-play opportunities which proved fruitless.

Londonderry finished with a 10-5 advantage in shots on net, but the score remained at 0-0 when the horn sounded.

The Astros potted the game's first goal just 3:01 into the second period when Ty Riviere scored from close range with Sullivan registering the lone assist.

It became a 2-0 game

with just 1:09 left in the period when Sullivan set up Riviere for another tally. This time Riviere zinged a wrist shot from just inside the right faceoff circle in the Londonderry zone past LHS goalie Cam Donovan.

The PA lead got to 3-0 a little more than five minutes into the third period when Sullivan capped off a stirring individual night by skating the puck out of the left corner of the LHS zone, toward the net, and placing a high wrist-shot over Donovan.

The Lancers tried to make a comeback but couldn't get the puck past PA keeper Robinson until they got another power-play chance in the final minute of play and scored with just 2.3

seconds remaining on the clock when defenseman Anthony Federico was alone in front of the Pinkerton goal and didn't miss.

Robinson finished up with 27 saves and LHS keeper Donovan made 20.

"He was great. Dakota has been solid for us all year," said Littlefield. "He's not somebody we worry about."

The Astros kept their record perfect with a 12-0 walloping of the Nashua South-Pelham crew, receiving three goals from Pat Hare, two from Lucas Masciarelli, and single goals from Cody Sullivan, Landon McClure, Jon Last, Tyler Whiting, Cooper Flinton, Patrick Last, and Nick Trask.



Pinkerton hockey standout Pat Hare tries a little creative use of his stick to check a Londonderry Lancer during recent rivalry action. Photo by Chris Pantazis

## Astro Swimmers Excel in Final Home Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' swim teams both closed out their 2017-18 home meet schedules superbly at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester Saturday, Jan. 27.

Both PA teams took on five opponents and vanquished all of them to drive toward the state meet at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Feb. 9 feeling pretty good.

The Astros males bested Mascenic of New Ipswich (score of 128-14), Milford (129-19), Souhegan of Amherst (128.50-19.50), Wilton-Lyndeborough (129-

5) and Winnacunnet of Hampton (97-66) by lopsided tallies. And the Lady Astros did the same kind of dominant work in defeating Mascenic (126-27), Milford (112-49), Souhegan (90-70), Wilton (128-4), and Winnacunnet (90-76).

### GIRLS

The Lady Astros receive strong efforts from a number of athletes who have been putting them forth all season.

Zoe Freedman won the 100-meter freestyle (time of 1 minute, 04.57 seconds) and snagged a second in the 100-meter breaststroke. Olivia Neville proved unbeatable in the 100-meter butterfly (1:16.29) and also claimed second in the 200-

meter individual medley. And Camelia Hannah tallied the win in the 400 free (5:23).

All three of those young women worked together with Maya Hedstrom for the victory in the 200 free relay (2:01.55), and other second places were notched by Skyler Eno in the 500 free, Hedstrom in the 100 free, and the Lady Astros' 400 free relay quartet.

Third places were bagged by the 200 medley relay team, Lauren Ploss in the 50 free and the 100-meter breaststroke, and Samantha Knight in the 400 free.

### BOYS

The boys received first places from Jackson Neeb in both the 200 free (2:14.70) and the 400 free (4:46.09), Chris Ploss in the 50 free (28.36), Gordon Suwirjo in the 100 fly (1:03.19), and Will Poole in the 100-meter

backstroke (1:18.75).

Seconds were claimed by Ryan Golobiewski in the 200 IM, Ploss in the 100-meter breaststroke, Devin Curry in the 50 free, Nathan Landry in the 100 free, Colby Adams in the 100 back, and the Astros' 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, and the 400 free relay quartets. PA also took third in that latter event and also snared thirds thanks to the work of John Divelbiss in the 200 free, Landry in the 200 IM, Curry in the 100-meter breaststroke, Christian Nelson in the 100 free, and Golobiewski in the 100 fly.

Members of both PA swim squads who had yet to qualify in an event for the state meet then came into this week looking at one final opportunity to do so at The Last Chance Meet at UNH Wednesday, Jan. 31, after Nutfield News press time.

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Spartans Basketball is hosting local youth Spring basketball tryouts at the Derry Sports Zone, 7 A St., Derry. The next tryout is Feb. 10, from 9 - 12 p.m. For grades 3rd-6th for boys and girls will tryout from 9 - 10 a.m. For grades 7th-8th for boys and girls will tryout from 10 - 11 a.m. For high school tryouts are from 11 - 12 p.m.

### Model Railroading

On February 9, the seacoast division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. 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. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go

to the Division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

### T-Ball Registration

Derry Recreation Department will accept Spring T-Ball registrations beginning Monday, Feb. 5 and ending Friday, March 23, or when the divisions are full for the program. Any child 4 - 7 years of age is eligible to participate in the T-Ball program and will be placed in the appropriate division based on the participant's age as of May 1, 2018. Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in person or by mail. Parents with children qualifying for the Majors division can also register online. Registering by mail or in person is recommended. Other restrictions may apply to non-residents. For more information on how to register please contact the Recreation office at (603) 432-6136 or visit our website [www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation](http://www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation)

### Tiny Tots

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### Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

### Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. Lets walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

### Lamplighters

A woman's group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of

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### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

## OBITUARY

### Kenneth O. Whitney



Kenneth O. Whitney, 82, of Derry, died peacefully surrounded by his family Sunday Jan. 28, 2018 in the Elliot Hospital in Manchester. He was born in Manchester on Dec. 28, 1935, a son of the late Alden and Dorothy (Verge) Whitney. Being a lifelong Derry resident, he was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1954. Mr. Whitney served with the US Navy as a Sonar Officer on a destroyer, visiting 28 countries in 1 1/2 years during his service. Following his discharge, he married the girl of his dreams, Patricia A. Gendron, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry in 1957. Mr. Whitney attended the Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, but then started driving truck for J. Schwartz Motor Trans in Manchester for eight years until they closed. He then drove for Jones Motor Transportation for two years and finally was a long line truck driver for Coca Cola USA for 30 years, retiring in 1997. Following his retirement, he drove for Classic Motors and American Yeast. Mr. Whitney was a 37 year member of the Teamsters Local 633 in NH. He was involved in the formation of the Derry Demons football team. Mr. Whitney was a member of the Derry Little League Board of Directors, and he coached his son from little league through American Legion Ball, and coached his grandson from little league through senior little league. He also coached Women's AAU Basketball. He was an avid Red Sox and NE Patriots fan, enjoyed hunting and fishing, tending his garden, and watching John Wayne movies. Mr. Whitney was a great dad, son, brother, grandfather great-grandfather, and a friend to many.

He is survived by three children, Maureen D. Haas and her husband Tom, Pamela J. Whitney, and Matthew A. Whitney, all of Derry; five grandchildren, Misty L. Gillis and her husband Walter of Londonderry, Matthew Doyle of Manchester, Mallory L. Levandowski, and Kenny Jarvis both of Derry, Ryan Whitney of Goffstown, NH; great grandchildren, Logan C. and Brady M. Gillis of Londonderry; and his brother, Dana B. Whitney of Raymond. He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Patricia (Gendron) Whitney in 2010, and his daughter, Colleen Whitney-Jarvis in 2015.

Following cremation, a celebration of Ken's life will be held at a date and time to be announced through social media. He will be buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Frost Festival - Schedule of Events

This schedule is subject to change due to possible changes in snow/ ice conditions.

### Friday, February 9

**Ice Sculptures** Ice Breakers will be creating amazing ice sculptures starting at noon at the Adams Memorial Opera House.

**Spaghetti Supper** The Derry Village Rotary Club will host a family spaghetti supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for all at the Pinkerton Academy Senior Cafeteria. \$1 per person or Free with donation of canned good.

### Movie Night

This Is My Derry presents a viewing of the classic film, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory at the Adams Memorial Opera House at 6 p.m. Admission is free with a receipt from any sponsoring business purchase between Jan. 14 - Feb. 9.

### Saturday, February 10

**Family Show** A Free family show 11 to 1 p.m featuring the premier of the Derry Public Library's latest puppet shows! During intermission, play Twister sponsored by the Upper Room! The afternoon will conclude with the return of Wildlife Encounters! All located at the Veterans Hall, 31 West Broadway, Derry.

**Kids Games** Midguard Comics will be hosting a variety of Free kids games and activities from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hood Commons. Prizes and free giveaways will be awarded!

### Sunday, February 11

Come enjoy Derry's premier winter play-ground with heated Lodge, concessions, and special indoor activities at Alexander-Carr Park, 28 Pierce Ave, Derry. Weather/Conditions Permitting

### Sledding 10 - 4 p.m.:

### Bonfire Begins at Noon

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- Arts & Crafts
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- Frost Festival King & Queen Contest! Registration is from 2 - 3 p.m. Sponsored by Miss Greater Derry

### At Gallien's Town Beach Beaver Lake Pond Road.

Weather Condition Permitting **Open Hockey & Skating** 1 to 3 p.m. Open rinks for hockey & skating with the Pinkerton Academy Hockey Team on Beaver Lake. Please bring your own skates/equipment.

### Chili Contest 12 to 3 p.m.

Come sample & vote on your favorite chili served up by members of the Beaver Lake Association!

### At Hoodcroft Golf Course 121 East Broadway, Derry.

Weather Condition Permitting

### Snowmobile Rides 12 to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by Derry Pathfinders Snow-mobile Club, complete with safety info & demonstrations.

### XC Skiing & Snowshoeing 12 to 4 p.m.

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