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## Net Zero Defines Derry Solar Farm as Giant Step for Renewable Energy

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Derry's Net Zero Task Force Chairman, Jeff Moulton is driven by the sun and renewable energy. And his team is pursuing a "giant step" project with huge ramifications for Derry.

According to Chairman Jeff Moulton, the initial opportunity to drive the Derry's energy needs to Net Zero can start with a project to build a 1 megawatt solar farm that would supply 40 percent of the town's overall energy usage and about 80 to 90 percent of the department of public works' needs. The proposal is to build this solar energy system using 10 acres of an old Derry landfill site.

The Task Force would

like all of the Town's energy needs to meet their net zero goal, and Moulton says that to do so, the Town would need to expand from expand this 1 megawatt solar farm project with additional resources to be able to generate an additional 1.4 megawatts.

However, the Town would not have an advantage at this time to build this additional capacity, unless the net metering benefits are extended to the Town by lawmakers. Net metering enables the Town to earn credit for excess power from the utility company. However, Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed the related legislation and a veto override vote failed.

Moulton said the solar farm project has a life span

of at least 25 years. After the initial five-to-six year period wraps up - in which the Town would pay slightly less than current energy rates - and then the town buys the solar array, the community would then generate the energy for free. Moulton points out that this could offset future tax increases or even result in tax cuts, depending on other budget factors.

Moulton said the task force has put together a business case for the project that will be presented to the Derry Town Council for preliminary approval in January. If approved, they plan to put the project up to bid the same month and break ground in the spring.

Construction of the project  
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## Plans for Nutfield Tricentennial Celebration Coming into Focus

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The upcoming 2019 year marks a notable, historic 300th anniversary milestone for the NH towns of Derry, Londonderry, Windham, and a section of Manchester - Derryfield.

The first European Scots-Irish settlers arrived at these NH towns in the early 1700's and they found a large tract of land covered with chestnut, oak, and similar trees, so they this called this area "Nutfield." There is a yearlong celebration in the works to commemorate Nutfield's past while preserving this history for the future.

The key milestone considered as the founding of

Nutfield occurred when the original First Parish Church in the East Derry Area was established in 1719 by the new settlers with their leader Reverend James McGregor; the settlers built a meeting house for their church that year. That original structure was replaced with a stronger timber frame meeting house in 1769, and a tower steeple was added on in 1824. That revered meeting house that represents the founding of Nutfield is now undergoing careful renovations for the upcoming 2019 celebrations.

Perhaps the most complex renovation work involves the steeple of the 250-year-old building, though work is on track for

completion by the April 2019 Nutfield Founders Weekend kickoff in Derry. The steeple rebuilding is being done by Preservation Timber Framing.

The groundwork for the celebration was started over the past several years. The Derry Heritage Commission kicked off a subcommittee in 2018, lead by Commission Chair Karen Blandford-Anderson along with Derry Heritage Commission member and organizer, Paul Lindemann. The towns that comprised Nutfield, have been working together to coordinate events logistics and activities. The Nutfield Steering Committee has representatives from Derry, Londonderry and Windham,

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Dozens of hearty swimmer took the plunge into a freezing Beaver Lake on Saturday during the second annual Pantry Plunge. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Freezin' For a Reason at Annual Pantry Plunge

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Taking a plunge into a nearly frozen lake around Christmas time in Derry is a chilling experience! To do this takes courage and a heartfelt mindset for a great cause to help others. As the event organizers pointed out with messages to encourage participants ...those few moments of

freezin' discomfort however, means a lot - a Whole Lot - of food for those in need!

The second annual Pantry Plunge raising money for folks who might be in need of a good meal took place on Saturday, Dec. 16, at high noon, on Gallien's Beach at Beaver Lake. The event was another big success for First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

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# School District Updates Blizzard Bags with Google Classroom

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More and more these days, educational districts like in Derry — are leveraging cost-effective online education resources such as Google Classroom. Google Classroom is an internet-based schoolroom application, that helps students communicate more effectively, save time, and helps teachers, kids and parent to stay organized.

The Derry school district has recently decided to update their Blizzard Bag

program with a primary focus to use Google Classroom for student work during snow days or weather situations that close the schools.

Google Classroom has been an option within the Blizzard Bag program over the past year and now students are directed to use this online application primarily to maintain their school work, whenever they are home for a reason. Parents may also want to explore this application resource. They can learn how to use Class-

room from their kids, who can “show them the ropes.”

Using the online Classroom instead of paperwork for Derry schools, will provide better consistency across grade levels, reduce related paperwork issues, and provide better support for specific student segments and programs.

The Blizzard Bag program in Derry has helped school students stay engaged with their school work. The bags have contained assignments to complete at home during inclement weather

days. Blizzard Bags were updated for the 2018-2019 school year and the docs, assignments and forms have been available and organized by grade level for the student access. Students should now transition from using Blizzard Bag paperwork to using Google Classroom as their primary online access for doing school work to make up for absences.

The paperwork and docs that already exist for The Blizzard Bag Program may continue to be used as a backup in case of electrical

outages or internet access problems. In the event that a student does not have digital access on a Blizzard Bag Day, students will have 48 hours to submit their completed assignments. In the event of widespread power outages in Derry, it is likely, Blizzard Bags will not be used on those days.

Christopher Kellan, Derry's Assistant Superintendent for Student Services says, “Google Classroom is to be the accepted means for the kids to do their classroom work when they are not in school. Providing there is proper participation to meet NH educational guidelines, Classroom and the Blizzard Bag program will support us not to add more school days at the end of the year”

Mr. Kellan and the Derry School District are highly encouraged with student acceptance of the online education resources. He reports “We want to move in a direction that will support kids and parents to embrace online access with applications such as Classroom, and we are developing a Preschool program, as we find even younger kids can do well with appropriate online activities.”

Google Classroom can make teaching more productive and meaningful by

streamlining assignments, boosting collaboration, and fostering communication in a meaningful manner, even when class is not in session. Educators can create classes, distribute assignments, send feedback, and see everything in one place via online access.

Classroom is a core service of the Google G Suite for Education that seamlessly combines with other Google tools like Google Docs and Drive. These Internet Cloud based tools are very cost effective to set up and the software tools themselves are free to users. Most standard devices and computers can be used to access Classroom and associated tools.

With price of New Google Chromebook computers starting at just over \$100 and support to use Classroom from many different companies (e.g Apple and Microsoft), online education support is becoming viable, cost effective and has a bright future.

Derry Schools adopted Google classroom a few years ago, for online learning to augment current teaching efforts and provide students with additional classroom resources. The future of education is likely to include more online learning as this capability is now becoming mainstream for our students.

## Net Zero

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ect would cost about \$3 million and take about six to nine months, so Moulton hopes it will become operational by fall of 2019.

Moulton said the idea is for the town to ultimately own the Solar Farm though the recommendation is to have a third-party company front the cost to build it and sell energy to the town for a five- or six-year period at first to take the most advantage of private sector incentives.

“We’re looking to do it in a more creative way,”

Moulton said. “As a non-profit and a municipal customer, we obviously can’t take advantage of federal tax credits or depreciation like a normal business customer would.”

The Net Zero Task Force is on a mission to create cost effective solutions for reduced energy use and sustainable energy development on town-controlled property, municipal buildings, vehicles and schools.

At a recent Net Zero Task Force Meeting, Chairman Moulton proposed updating the goals of the Task Force while developing and implementing a com-

prehensive plan for the Town to meet Net Zero goals. The primary goal of their initiative is to achieve “Net Zero” compliance by all key stakeholders by 2025 and reduce water usage where feasible. Additional goals for the Task Force would like to address include:

- Create cost effective solutions for reduced energy use on town-controlled properties (e.g. LEDs).
- Produce enough renewable energy to meet the municipal portion of the town’s annual electricity consumption by 2025 and achieve Net Zero for this segment.
- Educate and assist schools, businesses and residential home owners in eval-

uating and implementing their own renewable energy projects.

- Evaluate feasibility of converting Town owned vehicles to electrical and achieve Net Zero for this segment.
- Evaluate feasibility of converting Town heating systems to renewable and achieve Net Zero for this segment.

As part of the effort to extend the benefits of solar power and achieve a net zero carbon footprint by 2025, Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon is inviting Derry state lawmakers to a meeting on Dec. 20 to discuss the Solar project and appropriate legislation to extend net metering beyond the current 1 megawatt cap.



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# Help the Salvation Army Give Back to the Community

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The Holidays are about a spirit of giving and this year, the Salvation Army is working overtime to meet their goals of giving to those who can use a helping hand.

Sometimes even in good economies, there is just not enough volunteer help to bring hope and joy, and this year the Salvation Army could use help to make things happen.

The Greater Derry Salvation Army is looking for volunteer bell-ringers for its Red Kettle Campaign, as there are areas of Greater Derry that are not getting enough presence.

Lt. Kathryn "Katie"

Mayes, Director of the Greater Derry Salvation Army branch says, "New ringers or teams of ringers for the Red Kettle Campaign are needed to meet the agency's goal for this year of \$175,000."

Mayes added, "Currently time is running short before Christmas goal dates are upon us. We really could use help with donations or to help us fill enough bell-ringer slots a day. And we have a good group of bell ringers so far, though we need more helpers and donors, who understand the strong spirit of giving to the community."

If you can give a donation or support for an hour, a

day, or become part of our Army, give Mayes a call at (603) 434-7790.

Bell-ringers solicit donations typically outside the following areas: Market Basket in Londonderry, Salem and Plaistow; Salem at McKinnon's Market; the state Liquor Stores in Salem and Londonderry; The Rockingham Mall outside J.C. Penney's and Macy's; K-Mart; Shaw's in Salem and Londonderry; and Derry and Salem Walmarts and more when and where appropriate.

Katie pointed out that the Salvation Army has recently sponsored a Greater Derry Event to get Christmas gifts to 250 kids in the

Greater Derry area. These kids were overjoyed to get many gifts on their wish lists. Mayes said the Greater Derry Salvation Army was also able to adopt support for 35 families through donations from their holiday initiatives.

Recently the Town of Derry supported the Salvation Army food bank that was nearly empty of food donations. Town officials and various departments such as the Fire Department, Finance Commission, Police department with help from Police Captain Vern Thomas, as well as many other Town workers rallied to meet the problem with significant contributions. With their

efforts, there were even enough gift card monies to allow the Food Pantry to buy meats.

The Red Kettle Campaign is one of the oldest and most-beloved charitable endeavors in the country. According to the organization, a Salvation Army captain in San Francisco, Joseph McFee, created the bell-ringer donation tradition in 1891. McFee had resolved to provide Christmas dinners for the area's poor, though he had to find a way, how to fund it.

He remembered his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England where he saw a large pot into which charitable donations were thrown by

passersby, so he placed a similar pot at San Francisco's Market Street area, and the Red Kettle was born.

People can register as individuals or groups, and she expects some "repeat ringers," including the annual contingent from the Derry School District.

"We can't do more without more resources," Mayes said.

Those interested in volunteering should call her as soon as possible at 434-7790. A limited number of paid bell-ringing positions are also available, so call or please donate what time and monies that you can.

## 300th

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and a person from Derryfield (Manchester). Steering committee meetings as well town commission meetings have been set up to coordinate actions, events, and logistics across all towns involved in the celebration.

Londonderry's 300th Anniversary Committee is Chaired by Town Manager, Kevin Smith who along with Alan Rugg have conducted meetings focused on activities with other committee members. Victoria Gorveatt representing the Londonderry Heritage Commission has recently

joined the meetings to help with the town's legacy coordination.

Film crews from the BBC and Northern Ireland, looking at their ancestral ties have spent time in the area over the past year to capture Nutfield stories and begin their alliance support for the Tricentennial Celebration.

Events and actions are still in slightly dynamic planning stages though the celebration being planned is evolving quickly now as 2019 event dates are approaching. At this time, events from each of the 4 town areas of Nutfield are being planned and here is an overview.

Derry: Founders Day

weekend, April 12 to 14, 2019 is the kickoff event for the Nutfield Tricentennial celebration. This weekend event will include a dedication ceremony and dinner on Friday, and a Heritage Day and fun events including a semi-formal Gala on Saturday. Sunday will offer special church services and an open house at the Derry Museum of History.

Planned also throughout the Founders Day weekend are the Caras House (1725) opening, visitation from Ulster Scots heritage people, family and genealogy discussions/meetings, and dignitaries. There will be a special Derry July 4th

parade and celebration with unique fireworks and more.

Londonderry: Nutfield 300 events will coincide with Old Home Day, scheduled for August 14 through 18, 2019. This event may include additional activities and Historical Society functions. The Old Home Days parade theme will be connected to Nutfield 300. A foot race is likely to be scheduled to coincide with the 2019 Londonderry Old Home Day.

There would also likely be a "hootenanny," party. 300th Anniversary Chairman Smith also shared that 603 Brewery has offered to brew a commemorative beer

for the occasion.

Derryfield: The main celebration will happen on May 25, 2019 at their Heritage/Old Home Day. Derryfield will have an open house including Derryfield's first post office, and a cemetery tour of early settler markers among other celebration events.

Windham will hold a unique Strawberry Festival in early June and will tie in other events as appropriate to their community.

The 300th anniversary celebration logo is now available to see in a late draft version. A commemoration coin will have this

Nutfield logo on one side, and each of the four towns will have their own unique design on the other.

If you are a descendent of - or otherwise involved with - the Nutfield First Settler families, other early residents, or related folks who remained in Ireland, the committees would love to hear from you by connecting their website. [www.nutfieldhistory.org/family-outreach/](http://www.nutfieldhistory.org/family-outreach/)

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



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# Editorial

## New Year to All

A Holiday of Time soon we'll be saying farewell to 2018 and welcoming 2019.

New Year's Day marks another year in the rear view mirror as we continue on the road trip of our lives. Some of us might have a lot of obstacles ahead. For others, it may be smooth sailing. While we can't know for sure what lies ahead, what we do know is that the road of time moves only in one direction, forward. In a culture that seems to be enamored with the past, many people spend a lot of miles on their road trip longingly watching that rear view mirror as the landmarks long passed get farther and farther behind.

But whether we like it or not, there's no turning back.

A long-standing New Year's tradition all over is the song, "Auld Lang Syne." Most know some of the words; few know all of the words, some just hum along. Written by Scottish poet, Robert Burns in 1788, the title translates literally to "Old long since," meaning, "Days gone by" or, "For old times sake." It's a musical reminder that time moves forward, and all we can take with us are memories.

Geoffrey Chaucer once said that "time and tide wait for no man," which means the processes of nature continues, no matter how much we might like them to stop.

So, what, exactly, should you be doing with this precious time? Should

you put more money in the IRA? Should you go back to school and get that law degree or finally learn embroidery? Should you paint and organize your house, or binge-watch the latest Netflix series and call it a day?

The passage of another year and arrival of a new year causes many people to contemplate reform. In keeping with the tradition of New Year's resolutions, they will strive to quit doing this or that, or start doing something or the other. And time, well, it just keeps ticking forward.

New Year's Day forces us to reassess our lives and reflect on who we are, what we have done, and what we believe. We might even ask ourselves such questions as, "Can we band together to stop all the inhumanity and suffering?" "Is there time enough to rescue society?" "Can we stop disease?"

We use time to chart progress, and as the book closes on another year we might ask ourselves what progress we have made on the world this past year. Can we still make a difference? If not on a world level, maybe in our own back yard (figuratively and perhaps literally)?

Most of us could spend a year trying to figure out the answers to all of these questions, when the answer could be quite simple. Perhaps all that's needed is to take one day at a time and keep in mind it is all about the memories and what is remembered!



## Plunge

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In fact, fund raising appears to be more than the almost \$10,000 raised at last year's plunge.

The FBC Food Pantry has been serving about 350 individuals and 150 families a month, or more than 4,200 individuals in a year. The pantry also hopes to begin a mission to provide not just food, but also more personal care items.

Nancy Francis, a six-year member of the FBC's Food Pantry board of directors, spearheaded the Pantry Plunge event again this year. And as much as the food pantry appreciates the generous support of local food donations to help keep the shelves stocked, Frances has pointed out that donations of money are also appreciated. "Money is easier to store than food," Francis said. "And it always fills

in the right void."

Eric Ferrell a co-worker with Nancy at Blue Seal - Derry, reported this year's event was a blessing for the plunge participants in contrast to last year's event that was fun, but a very cold time. This year's event had balmy weather at nearly 50F degrees with a bit of sun, so the Pantry Plunge dippers were thrilled with the weather, though water temperatures below the 40F degree range certainly took the breath away from many of the participants.

Nancy coached her co-workers, the good folks at Derry Blue Seal into the event as one of the team sponsors. The Blue Sealers, under Nancy's direction, included Eric Ferrell, Jamas Gibbons, Gage Coe, David Beauchesme, and they all turned themselves into Pantry Plunger Seals for the event.

This fundraiser was a

"cool" competition and the rules were simple:

- Get friends and family to donate for you or your team to take the plunge.
- Bring the money raised with you to the plunge.
- Bring a towel and warm, dry clothes to wear afterward.
- Have fun!
- You MUST be able to swim to participate.

Teams brought their donation pledge sheets, and enthusiasm to Beaver Lake to help change the world and make it a better place for those who would benefit.

Anyone can still contribute to the FBC Food Pantry cause. You can make contact with those involved online at [www.fbcfoodpantry.org](http://www.fbcfoodpantry.org)

Nancy Francis wanted to thank those who participated in any way during this holiday time for helping make the Greater Derry area a great place for all!

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ees can enjoy the holiday's.

The next newspaper will be published on Jan. 3.

Thank you to all and we wish everyone a happy new year!



# Polar Express Makes Annual Trek Through Taylor Library



The Taylor Library in East Derry continued its tradition of inviting residents into the Library for the annual reading of the Polar Express. Complete with a train car in the middle of the building. This year, on Thursday, along with the annual raffle to win a copy of the Polar Express, and hot chocolate, attendees also got a special holiday creation made by Joe Tombarello of Silly Solutions. Santa, as always, was on-hand to hand out bells for those who believed. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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# Go Green Highlights Derry Conservation Areas for Wintertime Fun

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With winter upon us now, Derry owned conservation wonderlands are ready for appropriate winter hikes, and with snow, they are places for fun, winter activities.

Go Green Derry is aligned with the Derry Conservation Commission to support Derry residents with fun "green" activities, as well as environmental and conservation efforts. And winter is a great time to experience Derry's "green" conservation areas with winter activities including snowshoe hikes, cross-country skiing and even snowmobiling in a couple of the Derry-owned areas.

Neil Weatherbee, Derry Town Council Member and Derry Conservation Com-

mission Representative points out how fortunate Derry residents are with so much beautiful conservation land available for their usage.

"There are so many wonderful Derry conservation areas for year-round enjoyment, including some areas residents may not even know about. We are hoping to find more ways to make more people aware of these beautiful properties. I find myself heading to places like the Coal Marsh area to take in the sights of local flora and fauna unique to Derry."

The Coal Marsh area pointed out by the Mr Weatherbee is good size at 243 acres; the main area is located east of Damren Road with another 40 acres west of Damren Road. This area is open to public usage

including hiking, nature watches, camping, hunting, and fishing. In the winter, this is an area for Snowmobilers to consider as well for those who snowshoe or use cross country skis.

Here's several other Derry owned conservation areas worth checking out for winter or for year-round visits:

**Weber Town Forest:** This area is a wonderful winter time property with about 275 acres. Public uses in this area include hiking, cross country skiing, nature watching, camping, hunting, fishing.

**Snowmobiles** are allowed on Sheldon Road, the woods road across from North Shore Road. Per Derry Town Ordinance: ATVs are NOT allowed anywhere in Weber Forest.

**Broadview Farm:** The

farm area is located in the center of Town off Young road and includes 78 acres comprised of rolling agricultural land, open fields, small pond, stream, wooded area, with a thorn bush jungle. This is a unique area with community gardens available for Derry residents during the seasons. Public uses for this area include hiking, cross-country skiing, nature watching, camping for organized youth groups, and fishing. No hunting is allowed.

**Gulf Road Property:** This conservation area is 33 acres located in southeast part of Town, between Gulf Road and Kilrea Road. This property is wooded land with a stand of large hemlock trees. From the Gulf Road trailhead, the land slopes steeply to a small stream, which feeds into a

prime wetland. Public uses in this area include hiking, cross country skiing, nature watching, camping, hunting.

**Corneliusen Farm:** This farm consists of 38 acres of Town owned land, with an additional adjoining, privately owned protected land area of 68 acres. This is farmland and forested land that also contains a unique goldfish pond. This area supports public usages including hiking, cross country skiing, nature, and hunting.

**Shepard Family Conservation:** The Shepard family conservation Area is 36 acres. Also known as Shepard Park, the land is an L shaped parcel of forested land and open fields. Two signs, one on East Derry Road and one on Pond Road, identify the property. There is public hiking, cross

country skiing, snow shoeing, nature observation with 3 Picnic areas.

**Quail Hill Conservation:** This public usage area is 17.6 acres and it is recovering forested land. The land borders on Derry Recreational trail, the former North South Railroad line. Public Usage includes hiking, cross country skiing, nature, and hunting.

**Albert Doolittle Conservation:** The Area is 94 acres of largely forested land. The land borders on Manter Brook. Manter Brook is a major source of water for Beaver Lake.. Public Usage includes hiking, cross country skiing, nature watching.

For more information see the Derry Conservation Commission Web site: [www.derrynh.org/conservation-commission](http://www.derrynh.org/conservation-commission)

## Susanne Tartarilla Named Dean of Students at Pinkerton Academy

Pinkerton Academy Headmaster Timothy Powers has announced that Susanne Tartarilla, a long-time and well-respected member of the faculty, will be the school's next Dean of Students and Support Services.

Tartarilla has acted as the

Interim Dean of Students for the last year. In the position she will continue to oversee the daily operation of the school including student conduct, and student activities and events.

"My time as Interim Dean of Students and Support Services has been an

unexpected adventure. It has also been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," said Tartarilla. "I am deeply honored to continue serving the Pinkerton community in this role."

In her 31 year tenure at Pinkerton, Tartarilla has served as an Associate Dean

and taught in both the English and Fine Arts departments. She is the co-advisor of the Pinkerton Players, most recently directing the production of Little Women the musical.

As Interim Dean of Students and Support Services, Tartarilla has organized school wide trainings to improve school safety practices including C.R.A.S.E., A.L.I.C.E., and Stop the Bleed. She oversees the school's security team and has worked with school



Susanne Tartarilla

counselor Julie Donovan to revive Red Ribbon Week Activities and assemblies on

addiction and recovery.

"We are fortunate to have Sue as our next Dean of Students and Support Services. There is no one more dedicated to Pinkerton's students than she is," said Headmaster Timothy J. Powers. "No one cares more or works harder to be sure all students have the best possible experience in their time here. Her leadership will continue to ensure that Pinkerton encourages and challenges all our students to reach their full potential."



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# Derry History Museum Features “Derry and the Great War”

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

At the Monday night, Dec. 3 meeting of the Derry Heritage Commission, members updated events happening at the Derry History Museum. The museum has put together a remarkable retrospective about Derry's World War I heritage with an exhibit called Derry And The Great War, set to run until January 2019. People will find this exhibition fascinating as a reminder of the life in Derry and America 100 years ago.

“2018 has marked the 100-year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end World War I. This was the Great War, called the “European War” or the “World War” by contemporaries.

Ten million combatants would die before it ended with Germany's defeat on Nov. 1, 1918. Its bloody battlegrounds, the Somme, Verdun, the Marne, and others, still epitomize apparently pointless human sacrifice. Those who survived the trenches of the Western Front believed civilization could never again sink so low.” -- by the Associated Press.

This significant display premiered on Dec. 9 at the History Museum. The exhibition highlights Derry life and the events that enlisted Derry residents to combat during the Great War.

Hundreds of Derry soldiers headed off to battle at that time including Lester B. Chase, who joined the Army

and was the first Derry war casualty. Derry's American Legion hall has been named in his honor.

The father and uncles of the Derry's hometown hero — the first American in space — Alan B. Shepard Jr., an East Derry native were involved as combatants as were Gilbert H. Hood, and Nicholas Katsakiores, father-in-law of current Derry Town Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores, who is also aligned with the Heritage Commission.

Noted local historian and veteran T.J. Cullinane of the Derry Heritage Commission presented programs in 2018 about Derry's involvement in the Great War. Cullinane has pointed out the Great War is often known as a forgotten war, though he adds

that Derry is doing a good job of keeping those soldiers' memories alive.

The historian says, “We in Derry are very fortunate our history has been preserved for us by those who came before us.”

The Derry Museum of History has wealth of artifacts and town history pieces that have been collected and preserved, that are now on display at the lower level of the Adams Memorial Building on West Broadway, downtown Derry.

The exhibit illustrates the experience of the Town of Derry in the Great War, 1917–18, through a display of military artifacts, contemporary posters, photographs, postcards, music, newspaper accounts and other publications including scrapbooks, and photo albums.

The display provides a glimpse of the approximately 315 Derry soldiers and sailors at training camps like

Camp Devens and on the battlefields of France. There is a special tribute to remember the ultimate sacrifice of the 15 Derry men and women who died in service during that era.

Attendees of the museum exhibition will also get a peek into daily life in Derry during this time, with insights about the challenges and contributions by women and home front residents. There are also details about Pinkerton Academy's contributions that were dedicated to the war effort.

In addition, those who attend the exhibition will also gain thoughtful information about the postwar period. This time was especially important with formation of war veteran organizations, the erection of Derry's World War I monument and of Veterans Memorial Hall. There is also a peek into especially dark postwar period that included the out-

break of the Spanish Influenza epidemic that killed millions in the US including Derry residents.

As 2019 will kick off the 300th anniversary of the founding of Nutfield (Derry, Londonderry, Derryfield, and Windham), exhibition viewers will also get a glimpse of that era's bicentennial celebration in 1919 of the 1719 founding of Nutfield.

The History Museum invites everyone to come learn about Derry, from its settlement as Nutfield through the adventures of astronaut Alan Shepard and beyond!

Run by the Derry Heritage Commission, the museum is located at 29 West Broadway in Downtown Derry. Visit the Derry History Museum Sundays 1:00–5:00pm or call to schedule a group or individual appointment: (603) 434-1247.

## Pizza Party Winners



Congratulations to the Card family for winning a pizza party courtesy of Romano's Pizza of Derry. Pictured are, from left, Jessica Card, Christopher Card, Evelyn (daughter) Card, with Bobby Bonias (owner of Romano's Pizza in Derry). The restaurant was celebrating National Pizza Month with the contest. *Courtesy photo*

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# Community Caregivers Celebrate Holiday with Open House



The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry held their annual Holiday Open House last week at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. The event gives people associated with the organization a chance to mingle with clients, staff and volunteers. This year Suzanne Hunt of Londonderry was recognized for her 30 years of volunteer work helping local residents. The former members of the Senior Choir at First Parish Church made an appearance to sing carols. Attendees were greeted at the door with the popular treasure chest games giving the the opportunity to win a prize by unlocking the box.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Officials Look for Resident Input with Downtown Survey

**RACHEL CISTO**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Town officials are looking to move forward with downtown revitalization and are asking for residents input.

The town has created a short survey about the downtown revitalization program. Many questions are open-ended and designed for respondents to list what they like most and least about

downtown. There's also a section asking them to list three things they would like to see added or improved in the survey area.

Planning and Economic Development Assistant, Elizabeth Robidoux, said in an email that the survey is intended for "all stakeholders in Derry; residents, business owners and people who work here."

According to the town,

the specific areas being referenced in the survey are from Crystal Ave. and Birch St. to Wilson and South Avenues, and from East and West Broadway from the intersection at Crystal Ave. to Maple St.

She said the survey will help make sure that the town's revitalization decisions are in line with what the community wants to see in the area.

"Staff, the Planning Board or Town Council may have ideas and goals, but they need to align with the vision of the residents and business owners," she said. "If there are certain types of businesses or housing the majority would like to see in the downtown, that drives a portion of the town vision and can be included in the Master Plan update."

Robidoux also said the results of the survey will also be a good check-in for town staff to ensure the town's plans reflect what the

greater Derry community wants to be.

"If the goals and visions of the Boards, Committees and staff are way off course, this is a good way to discover it."

To fill out the survey online, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHFCV2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHFCV2). If you would prefer to fill out a hard copy, those can be found at the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, Marion Gerrish Community Center, Veteran's Hall, Derry Public Library, and the Taylor Library.

Completed surveys will

be returned to Robidoux in the Derry Planning Department. Hard copies can be dropped off in the Planning Office on the second floor of the Derry Municipal Center, mailed to the Derry Planning Department at 14 Manning St. or emailed to her at [elizabethrobidoux@derrynh.org](mailto:elizabethrobidoux@derrynh.org).

The results of the survey will be discussed at a public workshop facilitated by Derry Town Council on Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be at the Municipal Building in the third floor meeting room.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Girls Basketball Starts Off With Two Strong Wins

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Last year, Pinkerton Academy's Girls Varsity Basketball team came close to a state title, before falling in the Championship Game. This year, expectations remain high, especially thanks to two of the best seniors in Division 1 and at least for week one of the season, everything seems to be working pretty good.

The Lady Astros opened their season last Tuesday, Dec. 11, with a tough 56-40 away victory against Manchester Central. Coach Lani Buskey saw her team take a 15-9 lead into the second quarter and enjoy a 14-0 run, to make it 30-18 by half-time, but lose almost all this advantage in the first few minutes of the second half.

Lucky for the Astros, that was when Brooke Kane took control of the game.

Kane, the 2017-18 DI Player of the Year, went on a solo 11-0 run, including two three-pointers, to secure the win. She had a total of 22 points, with fellow senior Madison Mahoney scoring 15 more points. Jesse Ames had six, Sofia Riccio and Megan King five points each, Avah Ingalls two and Mackenzie Dolan with one.

Then, on Friday night, Dec. 14, at the teams first home game of the season, the Astros routed the Concord Crimson Tide 60-19 on their newly refurbished home court. The hosts got off to a good start thanks to six quick points by Mahoney, but a 10-2 lead suddenly became a two point game before Allison Ingalls

scored twice from the free throw line in the last second of the first quarter, to make it 14-10 Astros after eight minutes.

The next two quarters were much better for Buskey's team, who went on a 15-0 run in the second quarter (despite Mahoney not playing for a few minutes after committing her third foul) and entered the second half with a promising 36-15 lead. Third quarter was more of the same and the quarter's score was 22-4 in favor of the Astros, a result that gave Buskey the chance to give some rest to her starters and some playing time to others girls. Kane led the scorers again with 19 points, Mahoney had 12, Jesse Ames, Allison Ingalls and Riccio, who was great on the defensive end,

scored six points, Samantha Franks five, Alyssa Dimauro four and Mackenzie Dolan two.

After the game, Buskey commented, "It was a good game. We still have some things we need to work on, but it was a good test for us to see a zone defense. The movement got better in the second quarter and things opened for us. The first quarter was ugly. I have an interesting dynamic this year. I have two really experienced players and a lot of young kids who are learning. I am trying to let them figure things out. Basketball is a game of runs and you have to learn how to handle those runs. It is always good to give the veterans a rest, because it is a long season, and the young ones got some serious minutes".



Madison Mahoney scored nearly 30 points in the two games to start the 2018-19 season. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Pinkerton Girls Hockey Begin Journey in Division One

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step,” a saying the Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team found to be very true during its first competitive week in Division I. The Lady Astros suffered two heavy losses in their first games as a team, but spirits remained high, as everyone involved with the team knew that this is just the beginning.

The Astros inaugural game was a big celebration and the tension was clear in the stands and around the locker rooms before the first

puck was dropped. “It is a huge and historical day for the school”, said coach Scott Dunn before the game, “We worked hard for this. It is an exciting and a little nervous day for everybody”.

Pinkerton hosted Brinity West, the team combining Bishop Brady, Trinity and Manchester West, at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett, last Wednesday, Dec. 12, and the visitors quickly took advantage of the atmosphere, with Lauren Trippiedi scoring the first goal of the game, just 18 seconds in.

PA had some great chances to level the score quickly, but Celina Singster and Molly Fahey missed the

opportunity. Senior goalie Alexis Skafas, made some fantastic saves, but Trippeiedi eventually scored her second goal of the day. Then, with 4:41 minutes remaining in the first period, Pinkerton’s big moment arrived with Jordyn Wasiejko scoring the program’s first goal on a break away. Unfortunately for the Astros, the visitors scored two more quick goals to finish the period with a 4-1 lead.

Things looked better for coach Dunn’s team after that, and the Astros had some good opportunities in the second period, but again, in a span of 41 seconds,

Brinity West scored two more and added another one with two players down in the beginning of the last period, to make it 7-1, with Trippiedi getting her fourth goal of the day. The last goal of the match was scored by PA, when Kelsey Levesque found the net and with 7:41 to go, brought the final score to 7-2 against Pinkerton.

Dunn said after the game: “The girls gave a 110 percent effort and there was a lot of courage. We just lost 7-2 and the girls are having the time of their lives in the locker room. They were part of something special. We have to keep working on schemes and strategies, but

that was awesome. They got better every period”. Levesque, who scored the second goal, said: “I think we did a good job for the first game and we can build from here. It was pretty cool scoring”.

On Friday, Dec. 14, the Astros traveled to the University of New Hampshire, where they played the home standing Oyster River/Portsmouth squad, losing 11-4. The locals had a 5-0 lead after just one period and again, Pinkerton looked better after those first 15 minutes. In the second period each team scored twice, bringing the score to 7-2 and in the third,

PA managed to score two more, but Oyster River/Portsmouth added four more goals, winning the game easily. Wasiejko, who scored the team’s first goal ever, finished the second game with a hat trick, bringing her total for the season to four goals already. Levesque found the net again as well and she has two goals this season.

The Astros will host Concord Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Tri-Town Arena for their third game of the season, before participating in the Keene Xmas Tourney on Dec. 27.

## Astro Swimmers Team Wins Second Meet of the Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Swimming Girls’ and Boys’ teams won their second meeting of the 2018-19 season, last Tuesday, against the Manchester high school. The Astros faced Manchester Memorial, Manchester Central and West, with the ladies also swimming against Trinity in

the Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

The final score for the PA girls was 233 points, with Memorial coming second with 135 points. Central finished third (122), West fourth (45) and Trinity fifth (17 points). The PA boys scored 215 points, while Memorial got 103, Central 31 and West just five.

Pinkerton had two teams

starting the day in the girls 200 meter Medley Relay. Maya Hedstrom, Camelia Hannah, Olivia Neville and Kylie Winer won their race with a time of 2:26.87 minutes, while Lauren Sweeney, Sydney Devine, Ana Bjelogrljic and Meghan Knight finished third with 2:46.10. In the boys swim, it was Christian Nelson, William Poole, Gavin Divelbiss and Tyler

Montgomery with the victory (2:19.02) and Owen Muskrat, Andrew Blaszk, Anderson Sharp and Ryan Divelbiss with the second place (2:30.42).

Neville finished second in the 200 meter Freestyle (2:24.58) and Hannah third (2:26.89), while Jackson Neeb got second among the boys (2:13.88) and Lucas Hakme Silva thirs (2:26.44). Bjelogrljic, a freshman, got second place in her 200 meter Individual Medley race with 3:00.44 minutes and the Astros had a 1-2-3 in the parallel boys swim with Divelbiss (2:39.34), Poole (2:51.04) and Nelson (3:01.04).

Next was the 50 meter Freestyle sprint, which Hedstrom won with a time if 31.24 seconds. Knight finished third (34.06) as well as Sharp in the boys swim (30.89). In the 100 meter

Butterfly, Hannah finished second (1:19.48) and Bjelogrljic third (1:29.60). Gavin Divelbiss won the boys swim with 1:10.75 and Sharp came in second with 1:12.00.

Hedstrom took second place in the 100 meter Girls Freestyle (1:08.66), while Blaszk was second between the boys (1:18.57) and Ryan Divelbiss third (1:20.17). The senior Neville was second in the 400 meter Freestyle (5:13.76) and fellow senior Neeb took second in the boys parallel swim (4:44.40), while Hakme Silve finished third (5:12.42).

The Astros had two teams in the girls’ and boys’ 200 meter Freestyle Relays. Winer, Campbell Lacroix, Bjelogrljic and Knight were runner ups (2:13.81), while Alice Hammond, Molly

Repoza, Danielle Crafts and Haley Chaite finished third (2:34.67). For the boys, it was Nelson, Hakme Silva, Neeb and Poole with the win (2:01.55) and Antoni Zajac, Ryan Divelbiss, Sharp and Muskrat with the third spot (2:20.51).

In the 100 meter Backstroke, Poole took first (1:16.62) and Montgomery finishing second (1:25.92). In the 100 Breaststroke, Nelson won (1:31.08) and Blaszk took second (1:41.62). In the 400 meter Freestyle Relay. The girls won, with Hedstrom, Neville, Lacroix and Hannah (4:37.96) and their other team finished third (Crafts, Devine, Brenna McCrevan and Sweeney, 5:45.24) and the boys won with Gavin Divelbiss, Montgomery, Neeb and Hakme Silva (4:23.99).

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# PA Wrestling Stays Perfect, Take Part in Nor'easter Tourney

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Wrestling team stayed busy last week, gaining their second dual win of the season and then traveling to the Nor'easter tournament on Saturday.

The Astros faced very little resistance in their away meet against Manchester Memorial on Wednesday,

Dec. 12, winning 60-6, with only one match going over the two minute mark. Christian Kuelcher (220 lbs), Nick Fortunata (285), Walker Stinson (126), Bill Knapp (132), first varsity win of his career, David Hammond (138), Marcus Sconza (145), Jack Mackiernan and Kyle Setzer (195) won their fights, while August Connors (106) lost his. Pinkerton got three

more wins thanks to forfeits (Mark Harrington in the 113, Dominic Robinson in the 120lbs and Tyler Mackiernan in the 152 lbs).

A pleased Coach Dave Rhoads said after the win: "We tell the kids before a meet like this to focus on their own development and not the match results. We want them to go out there and try new moves and take of business. And then you

get off the mat with respect and we leave. You don't want to rub it in to a team like this. You don't want any bad feelings. We do our job and get out, leave them with some pride. The kids were doing what we asked of them. It is tough in these situations, because the kids want to show what they can do, and we tell them to wrestle well, but also take it easy. It is not going to be like this

for the rest of the season. We got work to do".

In the Nor'easter tournament, held at the Hollis-Brookline High School, Setzer won his match (195 lbs) with a fall, 3:58 into first. Sterling McLaughlin (182) and Robbie Fahey (285) lost in the finals of their respective categories, while Christian Kuechler (220) finished fourth. Dominic Robinson took third place at 113 lbs. and Stinson finished second in 126. David Hammond took

fourth place at 132 lbs.

The Astros, as a team, enjoyed a successful day, getting the second spot in the entire tournament. They had a total of 31 wins and lost 18 matches.

The Astros hosted the Timberlane squad on Wednesday, Dec. 19, after Nutfield News went to press, for their home opener and will travel to the George Bossi Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tourney next week on Dec. 27 and 28.

## Boys Ice Hockey Starts Season 2-0

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

While the attention over the last few days was logically more on the Pinkerton Academy Girls Ice Hockey team, who played its first game ever, the boys' varsity team was able to show its strengths, winning its first two games of the season.

The Astros took the ice at the Ice Den on Wednesday, Dec. 12, and faced Trinity, who surprised them with a quick, beautiful goal with 8:58 minutes remaining in the first period,

after the hosts had a five-minute penalty called against them.

Sam Littlefield's players then relaxed, focus and took control of the game. They leveled the score just 1:47 minutes into the second period, when Mason Drouin was the fastest to a rebound and found the net from close range. The period ended 1-1, but the packed stands celebrated again less than four minutes into the third period, when Drouin scored his second goal of the game.

The next goal was made on a power play by Jon Last,

who made it 3-1 Astros, with 5:42 on the clock and after goalie Dakota Robinson managed to keep Trinity away with a few tremendous saves, Aidan Price put the final touches on the game, scoring with 30 seconds to go to win it 4-1.

Littlefield said after the game, "It did not look good in the first period. We talked during the break about being more disciplined. We let our emotions get in our way in the beginning and we had to redirect the players into playing hockey. We were getting to many penalties.

We just had to play smart hockey. The goal that opened the second period was the key for us. We can definitely be better, but to see that kind of response was good. Our goalie was outstanding, he is consistent and great".

On Saturday, the Astros traveled to Nashua, where they thrashed Nashua North-Souhegan 7-0. This time, the first period was quite different in this game, and after 15 minutes, they had a 4-0 lead, thanks to goals by Shawn Tewksbury, Brendon Banks, Ethan Livingston and Mason Drouin. They added three more goals in the second period, with Ethan Burgess, Jack Normand and Drouin again (fourth goal of the week) finding the net. Matt Gilliland was the goalie this time and he earned the shutout.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 9



**Jordyn Wasiejko,**  
Freshmen: Girls Ice  
Hockey

Jordyn scored a hat trick against Oyster River. She had four goals last week in two games, including the first goal ever for the Girls Pinkerton Academy Ice Hockey team.



**Brendon Banks, Senior:**  
Boys Ice Hockey

Over the course of the first two games of the season, Brendon has logged one goal and five assists. This seasoned hockey veteran is a hard worker and a leader on the ice.

*Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*

## Astro Bowlers Take Second

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Bowling squad traveled to Merrimack Ten Pin Saturday, Dec. 15, for their third meet of the season where they faced Bishop Guertin, Goffstown, Keene and Sanborn.

The Astros took second seed for the baker rounds, with a two-game standard total of 1,604 points. Captain Jason Barton rolled games of 215 and 188 and junior Bryant Nourse scored 146 and 125. Matthieu

Gagnon finished with 87 and 131 points, Lance Lemieux with 158 and 150 and Harry Michaud with 179 and 225. Roster member Colby Wong had games of 129 and 101.

Keene won with 1,806. Goffstown was third (1,602), BG fourth (1,595) and Sanborn fifth (1,458). The Astros faced Goffstown in round 1, losing 172 to 159 in the first game, winning 222-210 in the second and losing 173-168 in the third. In round 2, PA played Sanborn, losing 210-132, winning 140-123 and losing

176-154. Coach Janet Boyden's team earned five points, for fourth place.

The JV team totaled 1,029 points for the standard two-game, earning the third seed. Memphis Kirkland scored 107 and 111, Connor Grimard 132 and 72, Jarod Wong 108 and 102, Courtney Crivello 103 and 117, Mike Fiandaca 76 and 101, Mike Barnard 79 and 98 and Preston Chandler 56 and 73. The team lost to Keene in round 1 of bakers 123-66 and 124-89 and to BG in round 2 126-90 and 126-88 and finished fourth.

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# PA Boys Indoor Track and Field Win First Meet, Girls Get Sixth

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys Varsity Track and Field coach, Ian French, knew before the indoor season began that his team could be quite good. Last Saturday, Dec. 15, he received some confirmation on that, when the Astros had a decisive win at the first meet of the season, held at the Paul Sweet Oval, University of New Hampshire, in Durham.

The Astros finished the meet with 95.5 points, way ahead of second place Exeter (44 points). They had four individual winners, two athletes at second place and a relay victory.

Ryan Dane qualified for the 55 meter dash with the best time and won the finals with 6.84 seconds, with Patrick Cotnoir finishing third (7.04). JR Rosario

(7.04) and Jean Franco Cholidis (7.14) did not qualify from the preliminaries. Conor Seleny was the 300 meter dash winner (38.44 seconds), with Dane at second place (39.24) and Cotnoir at third (39.44). Benjamin Fleming finished sixth (39.84) and Alexander Gibeau tenth (41.04).

Terence Coyle came in third in the 600 meter dash (1:31.44), Steve Groulx seventh (1:33.44) and Ethan Forbush 11th (1:43.54). In the 1000 meter dash, it was Nolan Preble with the second place (2:47.84), Ethan Desmaris at third (2:48.14) and Zach Plaza with the sixth spot (2:57.34), bringing PA five, four and one points respectively. Samuel Steiger finished seventh (2:58.84). In the 1500 race, Zachary Aham got second place (4:36.34), Steiger came right behind him (4:36.54) and Henry Hood

finished eighth (4:57.34).

Adam Spencer comfortably won his 55 meter hurdles race with 7.94 second in the finals. Seleny (8.04) finished third and Ian Woodman posted a 10.54 time in the preliminaries. The Astros (Dane, Seleny, Cotnoir and Cholidis) then won the 4X160 Relay, with a time of 1:17.84 and finished fourth (Spencer, Gibeau, Fleming and Desmaris) in the 4X400 Relay (3:56.84).

In the field events, it was Matt Small tied for second in the High Jump after passing 6.00 feet. Spencer passed the same height but with more failed attempts and was ranked fourth and Joron Harrell (5.00) finished tied at ninth place. In the Long Jump, Harrell finished third (19-03.75 feet) and Dane sixth (18-08.75), with Cotnoir getting the 12th spot (17-04.00) and Cholidis the

16th (16-06.00). Joseph DeMartino finished ninth in the Shot Put (34-10.50 feet), James Melendy 13th (31-08.00) and Daniel Powers 14th (30-11.75).

Coach French said after the meet, "We lost a lot of great runners to graduation, but I knew we had some great young talents, who were ready to take the mantle. It was awesome to see those guys step up and do exactly that and really start the season with strong performances".

The Astros girls' team finished sixth overall, with 20.50 points. In the 55 meter dash ran Hannah Frazier (8.14 seconds, tied for eighth place), Zoe Vogel (8.34, tied for 19), Hailey Laskiewicz and Adria Forand (both 8.54, tied for 25) and Olivia Brunelle (8.74, tied for 30). Forand finished seventh in the 300 meter (48.44) and right

behind her came Madison Connors (48.64) and Vogel (48.74), with Elisse Ruimwijk getting the 13th place (49.84) and Haley Clukey the 24th (53.34). Meaghan Robidoux finished 11th in the 600 meter (1:52.14), Alexis Peet 21st (2:04.34) and Madeline Burke 24 (2:17.34). Royce D'Amelio got the 13th spot in the 1000 meter run (3:35.14) and Makenna Alden the 16th (3:36.34).

Meghan Cross was the winner of the 1,500 race, crossing the finish line after 5:05.94 minutes. Jordan Vaillancourt finished third (5:29.84). In the 55 meter hurdles race, Jadyn Smith took seventh place in the preliminaries (10.24), just missing the finals. Connors finished 20th (11.64 seconds). The Astros 4X160 Relay team (Vogel, Frazier, Connors and Laskiewicz) finished seventh and last

with a time of 1:34.94 and the 4X400 team (Burke, Robidoux, Cross and D'Amelio) sixth with 4:50.44.

In the High Jump, Smith got third place (4-06.00 feet). Emily Lesburt finished tied for fifth (4-04.00), the freshman Laskiewicz tied seventh (4-02.00) and Payton Nacos tied for 12th (4-00.00). In the Long Jump, Smith got the tenth place (13-10.75 feet), with Vogel (13-10.25) and Laskiewicz (13-09.75) finishing behind her. Grace Gill was tied for 15 (13-00.50) and Nacos finished 21st (11-07.50). Adrianna Buccieri got the fourth place in the Shot Put event (29-00.25 feet). Alyssa Rzasa finished ninth (26-03.75), Isabella Woods 14th (24-04.50) and Gabrielle Gagne 16th (23-10.25).

## PA Gymnastics Team Wins First Meet of Winter Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Gymnastics team won its first meet of the season on Monday, Dec. 17, by a score of 140.75 - 133.0 against the Bedford High School squad.

The Astro ladies were led by sophomore Isabella Scarpetti, who took first place on balance beam (9.25

points), floor exercise (9.3) and All Around (35.95), second place on bars (8.55) and third on vault (8.8).

Senior Audrey Hill won the vault competition (9.25) and came in third in the All Around (34.6). Sophomore Zoe Demers took second place on floor (9.25) and third on beam (8.95) and bars (8.45). Captain Sophia Viger, who was cleared just last week after coming back from

a broken foot, got second place on beam (9.0) and fourth on bars (8.35). Sophomore Ashley McKinnon contributed scores on vault and beam, senior Emily Connors on vault and floor exercise and junior Anya Comeau on floor exercise.

The Astros will be hosting their first home meet at Palaestra Gymnastics on Tinkham Avenue on Thursday, Dec. 27.



The Pinkerton Gymnasts won Monday night's meet against Bedford. Courtesy Photo

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