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## Meetinghouse Being Prepared for Nutfield 300th Anniversary

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Throughout its 250 years of service, the First Parish Church (FPC) Meetinghouse in East Derry, has evolved and changed to best meet the needs of its congregation and community.

The meeting house is the key marker for the founding of Nutfield (including Derry, Londonderry, Windham and Derryfield) and the work to restore the old part of the church continues to make good progress

The objective of the rehabilitation is to support key reconstruction work, in time for the church and Derry's celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Nutfield in spring 2019.

A lot of the work for the tower rebuild is now in place for the celebration kick-off. Worn and rotted timbers of the tower have been carefully replaced or repaired. Work to recreate the trim has been prepared carefully with attention to form and function.

There is more work still to be done before the anniversary kickoff, involving the large scaffolding around the tower as the belfry is being rebuilt with care for its 250-year heritage.

The foundation restoration of the church was done in remarkable fashion as the Church building was lifted from its foundation, while the old foundation was salvaged. A new cement slab was poured to create a solid

foundation with an added raised wall to provide additional strength for the church's future. The old foundation granite was sliced into pieces and added with aesthetic detail to the new foundational walls creating a historical accent for the new base of the church.

The church will undergo additional interior work including flooring, painting and electrical fixtures over the next year. While funds have been raised and the project has received special resource funding from the state, more funds to fully restore the historic legacy of the church will be needed to insure its resiliency for the next century.

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## Planning Board Workshops Focus on Future and Affordable Housing

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The amount of affordable housing in Derry is at a point where local business is having difficulty attracting local workers to continue working for them. Currently workers are not finding enough rentable spaces to live in the area, thus many workers have long commutes that may not motivate them to continue working in Derry. The Derry Planning Board took up this issue and related issues at the first planning board meeting of the year on Jan. 2, 2019.

After approving a land plot merger at 42 and 44 Beaver Lake Avenue, Derry, the Planning Board

moved on to several workshop discussions, intended as preparation for future recommendations for the board to make publically and to the Town Council.

At the meeting, the board members were in agreement that the future planning for Derry should align with the current Derry Master Planning process that will occur over the coming year. Their thoughts are not to delay Planning Board projects or recommendations, but to ensure that planning would efficiently reinforce and support actions of the Master Plan.

The two meeting workshops had distinctive points of discussions though there was an over-

lapping theme for both workshop dialogs. The first workshop was focused upon creating a mixed usage zone (residential and commercial properties) from a current commercially zoned area, while the second workshop focused on certain residential properties and how to better support rentable housing potentially in the Central Business District (CBD).

At the second workshop, the board approved a recommendation to the public and Town Council for certain CBD properties to permit second floors of certain CBD buildings to be redeveloped for residential rental space vs. current restrictions that only allow

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**FIRST DUSTING** There hasn't been much to shovel this season, and as the new year begins, there was just a small dusting of a winter storm cast over the area on Tuesday morning.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Derry Zoning Board Grants Variance Request on Lot Line

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NUTFIELD NEWS

It's another new year for the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment and the first meeting of the year occurred on Jan. 3.

This meeting was concise and to the point with Chairman, Lynn Perkins

leading the session that included two alternates for a total of five board members.

The only order of business for this meeting was a Variance request by Timothy Perloquin LLS on behalf of Manual and Heather Genderin, and Peter and Amy Simon.

Peloquin was at the meeting to support Manual Gendrin who was presenting his new Variance application, so he could properly enable a lot line adjustment change from a previous lot line adjustment that was granted a Variance in Aug. 2018.

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# Heritage Commission Focused on Historical Traditions for 2019

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If you are a resident or are going to visit the Greater Derry area in 2019, historical events and traditions await you. At the Jan. 7 Heritage Commission meeting, members spoke about the efforts that will unfold in 2019, primarily around the Nutfield 300th Anniversary.

Heritage Commission Chairperson, Karen Blandford-Anderson reported that Derry's landmark Association Hall has been saved from demolition and sold to someone who understands and expects to support the significance of the building.

Over the years, Association Hall was one of the more heavily used buildings in town. Historically, the hall was regularly used as a

meeting place, entertainment and political events, post office, store and even a Masonic Temple. It was also where Robert Frost got his first big break after reading one of his poems to a member of the Pinkerton Academy staff, who then offered him an English teacher position during the early 1900's.

The new owner, who has been involved with other historical renovation projects such as Boston's Trinity Church, is evaluating proper restoration plans for the building and the hall's appropriate reuse for commerce activities. The Commission Chair was pleased that the building has been purchased, so it can be responsibly maintained with respect for the winter season.

T.J. Cullinane was at the

meeting to report for the Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery. The founders plot area has been updated and maintained with expectations for many visitations to coincide with the Nutfield Tricentennial. There is likely a fundraising need for a phase two effort to rehab the flagpole and other areas.

Cullinane is involved in the 300th celebration. In addition to supporting some of the casual cemetery tours for the 300th and Founder's Weekend events, Cullinane is a leader for a Civil War Encampment re-creation scheduled for June, that will be part of the 300th celebration project.

Heritage Commission Member and Derry History Museum Curator, Mark Mastromarino reported acquisition of new pieces of

historical value related to Derry residents including the Pillsbury and Pinkerton family as well as the Academy. The pieces were acquired as the result of a phone call from a person living in Massachusetts who found the historical items in their possession and wanted to provide them to the Museum. Mastromarino showed a historical marriage certificate of Pillsbury family members that was an interesting pre-civil war document.

Paul Lindemann, who is one of the primary leaders for Derry's Nutfield 300th - offered a deep overview of events that are work in progress for the anniversary. Lindemann provided an update on the first Parish Church renovation, which is on track for supporting the

Nutfield 300th Founders Weekend event.

There is a lot of international attention for the anniversary, and there will be quite a few visitors from Northern Ireland's Ulster Scots-Irish community at the Founders Weekend celebration in April. As a result of so many international visitors, there will likely be 2 tracks for the Founders Weekend events, so the international visitors and the local public can plan accordingly.

A Northern Ireland Media production agency has produced high quality Scots-Irish history related videos derived from their visit to Derry and New England last summer; the videos will have their first public showings on Jan. 14. The first showings of the

videos in Derry will coincide with viewings in Northern Ireland and in Belfast, Maine, where locals are also marking Scots-Irish migration celebrations.

A number of events for the anniversary in Derry are being planned to start with Founders Weekend, April 12 - 14, concluding with Derryfest and After Dark activities on Sept. 14.

There are quite few memorabilia pieces tied to the celebration including a Nutfield-Derry history book that overviews Nutfield's founding and the area's evolution into Greater Derry and Londonderry. There will also be print such as a Civil War Soldiers Book as well as many more souvenir pieces that will serve as remembrance to support the celebration.

## Derry's Parkland Medical Center Awarded Topnotch Safety Record

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Leapfrog Group, a public watch dog organization for the healthcare industry has recently awarded an "A" grade to Parkland Medical Center, marking the fourth consecutive high-grade mark for hospital safety for Parkland from that group.

The Leapfrog Group is a non-profit overseer body that serves as a voice for healthcare customers, using public influence to drive positive change in U.S.

healthcare. Leapfrog is one of the country's foremost advocates for hospital transparency and supports collection, analyzation and dissemination of hospital data to inform customers about value-based medical care.

This Hospital Safety Grade of "A" designation recognizes Parkland Medical Center's efforts in protecting patients from mal-treatment. The grade also supports that Parkland meets the highest safety standards marked by the group in the United States. The medical center has received an "A"

grade Hospital Safety Score for four consecutive grading periods.

"Being recognized as a Grade "A" national top performer in patient safety for a fourth consecutive term reflects our staff's ongoing commitment to providing the highest standards of safety and extraordinary care for our patients each day," said Jeff Scionti, CEO of Parkland Medical Center.

Scionti says further, "As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, our physicians and staff continuously implement best practices to ensure our patients

receive safe, high quality care."

Leapfrog's safety grade assigns A through F grades to hospitals across the U.S. based on performance that includes preventing medical errors, infections and other harmful problems for patients in their care.

Developed under the direction of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Group uses 28 measures of publicly existing hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's practice is peer reviewed

and fully transparent, with results provided for free to the public.

"Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals like Parkland Medical Center that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region. Hospitals that earn an "A" Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

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Parkland was one of 855 across the U.S. awarded an "A" in the Fall 2018 grades update. To see Parkland Medical Center's full Hospital Safety Grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org).

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# Warm Temps Results in Thin Ice Warning to Residents

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There are several bodies of water in and around Derry that were frozen this season, and then with the unusual warm weather over the past few weeks, have shown cracks and even open water. Authorities warn that the ice is unsafe, and caution should be used before venturing out on the ice for ice fishing, skating, hockey or just walking.

The safety of the ice on ponds, lakes and streams is always a concern even after sufficient cold weather has brought fairly thick ice because a thaw, rain, or the currents under the ice, can weaken and make the ice less than safe for people and vehicles.

This season has seen both cold weather and sudden warm ups lasting from a single day to several days, threatening ice thickness on the lakes and ponds that had already frozen.

Local fire departments don't put out warnings on ice safety, but all agree on the basic ice safety tips.

Even after the ice has had time to thicken with some pretty good cold temperatures people need to remember that just because one spot appears safe doesn't mean the entire surface is safe.

The ice's thickness is

not all the same. Skaters and those clearing areas for a skating rink should do it close to shore so that should someone fall through they won't be over their head.

According to the New Hampshire Fish and Game, "In winter, before you venture out onto any frozen pond or lake to ice fish, snowmobile, ski or snowshoe, play it safe by following these important guidelines for ice safety:

- It is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.

- If on foot, carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the ice thickness will not be uniform all over the waterbody.

- Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel.

- Remember - thick ice does not always mean safe ice! Ice can be thick, but not strong, because of

varying weather conditions. Weak ice is formed when warming trends break down ice, then the slushy surface re-freezes.

- Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Don't go on the ice during thaws.

- Watch out for thin, clear or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.

- Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents and wave action that weaken ice.

- Don't gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.

- If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. Carry a set of ice picks; they can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the



Despite unseasonably warm temperatures, some still braved warnings last week to catch fish in Beaver Lake in Derry.  
*Photo by Penny Williams*

water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

- Ice safety is also very important for snowmobiling. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; ask about trail conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go."

New Hampshire Outdoors states, "For ice fishing, ice skating, snowmobiling and other activities that may find us wondering if it's safe to venture onto a frozen pond or lake. Ice doesn't always form in a uniform thickness over a water body. So people can sometimes feel that the ice is safe in one place, when it's actually very thin near-

by. That false sense of security can have deadly consequences."

"Never assume the ice - on any water body - is thick enough to support your weight. Check it! Start at the shoreline and, using an auger, spud or axe, make test holes at intervals as you proceed. As a rule of thumb, (for new, clear ice) there should be a minimum of four to six inches of ice to support a few, well-dispersed people; 6 to 7 inches for small, on-foot, group activities; and at least eight to 10 inches for snowmobile activities.

Crossing ponds or lakes (water body) there are two periods to avoid when acci-

dents are likely to occur. Look for bluish ice that is at least 4 to 6 inches thick. Dark snow and dark ice are other signs of weak spots."

Bobhouses for ice fishing have appeared already on some of the waterbodies but most have been withdrawn as the ice softened. However, the winter is just getting underway and ice safety should be foremost in mind when people head out onto the ice being sure that they have made appropriate checks on ice thickness and having safety gear and clothing with them when planning to venture out onto the ice as the winter progresses.



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# Editorial

## Calling All Residents: Make A Stand!

Are you frustrated after stating your case and feeling no one is listening? Do you feel that your officials all have an excuse for everything or justify decisions you don't agree with?

To all the residents who stayed at home while your elected officials crafted school and town budgets, and to those who didn't offer suggestions during public hearings, we expect you are satisfied with the final numbers.

It's plain and simple: without asking questions, you will truly never know for sure what is being spent and why.

Some residents will be losing their jobs, working without raises again, struggling to stay in their town - their home.

Yet town and school budgets continue to go up, town and school employees get raises, and benefits. Officials seem to be increasing purchases and more building continues.

One must ask, are these needs or wants?

Instead of allowing town officials to behave like a spoiled child with a platinum credit card paid for by taxpayers, residents need to ask questions and look for proof of what they say to be true as needs.

When will the taxpayers discipline the spoiled children?

Until then, it is business as usual spending others hard earned money, while getting paid.

But now the hearings are for the most part over, and your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting. It's not too late to offer a well thought out and practical way to save money, or to offer your thanks

if you think your elected officials paid attention to the woes of the taxpayers.

Of course, there's something else you can do as well, particularly if you are ardent about fiscal and personal responsibility. You can change that by running for elected office yourself.

The filing period begins at 8 a.m. on Jan. 23 and ends at 5 p.m. on Feb. 2. for open town and school district offices. If you're willing to put in the effort (and it will definitely require considerable effort), you can sign up for a seat on the school board or town council.

If you have great love for your community, if you are truly willing to listen to others, if you can seek a middle ground among differing opinions, if you have really thick skin, and if you are willing to put in long evenings to serve your constituents, put your name in the running. No personal agendas need apply.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, and in towns that are still small enough to listen to individual citizens, elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

You'll know what's really going on behind closed doors. You'll have a say in what happens in town, and you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward. You'll truly be part of your community, and you'll be part of democracy in action.

Don't let the apathy that brought out only one or two people to budget hearings continue into the election. Take a stand today to preserve the community tomorrow.

## Planning

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second floor rental spaces for office or commercial.

A primary theme in the first workshop was about creating a new area of Derry that could be set up for mixed residential and commercial usage - tentatively proposed to become the West Running Brook Village District. The Planning Board is looking to attract the right developmental investors for the area.

The board examined how a district consisting of about 170 acres might be drawn exactly. A more specific village district outline is planned for future consideration. The initial West Runningbrook area in their discussion is located around Claim

Haven and the flea market area and south on RTE 28 to Frost Farm. Recommendations and further deliberations will continue during 2019 to pinpoint the boundary areas and as recommendations are made, there will be public hearings and Town Council alignment.

The reason for creating a possible village zone in Derry is a consequence of current municipal development situations that attract commercial business and residential development investors. The Planning Board is focused to assist the Town's emphasis to interest the right kinds of commercial development as well as provide housing support for business workers to live in Derry.

There is trend for development these days, across the US for mixed

use areas such the Woodmont development plan in Londonderry or Tuscan Village in Salem. The Planning Board brought in Beth Donovan, Derry Economic Development Director to the meeting. Donovan has extensive experience with Southern N.H. municipal development as she is also working as a member for Salem's economic development.

Donovan has been in touch with many different investors and virtually all residents in the area projected to become the village district. Her role is to gather the right information and advise the Town about the best practices and optimized scenarios to attract the right investors to develop projects in Derry, while balancing the historic area we know and love in Derry.

## Clean Up

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The initial Variance in August was granted as per request to change a lot line between 2 Lake Avenue and 54 North Shore Road and allow Manual to develop a garage area into a single family residence.

However, upon further analysis of that work to develop the residence, both property owners discovered the lot line adjustment was not conducive to how the project could best be constructed. Additionally, the project evolved from turning the whole garage area into residential space into a different design.

The new project was to keep the garage area, though convert the upstairs office into an approximately 800 square foot apartment with use for the current family. Creating an unattached residential apartment over a garage

requires a Variance from the Zoning Board.

The Variance granted the previous August, unintentionally created a new lot line between the two properties in a complex way, as the Garage is also located with an easement to one of the properties.

The new Variance request included two separate issues:

- 1.) The lot line adjustment
- 2.) And to build a residential apartment over a garage space

Peloquin pointed out legal positions that substantial justice would be done, and the idea of the new lot line adjustment would be to create a more attractive lot. The lot line would adjust the size of the newly created plot area from about .5 acres to about .4 acres and a property sale agreement by the two neighboring property owners had been signed

contingent upon the Variance.

It was pointed out that the accessory apartment will not affect neighborhood land values adversely as the apartment will also be relatively concealed from the street area.

There was a general agreement among the board members that the lot line adjustment cleaned up the previous Variance lot line request. During the deliberation for a decision, there was discussion about granting apartment construction for the garage area and the council members came to agreement that there was logic and reasonable arguments to reach a yes decision for this.

So the board agreed unanimously 5-0 - to approve the Variance for the lot line, subject to planning board approval and also for the apartment construction, subject to permits and inspections.

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unteer your efforts or provide additional funding or resources for the project, please contact the Paul Lindemann, restoration project leader via the Nutfield history website [www.nutfieldhistory.org](http://www.nutfieldhistory.org).

Since its construction in 1769, this historic meeting house building has been the continuous home to the church community as established by Rev. James MacGregor, Nutfield's founder. It's actually the second First Parish Meetinghouse, built to accommodate the rapidly

growing community's civic as well as religious needs, and the church building experienced significant changes as that community evolved.

The worldwide historical significance of old Nutfield was made vivid once again by the visit of a film crew, the Macmillan Media team from Northern Ireland late last summer. The Macmillan Media team got a tour and then filmed scenes throughout the building. The 1884 MacGregor family stained glass window in the Sanctuary was of particular interest.

The videos they pro-

duced, that include other areas of New England that were part of the Irish-Scotch migration, have now been mastered and will be previewed to the publicly in the near future. At some point during the winter, local viewers will also be able to learn more about the Rev. MacGregor and congregation migration from Aghadowey, Northern Ireland to Nutfield, as those videos will likely be made available for viewing online.

The ancestors from Aghadowey and the N. Ireland/UK area refer to Reverend MacGregor as the Moses of the Scotch-Irish migration - as his efforts to settle in New England marked the beginning of thousands of Scotch-Irish migrations to the New World. Today, Rev. MacGregor is a historic and revered figure in the UK and Northern Ireland, and residents from that area are intently following the Nutfield 300th as an important part of their local history.

As the Nutfield 300th celebration gets closer, Preservation Timber Framing crews at First Parish Church have been working diligently to get the Meetinghouse steeple back to where it originally stood.

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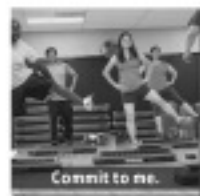
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# Local Area Students Build STEAM Skills at Destination Imagination

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With creativity, collaboration and problem-solving skills becoming more significant for people to find great jobs today, it is important for young people to get on the right skill path as soon as they can to help them be successful in the future. Over 400 students from Southern N.H. including kids from the Greater Derry Area, Chester and Londonderry area came to build those skills at Southern New Hampshire University's main campus on Saturday, Jan. 5.

These students, from second to twelfth grade are part of Destination Imagination's (DI) competition program and they took part in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) workshops for specific skill training ahead of their March challenge tournaments.

Nearly 1,800 students on

some 200 teams around the state will compete in Destination Imagination Challenge tournaments around the state in March and April, with the top teams advancing to compete with teams from 48 states and 30 countries at Destination Imagination Global Finals in May.

DI challenges are open-ended and enable student teams to learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation. Academic tournaments take place around the world where teams have the opportunity to present their solutions to trained Appraisers.

Students have fun and gain confidence in their ability to solve any challenge. In working to solve our challenges, teams learn 21st century skills including creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship and confidence to build on their unique strengths. "DI" is



Jake and Jenna Kelly preparing for Destination Imagination Training. *Courtesy Photo*

unique in that these challenge solutions must be fully solved and created by the team members alone.

New Hampshire Destination Imagination (N.H.-DI) administers a focused program for over 1,800 Granite State students from over 100 schools and community groups. Destination

Imagination builds creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills around STEAM based challenges.

Each year, over 1,000 people volunteer to run DI in New Hampshire. Many of the volunteers are among out 120,000 alumni – those who have been on teams

when they were in school. Globally, Destination Imagination has 150,000 annual participants in 48 states and 30 countries.

Destination Imagination 2019 offers seven new standards-based challenges in STEAM, improvisation, visual arts, service learning, and for younger kids with early learning challenges. Teams start in the fall, compete in March to try and advance to Destination Imagination Global Finals in May.

Training sessions includes theatrical and presentation skills, prop construction, visual arts, solution generation, technology usage, engineering principals and more.

Here is an example of a Fine Arts challenge training called "Game On."

- Create, present a story that integrates research of a team-selected game.

- Create and present a

game gizmo that causes an action or event to occur.

- Design and create a container that goes through a transformation.

- Design either the game gizmo or the container to be a technical element.

- Create and present two team choice elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

The learning outcomes of the challenge include game design, theatrical set and prop design, technical design, theater arts skills.

DI has events for kids and adult volunteers all year round and it is key for interested families to connect with them, if they are interested to get started. New Hampshire Destination Imagination is a Granite State based 501(c)3 non-profit and also runs Camp Gottalikachallenge. Learn more at [www.nh-di.org](http://www.nh-di.org)

## Pinkerton Academy's Concert Dance Company Shows Its Moves Jan. 10

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The big secret that dance lovers have discovered is - there is no secret to enjoy a dance performance. A dance concert is meant to connect to you to your own unique experience; what you see and feel is what you get. All you need to do is relax and feel the dance movement connect to your

thoughts and emotions. Throughout a performance, you may experience many expressive views and responses.

On Jan. 10, at the Stockbridge Theatre is a great chance to see Pinkerton Academy's Concert Dance Company in performance. The primary concert suite for the performance is inspired by Social Justice issues and has been set to

release your mind about some of today's social issues.

The first piece of the program includes special education participants from the Unified Dance Education Program at Pinkerton who will present a dance program of empowerment called "I am". New Dance Horizons, a dance ensemble in residence will present a piece called "just a piece of

cardboard."

Tickets are free, just show up at 7 p.m. for the one-hour dance concert. The adventure begins the moment you sit down in the theatre and the lights dim.

At this modern dance performance, you will find a combination of movement, gesture, costume, set design, music and lighting will all work together to take you on a journey of your senses.

Patricia Harms is the Artistic Director for the Company and this is the 12th year for Pinkerton's Concert Dance Company residence at Pinkerton Academy. Harms considers that dance education is her primary focus to help her com-

pany push to an edge that will engage their audience.

The Unified Dance Program at Pinkerton is really a wonderful initiative at Pinkerton where special education students work with dance students to develop empowering expression and movement that help them develop as dancers to communicate in unique ways that connect to an audience.

She is especially proud of the principal dancers at this performance. Christine Kattar is a Senior at Pinkerton Academy and has danced for 15 years and is a choreographer for the performance. Elizabeth Morin is a Junior at Pinkerton

Academy and has been dancing for 13 years. Elizabeth has been also a key part of New Dance Horizons. She is also involved the Unified Dance Education program at Pinkerton.

Harms points out the modern dance companies of Twyla Tharp and Martha Graham have set a foundation for her students and dance principals to draw from and expand upon.

Pinkerton Academy has scheduled a program for more Concert Dance Company performances during the next several months. The next company performances will take place throughout April and May 2019.

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# Derry Boys & Girls Club Leader Art McLean Dedicated to Make Kids Lives Great

**MACK LEATHURBY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

For countless years, Art McLean has put many kids in the Greater Derry Area under his wing to help them find their purpose and lead good lives. Art has been a key to making activities, projects and events for the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) in Greater Derry happen.

His friends, coworkers and fellow Derry Rotary Club members point out that Art is a Rainmaker for the BGC, who is connected to the community with a network of people who support his goal to make things successful for the kids.

Art has been the Execu-

tive Director at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry for such a long enough time that some of the club's current Board members were young kids who attended the club when they first meet McLean. McLean has been with the club for over 40 years now and his memorable smile and warm disposition is always still with him.

McLean was prominently supporting the club in 1980's when there was only a limited rented space area before the current Boys and Girls Club building was constructed on 40 East Derry Road, so he has seen his vision happen for the kids to have a remarkable facility during his

stewardship.

Art is also beloved member of the Derry Rotary Club and has been able to leverage his relationships in the Rotary to also bring member support for some his programs at the Boys and Girls Club.

Ed Gorane, Derry Police Chief and Member of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors says, "Art has been a role model for kids in Greater Derry throughout his adult life. He is someone who has put his heart into making our community a bright place for Derry kids, his extended family and friends."

Ed Harvey, Assistant Executive Director at the



*Art McLean*

Boys and Girls Club has worked with Art at the BGC for years now and points out that Art gets to the club before the kids arrive on buses to help greet them, check them in and insure they are OK for the day's activities at the club.

Harvey points out that

Art is someone who makes things happen. That is, he is someone who has been able to connect resources to help the club's directors and staff put forward successful programs such as the "Adopt a Kid" program and Holiday programs with gifts for kids that could use some additional cheer.

Art's friendly disposition is infectious to all around him and he is a "hands on" leader who inspires youth to find their purpose, so he can be found shooting hoops with kids or working with them directly on their projects, activities or to lend them a helping hand or voice to insure they are OK.

McLean's co-workers,

friends and Board Members of the Boys and Girls club including Eddie Leon and Jim Trembly say McLean's role to help kids is really his life's calling and that his perseverance in that role is remarkable. They say with his passion and true dedication for kids and his family, McLean has served as a great role model.

Chief Gorane says "There is nothing Art would not do to help a child in need or as a friend; Art goes to great lengths to insure that he and his associated resources in the community can support a child with the rightful encouragement and actions."

## P.A.C.E Program and Pinkerton Homeless Fund Receive Donations

**CORINNA MCJUARY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Chester Charitable Foundation made generous donations to the Pinkerton Homeless Fund and Pinkerton's Alternative Choices in Education (P.A.C.E) just before Christmas. These donations will be used to fund projects run by both programs.

The Homeless fund, run by Mrs. Nancy Cofrin, provides students and their families with necessary resources and gives them opportunities to choose gifts for the holidays at no cost. P.A.C.E., directed by Ms. Lynne Lonergan, ensures that students obtain the education they

need and complete the courses the students may have had trouble with in a way that works best for them

The donation efforts were first coordinated by Diana Tompkins of Derry and supported by Melanie Davis of the Grind Rail Trail Cafe. Davis encouraged Tompkins to reach out to Lonergan to see what she could do for the students at Christmas time. Students made wish lists, many with gift requests for their families, and Davis had a tree of gift items up at the Grind. Customers took the requests and purchased the items, providing students with gifts to give and receive at Christmas.

"The fabulous chain of

events occurred because of the business that The Grind is," said Tompkins. "Melanie runs the community center known as The Grind, which also happens to serve coffee and food. She has always been wonderful about hosting whatever giving trees or charity drop off boxes that the community needs and has never said no to me when it comes to my crazy charitable requests. When I approached Melanie about placing a box to collect for the PA homeless students she shared with me all of the wonderful work that Lynne Lonergan does at P.A.C.E. and suggested I reach out to her to find out what her needs might be as well."

The Chester Charitable foundation helped by adding the generous donations to the efforts.

"Diana Tompkins, a Derry resident and parent, organizes an annual holiday collection for local causes," said Maria Veale, board member for the Chester Charitable foundation. "This year she was collecting gifts and clothing for Pinkerton's homeless students and those in the P.A.C.E. program. After learning more about the great work that Nancy and Lynne are doing, our Board decided to offer a Christmas donation to their programs."

"We all want success and joy for those kids,"

said Veale, "and Lynne is deserving of any help we can give her to make sure they get it."

Veale and a group from Chester established the Chester Field of Dreams which raised money for the athletic fields in Chester. "In 2011 we recognized the up and coming popularity of obstacle course races and organized the first Wason Pond Pounder, a family-friendly 5K OCR in Chester," said Veale.

The success of the fundraisers led the group to expand their outreach. The Chester Charitable Foundation was founded in 2013. "We continued organizing the Wason Pond Pounder," said Veale.

"However, instead of directing proceeds to athletic fields, the Chester Charitable Foundation donates net proceeds to local charities that help the less fortunate."

The fundraiser event has "over 1,000 entries each year" said Veale. "Entrants pay \$46 to run the course and then after our expenses (such as t-shirts, insurance, event timing, shuttle buses, EMT's, etc.), the Board chooses donation recipients. Each member of the Board is a volunteer."

The ninth Wason Pond Pounder is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## PA Indoor Track & Field Teams Take First, Second at UNH

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

With less than a month to go before the Division 1 State Meet, Pinkerton Academy Varsity Indoor Track and Field teams were once again able to show their strength. The Astros boys' team finished first out of seven competing school with a 100-point day, while the girls were one point shy of first place and took the second spot with 83 points, behind the 84 that Bedford scored in the UNH meet, held last Sunday, Jan. 6).

The boys' team had Ryan Dane at second place and JeanFranco Cholidis at third in the 55-meter dash, both with a time of 6.94, similar to the winner Zach Verow of Bedford. Verow took the 300-meter run as well, beating three Astros: Conor Seleny (37.74 seconds), Adam Spencer (38.74) and Dane (38.94). Jeff Mize received four points for his third place fin-



Emily Lesburt prepares for her jump of 5'01" to win the Long Jump event. Photo by Idan Vinitsky

ish in the 600-meter run (1:30.64), while Nolan Preble took the fourth place (2:44.64) and Ethan Desmaris the sixth (2:48.24) in the 1,000-meter run.

Joe Gagnon finished third in the 1,500 (4:15.94) and in the 3,000-meter run for the boys, it was Zachary

Aham with the third place (9:52.34) and Nathan Steiger with the six (10:03.14), good for one point. Spencer won the 55-meter hurdles event with a strong time of 7.84 seconds. Seleny came in second (8.24). The Astros were winners of both relay races: The

4X160 with Dane, Seleny, Patrick Cotnoir and JR Rosario (1:16.24) and the 4X400 with Spencer, Mize, Terence Coyle and Desmaris.

In the field events, Matt Small was the High Jump winner (6'1"), Spencer finished third (5'06") and freshman Jacob Spezzaferri fifth (5'6"). Dane (20-02.75), Joron Harrell (20'), Cotnoir (19'6") and Rosario (18'9.25") took two to five in the Long Jump and Aidan Thomas finished sixth in the Shot Put with 35'2".

The boys' coach, Ian French, said: "This was a really competitive meet for a mid-season meet. It was nice

to see the guys showing up and hopefully will be at the top when the end of the season comes".

Amelia Graves won the girls' 55-meter dash with 7.64 seconds. Hannah Frazier finished third (8.04) and freshman Sierra Edgecomb sixth, with the same time. Graves was also the 300-meter run winner with 42.88 seconds. Megan O'Brien took the fifth place (46.24), Madison Connors the sixth (47.54). In the 1,000-meter run, Macy Graves finished second (3:17.94) and Jordan Vaillancourt sixth (3:23.94). Meghan Cross won the 1,500-meter run (5:10.14), Adria Forand was third in

the 55-meter hurdles (10.04) and freshman Jadyn Smith was fifth (10.24).

The 4x160 team, with O'Brien, Edgecomb, Frazier and Amelia Graves finished second (1:31.74) and the 4x400 team won with Macy Graves, Vaillancourt, O'Brien and Amelia Graves (4:18.24, season best). Emily Lesburt was impressive and jumped over 5'01" to win the Long Jump event, where Smith finished fourth (4'8"). In the Long Jump, Smith was third (14'4"), Frazier fourth (14-02.25) and Hailey Laskiewicz sixth (13'7.75") and in the Shot Put, Adrianna Buccieri won with 30'0.75".

## Astro Gymnastics Team Keeps Winning Streak Going

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Gymnastics team is keeping good things rolling this season, and on Sunday, Jan. 6, won another meet, this time against Nashua North, Nashua South and Bedford, thus improving

their season record to a perfect 15-0.

A week after they broke the school's record, the girls and their coach Chelsie Burland traveled to Amherst and scored 137.05 points, almost eight points less than last week, but still enough to get the meet's victory.

Isabella Scarpetti was

the winner in the Floor Exercise and finished second in three other events: the Bars, the Beam and the Vault. Ashley McKinnon took the third place in the Vault and was tied with Scarpetti for second place on the Beam. Haley Rustad and Shopia Viger shared the third place in the Floor Exercise.

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# PA Girls Basketball Team Keeps Record Unblemished

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Girls Varsity Basketball team resumed their regular season last week and picked things up exactly from where they were left before the Christmas break.

The Lady Astros had two home games, where they crushed Dover High School Lady Green Wave 49-10 and easily handed the Salem Blue Devils 65-35.

Those wins brought their record this season to a perfect 5-0.

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, Dover scored just one point during the entire first half, with Pinkerton jumping to a promising 14-0 lead after one quarter and 23-1 after two. The second half ended with a 26-9 score in favor of the locals and coach Lani

Buskey was once again able to share the minutes between her players. Brooke Kane led the winners with 11 points. Sofia Riccio scored eight more and co-captain Madison Mahoney had seven. Other scorers were Samantha Franks with 6, Alyssa DiMauro and Jesse Ames with 5 each and Avah Ingalls, Allison Ingalls and Mya Landry with 2 points each.

Two days later, the Astros faced a tougher opponent, but were still able to easily handle Salem, winning by 30 points against a team who had a 5-0 record prior to the game.

This time, it was the offense that was clicking for PA, the team led 16-4 at the end of the first quarter and was able to build a 35-14 lead by halftime, mostly thanks to eight points by

both Kane and Mahoney. Salem looked better after the break, but the Astros were not to be stopped and a 52-24 lead with eight minutes to go helped them close the game quietly.

Kane finished with 15 points, Riccio with 12 and Mahoney with 11. Jesse Ames scored 9, Megan King 6, DiMauro 4, Avah Ingalls 3 and Mackenzie Dolan 1.

The team traveled to Hampton on Tuesday, Jan. 8, after the Nutfield News went to press, to face the winless Winnacunnet Warriors. They will also have away games against Exeter (3-3) on Friday, Jan. 11, and against Keene (1-4) next Tuesday (Jan. 15).

There next big match-up will be against the team they lost to in the DI Championship game last year, Bishop Guertin at home.



Sophia Riccio, left, and Allison Ingalls have contributed to the excellent start for the Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad.  
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# Astro Skiers Get First and Second on Crotched Mountain

**IDAN VINITSKY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Some rain and warm temperatures delayed Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Alpine Skiing team's season opener before the Christmas break, but the young athletes were able to ski for the first time in 2019 at the Merrimack Meet on Crotched Mountain Friday, Jan. 4.

The Astro skiers took part in a four-team match against Bishop Guertin, Merrimack and Goffstown, with the Girls team winning the meeting and the PA boys' team taking second place.

The girls had 384 points,

closely beating Bishop Geurtin (379) and Goffstown (371). 29 skiers competed in the girls' race, with senior captain Danielle Martineau leading the Astros and finishing second overall. Captain Hannah Peterson took the fifth place and two tenth of a second after her, Emily Gardner

crossed the finish line. Katelyn Bennett was seventh overall, Danielle St. Peter 18th, Annabel Veale 19th and Elizabeth Veale 22nd. Freshman Maddie Frank, in her first race ever, finished 23rd, Caryl Huebner 24th and Miranda Eckerman 25th.

BG won the boys' com-

petition with 391 points. PA had 372, two more than Goffstown. Merrimack scored 347 points. Senior captain Kenny McCarthy was the second fastest out of 38 competitors. Owen Sezgin finished sixth, Camden Caswell 15th and Captain Brandon Simpson 19th. Other Astros were Zach Kahn with the 20th spot in his first race, senior Jack Berrigan with the 21st place James Smith with the 25th, Ethan Hatch with the 28th, freshman Matt Veale with the 30th place and freshman Jackson Kunick with the 35th place (first race ever for both as well).

# Pinkerton Girls Hockey Team Drops a Close Contest

**IDAN VINITSKY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Christmas tournament was a special one for Pinkerton Academy's Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team, as they managed to gain the

first couple of victories in the program's history. This week, the Lady Astros were almost able to get their first regular season win as well.

On Jan. 2, the team traveled to St. Anselm College, where they lost 9-2 to Souhegan. The hosts' first goal came just 2:33 minutes into the game and they added to their lead with two goals in the early minutes of the second period.

Molly Fahey found the net for Pinkerton's first goal of the day, but Souhegan entered the last period with a five goal lead, thanks to some great minutes by Shannon Paquette, as the senior reached her 100th

career point, the first ever to do that for her school. In the last period, Jordyn Wasiejko scored again for PA and Paquette netted her fourth goal of the day, to bring the final score to 9-2.

The next game was much closer, when Pinkerton played host to Bishop Guertin at the Ice Den on Saturday, Jan. 5, where they were edged out 9-8, their best result of the season and the highest scoring game for the Astros so far.

The first period was great for Pinkerton, as the girls build a 3-1 lead. BG stormed back to make it a tie game, 4-4, but Pinkerton scored twice more and was on the right path to an historic victory.

Just 29 seconds before the end of the second period, BG scored and the visitors completed their comeback with three more goals in the first 8:18 minutes of the last period.

Pinkerton never gave up, tying the game again at 8-8, with 3:47 on the clock, but on the last seconds of a power play and with only 76 seconds to go, the visitors scored the winning goal. Fahey finished the second game with a hat trick.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 31



**Amelia Graves, Senior, Girls Indoor Track**

Amelia won the 55 meter dash and 300 meter run in the UNH meet on Sunday and anchored the winning 4x400 and second place 4x160 relays.



**Matthew Small, Senior, Boys Indoor Track**

Matthew Small had his best jump of the season on Sunday to win the high jump event at the UNH meet. He is now ranked #1 in the high jump for Division I thanks to a 6'1" jump.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

# Varsity Bowling Team Get Second Place During Their Home Meet

**IDAN VINITSKY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Bowling team hosted their first match of 2019, at Strikers on Saturday, Jan. 5, meeting Coe-Brown Northwood, Hollis-Brookline and Stevens. The varsity team took second seed for the baker rounds with a two-game standard total of 1,714 points.

Captain Jason Barton rolled games of 179 and 183 and Captain Meghan Slater had 126 and 145 points in her two games. Bryant Nourse scored 147 and 128, Lance Lemieux 162 and 137, while Harry Michaud came to bowl, shooting a very impressive first game of 290, starting with a seven pin spare in frame one, followed by 11 strikes. He then shot 217 for his second game. Roster member Matthieu Gagnon shot a 152 and 113.

The Hollis-Brookline

Cavaliers were defeated by the Astros in two games in round one, with 171 to 105 in the first game and a close 128-126 in the second. Pinkerton then faced the Stevens Cardinals in round two, losing two out of three; The Astros lost the first game 150 to 164, won the second 179 to 169, and lost the third 163 to 203. Pinkerton Varsity earned nine points for their second place finish, behind Stevens.

Astros JV had a tough day, totaling 976 for the standard two games and earning the third seed for baker. Connor Grimard had consistent games of 123 and 121, Memphis Kirkland scored 90 twice, Courtney Crivello had games of 114 and 100, Mike Fiandaca 73 and 119, Mike Barnard 93 and 81 and Colby Wong 96 and a nice 150. The JV Astros were defeated in two games by Hollis-Brookline, 128 to 110 and 138 to 97 in round 1 and took round 2 in two games, defeating the Coe-Brown Bears 94 to 89 and 138 to 100.

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# PA Wrestlers Take Second in Mt. Anthony Invitational

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Just before the Christmas break, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Wrestling team suffered its first dual meet loss of the season. Last Wednesday (Jan. 2), the Astros were able to quickly brush it off with a 51-25 home victory over Salem High School.

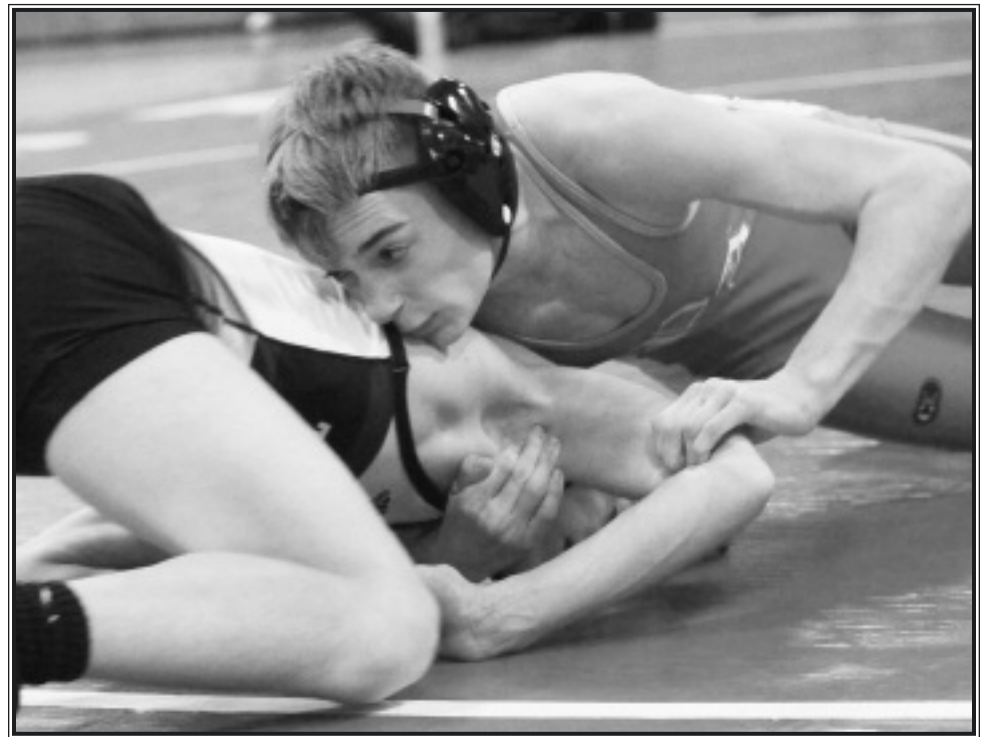
In the home meet against the Blue Devils, the Astros got six points from winners Walker Stinson (126 lbs, Forfeit) David Hammond (138 lbs, Pin),

Tyler MacKiernan (152 lbs, Pin), Isaac Cohen (170 lbs, Pin), Jacob Dube (182 lbs, Pin, just 25 seconds into the match), Christian Kuechler (220 lbs, Forfeit), Robbie Fahey (285 lbs, an 8-7 win over Josh Ozoria that won the competition for the Astros), Dominic Robinson (113 lbs, Pin) and Nathan Lindquist (120 lbs, Pin).

The Astros then went on to participate in the Mount Anthony Invitational in Vermont on Saturday, where they enjoyed a tremendous

competition, finishing in second place, thanks to 156.5 points. The hosts won the event with 181 points, while Averill Park High School from New York took third place with 151.1 points.

Pinkerton had three individual winners. Dominic Robinson took first place in the 113 lbs category. He won 14-4 in his first match of the day, before pinning his semifinals opponent in the second period and advancing to the finals. There, he had an 8-0 lead after two peri-



Pinkerton Academy wrestler Dominic Robinson took first place at 113 lbs in the Mount Anthony Invitational in Vermont on Saturday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Astro Hockey Squad Keeps Cruising with a 6-0 Start

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As we enter the second month of the Ice Hockey 2018-19 season, the Pinkerton Academy Boys Varsity team remains perfect. Two home wins last week, including their third shut-out of the season, brought the Astros record to 6-0, and things are looking great so far for Sam Littlefield's team.

On Wednesday, Jan 2, PA faced a strong Concord team and won 3-1. Hunter Drouin scored in the second period thanks to an assist from Ethan Burgess and Mason Drouin found the net in the third (unas-

sisted), before Jon Last got an assist from Brendon Banks and secured the victory. Goalie Dakota Robinson made 40 saves in the game.

An upbeat Littlefield said, "It was an important win for us. It was a match-up of two good, undefeated teams and it means a lot to come out on top of that one. The power play paid off in this game and hopefully we can keep that going".

On Saturday, Jan. 5, things went smoother for the Astros, and they got a 6-0 win over Bow High School. Gennaro Marra opened the score and Joseph Marra made it 2-0

at the end of the first period. Mason Drouin was the star of the next 15-minutes, finding the Bow net twice and the last couple of goals belonged to Patrick Last and Hunter Drouin. The goalie this time was Matt Gilliland and he made 9 saves for the shutout, as the Astros dominated the game.

"We started off slow", said Littlefield, "Our passes were bad and our shots were careless. But we were able to use our depth to our advantage. Gilliland played well in the goal for us and we used a second period penalty against us as motivation to work and play harder."

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# PA Boys Basketball Team Still Searching for First Win

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys Varsity Basketball team returned to regular season action last week, losing on the roads twice in a span of 48 hours and bringing their season record to 0-4.

The Astros played at Dover High School on Wednesday, Jan. 2 and suffered a 67-55 loss. The first quarter was encouraging for coach Peter Rosinski and his players, and they had a 14-10 lead with eight minutes gone. Dover enjoyed a better second quarter and by half-time, the hosts were already leading, 33-32. PA was still in the game after three quar-

ters, trailing only by four points (49-45), but a strong finish helped Dover secure the victory. Jay Reynolds provided a 25 point game, with Donald MacDonald and Brady Day scoring eight points each and Nick Lombard finishing with five.

The Friday game, at Salem High School against the perfect locals (4-0 now) was more of the same for the Astros, who lost 68-49. A tremendous first quarter by Day, who scored three quick three pointers and a total of 11 points, helped the visitors surprise with a 19-17 lead after eight minutes of basketball, but Salem recovered in the next quarter and took a 38-30 lead to the locker



Donald MacDonald



Thomas Hickey

rooms. The Blue Devils showed strong defense in the third quarter, allowing PA to score just seven points and slowly pulling away.

Lombard scored 14 for the Astros, Day had the same 11 from the first quarter and Reynolds scored 11 more. MacDonald was good on defense and finished with 4 points, same as Nicholas Masucci. Jacob Lear scored three points and Aidan Conroy two.

The team keeps looking for the first win of the season and hosted Winnacunnet on Tuesday, Jan. 8, after the Nutfield News went to press. They host Spaulding next Tuesday (Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.).

# Pinkerton Swimmers Improve Season Record at Salem

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Swimming team had another good competition on Saturday, Jan. 5, this time at the Salem Workout Club.

The Astros faced six other schools (Belmont, Derryfield, Windham, Winnacunnet, Pelham and Gilford), with the boys' team winning five matchups and tying against Windham, improving their season record to 10-2-1

and the girls team getting four more victories, bringing their season record to 8-4.

The boys' 200 medley relay team (William Poole, Christian Nelson, Gavin Divelbiss and Jackson Neeb) finished second, stopping the clocks on 2:00.35 minutes. In the 200 individual medley, it was senior Olivia Neville with the third place between the

girls (2:29.39) and junior Lucas Hakme Silva with the third place between the boys (2:36.03).

Anderson Sharp finished third in the 100-meter Butterfly event (1:06.84) and Neeb took third place in the 100 Freestyle swim (57.54 seconds). Gavin Divelbiss was the 500-meter Freestyle swim winner, thanks to a time of 5:47.21. He fin-

ished ahead of his teammate Poole, who took the third spot with 6:13.76.

The girls' 200 Freestyle relay team finished third, then freshmen Ana Bjelogrljic, Kylie Winer and Meghan Knight and senior Klara Sorgardt had a 2:01.05 time. The parallel boys' team (Neeb, Sharp, Hakme Silva and Tyler Montgomery) got the second place with 1:51.32. in the 100 meter Backstroke, it was a third place finish

for both Camelia Hannah (1:08.73) and Hakme Silva (1:16.90), while Divelbiss finished third in the boys 100-meter Breaststroke (1:18.79). The two 400 Freestyle relay teams also took third place: Neville, Amanda Roberge, Hannah and Maya Hedstrom finished in 4:09.52 minutes, Divelbiss, Montgomery, Hakme Silva and Nelson in 4:04.90.



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## Democrat Meeting

Derry Democratic Committee will meet on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Tyler Sweeney, State Director of The Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan organization focused on the federal budget and the need for generationally-responsible, national fiscal policy. He will be presenting a budget exercise to work through our own policy priorities from the perspective of a member of Congress. The Derry Democratic Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 W. Broadway, Derry. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Nelson Chair, Derry Democratic Committee at 603-505-5617.

## Legion Meeting

The Monthly General Meeting for American Legion Post 27 will be held on Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend. We will discuss the Post's financial performance, upcoming events and other business. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com) or call us at 437-6613.

## Karaoke Night

Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held on Jan. 18, starting at 7 p.m. 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our web-

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## VA Bingo

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com) or call us at 437-6613.

## National Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Using Molds to make resin parts Rich Breton will be on hand to show examples of various molds, including two part molds, and will spend in time with an interactive discussion and a show and tell type format. Mold making/casting is a way to get small detail parts not otherwise available. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For

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

## Women and Medicine

The Inside Scoop on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, several highly-accomplished and successful female doctors from various practices will talk about their experiences in the medical field and will answer questions. Panelists will include Dr. Sarah Finne Sandler, Dental Director at New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Stacie E. Perlman, a surgeon at Concord Hospital specializing in minimally invasive and robotic surgery; Dr. Susan E. White, Director of Didactic Curriculum and Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston University School of Medicine; and Dr. Sarit Itenberg, a dermatologist in private practice. If your daughter is interested in pursuing a medical career, this is THE program to attend! This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Continuing Education Program. Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff This program is free and open to the public, although donations are appreciated. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120.

## Spring Youth Basketball Tryouts

The NH Spartans will be holding their first Spring try-

out on Sunday, Jan. 13. From 9 - 10 a.m. will be the tryout for grades 3rd - 6th boys and girls. From 10 - 11 a.m. will be the tryout 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. From 11 - 12 p.m. will be the tryout for all high school boys and girls. The tryout will be held at The Derry Sports Zone located at 7 A Street in Derry.

## Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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