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Town Councilor Suggests Safety Measures for Derry Schools

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

In light of the recent tragedy involving a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the gun control debate has once again come back to life throughout our country.

And while many across the nation push the federal government to take action, government officials on the state and local levels have taken it upon themselves to make their communities safe, as was quite clear during the Town Council's latest meeting on March 6.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councilor James Morgan took a few minutes to recount his time recently spent down in Florida, he

told those in attendance that he was staying only nineteen miles away from the shooting down in Parkland.

Recalling how the likes of seeing nearby police react to the situation and watching story after story on television about the friends and families of the victims affected him, Morgan also brought up the CNN open forum, wherein Republican Senator Marco Rubio and NRA Spokeswoman Dana Loesch spoke with members of the Parkland community about gun control. And while Morgan admired both sides during the discussion, he also noticed how these many factors are not making the act of finding a solution easy.

"The divisiveness of the Second Amendment and the issues that surround gun control are very deep issues that you can't just resolve with the push of a button", Morgan noted.

While Morgan came out as a supporter of the Second Amendment, he also shows great concerns for our children and the reality of mass shootings that they are forced to face now; something that children did not have to worry about in the 1950's. As such, he feels that the Derry community, as well as every community across the country, must take action if they wish to prevent more shootings.

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Connors Officially Named as Superintendent of Derry Schools

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After a year of service for the Derry School District and continuing to prove herself as a valuable asset to Derry, Interim Superintendent Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian was officially declared as the district's full Superintendent during the Derry School Board's latest meeting on March 6 at West Running Brook.

In March of last year, the prior Superintendent, Laura Nelson, was forced to vacate her position after taking some time off due to medical leave. In her absence, Connors chose to fill in the position and take on Nelson's roles until the

board could decide on an official replacement, thus giving Connors the Interim title.

But after working hard to keep the district in good standing since then, the board realized that she was the right person for the job. Dan McKenna, the board's Chair, went on to describe the many ways that Connors has helped the district, such as her strong leadership, excellent communication skills and dedication to the district's students, academically or otherwise. They also commended her desire to step up and tackle issues in a thoughtful, yet head-on manner.

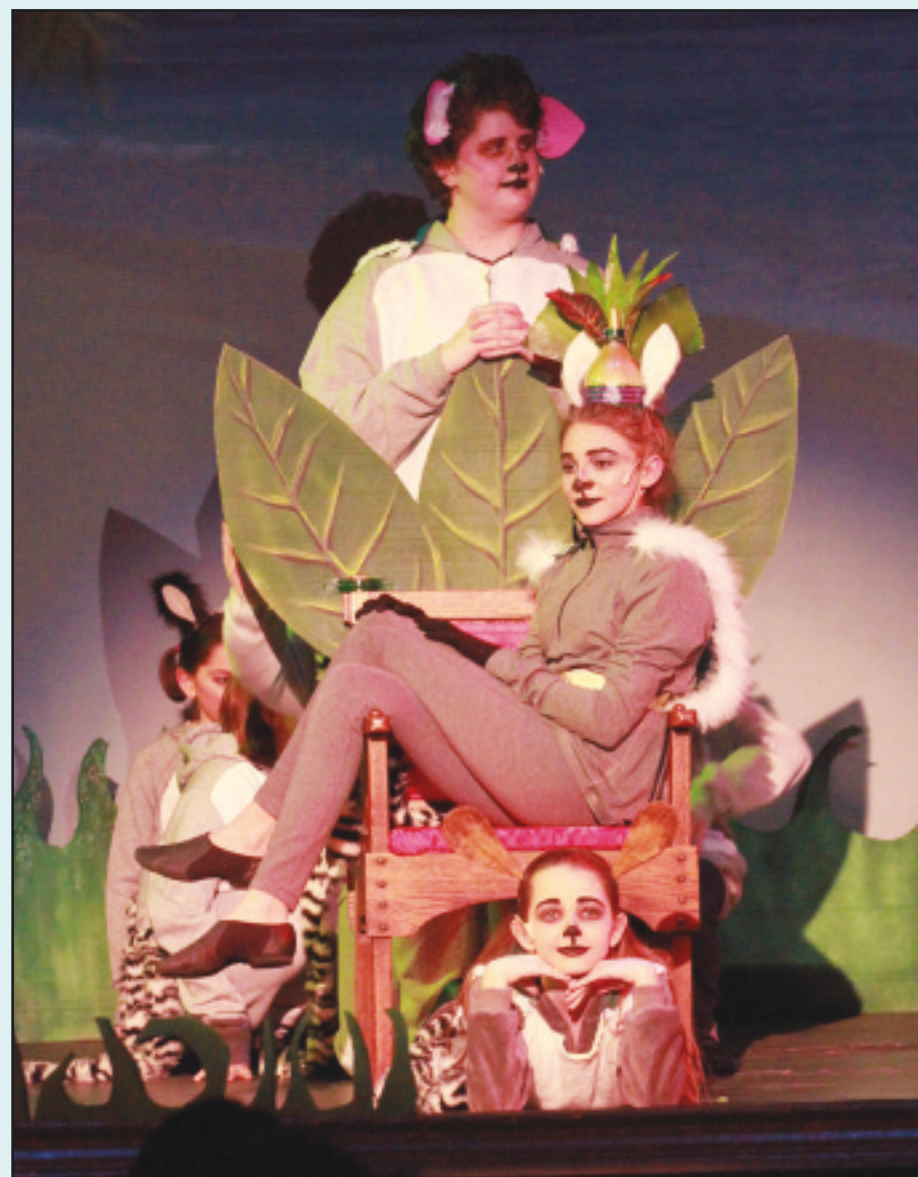
Furthermore, Connors was noted for building a strong relationship with her

team within the district and improving student achievements through restructuring various positions on her team, on top of adding teams to address student achievements and leadership potential.

Ultimately, the board felt that there was no one the board could come across in an interview process that could lead them to find a better candidate, especially since members already knew Connors so well. Thus, the board officially named her the district's Superintendent, with her team in attendance that night to give her a standing ovation.

Connors was more than humble upon accepting the

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Got To Move It

Members of the Kids Coop Theatre performed *Madagascar, A Musical Adventure, Jr.* at the Derry Opera House over the weekend. King Julian was played by Belle Perrotta with trusty side kick Maurice played by Taylor Athanasious. See more photos page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry's Don Ball "Mr. Recreation" Leaves a Lasting Legacy in Town

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The town of Derry has one less smile brightening its streets after the passing of longtime resident and community supporter Don Ball. He was paramount in the development of the Derry Parks and Recreation Department as well as turn-

ing the old West Side Community Center into the Marion Gerrish Community Center of today. Those who knew him said he was one of the kindest men they ever knew.

"Truly a remarkable individual," said Eric Bodenrader, the director of Parks and Recreation for Derry.

Ball was a mentor for Bodenrader, who started working at parks and recs back in 1991. Bodenrader learned many things under Ball's tutelage, but the most important lesson was not about how to run the department, but how to live life.

Ball taught him to "try to see the best in people,"

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Town Council Considers Combining Two Environmental Committees

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Remaining environmentally friendly has been a top priority for Derry, especially considering the number of natural resources found in town. However, making sure that the town's government runs efficiently is just as important, with the two being discussed during the Town Council's latest meeting on March 6.

Due to suggestions made at previous council meetings several weeks prior, town staff, led by

Town Manager David Caron, were tasked with finding ways to make the town's assorted committees more efficient.

Out of all the various committees, the two that came into focus during these discussions were the Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC) and the Net Zero Task Force. The EEAC primary mission is to educate the public on energy conservation measures and energy efficiencies, and to support local initiatives which are consistent

with the mission of the committee. Net Zero's primary mission is to focus on sustainable energy strategies for public buildings.

However, when delving deeper into the two groups objectives, it was found that their goals were far too similar and needed to be altered in order to justify the existence of both.

But instead, it was recommended that the EEAC simply be merged into the Net Zero, eliminating the EEAC while expanding the charges of the task force to

also cover what the EEAC was tasked with.

"You're essentially consolidating two committees into one for more efficiencies", Caron noted.

While the EEAC was comprised of community volunteers, the task force only has one resident volunteer and the remaining members are representatives from various stakeholder groups, such as the Derry School District and the Chamber of Commerce. Thus, it was also recommended that the task force then add on three more pub-

lic seats with three year terms, bringing the total number of members in the task force to thirteen.

Caron argued that the consolidation would allow for smoother communication with town staff on environmental matters and better public representations, but Councilor Richard Tripp was curious about whether or not a committee with thirteen members would be manageable.

"I usually think that if the committee is more than five, you tend to talk

more and move less", Tripp stated.

However, Net Zero Task Force Chair Jeff Moulton argued that it was necessary, as while the stakeholder representatives only bring back information to their respective groups, the public members do the real legwork and spread information to the public, necessitating the need for more public representation with the elimination of the EEAC.

The council agreed and chose to approve the idea unanimously.

Fire Department Seeking Changes to Service Contracts with Chester

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry's emergency services may work hard to assist Derry's residents, but they are far from the only ones to receive these services, as was discussed during the Town Council's latest meeting on March 6.

As a part of an ongoing agreement since 1972, Derry has provided fire and EMS dispatch services to both Auburn and Chester. According to comments made by Town Administra-

tor David Caron on the staff report accompanying this discussion, both towns receives these services while Derry receives revenue from an approved annual subsidy and customer invoices. This revenue is then used to offset the overall expenses of the fire department's budget.

However, Chester has recently initialed renegotiations of their ambulance and dispatch contracts with Derry. According to Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, Chester is looking to

expand their current contracts for up to ten years, creating a new contract for ambulance services and extending the dispatch contract by eight years, as it does not expire for another two years.

"They will still stay two separate contracts, but they're gonna have the same terms", Gagnon noted.

Gagnon also went on to explain that these services do not require any additional staff to be hired or equipment to be purchased.

On top of this, payments for these services would be increased, with the ambu-

lance services costing Chester over one hundred and seven thousand dollars, an increase from the original price of just under eighty four thousand dollars. Furthermore, the dis-

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the United States cannot wait for Washington to work out this problem", Morgan stated.

Morgan recently spoke with Council Chair Joshua Bourdon about a possible solution and felt that, even though they are not directly

responsible for the actions of the school district, the community's safety is their responsibility.

Thus, Morgan has suggested that the council look into adding at least two more resource officer positions to the 2018-2019 budget, as well as reaching out to the trustees for Pinkerton Academy to add more to their school as well, as both Pinkerton and the entirety of the Derry School

or three percent increases to the payments each year for the next ten years.

The council so no problem with these alterations and passed the resolution unanimously.

District only have two resources officers between the two of them.

It is with more officers at these schools that Morgan hopes to deter potential attackers, as he stated that he felt that combat-trained individuals are best suited for protecting our schools.

"Having an officer with a weapon, who is trained, makes me feel a lot better than a soccer coach with a gun", Morgan commented.



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School District Seeking Out Grants To Increase School Safety

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The safety and wellbeing of the students and staff that occupy Derry's schools became a focal point for the Derry School Board's latest meeting on March 6.

Handling the discussion was Jane Simard, the district's Business Administrator, who brought up the fact that the Department of

Homeland Security is offering up what they describe as safety grants that are being given out for the sake of bolstering security in schools throughout the country.

Simard confirmed that the district will be seeking out these grants, primarily for the sake of upgrading the vestibules and surveillance equipment in the district's schools.

However, in order to obtain these grants, districts must first undergo physical security assessments within the last three years, which would include Simard, representatives from the Derry Fire and Police Departments, representatives from Homeland Security and each respective school's Principal. The districts must also file out written reports, which are used to

tailor what upgrades need to be made and recommended.

The final approval date for these grants is April 19, with the district requesting seven hundred and seventy seven thousand dollars, which will cover eighty percent of their assorted projects. The other twenty percent, or one hundred and ninety four thousand dollars, would be covered by the dis-

trict. Most of these funds would come from a 2005 trust fund that was meant for various building repairs, while the remainder of the district's share would come out of its Maintenance Improvement Plan. It should be noted that the project will not be pursued without approval of the grants.

Dan McKenna, the Board's Chair, noted that the board was unable to

delve into more specific details surrounding the security changes for the sake of school safety, but the fact that they were seeking out these grants shows that they realize changes were needed to keep our schools secure.

"I think this grant is a piece of a broader conversation about school safety and how we secure our buildings", McKenna noted

School District Finalizing Bidding Process for School Network Infrastructure

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry School District has made it abundantly clear that the technology within its schools is in dire need of a variety of upgrades, going as far as providing a massive boost to technology spending in the 2018-2019 school budget to be voted for on March 13. But these efforts go much further than additions to the budget, as was made clear during the School Board's latest meeting on March 6.

Raymond Larose, the district's Director of Information Services, was joined by Jane Simard, the district's Business Administrator, in discussing how the district was handling bids for a client to handle upgrading each school's network infrastructure, which will include wifi, wiring, switches and so on.

After asking for bids back in January, they have so far heard back from eight bidders, although it was narrowed down to seven after one did not follow proper procedures. An

open bidding process was done with the seven bidders to determine both their costs and what they would offer and, pending the results of the voting on March 13, a decision will be reached on March 22, with the implementation of these upgrades set to start on July 2.

As far as funding goes for the project, roughly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will come from funds for the Honeywell project, an energy efficiency project handled by Honeywell Manufacturing,

while another two hundred and fifty thousand would come from E-Rate reimbursement, which is a program managed by the US Department of Education that provides discounts to school districts who are trying to obtain affordable telecommunications and information services.

Dan McKenna, the Board's Chair, was curious about whether or not any of the plans were different in any way, and while several

used different switches than ones recommended by district staff and several also offered 24/7 maintenance of the systems, Larose believed all of them to be on the same level.

"They are pretty much within the same ballpark", Larose noted.

None the less, Larose and Simard both suggested that the district accept a bid from First Access Technologies out of Salem, as they have a strong track

record with Derry.

McKenna was also concerned about what they would do with any remaining funds, in case they do not need all five hundred thousand dollars for the project, as he would not want to waste federal funds. Larose noted that there are plenty of other ideas, but none that are being planned at the moment, although the prospect of beefing up the SAU building has been thrown around.

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role, not only thanking the board for their support, but also thanking her team, which she referred to as the "dream team". She was utterly grateful for how they had helped her as much as she had helped them, as

well as their passion and energy for their jobs.

"This job is not a 'me' job. It's not an 'I' job. It's a 'we' job", Connors noted.

Although she was aware that there were some bumps in the road while changing things around in the last year, she felt that these bumps were inevitable

when taking things in a new direction for the betterment of the district.

Above all else, however, is that Connors does everything she does for the sake of the children and keeping them at the center of all the district hopes to accomplish.

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Editorial

Read Across America

March is marked in many local schools as Read Across America month, and celebrates children’s author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss’s birthday is March 2, but month long celebrations are taking place all over. True to the famed children’s author, school activities focus on reading.

While Read Across America was created by the National Education Association, no matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children early and often. Whether it’s dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a “celebrity reader” in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read a bedtime story, Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today.

There’s not a more important factor in future success than the ability and the desire to read. Most of us take our ability to read for granted and don’t remember how we learned, but we use the skill everyday. Research shows that kids who spend time reading recreationally perform better in school, and whether it’s by reading traffic signs or employment applications, college textbooks or exam questions, reading follows us through our lives.

Read Across America isn’t just for kids. There is great enjoyment to be had from sitting by a warm fire or relaxing by a pool and letting a good book transport you to another world. If your child’s asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home this week, go for it. In the midst of busy, out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you’re at it, schedule a trip to the children’s room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another memorable reading experience for your youngster.

There is also great enjoyment to be had from learning something new from and informative nonfiction on your favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, there’s nothing quite like getting lost in a good book, these habit starts young.

Across America underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on your phone, you can read on a computer, a paper and best of all, you can read a book. And when you read to a child, you’re building memories for both of you. As Dr. Seuss wrote, “You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pickup a book and read to a child.

Letters

Effective Campaign Finance Reform

To the editor

Voters all over New Hampshire are frustrated, angry, and fed up with our current campaign financing system which legally allows millionaires and multinational corporations to “buy” the votes of our elected officials? It’s time that our elected State Legislators start working with constituents to get legislation passed for comprehensive and effective campaign finance reform.

Last month at the N.H. State House, our Derry Representatives had that chance, but threw the opportunity away. A vote was taken on HB 1524, a bill that would clarify that money is not speech. This bill would have made NH the 20th state government calling on Congress to pass a national constitutional amendment to give to Congress and State Legislatures the authority to “regulate the role of money in elections and governance to ensure transparency, prevent corruption, and protect against the buying of access to or influence over representatives.” In addition the bill would have prohibited the practice of redistricting by gerrymander by either political party. Clearly this should have been a nonpartisan bill in support of everyday NH voters. In the past few years over eighty NH towns have passed town resolutions or warrants calling on our State government to pass such a bill. Derry was one of those towns calling for passage.

And yet not one Derry Representative voted in support of this bill. A lost opportunity for NH voters! We need Representatives in our State House who will vote in support of constituents rather than in support of political parties.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

as bump stocks that allow weapons to be fired at increasingly faster rates. The age limit would exempt active-duty military members or law enforcement officers.

Given the recent school shooting in Parkland, Fl. more safety measures are needed to protect our children and the public from gun violence. This Motion would have allowed this to happen.

This common sense Bill would be one attempt to protect the lives and safety of our citizens and especially our most vulnerable, our children. New Hampshire is not exempt from gun violence or the threat of violence. In the last several weeks several New Hampshire schools were under a threat watch.

Our Representatives have the responsibility to provide our citizens with a Community where they feel safe to live, work and raise a family.

The following is a list of names that voted against this Motion:

Pat Dowling, Robert Fesh, Phyllis Katsakiores, David Milz, John O’Connor, Frank Saporeto, Richard Tripp, James Webb.

Mary Eisner
Derry

Gun Law Vote

To the editor

On March 6, 2018 the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted down a Motion to suspend the Rules in order for a Bill to be proposed. This Motion was needed since the filing time had passed to submit Bills. The proposed Bill would have raised the age from 18 to 21 to purchase any type of gun and would have banned devices known

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Correction: The story “Zoning Board Goes Over Frontage on New Elderly Community” in the March 8 edition of Nutfield News, noted that Zoning Board Member Randall Kelley was concerned that surrounding properties may be negatively affected by the project, but no abutters were present to make their case. To be more specific, no abutters were present during the March 1 meeting, but several were present at the Feb. 22 meeting to make their case. Amongst the abutters were Brenda Foley, who voiced her opposition to the variance being discussed for the project, which included tax concerns, land use issues, safety issues and traffic on Tsienneto Road. She also noted that at least two of her neighbors did not receive a certified letter concerning the project until after the first meeting occurred.

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Kids Coop Performs Madagascar Jr. at Derry Opera House



Kids Coop Theatre performed Madagascar, A Musical Adventure, Jr. at the Derry Opera House over the weekend. The dance musical was Directed is Ruthie Vinson with Director Mentor, Maureen Mansfield, Musical Director was Heidi Krantz and Music Director Mentor Marilyn Olbricht. The production's Choreographer was Paige Athanasiou. The performance starred Ryan Carrigan as Marty, Byrn Steinmetz as Alex, Kaylee Gifford as Gloria, and Michael Wimmer as Melman. Cast members also included Benjamin Bertini as Private, Kalisan Marzolf as Rico, Rowan Gifford, Thomas Hull, Audrey Labbe, Megan Lautieri, Savannah Marisseau, Skylar Marzolf, Kristin Minzner, Braeden Tremain, Kira Withrow and many more.

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Conservation Commission Tackles Hiking Areas, Water Contamination

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Tasked with maintaining proper stewardship, utilization and protection of Derry's national resources, the Conservation Commission recently held their latest meeting on March 12 to discuss a variety of issues.

For starters, the commission brought up their latest request for residents who would hope to utilize a plot on Broadview Farm, a protected conservation area off of Young Road.

Sized at around seventy eight acres, the rolling agricultural land has been known to be used for everything from hiking and cross country skiing to camping and fishing.

However, one of the more innovative features of the farm is the fact that residents are allowed to reserve garden plots within the conservation area to plant products of their own choosing within 10' X 20' plots, as long as the users of each plot takes care to manage pest control efforts for the plots and not use peren-

nial plants, which are just some of the rules expected to be followed.

During the latest meeting, however, members wanted to make it perfectly clear that not only must residents only use natural fertilizers on their plots, but they must also refrain from using pesticides. More information about the plots can be found on derrynh.org. Please contact Peg Kinsella at (603) 432-5604 to reserve a plot.

Secondly, Neil Wetherbee, the commission's Town Council representa-

tive, spoke up about how he feels that not enough residents are aware of the existence of the variety of hiking properties scattered across Derry. Although the town website does supply information about where these trails and properties can be found, Wetherbee suggested that the town would benefit from adding an assortment of signs near these locations that would alert hikers to them.

"It's not something that's going to cost a lot of money", Wetherbee noted.

Concerns were also brought up about where plows are choosing to create snow banks, as these banks have been known to accumulate trash over weeks and months and, upon melting, run the risk of contaminating nearby water supplies, whether they be near storm drains, water processing areas, or otherwise.

The suggestion was made that the commission, and potentially town staff, research whether or not regulations are in place or

could be created to curb these concerns.

Finally, it was noted that World Water Day is set to take place on March 22. Established by the United Nations back in 1993, the goal of the event is to understate the importance of universal access to clean water, while finding ways to provide it to the billions of people across the world who do not have access to it.

For more information about World Water Day, visit worldwaterday.org.

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Bodenrader said. "Try to see where they're coming from."

For Bodenrader, the loss of Ball is more than just the loss of teacher and friend.

"It's a loss of a hero, an unsung hero. A mentor," said Bodenrader. "He was a pillar of the community."

Ball spent over 30-years in the Parks and Recreation Department before he retired in 1998. He was one of the co-founders of the Derry Demons youth football league and was always invested in creating opportunities to play for the children of Derry. He was also heavily invested in the community center on West Broadway, becoming one of the charter members after

starting to work on the building as the assistant recreation director back in 1972.

"His impact on the Marion Gerrish Center was enormous," said the center's Director Sarah Garvin. Ball helped to "literally build the building back up."

Ball served on the board of directors at the center for decades, retiring less than 10 years ago. Back in its starting days, it was known as the "pigeon motel" because of all the pigeons that lived on the second floor, said Janet Conroy. She used to serve on the center's board of directors with Ball. She recalled Ball going up to the second floor and shoveling all of the bird droppings into a wheelbarrow and having to heave it out of the window.



Don Ball

"That was not what you call the best job in the world," said Conroy. But Ball was glad to do it because it meant getting the center up and running.

Conroy said she had known Ball for over 50 years and "I never saw him get angry." Not even at the thought of shoveling pigeon poop.

Ball and his wife Mari-

lyn "were always part of the scene in Derry," said Conroy.

One winter, Conroy recalled, Ball and some of the guys from parks and recs took a truck out onto Beaver Lake to move the snow away so the kids could ice skate. Unfortunately, the truck started to slowly sink into the lake. Luckily, everyone made it clear of the truck and it didn't fully sink, but it was something they never let Ball forget.

"That was one of the things we teased him about," Conroy laughed. Ball laughed too, finding humor in most situations. With him, said Conroy, "the glass was always half full, not half empty."

Ball also dedicated some of his time as a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. According to Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, Ball "was always very supportive of the fire department," even after his retirement as a volunteer in 1977.

"He was someone who

was highly respected in this community," said Gagnon. "He was a good man who will truly be missed."

Police Chief Edward Garone also had nothing but kind words when remembering Ball and his work around town.

"I don't think there is a kinder gentleman that I've met in my life," said Garone. He recalled the Balls as a "very caring couple."

Garone said he'd known Ball for about 46 years and was one of the first residents he met when he moved to town. He had liked him immediately and that "like developed into admiration and respect."

"I would consider Don Ball to be 'Mr. Recreation,'" said Garone. "I couldn't think of recreation without thinking of Donny Ball."

When asked to pick his favorite story about Ball, Garone couldn't answer, because he couldn't pick just one.

"He was doing wonderful things all the time," said

Garone. "My department's condolences go out to his family."

Ball served as a member of the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was an alumna of Pinkerton Academy, class of 1951. He passed away on March 6 at his home, surrounded by family. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Ball Gallant of Litchfield, NH and his three sons, Douglas Ball and his wife Donna of Londonderry, Daniel Ball of Derry, and Darren Ball and Donna Mustone of Windham. He had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Dana Ball in 1991 and his wife Marilyn in 2005.

With his death, Ball didn't just leave behind his immediate family. He left behind a larger family, a community who will not only remember his dedication to the parks and recreation department, but his true legacy of being a mentor, a friend, and the kindest of souls.

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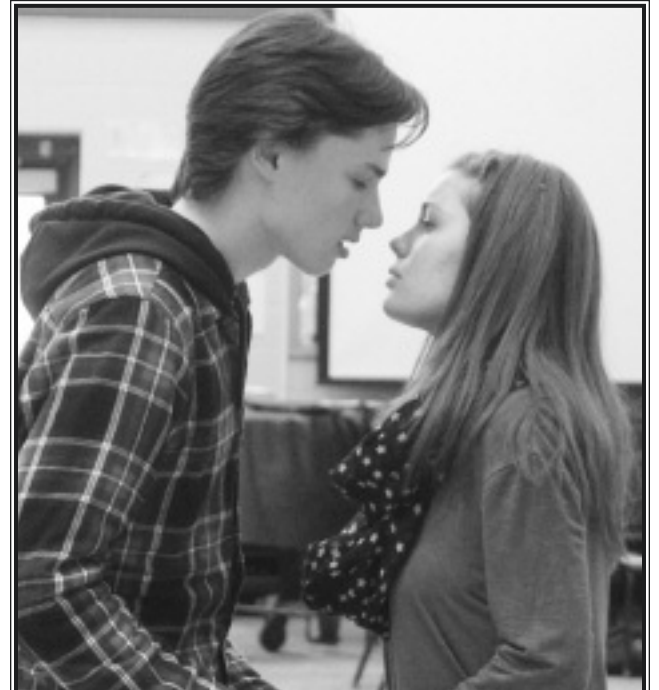
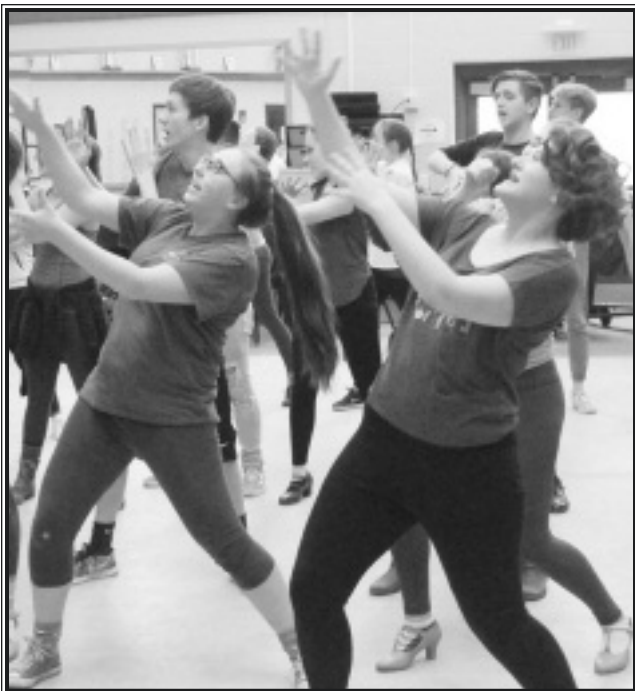
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Pinkerton Players Ready for 'Anything Goes' Performance



The Pinkerton Players are busy with their latest production, "Anything Goes," a 1934 musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter which will be performed starting on March 23. The story involves Billy Crocker, played by Jerome Trudeau, falls in love with a beautiful girl he meets in a taxi. When he discovers she's boarding a cruise ship, the same London-bound ship his boss and co-worker Reno Sweeney, played by Samatha Kaufman are boarding, he sneaks aboard himself. The beautiful girl, Hope Harcourt, played by Olivia Christopher, is engaged to a stuffy British aristocrat, Lord Evelyn Oakley, played by James Rowland, but that doesn't stop the love-struck Billy. With the help of other passengers, Billy seeks to shake Reno, whose love he doesn't return, and capture the heart of the girl of his dreams - all without hurting anyone's feelings.

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Banner Year for PA Sugar Shack/PA Student's Business Gets Upgrade

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

It would seem that the students of Pinkerton Academy's Forestry Technology program have found themselves in quite the "sticky" situation this syrup season.

While a class dedicated to making maple syrup might sound like an easy A to the layman, these students from Derry, Chester, Hampstead, and other nearby towns must collaborate and work hard to produce delicious syrup made from nearby maple trees in Pinkerton Academy's very own sugar shack.

Pinkerton Academy has had students producing maple syrup since the 1970's. Within the past 5 years, the school has replaced the original, tiny sugar house to accommodate the program's growing class size, thanks to Perkins Federal funding. The new shack is conducive for students to offer tours to children in pre-K and Kindergarten, as well as residents of local nursing homes.

To obtain the sap necessary for making the syrup, the students tap trees on seven properties on English Range Road. Homeowners on those properties are compensated with a jug of the viscous deliciousness once it is finished. The students also reap the benefits of all their hard work by taking home at least a pint of syrup at the end of the year.

Michelle Mize, instruc-

tor of the Forestry Technology program, remarked that this would be a banner year for the class, as the days with sunshine, balmy temperatures, and west winds have allowed for excessive sap production. On a good day, up to 600 gallons of the sap can be collected, said Mize, which yields approximately 20 gallons of maple syrup, depending on the sugar content of the sap.

"This is the most I've seen in my tenure here," said Mize. Out of her 18 years teaching at Pinkerton Academy, Mize has been instructing the students on the intricate art and science of forestry and syrumping for seven.

Mize also remarked that this year and last have provided incredibly early seasons. Traditionally, the class would wait until after February vacation to begin tapping the trees. This year, however, students were out in the woods two weeks ahead of schedule, with some students taking time out of their February break to work on production.

Prior to tapping the trees, the class covers a number of preliminary subjects, such as outdoor safety hazards, OSHA standards, tree identification, invasive plant eradication, habitat and animal identification, natural resource inventory, and tool and equipment use and safety. Once the foundations are covered, the students are able to get to work, applying their learned skills them-

selves, under the instruction and coaching of Mize.

Several of the students put extra time in to ensure that the syrup is put out in time, dedicating lunch and study periods, and even school vacation time to working on creating the syrup.

While all of the students that work in Pinkerton's Sugar Shack are hardworking and dedicated, there is one student who seemingly can't be "tapped" out.

Last year, Nutfield Publishing covered the story of Ryan's Sugar Shack, run by young Chester entrepreneur and Pinkerton CTE student Ryan Neal. This past year Neal has made some impressive expansions in order to grow his syrup business.

Now a senior in high school, Neal attends the Career and Technical Education program at Pinkerton Academy, and had installed the pans on Pinkerton's maple syrup evaporator. Neal goes to school for part of the day and leaves early to tend to his business, working from midday to midnight some days.

Over the summer, Neal had built a brand new 16' by 24' sugar house, a new evaporator, and set up nearly 20 miles of tubing to allow for the processing of more sap. Having tapped 300 trees last year, Neal is now able to tap up to 1,200, pulling in over 1,000 gallons of sap, roughly 150 gallons per hour.

Neal said that he would be interested in pursuing a



Pinkerton Academy's Forestry Technology students have been very busy collecting sap and loading their new evaporator at the school's Sugar Shack this season.

degree in Environmental Studies, particularly Fish and Game Conservation and Law, depending on whether he wanted to put all of his focus solely on Ryan's Sugar Shack at that point.

One way or another, Pinkerton Academy's forestry program has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on all of its students.

"CTE students like to do something that is applied to something real," Mize said. "They like to be able to get out from behind the desk."

Mize mentioned that while the students learn about the production of

maple syrup, they are also in fact utilizing a number of sciences, and even math. Students must be able to keep track of weather patterns to find optimal tapping conditions, they must be able to scale and measure trees using trigonometry, and they must be able to calculate how much syrup can be yielded from varying amounts of sap collected over time, taking into account varying percentages of sugar content.

Students also have the opportunity to choose an aspect of the industry and present, a la "Shark Tank,"

their very own innovation to the industry, and in that same vein create marketing for various fundraising events.

Whether or not all of the students "stick" with a career path in forestry technology after high school, it is certain that the skills they have acquired will "stick" with them, no matter where they go.

For more on Pinkerton Academy's Career and Technical Education programs, visit www.pinkertonacademy.org. Neal's syrup and other maple products are available for purchase at ryanssugarshack.com.

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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astro Hoop Squad Felled in Finals by Defending Champs

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite strong efforts to claim its program's first state championship since 2006, the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad fell just one victory short of its title goal.

The second-seeded Lady Astros were bested by a 54-34 count by the now three-time defending D-I champion Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals in the state title game at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester Saturday night, March 10.

The PA team had faced off against the fifth-ranked Guertin in Nashua just weeks earlier as the two squads played their final regular season games. BG won that battle by a 65-53 count and ended up completing its regular campaign having won six consecutive decisions and eight of its last nine.

The Cardinals advanced to the title game by handing undefeated and top-seeded Bedford its first loss of the 2017-18 season in the state semifinals. Pinkerton moved forward to the finals with a semifinal-round throttling of third-ranked Manchester Memorial.

Coach Lani Buskey and her PA bunch knew that in taking on BG in the state championship contest that they would be facing a battle-tested and white-hot opponent fully intent on bagging its third consecutive state title. And things didn't go well for the academy side



Pinkerton veteran Madison Mahoney lofts up a lefty shot during her team's impressive semifinal win over Manchester Memorial.

Photos by Chris Paul

in the big game, with BG winning each and every quarter and exhibiting its depth and truly superb skills.

BG's Erin Carney's long, three-point bucket at the buzzer which ended the first period gave BG an 11-8 lead, and the Cardinals would lead the rest of the way.

Guertin's ability to claim big offensive rebounds - and out-rebound Pinkerton by a decisive 35-25 tally in the game - proved to be huge as the Lady Astros struggled in vain to keep pace. BG also subbed liberally and played with plenty of confidence.

"It was a case of BG doing what BG does, and us

not responding," lamented Buskey. "We had to maintain our composure, but we lost it and never got it back."

After receiving more than 40 combined points from junior star forward Brooke Kane and senior guard Amanda Lemire in the semifinal win over Memorial, the locals had that superb duo held to just 25 in the final. And Kane collected 18 of those, with 10 coming in the fourth quarter with the game out of reach.

The Astros had advanced to the Division I title game by virtue of a pretty stellar, semifinal-round performance against a Manchester



Lady Astros' star junior forward Brooke Kane tries to get a grasp on the ball during her team's title-game loss to Bishop Guertin last weekend.

Memorial crew which had reasons to seek revenge against PA but got neither that nor a trip to the title game.

That semifinal contest took place on the evening of Thursday, March 8 at SNHU.

Pinkerton tallied an impressive 56-38 drubbing of Memorial in the big tournament match, reminding folks that it was Pinkerton which

had first blemished the Lady Crusaders' 11-0 record in the Queen City back on Feb. 2 by besting that host by a 54-46 score.

Both contingents wound up going 15-3 on the regular season, with Pinkerton tallying the second seed and Memorial having to settle for the third by virtue of that earlier PA road success.

Pinkerton veteran stars Kane and Lemire - the latter

wearing a stylish protective mask after suffering a broken nose in her team's quarterfinal-round win over Londonderry - ended up playing exceptionally well in the tourney defeat of Memorial. Kane and Lemire ended up outscoring the entire Lady Crusaders' crew by themselves, notching a total of 45 points to Memorial's 38.

There was every reason to believe that this battle would go right down to the wire despite the fact that PA tore its way out to a 9-0 lead during the first 3 1/2 minutes of play.

The score was knotted up at 12-12 after one quarter, and Pinkerton grasped a slim 24-23 lead at the half.

But everything changed in the third when Memorial went 0-10 from the floor and got outscored by the stunning margin of 12-1 during those eight minutes to head into the final period trailing 36-24.

The only reason the Lady Astros' lead wasn't larger than that was that they suffered through a shooting freeze of their own late in the third period and into the fourth. But the PA advantage wouldn't dip below nine points the rest of the way.

Kane wound up with 23 points and Lemire notched 22 as the Lady Astros ended

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PA Spirit Squad Takes Second Place at the D-I Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

For the second consecutive season the Pinkerton Academy spirit juggernaut has fallen just a notch short of a state championship, having to be satisfied with runner-up honors instead.

Heading into the 2017 Fall Spirit Championships late last year, PA coach Michelle McCarty's Astros had won an incredible seven consecutive Division I titles. But number eight wasn't in the cards for the PA contingent as it was narrowly edged by the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers by the miniscule margin of 103-102.6.

Fast forward to this past Sunday, March 11, with the eight-time defending Pinkerton Academy winter squad going for consecutive D-I title number nine in its own Hackler Gymnasium before a spirited, standing-room-only crowd. But as was the case at the end of the autumn, the Lady Astros had to be okay with the runner-up trophy and honors.

Between 2004 and 2017, Pinkerton winter spirit



squads won every single Class L or Division I title except the one in 2009, which was taken by the Salem High Blue Devils with Pinkerton second.

But at the Sunday championship event in Derry, it was the Concord High Crimson Tide crew which put forth the strongest and least-flawed performance to win the D-I title with a score of 104.4. Pinkerton was only two points back with a 102.4, and Londonderry placed third with its score of 98.2.

Still, just who would win the Division I crown this time around was a real question right up until the announcement was made that Concord had claimed it.

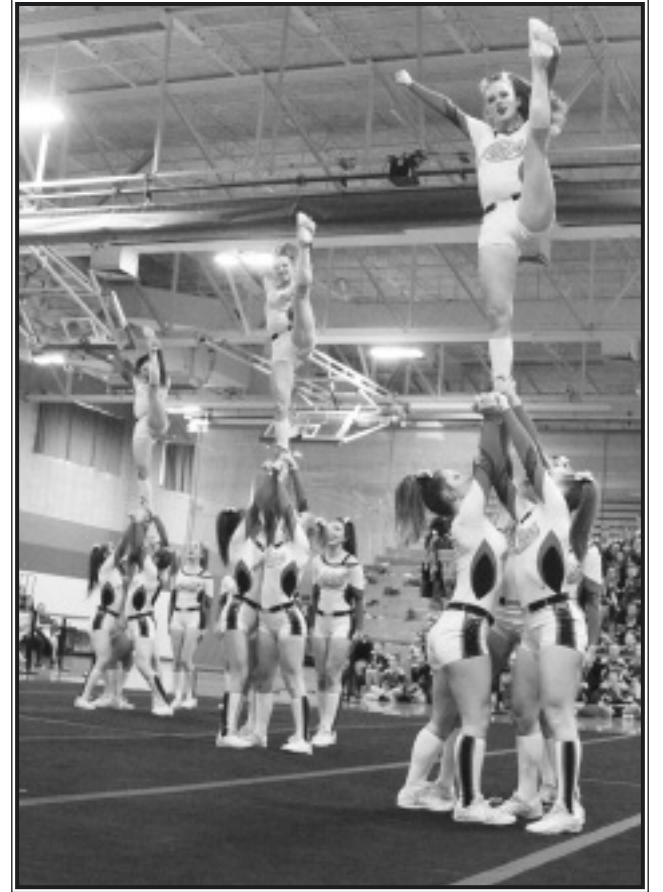
When the runner-up team was named first, the news landed with a thud among the Pinkerton squad members until McCarty began clapping and urged her team members to step forward and collect their plaque.

"We didn't know who the winner was going to be before it was announced,"

said LHS coach Chelsie Murfitt. "I think all of the Division I teams had issues today except Concord. Their routine was the cleanest."

Upon being greeted by a Pinkerton administrator after the awards ceremony was over, PA coach McCarty said, "Pressure. Too much pressure. We didn't finish. But it is what it is."

The Pinkerton contingent included seniors Anastasia Tunberg, Kailey Kirker, Jordan Nacos, Hailey Hanscom, Ashlyn Levine, and Kaitlyn Garrity. The



The seven-time defending Division I winter champion Pinkerton Academy spirit squad was stunned by a runner-up finish at the 2017-18 title event in its own Hackler Gymnasium this past Sunday. Concord took the title by scoring two points more than the host Lady Astro contingent.

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juniors were Jacie Harlow, Grace Daniele, Ariana Boudreau, Allison Connell, Kristen Bukunt, and Kaycie Rizzo, and the sophomores

included Hailey Blackman, Jenna Desrochers, Ashley Hebert, Julia Saab, Hunter Mullane, and Genna Dellisola, and Hailey Apostoloff and Garyn Hobbs were the freshmen.

Concord and Pinkerton qualified to compete at the New England Spirit Championships this coming weekend at Southern New Hampshire University, with the Lady Lancers of Londonderry left to wait and see if they'd qualify as well.

While the Astros were pretty stunned by their second place finish at the state championships, McCarty and her charges did what members of successful programs do and dedicated themselves to a climb back up to the top of the competitive mountain starting with the New England Championships at SNHU.

"On that day we didn't get it done and Concord did," said McCarty during the academy's winter sports night this past Monday. "You're never guaranteed a championship."

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PA Gymnasts Get Third Place at New Englands in Home Gym

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Getting to compete at the New England High School Gymnastics Championships is downright special. Getting to compete in AND host them is a different kind of special, and the Pinkerton Academy girls' gymnastics squad got to enjoy it in their own Hackler Gymnasium last Saturday, March 10.

Veteran coach Chelsie Burland's now two-time defending Granite State champions acquitted themselves quite well on the equipment and mats that

day, finishing a strong third out of 11 competing contingents.

Top teams from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island compete at the New Englands each year, but the New Hampshire D-I runner-up squad from Londonderry High elected not to take part this winter due to the scheduling challenges presented by the regional competition and major club gymnastics competitions.

The team from Bridgewater, Mass. nabbed the New England title with its score of 145.150, with the

Greenwich, Ct. entry second (144.250) and Pinkerton third (143.025).

The Astros had battle-tested standout Audrey Hill perform the best at the regional event, notching a third place on the balance beam with a score of 9.6 and a sixth in the floor exercise with a 9.3.

"After winning the state championship, we went into this meet relaxed and feeling no pressure," said coach Burland. "We looked at it as the cherry on top of a great season."

The talented academy crew had rolled into the 2017-18 New Hampshire championships in the University of New Hampshire's Lundholm Gymnasium back on Feb. 10 aiming at their second straight title, an incredible seventh championship since 2010, and the 15th in program history. And they got it, putting forth a performance which the PA faithful won't soon forget.

Coach Burland and her small remaining group of athletes stepped into the 2017-18 season with less roster depth than usual after

graduating some seven seniors from the 2016-17 championship crew. But after some initial doubts, hard work and lots and lots of talent on the 11-member squad kept the Lady Astros firmly atop the state gymnastics mountain for yet another season.

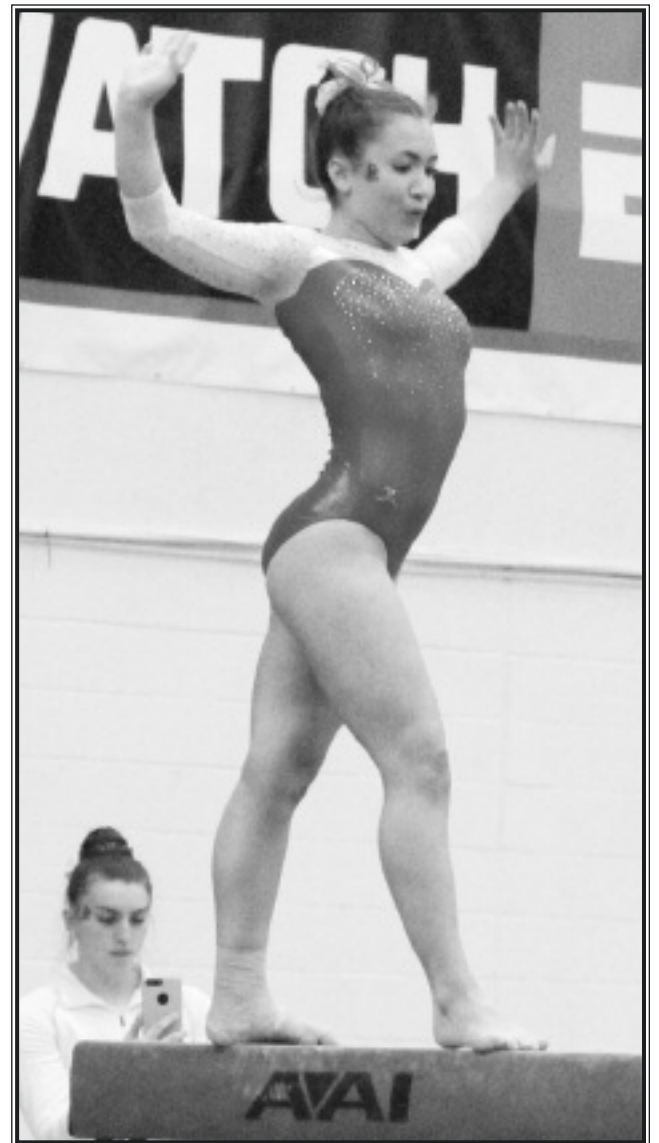
In the title meet back on Feb. 10, the Lady Astros tallied a big team score of 141.925 in remaining the state champs.

Pinkerton - which will not lose a single gymnast to graduation this year - received top scoring performances from a number of sources that day.

Veteran standout Ashley Loeffler was the individual state champion on the balance beam (score of 9.425), third on vault, third in the all-around, and fifth on the uneven bars. Audrey Hill tied for second on the balance beam and placed second all alone in the floor exercise, and Sophia Viger contributed a third place (tied) on floor, a fourth (tied) on vault, and a fifth in the all-around.

Hill's two top-six finishes at the New Englands were Pinkerton first at a regional event since 2014.

PA doesn't lose a single athlete to graduation from this great 2017-18 team.



Veteran Pinkerton gymnastics standout Audrey Hill became the first Lady Astro to notch a scoring performance - she had two - at the New England Championships since 2014 when the academy team hosted that event last Saturday, March 10. Hill went top-six on both the balance beam and in the floor exercise at that prestigious event, in which PA placed third as a squad.

Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of March 5



**Audrey Hill, Junior,
Girls' Gymnastics**

This skilled gymnast managed season-high scores in three events to help Pinkerton to third place at the New England Championships in Derry. In doing so, she became the first Astro to place at regionals since 2014.



**Cydney Lessard, Senior,
Girls' Basketball**

This smart captain helped lead her Lady Astros to the Division I championship game at Southern New Hampshire University for the first time since 2010. The team fell to Bishop Guertin, but had a great season.

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Pinkerton Academy Celebrates Another Winter Sports Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After collecting a great many state championships in many sports over the decades, success at Pinkerton Academy is expected and stands as a high bar to reach. Yet the academy's teams seem to manage to reach that bar season after season.

That was the case again this winter as the Derry school's contingents won more than 80 percent of their games, three varsity championships, one junior varsity title, and the PA athletes continued to show that they can excel in the classroom as

well as in games as Pinkerton had 50 percent of the athletes who wore PA garb during the season make the school's honor roll.

The members of the local school's sports programs and their supporters gathered in the Hackler Gymnasium Monday night, March 12, and applaud the squads and athletes which made the 2017-18 campaign another noteworthy success.

Over 500 student/athletes tried out for Pinkerton's 19 winter varsity and sub-varsity contingents, and major successes came from just about every quarter.

Every one of the school's varsity contingents - save

one - qualified for their state tournament. And the academy's boys' and girls' indoor track and field contingents both won titles as did the PA gymnastics squad. Those crews were recognized as were the varsity spirit, girls' skiing, and girls' basketball squads which all bagged runner-up awards.

"We may not win them all, but we certainly strive to do that, and there's excellence in that," said PA athletic director Brian O'Reilly to the large crowd.

The junior varsity spirit squad also tallied a state title, and all of that hardware from those successful teams was presented to new dean

of students Sue Tartarilla as a part of the event.

The academy's athletes of the week from the winter campaign were presented and applauded as well, and the event ended with O'Reilly sending each of the squads to different segments of the school's campus to have their individual, season-ending meetings.

At those separate gatherings, Coaches Awards were handed out to deserving recipients. The names of the varsity and sub-varsity winners are listed below, but the teams which won state titles will not have their awards winners listed as those honors are doled out at the forthcoming championship banquets.

Varsity - Alpine Boys' Skiing - Brandon Simpson; Girls' Skiing - Hannah Peterson; Boys' Basketball - Andrew Lufkin; Girls' Basketball - Megan King; Bowling - Keenan Nash; Ice Hockey - Matt Gilliland; Spirit - Anastasia Tunberg; Boys' Swimming - Christian Nelson; Girls' Swimming - Lilly Sebastian; Unified



Pinkerton ice hockey goalie Dakota Robinson receives his athlete of the week award from assistant athletic director Jeff Sojka during the Derry school's winter sports awards night this past Monday night, March 12.

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Basketball - Sean Healey; Wrestling - Sterling McLaughlin.

Junior Varsity - Boys' Basketball - Brady Day; Girls' Basketball - Alexandra Williams; Hockey - Patrick Last; Boys' Track - Conrad Gende; Girls' Track - Zoe Vogel; Wrestling - Marcus Sconza.

Freshman - Boys' Basketball - James Flynn. Girls' Basketball - Victoria Tunberg.

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Track Standouts Compete at Regionals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Some of Pinkerton Academy's top winter track and field stalwarts competed at the 31st annual New England Interscholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston on Saturday, March 3. And the Astros did themselves, and their school proud that day.

Adam Spencer and Jadyn Ruimwijk both got top-five performances in individual events for the defending Division I winter champions, and Ruimwijk also helped his 4x200-meter

relay quartet go top 15 at that major competition.

"Two of our runners had excellent performances," said PA coach Ian French. "Adam Spencer competed in the 55-meter hurdles and went into the event ranked 18th. Adam had easily his best two runs of the season, running 7.74 (seconds), which is the second fastest hurdle time in school history, and ended up taking fourth place overall. Jadyn Ruimwijk raced in the 300 meters, coming into the meet ranked 14th and came away with a fifth place and broke a school record, running 35.14."

In the 4x200, Ruimwijk

worked with teammates Matt Newman, Avery Battle, and Kayden Baillargeon for 14th place overall in a time of 1 minute, 34.98 seconds.

In the boys' two-mile run, Joe Gagnon finished 20th overall in 9:53.10, and New Hampshire Division I shot put champion shot putter Kaleal Cerafici wound up 26th overall with his best throw of 43 feet and 6 3/4 inches.

In girls' competition, the Pinkerton Lady Astros had their 4x200 quartet place 17th overall in a time of 1:50.82. That talented crew included Nicole Alves, Macy Graves, Megan O'Brien, and Amelia Graves.

Hoops

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up with a great many reasons to grin widely as they exited their locker room.

"I'm pretty proud of them and the whole team," said Buskey. "They showed up today on the big stage. I'm a proud mama. We talked about execution, speed, and focus being our

three goals today, and one of the kids added composure. And I think we succeeded in all of those areas."

Alas, the Astros didn't have a whole lot go right in many areas against BG.

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Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. We will be serving a free community dinner on March 18, from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at the Etz Hayim Synagogue at 1-1/2 Hood Road in Derry. The atmosphere is informal and friendly, warm and toasty. Meet up with old friends, make new friends, and have a great meal. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, please go to freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Addiction Support Group

First Baptist Church of Derry offer a free support group for families affected by addiction at our church on Monday nights. "The Lighthouse is a faith-based support group for families who have been affected by addictive behavior. It's held on the ground floor of First Baptist Church, 44 Broadway, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Monday nights through April 9. Addiction counselors and others serve as facilitators for people to share their concerns about their loved ones in a safe, confidential small group setting. There is no charge. Open to all."

Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner on March 17 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at St. Luke's, 63 East Broadway, Derry, for more information call 432-3333; Dinner on March 18, from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1.2 Hood Road, Derry, for more information call 432-0004; Breakfast on March 25 from 9 - 10 a.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry; Lunch on March 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, for more information call 432-3333. Dinner on March 30 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, for

more information call 434-0628. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Basket Ball Tryouts

Granite State Raiders Basketball AAU Tryouts Saturday March 24. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at 12 - 1:30 p.m., for 9th & 10th graders at 1:30 - 3 p.m., on Sunday March 25. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at 8:30 - 10 a.m., for 9th & 10th at 10 - 11:30 a.m. At the Bishop Brady High School Any questions call 491-2495.

Football & Cheerleader Registration

Wolverines 2018 Registration of Football players and cheerleaders from Derry, Chester, Hampstead, Auburn and Hooksett and Candia entering the 7th and 8th grade in the fall are eligible. Register before April 18th to take advantage of our low \$50 fee per athlete. After April 18 the price increases to \$125. Cheerleaders register using the NHYFSC website at www.NHYFSC.org. Football register at www.derrywolverine.com If you have any questions please contact our registrar, Elena Holland at registrar@derrywolverine.com

Model Railroading

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. Dave Kotsonis will show his technique for carving rocks out of Plaster, small rocks outcropping or a full mountain range lean the steps of carving the rocks as well as how to prepare your base before you start to carve rocks, tips on painting rocks and how to add scenery and trees to your finished scene. 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.

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

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at

6:30pm at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

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.

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

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.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

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