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Pinkerton Headmaster Gets Headstart on Resignation

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In Sept., of 2017, the Nutfield News had reported on Pinkerton Academy's Griffin Morse announcing his resignation as Headmaster of the school. In this report, it was stated that Morse's last day as Headmaster would be June 30, 2018, a little over two weeks following Pinkerton's projected last day of school.

Recently, Morse moved this date of departure up to Friday, March 2.

The reason for Morse's sudden departure was his acceptance of an offer from

a Manhattan-based foundation to found a double-immersion Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pre-K through 12th grade school.

In his accelerated resignation notice to the Board of Trustees, Morse commented that, "It has been a rewarding personal and professional privilege to serve as Headmaster of this great institution."

As Headmaster of Pinkerton Academy, Morse supervises the overall operation of the entire campus. Morse took on the role in 2014 after serving as Residential Director of School Year Abroad in Spain. Prior

to this, Morse had served as a Dean and Instructor at several prestigious schools. A native of the Granite State, Morse graduated with Honors from Phillips Exeter Academy, and holds a master's degree in Spanish Literature and Language from the University of Virginia and a B.S.S. in Communication Studies in Speech from Northwestern University.

"We are grateful to Mr. Morse for everything that he has done for Pinkerton Academy and for his dedication to the mission, students, staff, families and extended communities," said Dr. Tim-

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Voting Slate Complete for Derry Elections in March

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As voting season for Derry's elected officials draws closer, the town and school board have established their finalized list of candidates for their currently available positions.

A two year term as town moderator is available. The moderator is chiefly responsible for the election process, filing a certification of election with Town Clerk to indicate the number of votes received by each candidate. Incumbent Mary Till will be reapplying for the position and going up against Kevin Coyle.

Two three year positions on the Town Council are also available, one for a Councilor-At-Large position and one to be a Coun-

cil Representative for District #1 in Derry. As the town's legislative and governing body, members of the council hold a wide variety of responsibilities, including discussing and voting on a variety of resolutions for the town, listening to concerns from residents during public forums and working closely with town staff to determine the state of their numerous departments and their roles, just to name a few roles. While Incumbent Richard Tripp will be running unopposed for the District 1 position, Phyllis Katsakiores, also an incumbent, will be defending her Councilor-At-Large position against Planning Board Chair David Granese.

A six year position for the role of Supervisor of the Checklist is available. In

this role, the supervisor is tasked with determining if a resident is legally qualified to vote and updating the checklist of registered voters if so. The supervisor must also make changes and corrections to a voter's name, address and party affiliation when applicable, as well as remove voters no longer eligible to vote in Derry. Incumbent Patricia Dowling will be running unopposed.

Five trustee positions are available. As a trustee, one's duty is to direct the funds and policies of the area that said position is identified with, preserving capital and other functions as they see fit. Amongst the five positions are a three year term as the Trustee of Trust Funds for the town, with Jeffrey Moulton and

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ALL THAT JAZZ Some of the best high school jazz artists in the state performed at the Stockbridge Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 3 during the All-State Jazz Festival. There were 12 Pinkerton Academy students represented out of 108 musicians selected. Pictured, Nicholas Barbuto plays drums with the Honors Jazz Choir. See more photos page 8.
Photo by Chris Paul

Derry School District Prepare for Deliberative Sessions with Voters

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Before voting on town and school matters begins on March 13 for Derry, the Derry School Board will be holding its annual deliberative session to give voters one more chance to make suggestions to school board

members on the four upcoming warrant articles.

Scheduled for Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. in the West Running Brook Middle School gymnasium, the deliberative session is open to any registered Derry voter. At the session, voters can vote to amend warrant article at this meeting unless the wording

is prescribed by law or a law prohibits the amendment of the amount in the article, such as collective bargaining articles.

To amend an article, a voter must make a motion and another voter must second the motion. There is then an opportunity for dis-

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Wetland Obstructions By New Dealership Discussed by Zoning Board

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Conflict with construction and local wetlands recently became a focal point for a case with the town Zoning Board of Adjustments at their February 1 meeting.

Maverick CDJR, Inc., who are owned by Puffin Realty Holdings, LLC and were represented that night by Brian Jones, are hoping to build a Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership and

repair shop on the 57 and 61 By-Pass 28. The property would fall within the General Commercial-2 district which allows for the sale of automotive vehicles.

However, in order to produce this project, the developers would need to demolish two existing single family mobile homes currently on the property and then construct the new facility within a seventy five foot wetlands setback.

But Jones noted that he had already spoken with the

Conservation Commission on December 11 and January 8, earning their approval for the project, which was determined to be the least disruptive out of several proposals shown to the commission.

As his argument continued, Jones noted that the developers would create physical barriers between the new facility and the surrounding wetlands, with runoff being drained below the pavement of the parking lot, while also keeping a

buffer between the facility and surrounding neighbors to allow for various trees to screen off their view of the building.

Jones noted that the project would fully comply with all other zoning requirements, as well as improve the value of the property significantly due to the global brand of the vehicles being sold.

Jones also felt that if they were to stay within the currently established zoning rules for this project, it would make construction

essentially non-practical.

"The strict application of the zoning ordinance deprives this property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity under identical zoning classification," Jones argued.

As for the board's questions, several members wondered whether or not the current buildings on this property were compliant with current zoning rules, to which Jones noted that they were not within the setback.

Alternate Even Rathburn

and Member Randall Kelley both wondered where the occupiers of the property would be storing snow. Jones explained that snow would be stored on site and not anywhere else.

In the end, despite some initial confusion over how exactly the underground drainage system for the wetlands would work, the board saw very few problems with this project and decided to unanimously grant a variance for the dealership to partially occupy the wetlands.

Pinkerton Academy Winter Trustees Meeting Held, Open to Public

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

The annual Winter Meeting of Pinkerton Academy Trustees and representatives from sending towns was held at Pinkerton Academy's Freshman Building on Jan. 24. The portion of the meeting open to the media and public began at 7 pm. Two Trustees were initially unsure if the public could attend the meeting.

Senior Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, Linda Butler, confirmed the meeting was open to the public. Ms. Butler explained that towns send representa-

tives to these meetings three times a year, in the fall, winter and in the spring but no notice is given to parents or the public and no information is made available on their website.

Sending town representatives are elected members of school boards and school superintendents and staff.

In Derry, the Town Council approves the contract to send high school students to the 204-year-old private school, where Derry students make up more than half of the student body.

Outgoing Headmaster Griffin Morse presented information on recent board

activities such as the ongoing search for a new headmaster (no decisions have been made by the appointed 14-member board yet), the recent successes of the Career and Technology Education students, and the future addition of more international students.

The anticipated purchase of the 6.4-acre parcel at 31 Tsiennito Road was also discussed. There are no current development plans but the parcel can be used in the future to alleviate traffic.

Griffin noted that Exit 4A will cause a swell in local population and increase the size and diversity of students.

Sending town representatives asked for specific

long term strategic plan. Lynn Perkins of Derry stated; "I would like a commitment that a long term strategic plan be in place before adding any international students".

"Could this Freshman Building have been added at a lower cost so that the population would not need to increase to accommodate a larger volume of students? Until a stronger plan is laid out, I ask for a commitment that the population not be increased, and pressure not be added to grow to cover those costs", continued Perkins.

Board Chairman Tim Butterfield, responded that he was "proud of the cost and value of Pinkerton" and

that people in sending towns give him positive feedback. "they love Pinkerton, they love the value".

Due to differences in reporting of the per capita student cost at the private high school and costs per pupil of New Hampshire public high schools, the exact amount of that value is not always easy for Derry taxpayers to know.

The Pinkerton tuition base rate is anticipated to be \$12,066 in the 2018/19 school year for 1,759 students from Derry, according to Jane Simard, Business Administrator of the Derry Cooperative School District. This base rate does not include the anticipated 5.3 million Pinkerton will bill the Derry taxpayers for spe-

cial education costs incurred by Derry students in that school year.

New Hampshire public high schools are required to report costs per pupil that include special education costs. Adding the anticipated special education costs Derry taxpayers are billed to the base tuition rate per Derry pupil attending Pinkerton Academy increases the 2018/19 to approximately \$15,080 for each student from Derry that attends Pinkerton Academy. In the 2015/16 school year, Derry Cooperative School District spent \$13,890 per k-grade 8 student. That same year, the NH state average cost per pupil at a public high school was \$15,068.

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Relay for Life Kicks Off New Season on Sunday, Feb. 11

KATIE O'DONNELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the Derry-Londonderry Relay for Life will kick-off another season with a fun, informal informational session at The Grind Rail Trail Café in Derry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Relay for Life "is the premiere fundraising event" for the American Cancer Society, said Jackie Leavitt. She is the event leader for the relay at Pinkerton Academy, which is scheduled to be held on June 23.

Relay for Life events are usually held overnight, but this year, the one at Pinkerton will be held during the day.

"This year we're really trying to change it around," said Leavitt. She's hoping this will encourage more survivors, caregivers and families to participate. "We always want to honor the survivors and caregivers as much as we can."

Leavitt has been involved with the Derry-Londonderry Relay for Life for

the last five of the event's 20 years. Her fellow event leader, Bonnie Roberts has been involved for 15 years. They are both passionate about supporting the American Cancer Society and all of the programs that are funded through the relay walks.

"There's so many things that the funds that we raise go towards," said Leavitt. Some of the programs include cancer research, the "Look Good, Feel Better" which helps cancer sur-

vivors deal with their appearance post-chemotherapy, and the Hope Lodge, which offers free accommodations to cancer patients and their families who need to travel long distances for treatment.

Leavitt said last year's Pinkerton relay raised around \$85,000 for the ACS, and over \$1 million since it started.

"If we could blow that out of the water, we'd love to," she exclaimed.

She and Roberts rely heavily on corporate donations to make the event run. All costs come out of what is donated by the participants, so any services, time or goods that businesses offer allow more money to go to the ACS's programs. Leavitt said they are "always looking for businesses" to help give to the relay. Local restaurants donate food, while clubs around town volunteer to staff or cook, and some of the trash services offer to help with the clean-up. Usually, Leavitt said, about 20 of the smaller local businesses and 10 to 15 corporations donate to the event.

It's not only businesses that Leavitt and Roberts want to see get involved. The most important part of any Relay for Life is the people who come to support the cause. On average, about 600 to 900 people come to Pinkerton every year for the



Planning is underway for this year's Relay for Life. The kick off is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11.

walk, said Leavitt.

"It's a nice event on the Pinkerton track," Leavitt explained. She and her team put together a series of other events throughout the day, like games, a photo booth and a bounce house. "The possibilities are endless to make it a really fun day," she said.

Cancer survivors, caregivers, community members and supports all come together at the relay. Leavitt said Pinkerton and London-

derry High School usually have at least 4 teams each that attend, one from each grade. She's had teams from the middle school and as young as elementary kids come.

"It's such a fun day for the kids to come out, Leavitt said. "We're there to celebrate the survivors and the caregivers."

At the end of the night, once the sun sets, the relay begins its "Illuminati Ceremony," which honors those who have lost the fight to cancer with an hour of silence and the lighting of lamps that are laid down the track.

"It's a very emotional hour," said Leavitt.

For Leavitt, the real honor is working with the survivors. "It hits me in a way that makes me want to continue working with relay."

There is no cost to join and anyone can participate. You can be a group of one, or 100. You can raise a dollar or a million. You can be a survivor, a caregiver, someone who has lost a loved one to cancer or just want to help those who have.

"We all have our own personal stories of why we join relay," said Leavitt.

Anyone who wants to participate can go to the info session on Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. at The Grind Rail Trail Café or contact Leavitt at derryfl@gmail.com.

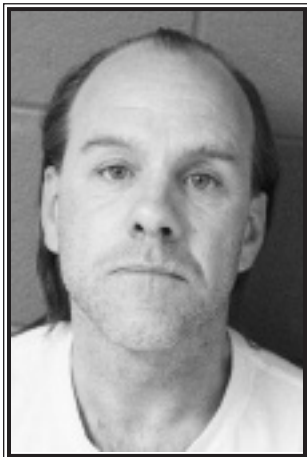
Derry Man Faces New Charges From Windham Police After Prior Convictions

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Last year, a Derry man led police on a multi-state chase and a seven hour long search that led to him being sentenced to fourteen years in state prison. But it looks like he will also be facing additional charges from Windham.

Shane Collins, 42, is now being charged with two counts of theft over fifteen hundred and one dollars and criminal mischief stemming from an incident back on March 9.

According to Police Captain Mike Caron, Collins allegedly stole a car from Greg's Auto Village on Route 28 and drove it to Wilson's Auto Services – another shop nearby – and ditched the original car before taking off in another. Charges of these sort are not out of the ordinary for



Shane Collins

Collins, as police in towns such as Fremont, Epsom and Raymond reported the vehicle thefts in the weeks leading up to the manhunt for Collins on April 13.

The manhunt in question began when Collins took off from a traffic stop in Haverhill, Massachusetts in yet another stolen vehicle, with the chase coming to an end in a swamp in Chester after

having covered Salem, Hampstead, Derry and Sandown. He was also hospitalized with bite wounds after being attacked by a K-9 unit during the pursuit. Before being sentenced, Collins pleaded guilty to the multiple theft charges.

As for the Windham charges, police also found a glass pipe for smoking drugs in one of the cars, soon confirming it belonged to Collins after DNA testing the saliva on the pipe. These charges were meant to be included amongst his other charges last year, but Caron noted that the warrant was not included from Windham for unknown reasons. It is possible that the Windham investigation was still ongoing at that time.

Caron could not comment on how much more jail time Collins would face if convicted of these new crimes.

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Editorial

Winter's Not Quite Finished Yet

In the past few weeks, we've had almost everything a New Hampshire winter likes to throw at us.

We've had a heavy snowfall, black ice, frigid temperatures, lots of days with no snow, and some 50 degree and sunny days. And let's not forget the high winds, which provided the usual falling trees and tumbling power lines.

But the snow flurries last week created a pretty scene nevertheless - especially as the gathering flakes covered up the browns left over from autumn's leaf fall and empty garden beds. It was a brief reminder that nothing's much more scenic than a New England winter.

We get a bit of everything here. and we learn, or should learn, to be prepared for that dose of everything when it comes. In the current break in heavy weather, it's a good time to make sure our preparedness levels are where they should be - because we hear that snow is on the horizon once again.

That means stocking up on batteries, lamp oil, extra bottles of water and food that doesn't require cooking, as well as a battery-operated radio and, when possible, a working generator. Power outages thankfully have not been frequent in recent months, but they have come

to be a fact of life in New Hampshire, and a professionally wired in generator - ready for the next black-out that is sure to come - will go a long way toward making things comfortable when power lines are down.

Because as sure as New England weather is unpredictable and extremes are likely, as sure as we're going to have to be prepared for sub-freezing nights followed by unseasonably warm days, we're going to get the unexpected.

Regardless of what Punxsutawney Phil saw or did not see last week, it's still winter. So use this season of changes to make sure your emergency supplies are up to date and ready to use. Keep them in a handy place, fill the generator and oil lamps, and be ready for whatever Old Man Winter hands out. It doesn't take much effort to keep your supplies up to date. Making sure flashlights work and generators have gas when you know a storm is coming is just common sense.

And when winter is just a memory and we're enjoying the summer sunshine, don't pack away those emergency supplies. Because, as we all know, wind and electrical storms are part of a New England summer as well.

Headmaster

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othy J. Butterfield, DVM, President of the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees in a letter to the Pinkerton Academy community. "We wish him all the best on his next venture."

Potential successors to Morse are currently being met with by the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees as part of the ongoing Headmaster search, said Dr. Butterfield.

Until a successor is found, current Dean of Students and Support Services, Dr. Timothy Powers will serve as Acting Headmaster for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Powers has commented that he looks forward to, "Meeting and communicating with the many stakeholders in our school community on everything from weather delays and cancellations to all other operations of the school. I envision my days will involve speaking with staff and students, as well as many others, to ensure Pinkerton continues to offer the quality education it has since 1814."

As Dean of Students,



Dr. Timothy Powers will serve as Acting Headmaster for the remainder of the school year.

Powers is responsible for the daily operation of the Pinkerton Academy campus in the absence of the Headmaster, as well as student/parent discipline issues, athletics, health office, and student activities and events. During the interim of serving as Acting Headmaster, Dr. Powers will name an Acting Dean of Students and Support Services.

The Board intends to have a full time successor for Morse by July 1, 2018.

Dr. Butterfield closed the letter with, "Pinkerton Academy continues to grow and thrive thanks to our students, staff, and the community as a whole, and we thank you for your support during this time of change."

For those interested in and qualified for the position of Headmaster of Pinkerton Academy, visit the following link: phl.applitrack.com/pinkertonacademy/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Administration.

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cussion by voters and School Board members on the motion. After discussion, voters vote on the motion to decide whether to amend the article. After the decision is reached on the amendment, if there are no further amendments then the original warrant article will go to the ballot if the amendments fail. Otherwise, if the amendments pass, the amended article will go to ballot.

Of the four warrant articles, only three will be voted on, as the first strictly refers to voting in two School Board Members and one School District Moderator and will be voted on during the March 13 elections.

The biggest of the three

warrant articles is article two, which specifies the amount for the 2018-2019 school budget, as recommended by the Derry School Board. The budget, which is currently set at roughly eighty six million, two hundred and sixty thousand dollars, would decrease health and dental benefits by roughly seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars, take five hundred and twenty thousand dollars to update the town's lagging technology and undergo several staffing cuts and additions in its current form.

However, if it were to be voted down in the March elections, the 2017-2018 budget would simply be adopted again for this year, minus certain adjustments required by law.

Article three would determine whether or not the School District would approve the cost for the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which recently established a chapter in Derry labeled Local 1445, that would increase salaries and benefits for the district's food service employees. The official cost for these increases would run the district around eighteen thousand, six hundred dollars for the next two school years.

Finally, in the case that article three is defeated, article four would authorize town staff to call a special meeting to address the costs of article three.

Fourth and Fifth South Range Students Compete in Geo Bee



Ten fourth and fifth grade South Range Elementary School students competed recently during the school's Geography Bee. The students were given a wide range of geographically-based questions by PACE teacher Jan Hornsby. After several rounds of competition, fourth grader, Max Rathbun and fifth grader Matt Morrison were all that was left. The eventual winner was Matt Morrison, pictured at top right getting his medal, and he will be representing the school in the state-wide Geography Bee in Concord.

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Grinnell PTA Meets With School District to Discuss Potential Budget

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As the time for voting on the 2018-2019 school budget for Derry inches closer, members of the Derry School Board and Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian met at Grinnell Elementary School on Feb., 1 to address any questions from residents and Grinnell staff, as well as its PTA.

The bulk of the meeting went into Connors expanding upon the rules of the

upcoming deliberative session on February 10 at West Running Brook Middle School, as well as the major factors of the suggested budget that the district has put forth for voters.

Amongst the major changes include a seven hundred and twenty thousand dollar decrease in health and dental insurance, an increase in transportation charges by sixty three thousand dollars and a series of staffing additions and cuts, including the addition of two In-School Suspension

Assistants. Connors argued that such positions were needed for the sake of keeping suspended students in school as much as possible unless the law says otherwise for certain infractions.

“The more we can keep them in school...the better off our students and families will be”, Connors noted.

Furthermore, a major technology overhaul that would run the district around five hundred and twenty thousand dollars over the next three years was added to upgrade the

district’s Wi-Fi systems, software, phone systems and other elements, all of which have lagged behind more modern standards. On top of that, Connors also argued that these upgrades would not only improve the students’ education, but also improve working conditions for staff and improve security for the schools as well.

However, one resident, Joseph Sager, brought up an ongoing point of concern that has been on the minds of both residents and the

school district for the past several months: whether or not one of the elementary schools will be closed down to assist with the budget. Although nothing has been confirmed as of yet and the pros and cons of such a move are still currently being weighed by the district, Sager, like other residents and members of the PTA in attendance that night, worried about what kind of impact this would have on Derry’s community as a whole.

“If that means paying a

little more in taxes, then so be it”, Sager noted when suggesting keeping all schools open.

While Connors did try to defend the possible closing, others in attendance were also not so keen on the idea, not only saying that there should be just as much of an emphasis on the future of Derry’s children as with fiscal matters, but also remembering the negative community impact caused by the closing of Charles M Floyd Elementary School in 2006.

Derry Public Library Hosting Contest for Local Poets

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Ever since the rise in popularity of poet Robert Frost, Derry has always been seen as a poet’s paradise, his home of eleven years now having been converted into a museum about his life and annually being visited by his legions of fans, even to this day.

But even with Frost having left this world over fifty year ago, many poetic minds have continued to grow and develop here in

Derry. And in order to encourage them to come out of their shells and showcase their abilities, the Derry Public Library will be hosting the first annual MacGregor Poetry Contest.

The contest was originally encouraged and initiated by the library, but it has also enlisted the help of Derry’s Poet Laureate, Robert Crawford. Having already published two books worth of poetry, entitled “Too Much Explanation Can Ruin a Man” and “The Empty Chair”, Crawford

has held an interest in poetry since he was a teenager, but actually pursued a career in the Pentagon after studying history and national security at George Washington University.

But after tiring of the restrictions that politics and the military put upon his work, Crawford and his family moved to New Hampshire, where he would pick up poetry again, becoming Co-Chair of the Robert Frost Farm Board of Trustees and Director of the

Frost Farm Poetry Conference and Frost Farm Prize in the process.

Having all this experience with writing and poetry, Crawford makes an excellent judge for upcoming poetic talent, but in terms of what he considers excellence in the field, he does not think that the subject matter is that significant. Rather, Crawford notes that execution takes precedence in his mind, as great poems tend to be full of emotion and utilize strong metaphors.

But, on top of exploring

the town for its most creative minds, the competition is also about having fun and giving poets an outlet; something they do not have many of in this day and age.

“People like to compete and this makes it fun”, Crawford said.

As far as the rules go, participants can submit up to two poems, as long as each piece does not last more than two pages. There are no restrictions as to the subject or form of the poem, whether it be meter or free verse. Submissions will be accepted until

March 15, with the results set to be announced in April. There will be a first, second and third place winner, but while all three winners will have their poems read at the upcoming Robert Frost Farm Summer Series, first place will also win a two hundred and fifty dollar cash prize.

To submit an entry, either email it to macgregorpoetrycontest@derry-pl.org, mail it traditionally to Derry Public Library Poetry Contest, 64 E Broadway, Derry NH 03038 or drop it off at the library.

Elections

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David Pouliot running for the position, one three year term as a Taylor Library Trustee, which Raymond Fontaine is running for unopposed, and three terms for positions for Derry Public Library Trustees, two of which last three years, which are being pursued by Armand “Pete”

Marcotte and Kristen Mari, and one which lasts two years, which Heather Paradzick is running for unopposed.

Finally, two three year terms on the Londonderry School Board are available. The school boards roles include overseeing all aspects of the school, its staff and policy framework and strategies.

Incumbents Erika Cohan and Michelle McKinnon will be running up against Matt Leavitt. Furthermore, the school board’s own moderator position is also up for grabs, but incumbent Kevin Gordon will be running for the position unopposed.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on March 13.

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Pinkerton Recognizes Young Artists With New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards

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Pinkerton Academy has always had a strong reputation of aiding young artistic minds towards strengthening their skills and showcasing their abilities. And as a result, more than twenty students from Pinkerton were recently honored by the New Hampshire Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (NHSAWA) for their hard work.

NHSAWA is only one out of many individual groups that make up Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (SAWA), which has served as the longest-running national recognition program for creative teens in grades seven through twelve, NHSAWA has supported arts education for the last ninety five years, granting over one million dollars

in scholarships and prizes last year alone and having such famous award winners as Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath and Paul Newman.

They have also been working with Pinkerton for the last eight years, allowing the school to showcase the works of the award winners in the Stockbridge Theatre Foyer.

This year, over two thousand submissions were taken from students across New Hampshire, with students able to win what are described as Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards for their efforts.

As for scholarships, the New Hampshire Institute of Art provided scholarships from fifty five hundred dollars to ten thousand, five hundred dollars that are renewable for up to four years for recipient of any of

the three awards.

Maine College of Art awarded annual scholarships for those who attend the school valued at fifteen hundred dollars for Gold Key winners, one thousand dollars for Silver Key winners and five hundred dollars for Honorable Mention winners.

And Massachusetts College of Art & Design provided one-year school scholarships of fifteen hundred dollars for Gold Key winners, seven hundred and fifty dollars for Silver Key winners and five hundred dollars for Honorable Mention winners.

Out of all the Pinkerton Academy winners, Seniors Rebecca Cousins, Andrea Walker, Jay Park, Jillian Currier and Laura Griffin, Juniors Krishna Cooney and Wyeth Joas, Sophomore Charlene Perry and Fresh-



The Pinkerton students that were honored by the N.H. Scholastic Arts Awards pictured in the Stockbridge Theatre Foyer, where their works are featured among other students throughout the state.

man Nate Polyukhovich won Gold Key awards.

Silver Key winners included Seniors Haley

Charest, Shianne Silviak, Kit Cantalupo, Jay Park and Jillian Currier, Junior Annabelle Zvagelsky and Freshman Nate Polyukhovich.

Honorable Mention awards went to Seniors Sierra Evans, Kit Cantalupo, Laura Griffin, Codie Holloway, Isabella Household, Zack Hudgins, Lauren Humphrey, Kenn Matthews, Shianna Silviak and Jay Park, Juniors Krishna Cooney, Colin Latch and Annabelle Zvagelsky and Freshman Nate Polyukhovich.

Finally, two special awards went to Jay Park and Laura Griffin, with Park winning the Dorothy Messenger Scholarship, while Griffin was the recipient of a Best of Show placement.

Christine Dion, Park's teacher, noted how important the classes these students take can be to their future undertakings.

"Being juried into the Scholastic Art Show is a highlight in a young artist's career and can provide a springboard for the artist to pursue a life in the arts," Dion noted.

Local Track Club's Boston Prep Races Well-Attended and Competitive

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Greater Derry Track Club's 23rd Annual Boston Prep 16-Mile Road Race and its accompanying BP Lite 5-Miler drew healthy and determined crowds to Derry on Sunday, Jan. 28. And a number of local runners did themselves proud, particularly in the shorter race.

The 16-mile event was won by 29-year-old Jose Ortiz from Methuen, Mass., in 1 hour, 31 minutes and 24 seconds. Finishing second less than a minute later was

another Bay Stater, 22-year-old Peter Teixeira from Holden in 1:32.12. The female winner of that race was Granite Stater Maggie Donovan from Auburn in 1:43.40.

Two local runners who fared particularly well in their respective age groups were 62-year-old Lynn Marie Fawcett from Chester, who won the women's 60-69 division in 2:16.55, and 60-year-old Derry resident Steve Tomasi, who placed second in the 60-69 males' class in a time of 1:57.52.

In the 5-miler, 32-year-old Manchester resident

Richie Spitsberg paced the entire crowd to the finish line and finished in 28:35. The female winner was 35-year-old Bedford resident Jennifer Mortimer - wife of former Londonderry High School multi-sport star John Mortimer - in 29:21.

Other locals who finished at or near the top of their age divisions were Cayla Pellegrini of Derry (first in the 20-29 women's grouping in 31:35), nine-

year-old Joseph Havens of Derry (second among the 19-under-under males, 35:54), John Garrigan of Derry (first, 20-29 males, 44:16), Tim Kimball of Derry (second in that age group, 46:52), Brian Baker of Derry (first, 40-49 males, 36:24), Mike Jean of Londonderry (first, 50-59 males, 39:25), and Carolyn Morgenstern of Derry (first, 50-59 women, 38:42).

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Pinkerton Hosts All-State Jazz Festival at Stockbridge Theatre



The New Hampshire Music Educators Association presented the 2018 All-State Jazz Festival on Saturday, Feb. 3 in the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy. Out of the over 400 high school student who auditioned there were 108 students chosen for the event.

The musicians rehearsed with conductors Dr. Kevin McDonald, Jazz Choir, Christine Helferich Guter, Honors Jazz Choir, Mike Sakash, Jazz Band and Robert Washut, Honors Jazz Band, over two days at the school and performed a number of

articles in their respective groups.

Pinkerton Academy students who were chosen to participate were: In Jazz Choir; Ella Burroughs and Michael Overko. Jazz Honors Choir; Olivia Christopher, Shea Flanders, Ryan Geary, Morgane Vigroux and Nicholas Barbuto on drums. Jazz Band members were: Brendan Morrison, Drew Coraccio and Josh Fellows. Honors Jazz Band had Billy Garvey and James Rowland representing Pinkerton.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton's Indoor Track Teams Bag State Championships



CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was quite impressive several autumns ago when the Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' cross-country teams both won state championships in the same year, and then followed up by doing it again the next year.

Well, Pinkerton's boys' and girls' indoor track teams both made some history this past Sunday, Feb. 4, when both of them won Division I championships in Dartmouth College's Leverone Field House in Hanover.

The two academy teams both bagged decisive victories, with coach Ian French's Astro males climbing back to the top of D-I after winning five straight crowns between 2012 and 2016 but

losing to Nashua North last winter. Coach Mike Karthas' Lady Astros collected the very first girls' indoor title in Pinkerton history, ending the five-year championship run of Bedford in the process.

BOYS

The Astro males continued to be a dynastic presence in D-I by bagging their sixth title in the last seven years.

The PA boys collected some 90.33 points, easily surpassing the 68.33 points notched by the runner-up contingent from North. Bedford was a close third with 66.

Pinkerton collected four first places for 40 of their points, with speedy standout Jadyn Ruimwijk winning both the 55-meter dash (6.78 seconds) and the 300-meter dash (35.51). The other wins

were snared by Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (46 feet, 7 1/2 inches) and the Astros' 4x200 relay team (1 minute, 35.21 seconds).

Other top-three finishes came from Pat Hanlon with a second in the 600-meter run and Adam Spencer with a second in the 55-meter hurdles, and other top fives were delivered by Joe Gagnon in the 3,000-meter run (fourth) and the 1,500 (fifth), Ethan Desmaris in the 1,000 (fifth), Spencer in the high jump (fourth), Avery Battle (fourth) and John Brooks (fifth) in the long jump, John King in the shot (fourth), and the academy's 4x800 quartet (fourth).

"With two events left, we had a lead but we hoped the 4x400 relay could close the door," said coach French. "A win over North was all it

would take and the team didn't let us down, winning the event. It came down to an absolute battle between us and Exeter, and Noah Woodman fought until the last step, falling across the line to win the event by .07 seconds. Excellent runs from Adam Spencer and Pat Hanlon gave Woodman a chance, and Jadyn Ruimwijk got his third gold medal of the day in the event."

GIRLS

The very first Pinkerton girls' indoor crown was won handily by the 2017-18 Lady Astros, who scored 86 points to easily defeat the runner-up crew from Exeter (59) and everybody else.

Huge, first place finishes which each bagged the PA squad 10 points were delivered by the Lady Astros' 4x400 (4:13.50) and 4x800

(9:55.54) quartets, and important seconds were snagged by Amelia Graves in the 300, Britney Johnson in the 1,000, and Emily Lesburt in the high jump.

Thirds were snared by Macy Graves in the 600, Johnson in the 1,500, and Meghan Cross in the 3,000, and fourth places came from Amelia Graves in the 55 dash, Ciara April in the 1,000, Cross in the 1,500, and Adrianna Buccieri in the shot.

Molly McGaffigan was good for a fifth in the 3,000, teammate Maison D'Amelio was right behind her in sixth, and Nicole Alves also contributed a sixth in the 55 dash.

"The win was a complete team effort, with points scored in 11 out of 13 events," said coach Karthas.

"Standout performers included Britney Johnson and the Graves sister duo of Amelia and Macy. Britney capped off her final indoor track championship by completing the difficult task of running in four distance events and scoring in all of them. She was a member of the winning 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams, and she placed second in the 1,000 and third in the 1,500 races individually. Amelia also scored in four events as a member of the winning 4x400 team and the fourth-place 4x200 team."

Johnson's teammates on the victorious 4x800 team included Jordan Vaillancourt, Annie Sullivan, and Ciara April, and the Graves girls worked with Johnson and Vaillancourt on the title-winning 4x400 crew.



The Pinkerton Academy boys' track and field squad (left) snagged its sixth Division I title in seven years and the PA girls' team won its first D-I crown ever at Dartmouth College in Hanover this past Sunday.
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Astro Boy Hoopsters Unable to Build on Latest Big Win

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The question following the struggling Pinkerton Academy boys' basketball squad's impressive and emotional Ball Trophy Games win over the rival Londonderry High Lancers at LHS on Friday, Jan. 26, was, "Can the Astros build on this great win?"

Well, unfortunately for

veteran PA boys' hoop coach Peter Rosinski, the answer during the week immediately following the win over Londonderry was NO.

The academy squad saw its Division I record slip to 2-7 with a 64-55 loss to the visiting Keene High Blackbirds in Derry on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The Blackbirds led by just two points at 13-11 at the completion of the first

quarter, but the Astros outscored their guests by a 14-8 margin in quarter two in carrying a 25-21 lead to halftime.

However, Keene was a full 10 points better than PA in the third quarter (19-9) and it carried a 40-34 advantage into the final stanza.

Both offenses ran a bit wild in the fourth, in which some 45 total points were scored. But the Blackbirds bagged 24 of those in winning by nine.

The locals received points from seven different sources, with Jack Potvin pacing the effort with 16, Sam Goy contributing nine, and Ben Lindsey netting eight.

And PA had an even tougher time with the talented Manchester Memorial High Crusaders in Derry last Friday night, Feb. 2.

The 8-2 visitors won every quarter but the fourth en route to the 81-54 suc-

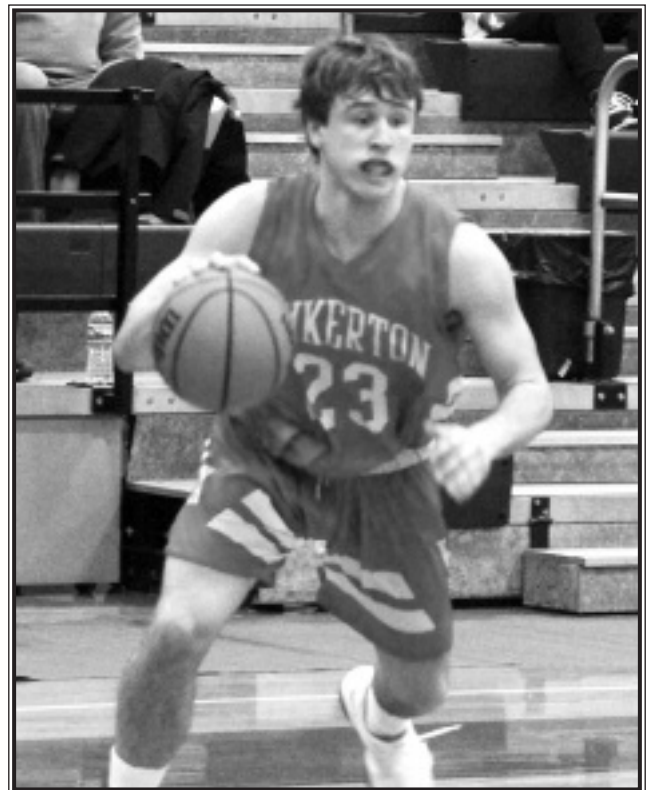
cess, leading by margins of 21-14 after one period, 38-27 at the half, and 60-31 after outscoring their hosts by the huge tally of 22-4 in quarter three.

The Astros got 21 points from Lindsey and 17 from Goy, but no one else netted more than four for PA.

Pinkerton then closed out its busy week with a road game on the seacoast at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton on Saturday Feb. 3, and things didn't get any better for the now 2-9 academy crew.

The 10-1 host Warriors collected a 66-33 victory, outscoring the Astros in every quarter but the second, in which both sides netted 13 points.

Winnacunnet, bagged its sixth straight win in the contest, raced out to an 18-2 lead in the first period and grasped a 31-15 advantage at halftime. The Warriors then outscored PA by a 23-7



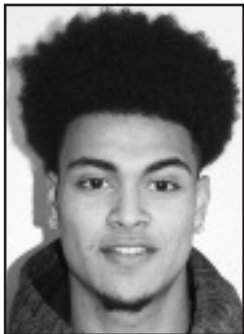
Pinkerton veteran basketball player Ben Lindsey scored a team-high 21 points in his team's big loss to Memorial late last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

margin in the third quarter, and it was all over but the shouting.

Pinkerton received nine points from Ryan Auger and eight from Matt Furgal.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 29



**Jadyn Ruimwijk, Senior,
Boys' Indoor Track**

This multi-event star capped off his great indoor career by pacing his Astros to their sixth state title in seven years. He was a part of four first place finishes including individual ones in the 55 dash and the 300.



**Britney Johnson, Senior,
Girls' Indoor Track**

A multi-event and multi-sport star at PA, Johnson ended her high school indoor track career in truly stellar fashion by scoring in four events, including with the victorious 4x400 and 4x800 relays, for the new D-I champs.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Astro Wrestlers Have Productive Week

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling team earned its day of rest on Super Bowl Sunday by giving the New Hampshire powerhouse at Timberlane Regional High a real battle late last week and then shutting out four other opponents at the Pinkerton quad tournament in Derry two days later.

In the road match against Timberlane in Plaistow on

Thursday, Feb. 1, the Astros refused to make anything easy for the usually dominant Owls before dropping a 44-27 decision to that host.

Pinkerton victories were delivered by David Hammond at 120 pounds, Sterling McLaughlin at 182, Raul Martinez in the 195-pound bout, and Christian Kuechler against a considerably bigger opponent at 220 pounds. Cam Macro also accepted a forfeit in the heavyweight bout.

But coach Dave Rhoads' academy crew was the dominant power at the Derry tourney on Saturday the 3rd, running the table in dual meets with Bishop Guertin of Nashua (44-33), Manchester Central (60-9), Manchester Memorial (51-0), and Milford (49-22) in advancing to a strong 9-6 overall in duals.

Hammond went a perfect 4-0 with three pins at 120 pounds, Kyle Setzer was 4-0 at 170, Tyler

Mackiernan (145 pounds), Robbie Fahey (220 pounds) and Cam Macro all went 3-0, Walker Stinson (113 pounds), Josh Rebane (132), and Robbie Morin (152) all registered 2-1 records for their victorious side, and McLaughlin was 2-0 in his division.

The academy crew entered this week looking to close out its 2017-18 regular season with a road match at Nashua High North on Wednesday Feb. 7.

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Astro Hockey Crew Gets Dealt its First Two Division I Defeats

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NUTFIELD NEWS

After driving to a perfect 10-0 record to begin its Division I schedule, the talented Pinkerton Academy ice hockey squad ran into something of a rough patch last week in dropping two straight games.

The Astros began that week by defeating the Nashua South-Pelham team on Monday, Jan. 29 to move to 10-0 in the league.

But then came something of a skid for coach Sam Littlefield's PA crew.

In its third game in four days and its second in 24 hours, the Astros were dealt a D-I defeat by the Hanover High Marauders in Hanover

on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The Astros then had to make the long ride out to Hanover on Tuesday Jan. 30 and play the Marauders on their home ice. The locals had their perfect divisional record finally blemished by the Hanover horde in a 3-1 decision that night.

Pinkerton couldn't be blamed for being tired after playing so much over such a short span, but Littlefield wasn't making any excuses for his charges.

Hanover drove out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, and the second period was scoreless. Astros' team captain Patrick Hare then sliced the host team's lead to 2-1 in the third, but the Marauders got their two-goal cushion



Despite strong play from keeper Dakota Robinson, PA hockey fell twice last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

back with a power-play goal with just a minute to go in regulation time. PA goalie Dakota Robinson was superb, making 25 saves and keeping his crew in the fray.

"I was expecting the fact that we'd played three games in four days to have more of an impact than it did. Especially because the third period was by far our

strongest period," said the coach. "We came out with a lot more energy in that period than we had the first two. I think too much time before the game on the bus and having a different routine before a game affected us, and we didn't come out focused."

The Astros then placed their focus on a rebound victory against the 4-6 Trinity High Pioneers at Saint Anselm College in Manchester on Sunday, Feb. 4. But that wasn't to be.

Trinity put 42 saves from goalie Ethan Messner and three goals of its own to great use in handing the academy icemen a 3-2 loss.

The host Pioneers led 1-0 after one stanza, 2-1 after two, and each side potted

one shot in the third.

The Astros got their first goal from Cody Sullivan and their second from Nick Trask, but big number three never came.

"We certainly didn't play well enough, we took some bad penalties, and their goalie played great," lamented coach Littlefield after that defeat.

This week's slate had the team now 10-2 legion set to play against the Bishop Brady Green Giants at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett this Wednesday, Feb. 7 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home game against Salem down the road at the Ice Den on Saturday.

Pinkerton's Ski Squads Find Mixed Fortunes on Two Mountains

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's talented and determined ski squads both dealt with some ups and downs at intense competitions at Pat's Peak in Henniker and on Mount Sunapee in Newbury last week.

The academy teams went up against five other squads in slalom events at Pat's on Monday, Jan. 29, with the Lady Astros and the Astro males both finishing second behind the contingents from Bedford High School.

Then three days later in slalom and giant slalom events hosted by Londonderry High School's squads at Mount Sunapee, the Lady Astros finished third in the giant slalom and second in the slalom out of eight teams, while the academy

males placed fourth in the giant slalom and third in the slalom out of eight crews.

GIRLS

At the Monday meet, the academy girls tallied a team score of 364 points to finish ahead of Londonderry, Timberlane of Plaistow, Nashua South, and Winnacunnet of Hampton, but just behind the first place crew from Bedford (390 points).

PA had captain Hannah Peterson finish eighth overall out of 42 racers, with teammates Emily Gardner 10th, Kathryn Leighton 15th, and Danielle St. Peter 20th overall.

"It was a big night for Danielle as this is the first time she has placed in the (team's) top four. She did a great job," said PA coach Paul D'Antonio.

Pinkerton veteran star Danielle Martineau had a tough night with a slip on

her second run, and she finished 21st overall. Co-captain Caroline Mills placed 34th.

At Sunapee, Pinkerton was third in the GS with 354 points, behind Bedford (390) and Londonderry (355) but ahead of the other teams. In the slalom they took second (365 points) behind only Bedford (389).

Individually in the GS, the Lady Astros were led by Martineau in ninth out of 45 skiers with Gardner 14th, Peterson 17th, Kathryn Leighton 23rd overall, Mills 24th, Elizabeth Veale 28th, St. Peter in 36th place, and Meghan Lahey 38th.

Individually in the slalom, Peterson finished fifth out of 44 racers, Martineau took seventh, Gardner bagged 12th, and Leighton finished up 20th.

BOYS

In the Monday meet, the

Astro guys finished second behind Bedford (393) with 371 big points.

Owen Sezgin placed fourth overall out of 49 racers, with teammates Kenneth McCarthy eighth, Camden Caswell 12th, and Dylan Durazzano 14th overall.

Additionally, Brandon

Simpson finished 18th, Zach Khan took 20th, Peter Tinker placed 28th, and Eric Ihloff wound up 30th.

At Sunapee, the Pinkerton guys took fourth in the giant slalom and third in the slalom.

Individually, Pinkerton's GS order of finish was Sezgin in eighth out of 49

skiers, McCarthy 13th, Ihloff 14th, and Brandon Simpson 14th.

In the slalom, the Pinkerton's guys' group had Sezgin get sixth place, McCarthy bag 14th, Ihloff claim 18th, and Ethan Hatch notch 22nd overall in his first top-four finish for his squad.

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Lady Astro Basketball Team Plays Road Warrior Well

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After blowing out one of the lesser teams in Division I as it was expected to do on the road early last week, the Pinkerton Academy girls' basketball squad showed just how much it might be capable of this winter by handing a previously-unbeaten opponent its first loss of the 2017-18 campaign on that team's home court.

The toughest thing about the Lady Astros' bus ride to Keene to face the Keene High Blackbirds Tuesday, Jan. 30 was the bus ride over to Keene.

Pinkerton bagged its sixth straight Division I win to made its D-I record 8-1 with a 63-16 walloping of a host which slipped to 1-8.

The victorious locals had 11 players contribute points to the success with regular high-scorer Brooke Kane leading the attack with 18 points. Madison Mahoney contributed 13 and sank three, three-point shots.

Not at all surprisingly, Pinkerton won every quarter and, after grasping a 31-12 halftime lead, blew the game wide open by outscoring its host by a 22-1 tally in the

third period.

But the PA crew knew they'd have their hands full with the undefeated Manchester Memorial Crusaders in the Queen City on the evening of Friday, Feb. 2.

A good game was expected between the two talented squads, so the contest was well attended. And the folks who went to cheer on the Lady Astros saw an excellent effort and had plenty to applaud in a 54-46 victory which placed the first blemish on the Lady Crusaders' league record.

Pinkerton drove its divisional mark up to 9-1 with its seventh straight victory, which featured a superb effort at both ends of the floor and particularly on the defensive end as the Lady Astros only showed their talented opponent a man-to-man defense all night. But it was an intense and committed man-to-man effort, and it was the centerpiece of the noteworthy PA success.

"Keep it simple. That's my philosophy, and this team buys in, works hard, and does the little things well," said PA coach Lani Buskey - with an unmistakable smile simply jammed with pride on her face - fol-



Pinkerton guard and court general Amanda Lemire drives right past a Memorial defender during the Lady Astros' big recent win. *Photo by Chris Pantazis*

lowing the big victory.

The Astros received a couple of big free-throws late in the game when Memorial was attempting a valiant but ill-fated comeback.

"I liked how we were sharing the ball tonight," said the PA coach. "We

mire's scoring output included a couple of big free-throws late in the game when Memorial was attempting a valiant but ill-fated comeback.

showed that we're not just a two-weapon offense."

The Astros won each of the first three quarters, grasping leads of 13-12 after one, 28-20 at the half, and 43-31 with just one stanza left to play.

Memorial had a hard time with shooting from the field during the late third and early fourth periods, hitting just one of their final nine shots in the third quarter and then missing their first six shots of the fourth as Pinkerton built its lead up as high as 16 points.

But the Astros then began to scuffle on offense as Memorial made a comeback run - putting some good full-court defensive pressure to use - and sliced its deficit down to four points at 50-46 with 1:15 remaining in the game.

Coach Buskey called a timeout to get her squad calmed and organized, and Lemire wound up at the free-throw line for two shots with 51.5 seconds showing on the game clock. The talented veteran point-guard sank both, and the Lady Crusaders' comeback at-

tempt was nicely stifled from there on.

With that victory to contemplate, the Lady Astros strode confidently into this week looking at a slate which has them playing five consecutive home games, starting with Nashua South on Monday, Feb. 5 and Nashua North the next evening, with that latter game being after Nutfield News press time. Then this Friday, Feb. 9 the PA crew faces a rematch with Londonderry in Derry.

The Astros had very little trouble with the Purple Panthers Monday evening, thumping that opponent by a 53-32 tally after sprinting out to a 13-1 advantage in the first quarter.

The locals led by 21 points at the half (33-12) and they never had any serious reason to look back over their shoulders during the second half.

Mahoney (15 points), Lemire (12), and Kane (11) combined for an impressive 38 points, outscoring the whole South side on their own. Mahoney hit a trio of threes in the success.

Astro Bowlers Dealt a Pointless Day

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Last Saturday, Feb. 3 ended up being a rather rough one for Pinkerton Academy varsity bowling squad despite the fact that

the Astros were at home on their own Striker's East lanes in Raymond.

Coach Janet Boyden's PA bunch played host to the Sanborn Regional Indians from Kingston, the Keene High Blackbirds, and the

Dover High Green Wave. And when the day's competition was done, the academy crew had no points to show for its considerable efforts.

Coach Boyden's bowlers finished as the fourth seed out of the four squads following standard play, with the locals having tallied a team score of 1,347 with individual games of 589 and 758.

Keene was the top seed with a standard total of 1,742, Dover bagged second (1,539), and Sanborn snagged third (1,496).

Pinkerton received individual standard efforts from Dan Kirichok (113 and 155), Bryant Nourse (113, 155), Meghan Slater (122), Jason Barton (80), Elijah Johnson (152), and captain Keenan Nash (161, 178).

In subsequent Baker level play, Pinkerton faced Keene and lost games of 172-94 and 212-97. The locals then lined it up with Sanborn and gave that opponent a real challenge before dropping decisions of 187-183 and 146-135.

The shorthanded Astro junior varsity contingent only competed with five bowlers but still managed to take the second seed in standard play before falling to both Keene and Dover in Baker action.

Jarod Wong, Elijah Johnson, Jason Barton, Zac Emery, and Sean Forkey all put forth determined efforts for the academy JV's.

The Astros will continue their 2017-18 campaign with a road match at the Dover Bowl this coming Saturday.



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

Friday, February 9

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

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

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