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## Derry School Board Receives Latest Audit Results on District

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the time for voting draws closer and closer, a decision on the Derry School District's 2018-2019 budget will be included in the voting, and the Derry School Board took some time to hear word back on their most recent audit during the board's Feb. 13 meeting.

Handling the presentation of the audit was Melanson Heath, who in turn was presenting information procured by Jane Simard, the district's Business Administrator, and her staff.

Although Heath established that the audit was nothing but good news, she did mention some seemingly alarming news with the district's total net position being set at roughly negative nineteen million dollars. Although such a low number could easily cause concern, Heath explained that it is not unusual, nor is it anything to worry about.

"It's very startling for folks who don't understand governmental financial statements", Heath noted.

According to Heath, this low number was caused by two factors, the district's net pension liability, which

is set at forty six million dollars, as well as Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) set at round nine million dollars. However, both these numbers represent unfunded liability into a retirement system and other benefits over a number of years, instead of usually reflecting their possible impact over only one year.

This numerical change was due to newly implemented recording standards from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In other words, nothing has changed about the current situation for the

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## Zoning Board Delays Decision on 30 Unit Adult Community

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
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On Thursday, Feb. 15, Eric Mitchell, a representative of Lifestyle Homes of NH, Inc. and owners David and Mary Ann Fraser, went before the Zoning Board of Adjustment to request a variance to the required 125 feet lot frontage of single family detached dwellings in the medium density residential district.

The lot is located at 42 Tsiennito Rd. The original request presented to the ZBA was to reduce the frontage to 117.5 feet to create an access way to a 20-acre parcel at 40 Tsiennito Rd. where a 30-detached unit independent adult community is being planned by Lifestyle Homes of NH, Inc.

The 20-acre parcel at 40 Tsiennito Rd, once owned by the Derry Soccer Club, Inc. is located next to Rider Fields and behind The Uppur Room.

Previously, a 42-foot-wide driveway was required for such right of ways. Now, a 50-foot-wide driveway is required. To reflect this change, the plans were changed to a request for a variance that allowed 113.66 feet of frontage at 42 Tsiennito Rd.

Although it was a small change in the plans that board member Steve Coppola noted was only about a 3 percent change overall, the board voted to delay the final vote on the variance until the next ZBA meeting on March 1 to give the board and all interested parties an opportunity to reflect on the

change in plans. Concern was expressed that the change, although small, was not precisely what had previously been posted in public notices.

Eddie Thomas of Barkland Drive expressed opposition to an entry point to the proposed development at Barkland Drive as some earlier versions of the plan have shown and that remain on earlier plans submitted. He was assured that the most recent plans do not include any project access at Barkland Drive by Derry Code Enforcement Officer Robert Mackey and was informed about how such a proposed early feature of the plan, called paper roads, that remained on those on earlier plans could be officially removed if desired by interested property owners.



## TAPPIN' SAP

Pinkerton Academy senior Caelan Dunwoody harvests sap from a maple tree on Route 102 last week as the Maple Syrup Season fits well under way. Students collect the sap to bring back to the school's sugar house where its boiled down to syrup. See more photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Missing Purple Heart Finds Its Way to Home in Derry

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It may have taken almost 10 years, but Army Private Peter Milton Young's Purple Heart medal has finally made it home. The POW fought and died during World War II, having been

captured in the Philippines. His younger brother petitioned for him to receive the medal eight years ago with the help of Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

It never arrived.

Young's nephew, Kevin Scott said the family rarely spoke of his uncle.

"It was a tragedy when he was lost," Scott said.

Young had enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940, and when captured, was made to endure what was known as the Bataan Death March, a long, dangerous 65-mile trek to the prison

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# Kindergartens Preparing Updated Screening Process for New Students

ALEX GUITTARR  
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Getting your child ready for their first day of Kindergarten can be rather nerve-racking at times, especially when determining if they are ready for it or not.

But in order to keep the process as smooth as possible, the Derry School Board was recently presented with a proposal for a new Kindergarten screening process at the board's latest meeting on Feb. 13.

The presentation was led by Jayne Boyle, Cindy Najem and Kim Rivers; all

of whom are school staff members and heavily involved in Derry's early education system.

The screening process in question was actually used initially for first graders before the district took on Kindergarten classes. Since then, the district has worked for the last four years to remind parents that the learning process starts even before Kindergarten and have offered them advice on how to teach them before they begin their schooling.

These suggestions are all done within the original screening process for chil-

dren, during which students are also allowed to become more comfortable with the school's staff, structure and the materials being taught, allowing them to hit the ground running.

However, this process is also coupled with an orientation day, which helps staff to identify what students capable in terms of letter, number and color identification, drawing and writing skills and observation skills. All of this is done in the morning within the span of ninety minutes, on top of time for the students to enjoy a snack.

"The morning feels very rushed", Najem noted.

Thus, the district is hoping to separate the orientation process and the screening process into two separate days. On top of keeping the process less stressful, it would also allow school staff to have more time for one-on-one conversations with parents to delve deeper into how they have educated their children thus far.

The plans are laid out for three separate screening days to take place in the morning on April 10, at night on April 11 and to hold

one more on August 6, while the orientation would be held on May 18. Parents can also schedule screening during the school year if they are unable to make the previously mentioned dates. District staff are hoping to advertise these events through invitations sent through the main, newspapers and Channel 6.

There were some concerns however. Board member Lynn Perkins suggested that the Aug. 6 screening day be moved to later in the month to give some families more time to work with.

"I just recall having that

issue that kids can move in the week before school starts", Perkins stated.

Board Chair Dan McKenna also felt that some parents may find it easier to keep the two events on the same day, as doing the screening process first, which essentially amounts to a test, may be off-putting for the first time students.

Rivers was quick to note that this system is still being refined and worked out, not to mention that they are fully aware that they are dealing with young children and still plan on making the proceedings fun.

## Using Art to Address Addiction at the Stockbridge March 7

On Wednesday, March 7, Pinkerton Academy will welcome to their campus Theater of War's "Addiction Performance Project."

The Addiction Performance Project presents dramatic readings of Act Three of Eugene O'Neill's Long Day's Journey into Night as a catalyst for town hall discussions about the disease of addiction as it touches patients, families, and health professionals who work in the fields of primary care, nursing, and clinical bioethics.

Each reading is followed by a panel discussion, led by a diverse panel of community experts, culminating in a facilitated town hall discussion about the complex ethical and professional challenges posed by screening for, and treating, patients who are abusing drugs and/or struggling with addiction.

This unique participatory event raises awareness of addiction as a chronic disease, as well as the importance of screening for and addressing substance abuse

in advance of the emergence of addiction. The reading/discussion format is intended to break down the stigma associated with addiction and promote healthy dialogue among diverse communities-public and professional-fostering compassion, cooperation, and understanding about patients who are living with the disease of addiction.

Pinkerton Academy is pleased to announce that the cast for the Addiction Performance Project features some of the finest actors working in film and television today. The cast

for the March 7 performance includes familiar faces such as David Strathairn (Good Night, and Good Luck., Lincoln, The Bourne Ultimatum), Kathryn Erbe (Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Oz, What About Bob?) and Alex Morf (The Good Wife, Of Mice and Men, Mindhunter).

"I've now had the opportunity to see Theater of War's work on numerous occasions," says Matt Cahoon, Pinkerton's Director of Cultural Programming, "everytime I have had the opportunity to see them, the audience reaction

has been incredible. The format really leads to open discussion of difficult subjects in a very unique way."

Pinkerton Academy is working closely with the Center for Life Management to assemble a panel of community members to take part in the town hall discussion following the performance. In addition, a group of Pinkerton faculty members have arranged a book club reading of the play and will be taking part in a facilitated discussion with a licensed social worker and substance use counselor.

Funding for this project has been provided by the

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Arts in Healthcare grant program. "Without the support of the NHSCA," Cahoon said, "it simply would not be possible to bring this important program to our students or the wider community."

Theater of War's "Addiction Performance Project" begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7 at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre. For tickets and information please contact the box office at 603-437-5210 or visit the Stockbridge webpage at [www.stockbridgetheatre.com](http://www.stockbridgetheatre.com).

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# Pinkerton Academy Sees Major Upgrades To Internet Services

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The Derry School District has been pushing as of late to update their technology across all of its schools, including their wifi systems. But while the district must wait until March 13 to see if voters will approve the new school budget and these upgrades, Pinkerton Academy recently decided to partner with FirstLight to

upgrade school's wifi access.

In order to accommodate the needs of Pinkerton's thirty two hundred students and five hundred and eighty employees, the school opted for two 2 Gbps (Gigabits per second), geographically diverse Internet circuits to connect the campus' twenty three buildings. Pinkerton has also opted to utilize FirstLight's dark fiber services, an inter-

changeable, customizable fiber optics system, and eventually replace its existing phone system with hosted phone services.

According to Rich O'Connell, Pinkerton's Technology Director, the school's investment in the new circuits has provided them with essentially unlimited ability to scale and improve their internet connections.

"As a Technology

Director, it is refreshing to know external bandwidth capacity, and uptime will not be an issue for years to come. FirstLight has gone above and beyond to deliver on all fronts," O'Connell noted.

Kurt Van Wagenen, who currently serves as the President and CEO of FirstLight, also commented on this latest deal with Pinkerton, mentioning that FirstLight is proud to support

Pinkerton's mission of supporting academic growth in an ever-changing environment by supplying the school with strong connectivity.

"Being selected by Pinkerton Academy, the country's largest independent high school, to provide Internet and dark fiber services to meet its growing bandwidth needs is quite an honor for FirstLight," stated Waganen.

Having grown their fiber-optic network for almost twenty years at this point, FirstLight currently provides their fiber-optic data, Internet, data center cloud and voice services to nearly eight thousand locations throughout the Northeast, on top of an additional twenty five thousand locations serviceable by their more than fourteen thousand route mile fiber network.

# Pinkerton Dedicates Week To Educating Students About Domestic Violence

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As teenagers enter high school and begin to inevitably experiment with relationships, it is always key to explain to them how important respect and decency is to a strong relationship.

Unfortunately, many teen relationships lead to some sort of dating violence, with one in three teens experiencing it.

Thus, in order to combat this issue, as well as lend support to individuals who have already suffered, Pinkerton Academy recently joined schools across New

Hampshire to participate in Granite State RESPECT Week, which started on Feb. 12.

Established by Hopeline By Verizon Wireless, the Granite State RESPECT Week is a teen-centered campaign that takes place in high schools across New Hampshire during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The structure of this project is similar to a high school spirit week in that each day has a unique theme that ties into the greater message of teen dating violence awareness. The week is based off of an initiative that was originally developed by loveisrespect.org in an

effort to engage, educate and empower young people during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

In conjunction with student groups including Fostering Student Connections and Building Strong Women, counselor Valerie Mazzola volunteered to lead the effort for Pinkerton.

"We will start small and grow this effort each year. This is an important issue that impacts all of us," Mazzola said. "Without all the help from our student volunteers, this wouldn't be possible!"

Essentially, the goal of the program is to help students, teachers and administrators appropriately respond once they've identified unhealthy behavior, reminding them that everyone has a role to play in eliminating dating and sexual violence from schools and communities.

Throughout the week, several efforts were undertaken in order to spread this message. For starters, the morning announcements featured a number of

reminders about dating violence statistics. Also, student volunteers were available during all lunch periods for the five day period to set up tables that offered information related to RESPECT Week.

Raffles were also held to

give away RESPECT Week water bottles and sunglasses, but one of the major factors for students was not only the information they could receive on this matter, but also that student volunteers would receive training on how to properly approach

other students on this content from the local YMCA, as well as participate in peer to peer efforts with their fellow students.

For more information about domestic violence and sexual assault crisis centers, visit nhcadsv.org.

# Public Hearing To Be Held On Keno Item

Councilors were scheduled at press time to hold a public hearing at their regular Tuesday night meeting on a proposal to place an item on the 2018 election ballot to allow Keno in Derry.

Like other communities in the Granite State, Derry is considering allowing the game of chance to be played in Town. This year's election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 and will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# School Audit

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district beyond the face value of the audit.

In other factors of the audit, assets for the district's general fund came up to roughly five million dollars, while the numbers for the district's issuance of capital leases was set at nine million, two hundred thousand dollars.

Finally, the district ended the year with an

excess of roughly two million, four hundred thousand dollars between all of its various funds, a major driver for which was under spending of the district's appropriation turn backs, causing a gain alone of two million, one hundred thousand dollars.

On this factor, however, Board Chair Dan McKenna asked Heath if such a num-

ber would be considered in line with the size of Derry's district. Heath believed that the current excess is right in the middle of where the district should be.

"It certainly wouldn't be an alarming number", Heath stated.

Overall, the audit seemed to produce no negative matters that required any sort of formal comment to delve into and both Heath and McKenna went on to thank Simard and her team for their work.

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# Editorial

## The Taste of the Season

As winter winds down we see signs of spring, there's no mistaking the sound of birds in the early morning and the change in the quality of light. The calendar tells us spring will not happened until Tuesday, March 20 and who among us is not ready for the change in seasons. While it's still a good idea to keep the plow and the shovel accessible, we have every reason to be looking ahead to the new season.

The smell of home-baked apple pies filled Mack's Apple Farmstand over the weekend as the annual tradition continued there with both traditional and non-traditional recipes.

And there's no better way to mark spring than to celebrate New Hampshire Maple Weekend, which takes place this year on March 24 and 25.

Local maple syrup producers have found recent warmer days and cold nights just what they needed for the flow of sap in the sugar maples, and this coming weekend is the perfect chance to welcome the season with a visit to sugar houses in Chester, Pinkerton in Derry and Londonderry. Hank Peterson's maybe gone but the sugar house on Peabody Row in Londonderry remains pen when the flag is out. Brian and Susan Folsom's sugar

house on Candia Road in Chester will be welcoming visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday's and Sunday's.

Tastes of maple syrup, the quintessential New England product, are offered at sugar houses, along with the chance to purchase your winter's supply of syrup for pancakes, baked beans, ice cream topping, or whatever else would benefit from that distinct maple flavor. People travel for miles and across state lines to see sugar houses in action how lucky we are to have them almost on our doorstep.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to support local agriculture and the "local food" movement you can't get much more local than the trees with the buckets down the road and at the same time, have a great day participating in a New England spring tradition.

Soon enough, the sounds of the peepers will liven up the evenings, and the sap in the maples will stop flowing. Slowly but surely, the landscape will be more like spring and less like winter, as snow becomes a distant memory and spring flowers brighten our yards and kitchen tables.

So savor the moment as we hover on the cusp of a new season, and enjoy the sweet tastes Maple Weekend has to offer.

# Letters

## Winter Trustees Meeting Response

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article, "Pinkerton Academy Winter Trustees Meeting Held, Open to Public," written on Feb. 8, 2018 and published in your newspaper.

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Sincerely,  
Tim Powers,  
Acting Headmaster

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## Women in Technology Group Awards Pinkerton Academy Students

The Center for Career and Technical Education at Pinkerton Academy have congratulated Programming students Katherine Allan, Sara Jones and Hannah Alshech for receiving the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) awards for Aspirations in Computing. Avasha Khapre also received an honorable mention. The awards are available to New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont High Schools, and recognizes high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests as part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology.

A total of 23 award and 10 honorable mention recipients were selected from high schools across new England for their outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, solid leadership ability, good academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

Each award recipient will receive scholarships for college, connections to computing internships, access to a large network of other technology-focused young

women and resources to increase their knowledge of technology.

"Encouraging young women's interest in technology careers is critical: our workforce needs their creativity and their innovation," said Lucy Sanders, CEO and Co-founder of NCWIT.

"The Center for Career and Technical Education at Pinkerton Academy is proud that two of its own students received this prestigious award. This is an honor for these young women to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to Computer Programming," states Jennifer Haskins, CTE Director. "The Center for Career and Technical Education at Pinkerton Academy continues to offer computing as part of its curriculum, recognizing its value to students' future success. Computer Science, Computer Programming, Web Page Coding & Design, and Computer Systems are courses we offer for students interested in computer related fields."

"Pinkerton Academy students will gain the critical knowledge, skills, and deeper understanding necessary to develop goals, become

thinkers and communicators, and grow as responsible and productive citizens. While celebrating the strengths of our traditions, we encourage innovation in response to a changing world." Pinkerton CTE Director, Jennifer Haskins said, "As a unique, independent academy, Pinkerton Academy's mission is to strive to ensure the growth of all students in a challenging, respectful, and collaborative environment. The Academy fosters a student-centered community with purposefully designed, interactive and relevant learning opportunities."

The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 850 universities, companies, non-profits, and government organizations nationwide working to increase women's participation in computing and technology. NCWIT equips change leaders with resources for taking action in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women from K-12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers.

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# Local Sea Cadets Take Part in Annual Inspection and Awards Night



CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Inspection and Awards Ceremony for the U.S. Navel Sea Cadet Corps were held earlier this month, on Feb. 8, at the United States Army and Naval Recruitment Center on Harvey Road in Londonderry where the group meets.

The annual event is a chance for local cadets to showcase what they have been working on throughout the year, test their ability to be presented properly and share their achievements with friends and family.

The evening began with the presentation of colors and was quickly followed by a company inspection, a slide show that chronicled the year and refreshments.

The Inspection Party included New Hampshire National Guard Brig. Gen. David J. Mikolaities, LCDR Andrew Nash, LCDR John Murphy, CDR Cory Gasaway, CDR David Kenny and YNC Elise Jewett.

The awards handed out at the Sea Cadet Annual Inspection were:

The Navy League of the United States Youth Medal for a Sea Cadet went to Chief Petty Officer Philip Shuten.

The Navy League of the United States Youth Medal for a League Cadet was presented to Cadet Eric Salome.

Petty Officer Second Class Eleanor Lange received the Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Cadet.

Petty Officer Second Class Nathan Gadzik received the Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding Cadet.

Also Announced at the event:

- Cadet Daniel Hawken was selected for the Naval Academy Preparatory School.

- Cadet Julia Ramsdell enlisted in the Navy Delayed Entry Program. She is scheduled to leave in October.

- Petty Officer Second Class Eleanor Lange received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy.

- Chief Petty Officer John Shields received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy.

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Joseph Aiello - Received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy.

- Petty Officer First Class Justin Hoprich -

Received an Air Force ROTC Scholarship to Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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# Mack's Apples Pies Contest Offer Up A Slice Of Community Fun

**ALEX GUITTARR**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Nothing sounds better on a cold February day than the smell and taste of some fresh baked goods. At Mack's Apples, the off-season may be a slow time but they know exactly how to compensate by hosting their twenty fifth Apple Pie Contest last weekend.

It always proves to be a popular event, with 43 pies having been entered into the competition this year in either the traditional or non-traditional category. While traditional pies tend to follow a similar design and specific number of apple varieties, non-traditional pies allow for competitors to let their imaginations run wild, with some using anything from pecans and caramel to even bacon on their pies.

According to Rose Searles, one of the staff members at Mack's Apples, every entrant would receive a variety of prizes, including access to a free peck of apples during apple season and a half-gallon of cider. The first, second and third place winners in each category earn extra prizes.

Along with gift bags and gift certificates, first place winners won custom-made pie plates from Great Bay Pottery so they could proudly display their blue ribbon status.

Although the competition may not be any sort of special way to kick off the spring season, Searles feels that it is still a great way to bring people together.

"This is just something we do annually," Searles noted.

The competition was split up into two portions: first, the twelve judges would try different pies and assess both their taste and appearance, with flavor taking precedence. From there, the finalists would be chosen and sampled by every single judge to determine first, second and third place.

Amongst the various competitors young and old were Sonya Fonseca and her daughter Bianca. While Sonya has spent the last several years practicing her pie crafting skills, Bianca has only just begun. Nonetheless, she managed to take a major liking to cooking, already owning her own set of cooking tools. When asked

what their trick was to producing a good pie, they both commented that they taste each part along the way.

"We watch a lot of cooking shows," Sonya mentioned.

There were even a few male entrants this year, with Paul Martin and his son Benjamin entering the fray. Paul said the family used to live in an orchard, and he and his wife fed Ben apples since he was a baby. This led to Ben's love of apples and making pies with his parents. They have been baking pies together since Ben was little, but this was the first time the son entered one made on his own.

Before announcing the winners, Andy Mack Jr. asked the crowd how long some of them have been competing. Mack asked the crowd if any had participated for over a year, and numerous hands shot up. They dwindled as he called out five year, 10 year, and finally a single hand was raised when asked who has been submitting pies for over 20 years. That hand belonged to local Marilyn Eddy, who said she had been competing for about 24



The winner of the traditional apple pie category went to Adele Goyette.  
Photo by Alex Guittarr



The winner of the non-traditional apple pie category was Marilyn Eddy.  
Photo by Katie O'Donnell

years.

Finally, the moment came to announce the winners. In the traditional category, the blue ribbon prize went to Hudson's Adele Goyette, Debbie Pierce of Derry took second place and Paige Roark of Hudson took

third place.

The non-traditional category had some tight competition, with the first place, and a year worth of bragging rights was Marilyn Eddy, who was so surprised, she started to tear up. Dorreen Whitley took second place

## Purple Heart

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up and it ended up with another veteran. From there it made its way down to Florida and was finally brought back to Derry through the efforts of Purple Hearts Reunited. The group helps veterans and families find missing or stolen Purple

Heart medals throughout the country.

"Peter was a hero and we need to remember him," said Purple Hearts Reunited founder, Zachariah Fike. "By presenting this medal today, his legacy will be preserved and it will last on for generations to come."

Purple Hearts Reunited has returned almost 500 medals to veterans and their families since the nonprofit first started in 2012. It provides its services free of charge. It is still working on returning over 300 medals that are still known to be lost. More information on the group can be found on its website, purpleheartsreunited.org

Young's medal did get issued, but there was a mix

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# Students Speak About Recording Opportunity For New Godsmack Album

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Solid instruction skills and a consistent curriculum are always key to helping students gain a good education. But as important as lessons inside of school are, real-world experiences are just as significant in helping students prepare for their future careers.

Thus became the major focus of the School Board's latest meeting on February 13 when representatives from West Running Brook Middle School, led by Principal Justin Krieger, informed board members of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that students from both West Running Brook and Gilbert H. Hood Middle School recently participated in.

According to Krieger, ten students from each

school were invited to a recording session, alongside students from other schools, to sing in a recording session with the band Godsmack in a program led by Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS), a local group that exists to promote safe habits for youth.

With the assistance of their teacher Blake Leister, as well as staff members Mitch Edwards and Laurie Cloutier, the West Running Brook students each spoke to the board about their experience at the studio and how amazing recording with Godsmack was.

"This trip was very important to me because I want music to be a part of my life", eighth grader Cindy Flanders stated.

But while the students had a fantastic time, just as important was the impact that this could have on their

futures. While expanding upon the program, Krieger noted school should not just be about getting good grades, but helping students achieve their goals as adults, as well as fostering community partnerships, something that Krieger advised the board to pursue.

"I really believe that it is about helping them transition into a successful adult life", Krieger noted.

Furthermore, former alumni of and seventh grade special educator at West Running Brook Casey Kershaw also spoke about the importance of out-of-school trips. Citing her travels across Derry and to the likes of Portsmouth and Boston while at West Running Brook, Kershaw noted that not only are these outside experiences key to development, but have also proven that learning can and should



School Board members and students from West Running Brook speak about times that encouraged them to head down the path that led to where they are today.

be fun.

To cap off the presentation, Krieger asked the board members to think back to when they were in middle school, remembering experiences similar in importance to the ones these girls went through, that they fell drove them to their

future successes as adults. The students then got the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with each board member and speak openly about their own personal experiences and their plans for the future.

Although it has not been announced if these twenty

particular students will be featured on the Godsmack album, which is set to be released in May, Board Chair Dan McKenna commented that he appreciated the presentation and looked forward to hearing the album when it comes out.

# Charity Race Scheduled For April To Help The Upper Room

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Any marathon runners in Derry and its surrounding towns will have another date to mark on their calendars, as the Upper Room Family Resource Center will be hosting its third annual Race for Families on April 8.

Started back in 1986 by founder Anna Willis, the Upper Room has worked to strengthen both families and individuals throughout southern New Hampshire through a variety of services. Amongst them are edu-

cational programs for students hoping to earn their GEDs, a juvenile diversion program that helps youths who have committed chargeable offenses to be held accountable for their actions without court intervention, and parenting strategies for dealing with children of all ages.

However, these services require plenty of funds to be kept up and running, which is where the marathon, amongst a variety of other events that they do year round, comes in. Now on its third year, the race has

already proven successful in the past, having signed on one hundred and seventy nine runners and raised over fifteen hundred dollars last year.

Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg noted that she hopes to have at least two hundred and fifty runners for this year's race, but on top of raising money for a good cause, she finds that it also helps to encourage some hearty exercise; just

another way of making a positive impact in people's lives.

"It's also a way to promote our message", Guggisberg stated.

The event will feature four categories, as runner can participate in a 5K or a 10K, and either run in the two races alone or as a part of a team, the latter of which typically have participating members of the fire department, police department and

other community organizations. Both races will begin at Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gymnasium, with the 5K scheduled to be a straight back and forth on Route 28, while the 10K race will go up the Londonderry Turnpike, take a right onto English Range Road and follow the road onto Chester

Road before finishing back at Pinkerton Academy.

On top of this, prizes, entertainment and post race snacks will also be provided, as well as a children's race.

In order to register, you can either do it online at [urteachers.org](http://urteachers.org) or register on the day of the race at 8 a.m. at the Hackler Gym.

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# Maple Syrup Season Gets Started at Pinkerton Academy Sugar House



Pinkerton Academy teacher Michelle Mize and her Forestry/Environmental Studies students got to work early this year as the temperatures were right for tapping around 200 of the schools maple trees as the Maple Syrup Season has begun. This year is especially exciting since the department is using a new evaporator which was purchased through a grant the school applied for. By early this week they were well on their way in boiling this year's batch.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Sophomore Star McLaughlin Leads PA Wrestling to Fourth at D-I's

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As a freshman wrestler last winter, Pinkerton Academy's Sterling McLaughlin showed that the competitive experience he'd accrued to that point was going to stand him in good stead against some of the toughest competition Division I had to offer.

And after placing second to Concord grappler George Tarwo in the 182-pound weight class finals at the 2017 Division I title meet, McLaughlin used the experience he'd gained to get stronger and better still.

In the 2018 Division I championship meet at Londonderry High Saturday, Feb. 17, and nobody was able to

stop sophomore McLaughlin in his drive for the 182-pound weight class crown.

McLaughlin's individual title success helped get his Astros a fourth place team finish out of some 13 competing contingents at the meet. PA notched a tally of 142 points, but to nobody's surprise the Timberlane powerhouse from Plaistow bagged its third consecutive D-I title and its 17th of this century. Concord took second (192.5), and Salem was third (145), just three points ahead of the Pinkerton crew.

Along with McLaughlin's weight class win, the Astros received second places from juniors Walker Stinson (113 pounds) and Robby Fahey (220), a third from freshman Dominic Robinson at 106,

fourth places from junior Tyler Mackiernan (145) and freshman David Hammond (120), fifth places from juniors Cam Macro and Robbie Morin at 285 and 152, and sixths from junior Raul Martinez (195) and sophomore Will Brown (160).

Every one of those wrestlers has qualified to compete at the state Meet of Champions at Nashua High School South this coming Saturday.

"It was a good day," said PA coach Dave Rhoads. "We came in fourth, only three points out of third, and 10 of the 11 kids we brought move on to the Meet of Champions. We only had seven go last year."

McLaughlin, who went a perfect 3-0 on the day,

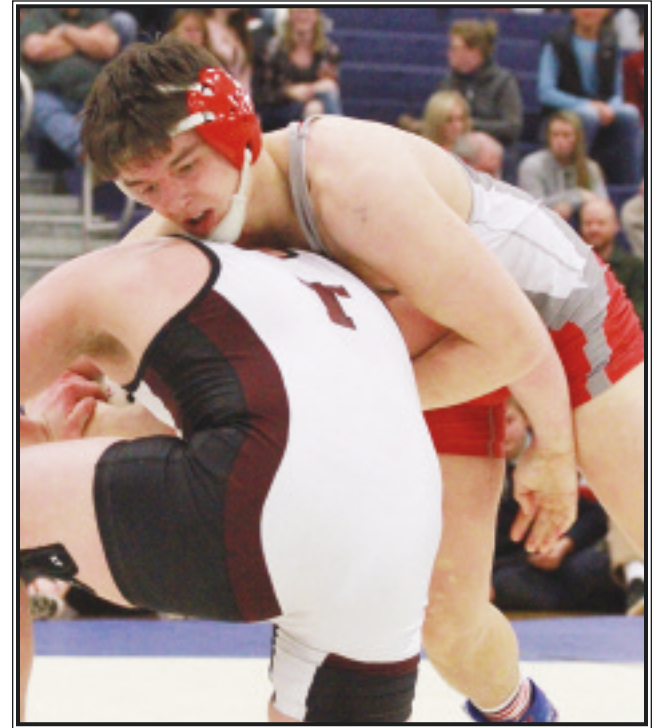
claimed his 182-pound division title by pinning Dylan Tremblay of Timberlane in their championship bout.

"I'd wrestled him and beaten him before," said the soft-spoken McLaughlin. "He's a very good opponent, overall, with good technique. I wasn't worried about anything he might do, I just wanted to do what I needed to do technically."

Speaking of his sophomore, Rhoads said, "He's one of those kids who came into high school with a lot of experience, but still 182 pounds is a man's weight. And he exceeded expectations."

Juniors Stinson and Fahey were both disappointed with finishing one win away from a divisional crown. Stinson was bested by Matt Adams of Salem in his title battle and Fahey dropped the slimmest of 1-0 decisions to his old rival Alex Buteau of Concord in their championship bout.

"Robby and Buteau have gone at it for years now and it always seems to come down to a tight finish or overtime," said Rhoads.



After finishing as the runner-up at the D-I title meet as a freshman last winter, Pinkerton sophomore Sterling McLaughlin rose to the top as the 182-pound champ last weekend.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

"They may meet up again in the finals at the MOC's next week and the decision could go the other way."

In the title round - in which first and second, third and fourth, and fifth and sixth competitors vie for the higher spots - Robinson van-

quished Colby Spencer of Nashua High South for third place, Morin defeated Ford Oster of Keene High School for fifth place, and Macro bested Manchester Memorial's Isaac Calixto by virtue of an injury default to finish fifth.



PA junior Walker Stinson finished second in his 113-pound weight class at the D-I championships.



Astro junior Robby Fahey had to settle for runner-up honors in his 220-pound division, dropping a tiny, 1-0 decision.

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# Lady Astro Basketball Crew Stings Spaulding, Falls to Bedford

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball coach Lani Buskey and her Lady Astros knew that their schedule for the week of Feb. 12 included a game which they were expected to win and a game in which they'd truly need to excel to win.

The academy contingent did in fact overpower the

Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders as expected in their home game on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 13. And the Lady Astros' road battle with the undefeated Bedford High Lady Bulldogs wound up being every bit as tough as folks expected two nights later.

Buskey's bunch belted the visiting Spaulding squad (3-12) by a 48-23 tally in collecting its 12th win in a

row and moving its Division I record to a glittering 14-1.

Powered by points from a total of eight different players, the Lady Astros won every quarter handily and grasped leads of 13-7 after one period, 26-13 at the half, and 36-18 at the completion of three stanzas.

Brooke Kane led the locals with a Baker's Dozen of 13 points, Megan King contributed nine, and Alicia

point compiled a 16-0 record and beaten the vast majority of its opponents by lopsided scores.

The Lady Bulldogs' smallest margin of victory was five points against tough Bishop Guertin of Nashua on mid-January, a tight outcome which could have been predicted.

Pinkerton gave the Bedford bunch a real battle on its home court in the Thursday, Feb. 15 match-up, taking away perhaps a bit of solace from the fact that it lost to that undefeated opponent by a mere four points in a 47-43 decision.

Bedford couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with its shots in the first period, and the Lady Astros subsequently grasped a 9-4 lead at the close of that stanza thanks to their gritty play and determination.

The large, loud, vocal, and spirited crowd watched both sides tally 16 points in the second quarter, with Pinkerton heading to half-time with a slim 25-20 lead to potentially work upon.

But coach Buskey had a true challenge in the facts that standout point-guard Amanda Lemire drew three fouls in the first half and star scorer Kane had two, and that would somewhat limit what those two skilled players could potentially do the rest of the way. Buskey also knew that her charges had to do a better job on their defensive board against their tough opponent.

"That was my biggest



Pinkerton's junior hoop star Brooke Kane makes a little room for herself on the way to the hoop against Bedford last week.  
*Photos by Chris Pantazis*

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 12



**Walker Stinson,  
Junior, Wrestling**

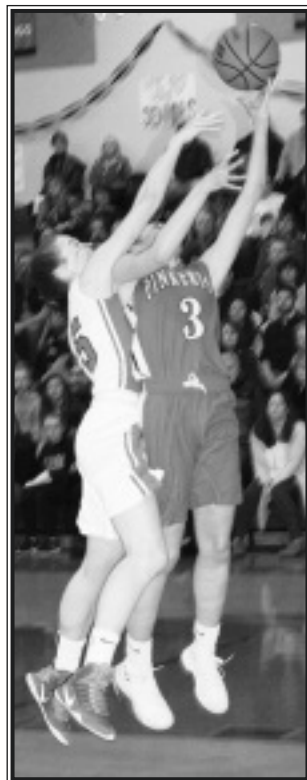
This skilled veteran dominated the number two seed - who pinned him during the regular season - in his weight class at the Division I championships, and ended up finishing as the runner-up at that event.



**Emily Gardner, Junior,  
Girls' Skiing**

This talented 11th-grader helped her Lady Astros place second as a group by finishing ninth individually out of 108 racers at the state title meet, also earning herself an invitation to the upcoming state Meet of Champions.

*Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*



Lady Astro Brooke Kane gets thumped by a Bedford defender as she shoots the ball.

D'Onofrio was good for eight.

With that victory tucked comfortably away the Lady Astros had to turn their attention to a Bedford contingent which had to that

complaint tonight," said the coach. "If you give Bedford three shots at the basket they're going to score or you're going to draw fouls. You can't allow that to happen."

Kane drew her third foul with 3:25 left in the third period and Pinkerton leading by a slim two points at 30-28. The score would be knotted up numerous times through the rest of the contest, with the hosts leading 35-33 after three quarters and outscoring Pinkerton by a slim 12-10 margin in the fourth in bagging the win.

The Lady Astros had the score knotted up as late as with 1:30 showing on the

game clock, but Bedford netted the final four points of the night.

"We're learning as a team, and tonight will serve as another learning experience. But I'd love to get to play them again," said Buskey with a grin.

Kane finished the evening with 19 points, and neither she nor Lemire fouled out.

Pinkerton closes out its 2017-18 regular season this week, having played host to Trinity of Manchester in Derry this Tuesday the 20th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a true Friday night test at BG in Nashua.

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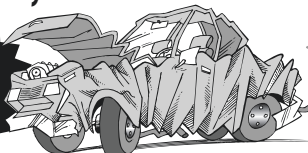
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# Pinkerton Boys' Basketball Shows Glimmers of What Could Have Been

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2017-18 season will no doubt go down in the storied annals of Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball history as something of a disappointment. But the record needs to show that longtime coach Peter Rosinski's Astros showed definite signs of being a fiery crew which could make some evenings quite long for their opponents.

After tallying what looked like it could be a season-altering Ball Family Trophy victory over the Londonderry High Lancers in late January, the Astros went on to five consecutive losses in falling to 2-11 in

tough Division I.

The 11th of those defeats came at the hands of a white-hot Spaulding High Red Raiders' team over in Rochester on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 13. By bagging a hard-fought, 52-47 win over the visiting Astros that evening, the Raiders snared their seventh consecutive success.

Coach Rosinski's roster won the first and fourth quarters, grasping a lead of 12-9 at the close of one stanza but trailing 23-21 at the half and 39-33 after three had been completed. Pinkerton outscored its host by a 14-13 tally in the fourth stanza but couldn't come all the way back for a victory.

Andrew Lufkin led PA with 17 points, Sam Goy was good for 15, and Matt Furgal contributed eight.

But the outcome was far better and even somewhat reminiscent of the Londonderry victory when the Astros played host to a Bedford High bunch which entered Friday night, Feb. 16 action with an 11-2 record and 11 victories in its last dozen contests.

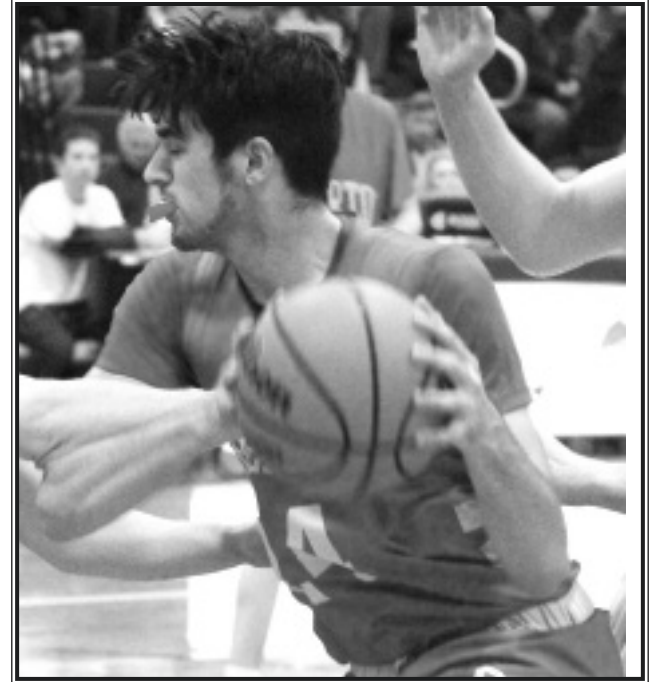
Coach Rosinski watched his charges exhibit their talents and their mental toughness in bagging a 61-59 victory which ended their five-game skid.

The hosts held advantages of 16-12 after one quarter and 28-25 at the half.

The score sat at a tight 46-44 in the Astros' favor at the close of three periods, and Pinkerton was able to squeak out the two-point success in the end.

Goy (18 points), Ben Lindsey (16), Lufkin (11), and Matt Fabrizio (10) all scored in double figures for a PA crew which had reasons to feel good about the gritty battle it had put forth on a successful night.

Pinkerton bounced into this week looking to build upon that success in contests at Trinity in Manchester this Tuesday night the 20th - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home game against Bishop Guertin of Nashua on Friday.



Pinkerton senior center Matt Fabrizio netted 10 points in his contingent's tight win over the Bedford High Bulldogs in Derry last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

# Lady Astro Skiers Slip From Top of the Division I Mountain

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After enjoying a two-year reign as the Division I champion, the talented and determined Pinkerton Academy girls' ski team had to be satisfied with runner-up honors at the D-I state championships on Gunstock Mountain in Gilford last Monday, Feb. 12.

The next day right back there on the Gunstock slopes, the Pinkerton males finished a very solid seventh out of 18 teams competing in the D-I boys' title event.

Coach Paul D'Antonio, who leads both of the academe-

my's ski teams, was all kinds of pleased with the work of his Lady Astros despite the fact that they finished behind the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs in the title chase.

"It was a great job by the six athletes who represented us," he said.

In the girls' giant slalom, the Lady Astros earned some 379.5 points to place second in that segment of the championship meet.

Battle-tested veteran standout Danielle Martineau placed first for PA and sixth overall out of a field of 108 racers.

"An outstanding accom-

plishment that has earned her an invitation to the Meet of Champions," said coach D'Antonio. The MOC event will take place on Cannon Mountain on March 1.

Emily Gardner placed second for PA and ninth overall, and that top-10 finish also garnered her a trip to the Meet of Champs.

Katelyn Bennett placed third for the Lady Astros and 16th overall, and Kathryn Leighton ended up 29th overall. Caroline Mills took a spill on her first run but then hiked back up and finished that run.

"That cost her in time, but she showed the determi-

nation and sportsmanship that makes her a true champion. She ended up finishing 76th overall," said the PA coach, who had several of his athletes show their competitive fire just as Mills did during the two days of state meet action.

Her teammate Hannah Peterson was an excellent ninth overall after her first run but was disqualified on the second run.

In the slalom, Martineau was the top academy finisher and sixth overall again. Bennett ended up 16th overall, Gardner placed 18th, and Peterson wound up 43rd. Leighton ended up

60th overall.

"For this coach, it has been a real pleasure to have the honor to coach such a terrific team," said D'Antonio. "The girls did a great job today, and I am proud to have had a part in it."

At the boys' title event the next day, the Pinkerton males had Owen Sezgin advance to the Meet of Champions with his 10th place finish in the slalom.

He was followed to the finish line by teammates Kenny McCarthy (15th), Camden Caswell (44th), and Zach Kahn (68th).

In giant slalom action, McCarthy paced PA in plac-

ing 22nd overall. He was followed to the finish by Caswell (29th), Sezgin (34th), and Brandon Simpson (50th). Dylan Durazzano and Eric Ihloff both wound up toward the bottom of the list of the first 100 finishers.

"It has been a real pleasure to have the honor to coach such a terrific team," said D'Antonio. "The boys did a great job today, and I am proud to have had a part in it."

The PA coach was assisted in his work with both of the Pinkerton contingents by Nicole Cuerdon. And the girls and boys will both doubtless be strong again.



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# Astros Best Brady and Bedford But Get Clipped By Concord

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting its 2017-18 season in truly exceptional fashion - going a perfect 10-0 in Division I - the Pinkerton Academy ice hockey team has been kind of up and down.

The Astros posted a sub-.500, 2-3 record in their handful of contests starting with the noteworthy day during which they had their perfect record blemished by the Hanover High Marauders. And the locals split their two contests played last week, winning a road game against the scuffling Bishop Brady Green Giants of Concord before suffering a one-goal loss to the other high school hockey crew from the capital city, the Concord High Crimson Tide.

Those outcomes left second-year varsity coach Sam Littlefield and his PA skaters

with a very solid 12-3 divisional record, but that 2-3 mark in its handful of recent battles.

In the 9-4 walloping of Brady at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett on Tuesday, Feb. 13, the academy squad led 3-1 after one period and 5-3 after two. But the Astros put the game out of reach of the host Green Giants by potting four more shots in the third stanza.

Senior forward Tyler Whiting lit the lamp no less than three times in tallying a hat-trick, his fellow senior Pat Hare netted two goals, and single markers were managed by Cody Sullivan, Cooper Flinton, Colin Leighton, and Nick Trask as Pinkerton rolled to its 12th Division I success. PA backup goalie Matt Gililand made 11 saves his contribution to the win.

"We had a slow start, but we really picked it up," said PA coach Littlefield.



Junior goalie Dakota Robinson snags a puck out of the air during one of his contingent's recent games. The veteran keeper made 31 big stops in his team's edging of Bedford this past Monday. Photo by Chris Pantazis

However, the academy icemen could have used a couple more goals the next day on their own sheet of ice at The Ice Den there in

Hooksett, where they suffered a 4-3 overtime loss to a tough Concord crew which advanced its D-I mark to 12-2.

Pinkerton led 1-0 after one period but got outscored 3-1 in the second period to enter the third stanza trailing.

The hosts knotted the score in the third, but then fell in overtime. Lucas Masciarelli, Jon Last, and Landon McClure did the scoring for PA, and keeper Dakota Robinson contributed some 25 saves.

Pinkerton then entered this, its final week of the regular season, with a Monday night home game against an extremely skilled and determined Bedford bunch which boasted an excellent 13-3 record and a seven-game winning streak.

And the Astros ended that Bedford winning skein by besting the visiting Bulldogs by a 3-2 tally.

The visitors scored the only goal of the first period, but PA knotted the score at 1-1 some 6:54 into the sec-

ond stanza when Leighton zipped a shot at the Bedford net and Nick Trask tipped it past the keeper.

The Astros then tallied a 3-1 lead in the third with a goal from Pat Hare 4:30 in and a tally by Leighton four minutes later.

The visitors pulled their goalie in the waning moments and managed to score a second goal with three minutes left in the contest, but 3-2 was where the score wound up.

PA goalie Robinson made some 31 big saves in a momentous win for the locals.

The academy skaters then looked at the rest of this week which included a Wednesday night test against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua at The Ice Den - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a Saturday road game in Manchester against Central.

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## Astro Bowlers Best Sanborn, Fall to Spaulding at Title Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy bowling team acquitted itself quite nicely at the state bowling tournament at Merrimack Ten Pin last Saturday, Feb. 17, upsetting a higher seed in round one before being vanquished by the number two seed.

Veteran coach Janet Boyden's bunch came into the tourney as the 10th and lowest seeded entity, but the strong performances of Astro seniors Keenan Nash (a team captain), Dan Kirichok, Elijah Johnson, and Zac Emery, junior Jason Barton, sophomore Bryant

Nourse, and freshmen Meghan Slater and Sean Forkey helped the locals knock off seventh-ranked Sanborn of Kingston in first-round play.

The top six seeds Goffstown, Spaulding of Rochester, Keene, Stevens of Claremont, Merrimack, and Raymond all had byes in round one, so they got to sit back and watch Pinkerton defeat Sanborn in best-four-of-seven-games play.

The Astros bested Sanborn by a 4-2 tally with first and second game wins of 139-113 and 142-119, a fourth game success of 138-134, and a sixth game victory of 166-140.

But in quarterfinal-round play the academy side fell to second-ranked Spaulding by a 4-1 game count, winning only game three by a 179-134 tally.

Top-ranked Goffstown and number two Spaulding wound up meeting in the finals and had to go all seven games before determining a victor. The Grizzlies of Goffstown wound up snarling the state crown, repeating as champs after defeating Bishop Guertin of Nashua last February by a 4-3 score in the title round. Pinkerton won back-to-back state crowns in excellent and exciting fashion back in 2014 and 2015.

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### Looking Good for Lou Gehrig!

The second annual Run for Healing for ALS will be run to raise funds for ALS and to highlight Israeli advances in research and treatment of this disease on Sunday, April 22 from noon to 3 p.m. It is a Run/Walk for Healing event for the whole family, even people who cannot walk or run can come and celebrate. The event will begin with an interfaith 'Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem' for Israel's 70th birthday. NH4Israel, a 12 year old, organization, is a committed group of Christians and Jews passionate about Israel. The event will take place at Etz

Hayim Synagogue on Derry NH's Interfaith Campus 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. Please consider participating, donating, sponsoring and/or volunteering. For more information please visit [NH4Israel.org](http://NH4Israel.org)

### Voter Checklist Session

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to register new voters, receive name, address, and party changes from voters, approve applications for voter registration, and approve changes to the voter checklist. On Saturday, March 3, from 11 - 11:30 a.m. at the Derry Municipal Center. Applications to register to vote or to make

changes to voter registrations may also be completed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours or at the polls on election days.

### Aspiring Female Medical Professionals

On March 8, at 7 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, will hold a program on women in the medical profession. If your daughter is thinking about a career in medicine, please join us for a panel discussion by female doctors working in different medical specialties. Bring all your questions: "What's it like cutting into someone's stomach?" "How hard is it to get into med-

ical/dental school?" "What if I got a C in geometry in high school?" "Will I really be able to manage a family?" Our doctors will be "on call" for you. The program is part of Etz Hayim's "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff" continuing education program. It is open and free to the public.

### New England Lighthouse Presentation

The Amoskeag Questers will host the New Hampshire Humanities presentation of "New England Lighthouses and The People Who Kept Them" by Jeremy D'Entremont at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway on Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch at 434-8673.

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### Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, March 10 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for Renew Derry on Facebook, or email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com)

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### T-Ball Registration

Derry Recreation Department will accept Spring T-Ball registrations beginning now 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.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation](http://www.derry-nh.org/parks-recreation)

### Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

### 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 womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

### Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

### 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)

## Derry Artist Showcases Work at Library Exhibit

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

This month's art exhibit at the Leach Library showcases a different approach to capturing the beauty of nature. Sally Dion, of Derry, is a printmaker by trade and nature lover at heart. Some of her designs and pieces offer an almost abstract way of looking at the world around us. Her work is not always a direct representation of what she sees in front of her, but often mirrors the emotion she felt when seeing it. She refers to her work as more, "representative art."

"Most people would kind of say it's 'impressionistic,'" said Dion.

Her inspiration comes from nature- she does a lot of paintings of houses and landscapes because "they have character, like people."

Painting had become part of Dion's repertoire only recently, because the demand was increasing. She took some lessons and started painting with acrylics four years ago and with oils starting last year. She's primarily a print maker, and when asked, said it was her favorite medium. She loves it so



Sally Dion.

much because no two results are ever the same.

"That moment when you peel off the paper and you see it," she said, "you can make happy mistakes and I like that."

Dion chose one of her largest block prints to display in the lobby, a four-foot wide by three-feet tall black and white print.

"I like things big," she said. "I feel they have more of an impact sometimes."

Although she likes to work with bigger prints, Dion does do smaller paintings and printings that are

more appropriate for homes and offices. Some of her prints have even been made into clothes through shopvid.com. But Dion doesn't do it for the money, she has an alter-ego for that.

"I'm a hygienist by day, and a painter by night," she said with a laugh. "Got to pay the bills, you know!"

Dion was lucky enough to attend the Massachusetts College of Art when she was younger, where she met iconic American artists like Georgia O'Keefe. She started at the Maine College of Art back when it was still called the Portland School of Art. From there, she transferred to Boston College where her professors told her she needed to attend art school. She loved her time at M.C.A and earned her BFA in printmaking.

"I felt very fortunate going there. It's a great school," Dion said.

Printmaking, while fun, can be hassle for those who do not own their own printing press. Dion does not own a press of her own, instead using the one at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester. She said, "they're heavy and take up a lot of space." But going to the NHIA has

allowed her to join other printmakers for workshops. She said there are usually nine to 10 other artists who go.

"It's an opportunity for all of us to get together and talk about each other's work," said Dion.

During the Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market this summer, Dion and her daughter had set up a mini-printmaking area for kids to try.

"We brought some of old lino blocks and some inexpensive acrylic paint and our rollers and the kids couldn't get enough of it," exclaimed Dion. "I think they were printing up their Christmas presents for people. They kept coming back, 'can we do another one?' It was a great introduction for the kids to try and see how easy it is."

Dion was approached to do the exhibit by Wendy Wetherbee after the original artist had to back out. Dion had not applied to do it for this month, so she was honored by the request. She truly enjoys that the town invests in local artists and brings come culture to the community.

"I think it's great they do it," she said. "I feel honored to put in such a nice space."



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