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Derry Town Council Approves Three Public Projects Plans

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At the recent Jan. 8th Derry Town Council meeting, there was a special public hearing set up to review public comments about a supplemental appropriation.

The discussion centered round authorization for \$4.02 million in General Obligation Bonds that would be used for the Exit 4-A project, Hood Pond Dam improvements and Recreation facilities updates. Public Works Director Mike Fowler attended the meeting to overview project details including an overview of the recreational area updates.

At the meeting, Town administrator, David Caron pointed out the good news

that Derry is in good shape financially, as the town's debt service amount is being paid down.

Caron recommends now is the right time to set up a supplemental appropriation for important projects through a bond process. Part of the bonding project overviewed at the meeting is to pay off Derry's remaining Exit 4A commitment at about \$1.97 million. Both Derry and Londonderry agreed to pay \$5 million each for the project with the State kicking in additional costs.

The Exit 4A Project is in progress and Derry has made requests for several adjustments to the N.H. Department of Transportation (DOT) — since the last

public meeting in December. The next phase for 4-A Project is being set up for construction; DOT has made a schedule adjustment that will slightly delay the project start-up dates, though for an earlier finishing timeline for the project.

Several specific recreational areas are targeted for bond support. The existing lodge at Alexander-Carr Park off Pierce Avenue (near Parkland) needs to be demolished and replaced with a new lodge. A newer building could serve the town better, as well as offer a better area for recreation activities, senior events, and rental usage.

The other recreation project discussed at the

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Town Council Reviews Property Tax Exemption for Elderly

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As per N.H. State guidelines and with alignment to Town Council discussions, the Derry Town Council reviewed Elderly Exemption guidelines and metrics for those seeking exemptions on their property taxes.

The TC wanted to discuss where the program is, how Derry fits in with other communities in our area, and how many Derry residents take advantage of the program. This program is regulated by the State government with certain Town variations, as allowed by State Laws to assist elderly property owners.

Derry has about 245 residents participating in the

property tax Elderly Exemption program. The State says a Town does not have to differentiate between age categories, though if a town does so, it must set age categories such as Derry has done.

So, in Derry there are Seventy-five participants in age category of 65-75, sixty-seven in the 75-79 category and one hundred residents in the 80 plus category. The total exemption from these residents is worth about \$750,000 in tax costs that is then redistributed to other tax payers.

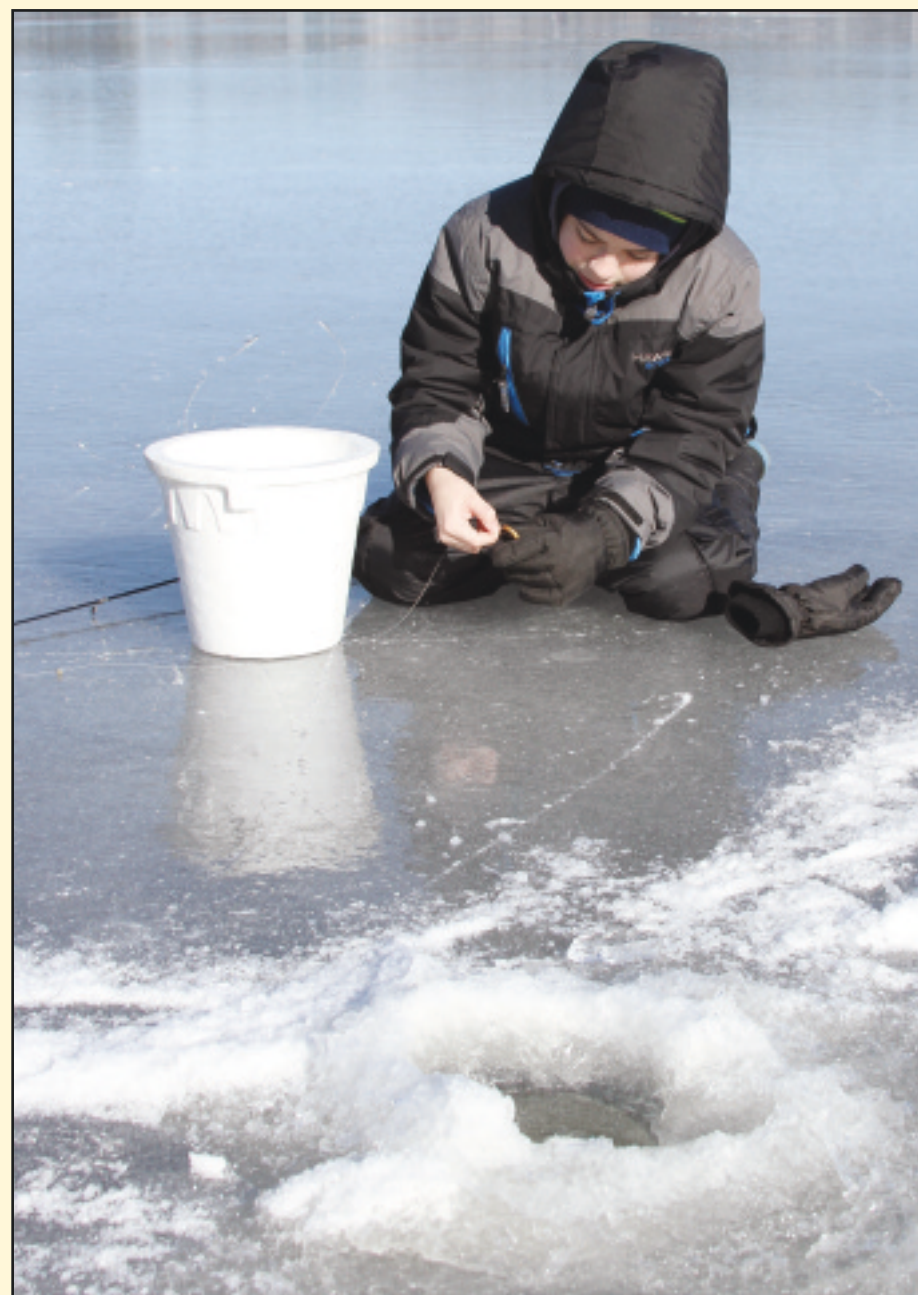
Derry Residents must conform to State as well as certain Derry regulations that the State enables for Town regulation. For Derry Residents, all persons desiring to apply for any exemp-

tions must fill out a permanent application form (State Form PA-29) and the Elderly Exemption Worksheet. State Form PA-33 is also needed for all properties owned by a Trust or properties with Life Estate Interests.

The following documents are required for new applicants: Proof of birth, SSA – 1099 Statement (Social Security Benefit Statement), Bank statements and verification of assets listed.

In addition, the previous year's income tax form information is needed; if a resident is not filing a federal income tax form, additional tax related forms are required.

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FROZEN FOOD PJ Shattuck spent some time with his mom on Beaver Lake ice fishing on Sunday morning. The sudden change in temperatures have thickened area ponds making it possible for safe fishing. Photo by Chris Paul

DES Jolts Conservation with Regulation Changes

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At the Monday, Jan. 14, Derry Conservation Commission meeting, Treasurer Eileen Chabot briefed commission members about the recent New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)

meeting with the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES).

At that meeting, new wetland permit rules were proposed. Representatives from many conservation commissions from around the state, including Derry and Londonderry, attended this meeting.

Chabot reported that the NHACC meeting itself was directed by DES administrators, who pronounced that certain proposed permit changes would now exclude Town Conservation activities from current wetlands oversight permit processes.

Chabot reported the DES

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Derry's Net Zero Committed to Lower Town Costs with Efficient Energy

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The Town of Derry is deep in discussion about energy because energy really matters with the high price of electricity in the NH. And Derry's Net Zero Task Force is proactively working to take next steps to deliver a cost-effective solution to address the problem for Derry in a way that will also lower carbon emissions while supporting new job opportunities.

Derry's Net Zero Task Force is meeting on Thursday Jan., 17 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. At the meeting, they will be discussing their presentation for the Town Council to begin the RFP (Request for Proposal) process - likely for the Jan., 21 TC meeting. This step is a part of their mission to support deployment of a large solar energy project at a Derry Public Works landfill. This project is expected to support a high percentage of the Town's electrical energy needs.

The Task Force has been meeting with established solar providers who have installed solar electric farms and systems for different companies and municipal districts. Net Zero has been working with diligence to determine which providers are able to best help the Town deploy the most efficient and cost-effective solar project.

The cost of Solar has dropped 75% since 2007 to become the cheapest energy

source available today for many different types of energy users. However, the cost to directly buy a solar system may not be as cost effective as what is essentially a lease to buy scenario via a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

PPA's for schools, municipalities, churches and other nonprofits can require no upfront costs, while generating substantial electricity cost savings as well as cutting emissions and enabling local jobs.

A Solar PPA, involves investors who pay for a system deployment and set up appropriate payments with an appropriate entity who can directly benefit from a solar project. The investors may also set up a program for 5 years or more that will enable that entity to eventually purchase the system down the road from the investor at a discount price - as costs are recouped by both the entity and the investor.

While the Task Force has a big sized project in mind and has gathered specifics to show the Town how it can save a lot of money using a solar farm deployment, the Task Force would actually like to make the project even bigger to support more local Derry users with solar power. However, the current project size and proposal is maxed out - in part due to current NH. State politics about the costs of net metering as currently implemented.

The Task force has put a

discussion of about legislative updates on this topic on their meeting agenda. What has happened is that NH Governor Chris Sununu vetoed Senate Bill 446 last year - relative to net energy metering limits for customer solar power generators. The bill had been brought through both the NH House and Senate to expand electric net metering in New Hampshire before the Gov-

ernor's veto.

Net metering lets electric customers cut costs by putting excess power they generate themselves back into the grid and allowing the customer to pull electricity from the grid when the power system is at low output times such as solar may pull in the evening. This bill would increase limits on net metering by towns and businesses, allowing bigger

solar, wind, hydro and biomass projects to qualify.

Sununu says he agrees that more net metering could be beneficial, but that this plan costs ratepayers too much. The Net Zero Task Force as well as other municipalities and entities in NH hope a change in the political climate

may power the net metering bill through by overriding the Governor's veto.

Stay tuned - there is a lot of support for net metering initiatives in NH and there may also be a few tweaks to the bill that will make the bill more palatable to the Governor.

OBITUARY

Francis G. "Frank" Milne III



Francis G. "Frank" Milne III, 81, of Hollis, passed away on Sunday Jan. 13, 2019, surrounded by his loving family in the Fairview Nursing Home, Hudson, N.H. He was born in Boston, Mass. on May 11, 1937, a son of the late Francis and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Milne. Francis was raised in West Roxbury, Mass. before spending one year in Derry then enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He spent most of the rest of his life living in Londonderry. He worked as a carpenter and owner of Can-Do Construction, specializing in finish work, home building, and swimming pools. Frank and his father built the family home, where his family resided for 50 years. He also worked as a truck driver with Aggregate industries and was a member of Teamster Local 633. He was an avid fish owner, who loved tropical fish, devoted football fan, gardener, and dog owner. His most precious moments were spent with family on vacation.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Jean (Bonnar) Milne of Hollis; two daughters, Janice DeCarteret and husband Edward of Nashua, NH, and Heather Faucher and her husband Chris of Auburn, NH; a son, Francis Milne IV and his wife Shari of Bow, NH; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Aaron, Alyssa, Madison, Kyle, Dominique, Nicolas and Jacquelyn; one sister, Naomi Allen and husband Powell of E. Derry, NH; as well as nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister, Barbara DiVirgilio.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A funeral service will begin at 6:30 in the funeral home with cremation to follow. Spring interment of his cremated remains will be at Pillsbury Cemetery of Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter 309 Waverly Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452.

OBITUARY

John F. McPhee



John F. McPhee, 70, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday Jan. 8, 2019 surrounded by his loving family in the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH. He was born in Boston, MA, on March 22, 1948, a son of the late John P. and Edna (O'Neil) McPhee. John proudly served his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked for the Iron Workers Local #7 Union in Boston for over 25 years, retiring in 1994. John was a devote catholic and developed a very special bond with the clergy at CMC hospital, and always appreciated the prayers of friends and family. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching the New England Patriots. John and Shirley spent over 20 years living in Inverness FL, where he enjoyed fishing and time on their pontoon boat with friends. John was a proud Irish man and St. Patrick's Day was one of his favorite holidays. One of his greatest joys is that he was able to see the birth of his first great granddaughter. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary (Burch) McPhee, his two children, Celeste Clark and her husband Richard and John Paul McPhee; seven grandchildren, Richard Jr. and wife Gena, Daniel, Bradley, Nicholas, Bella, John Paul Jr., and Aria; great-granddaughter, Ava; and one brother, Jay McPhee. John was predeceased by two brothers, Timothy and James McPhee. Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. Memorial services will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Raymond Coalition For Youth, 4 Epping St., Raymond NH, 03077, www.rcfy.org.



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A Great Time to Remember Derry's Robert Frost Work

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

"Whose woods these are, I think I know..." Until a few weeks ago, one could not print the complete Robert Frost poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," because it was under copyright law.

However, since January 1, 2019, anyone in America is now be able to quote this wonderful poem at any length and on any platform, as the copyright is now public domain as per copyright releases. "The Road Not Taken," published for Frost

in his poetry collection "Mountain Interval" in 1916 had its copyright expire in 1992, and that has made all the difference to bring the poet's words to more people. That poem inspired lyrics from Bruce Hornsby, Melissa Etheridge and others. Its message has also been used in advertising, careers, computers and innumerable dorm room posters that feature the final lines as an appeal to individualism.

Given that Frost lived much of his life in Derry, N.H. and it is time to celebrate our area's historic figures in this year of the Nut-

field Tricentennial, and that it is also winter — it is altogether fitting to print his poem and celebrate the man who was working words within winter's white world.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farm-

house near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

On January 1, HathiTrust published Frost's collection New Hampshire, including "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," online and it is be available for anyone now to adapt. Perhaps no one is more bemused by that prospect than the composer Eric Whitacre. In 1999, believing the poem had already entered the public domain (the last-minute copyright extension prevented that), Whitacre accepted a commission to turn it into a choral piece.

After just two performances, Whitacre said, Frost's publisher stopped him, refusing to license the work. Whitacre eventually produced a version of the work, that he titled "Sleep," with lyrics written by the poet Charles Anthony Silvestri. Whitacre is now considering releasing the original work based on the Frost poem. "All I wanted to do," Whitacre said, "is illuminate the original poem with music." So, it's now OK to design a coffee mug that says: "But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."

Elderly

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New applications must be submitted to the Derry Assessor's Office no later than the close of business day on April 15th of the tax year in the year in which application is made:

1.) A person has to have been a resident of the State of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years preceding April 1st.

2.) Must have income from all sources, no greater than \$35,000 for a single person and no greater than \$45,000 if married.

3.) Owns assets of any

kind, tangible or intangible - less bonafide encumbrances, and further, excluding the value of his/her residence plus 2 acres of land - not greater than \$150,000.

4.) Is at least 65 years old on or before April 1st.

5.) Must not have received transfer of the property from a blood relation, or person related by marriage, within five (5) years prior to date of application (April 1). There is a property tax exemption of \$85,000 for residents 65 years of age up to 74, \$125,000 from 75 years of age up to 79, and \$165,000 from 80 years of age and older that is applied to the

assessed value of the property.

To meet the exemption regulations, income is counted from any source including Social Security or pension but excludes: a.) Life insurance paid on the death of an insured. b.) Expenses and costs incurred in the course of conducting a business or enterprise.)

The Town of Derry has increased the asset level allowed from minimum State guidelines to \$150,000 for residents to qualify for exemptions. How does Derry compare? In the local area including 9 surrounding communities, only Sandown has a lower assessed per capita metric.

2019 Derry Town and School Positions Available in March

The 2019 Town and School Election filing period will be open from Wednesday Jan. 23 - Friday Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.

Candidates for Town offices can file with Derry the Town Clerk and candidates for school positions will need to file with the Derry School District Clerk. The following are the open Town positions:

TOWN

Town Councilor -
District 2 - Three-year term

Town Councilor -
District 4 - Three-year term
Town Councilor at Large -
Three-year term

Taylor Library Trustee
(two openings)
Three-year term

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Derry Town Clerk
Three-year term

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Three-year term

Derry Public Library Trustee (two openings)
Three-year term

School Board Seats
There will be Three, Three-year term School Board Seats available.

Derick Anderson, Brenda Willis and Lynn Perkins have their seats expire this year.

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Editorial

King’s Dream Today

The third Monday in January is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic “I Have a Dream” speech made 56 years ago this month. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today’s political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more substance than style.

Regardless, King had remarkable style, wether he could help it or not.

King’s message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, and justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King’s message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today’s heated and delicate political climate, King’s dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way. It must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King’s dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King’s lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.



Improvement Plans

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meeting would be to install LED lights and poles at the Don Ball Park playing field. That update will provide more effective lighting and use a lot less electric energy.

There will be an adjustment needed to change the town-owned Hood Pond Dam project, though that project now looks to be under budget and will likely cost about \$250,000. Upon recent evaluation, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES) changed the classification of the hazard impact for the dam and requested a revised hydraulic computation. Measurements were made to determine if the dam could pass 2.5 times the flow of a “100-year” storm and based upon calculations, the dam did not quite meet that standard.

Fowler said the while the dam is presently sound, the town will need to alter the elevation of the dam area along the western side of Hood pond to properly meet the DES requirements. Fowler said the Town hopes to begin working as early as spring 2019 on dam reparation though that timeline may be contingent upon spring and winter conditions.

Once the dam project is completed, the area’s rail trail system can then be properly surfaced, so the trail will then go from Hood Park to North High Street. The next phase of the trail system project after that is to connect to Londonderry’s rail trail system — though that will need to wait until the 4-A project completion, likely about 3-4 years time.

“We are merging those trail and dam repair projects together,” Fowler said and Mark Connors of the Derry Rail Trail Alliance was thrilled that the trail piece is going forward this year now.



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Community Caregivers Host 14th Annual Potter's Bowl Feb. 2

On Saturday, Feb. 2, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry will be hosting their 14th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria in Derry from 5 to 8 p.m.

For \$40, patrons are able to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by New Hampshire professional artisans and student artists, and enjoy countless different soups donated from restaurants in the Derry and Londonderry area as well as delicious breads & desserts.

In an effort to encourage more families with children,

kids under 12 will be admitted for just \$10.

A pottery wheel demonstration will be occurring in the hour prior to the event for waiting patrons.

The Caregivers of Greater Derry will also have a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, a silent auction, and again the world famous Red Star Twirlers will be serving at the event.

Auction items donated from other New England artists and craftsmen include oil, acrylic and water color paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing and hand-

crafted jewelry. The value of all art donated amounts to over \$5,000. It is not too late to donate your fine art, pottery or homemade craft to a good cause.

This event is an artistic community event full of fun and lots of great food to help support a local non-profit organization dedicated to serving the elderly and disabled in our area.

To purchase tickets to the event, please call Caregivers at 432-0877 ext. 1 or drop by 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day.



The Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria will be the site of the annual Potters Bowl again this year. The annual event for the Community Caregiver of Greater Derry will take place on Saturday, Feb. 2, starting at 5 p.m.

Annual Frost Festival Will be Feb. 8 to 10

The annual winter fun for Derry will be taking place from Friday, Feb. 8 to Sunday, Feb. 10.

Frost Festival will feature exciting activities again this year. Folks can enjoy Wildlife Encounters show, ice sculptures, snowmobile rides, snow shoeing, sledging and so much more! Below is a schedule which is subject to change due to possible changes in snow/ice conditions

Last year, Friday night, featured Ice Sculptures – by Ice Breakers at the Adams Memorial Opera House. A Spaghetti Supper from the Derry Village Rotary Club hosted a family spaghetti supper for ALL to kick off the weekend at the Pinkerton Academy Senior Cafeteria. A Movie Night at the Adams Memorial Opera House. Admission is Free with a receipt from any sponsoring business pur-

chase.

On Saturday, at Veterans Hall there was a free family show featuring the Derry Public Library's latest puppet. and a Wildlife Encounters show.

Sunday, at Alexander-Carr Park had special

indoor activities, sledding, a Bonfire begins at noon, Arts & Crafts, Face painting, Frost Festival King & Queen Contest!

Hoodcroft Golf Course had Snowmobile Rides XC Skiing and Snowshoeing



Travel Advisory: Three weeks of nightly lane closures on I-93 in Londonderry began on Sunday, Jan. 13, as crews from Audley Construction continue the removal of the structural steel from the old award-winning "Robert J. Prowse Memorial Bridge." on Pillsbury Road/Ash Street bridge over I-93 just north of Exit 4. There will also be periodic 10 to 15 minute delays as the steel beams are removed from over I-93. *Courtesy photo*

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Get “Fired” Up For Helping The Community Caregivers

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

Was 2019's New Year's Resolution to be more creative or more giving? “Kiln” two birds with one stone at this year's Ladies Night, benefiting the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry!

The Caregivers are a group of local residents dedicated to meeting the needs of elderly and disabled members of their communities. The organization helps with providing practical assistance and support to help them stay in their own homes.

The services of the Caregivers foster independence and dignity, while at the same time providing meaningful volunteer opportunities and creating a more car-

ing community.

Along with their community service and assistance services, the Caregivers also offer a “Loaner's Closet,” which loans out wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, bath seats and more to anyone in New Hampshire who may need any of these items for as long as they may need them, free of charge.

The Caregivers also have “Project Upkeep,” a special set of “handyman” volunteers who help make homes more handicap accessible, as well as making various home improvements and repairs to low-income client homes.

With all of these vital services, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry rely on the generous assis-

tance from the community, whether that is in the form of volunteer service, equipment donations, and perhaps most vitally, monetary donations.

That is where the Caregivers' Ladies Night and Potter's Bowl come in.

For its tenth year, You're Fired Pottery in Salem is holding its annual Ladies Night Thursday, Jan. 17. Community ladies are invited to attend and paint a donated miso bowl for a donation to the Caregivers' annual Potter's Bowl fundraising event to take place on Feb. 2. A purchase of a second pottery piece is optional to paint and keep, or to donate to the cause.

Those interested are advised to arrive as close to 5pm as possible to leave enough time to finish their

bowls. Work must be finished that night in order for it to be fired and ready for the event. All items will be picked up by Caregivers staff and can be collected from the Londonderry office (when), located at 1B Commons Drive #10.

The entry fee is a mere \$4, and participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages, including wine. The black tables are reserved for those coming for the event.

While there is not much time to RSVP for Ladies Night, there is plenty of time for artists, novice and expert, to donate their work to be auctioned at the Potter's Bowl event in February.

Cindee Tanuma, Executive Director for the Community Caregivers, stated that artwork of all kinds is accepted to benefit the fundraiser. From pottery to photography to handmade purses, if it's locally made, it is graciously accepted for

the cause.

Donations of hand-crafted items valued at \$40 or greater will receive a free ticket to the Potter's Bowl, and business cards may be displayed next to each piece.

For more information, contact Cindee Tanuma at the Caregivers' office at 432-0877 ext. 4, or email cindee@comcaregivers.org.

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Historical Nutfield 300th Celebration: When Derry Moved Out of Londonderry

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In 1718-19, Nutfield - the area we call Derry and Londonderry, New Hampshire - was first settled by Scots-Irish emigrants who had fled Northern Ireland's Derry/Londonderry town. This dual name for the Irish town is a product of Northern Ireland's sectarian disputes that continue to this day. And this dual name controversy even made its way to New Hampshire's Nutfield land grant area.

In 1720, a Nutfield land grant was divided into 60-acre parcels for 105 house lots. With the town chartered as Londonderry in 1722, ownership of the remaining land was divided into 132.5 shares, so the original shareholders would be given a percentage of the sale price when any new land was sold.

Settlers built log cabins within sight of each other due to fears of attack from the area's natives. The town land area was further divided into big sections called ranges. As more settlers moved into Londonderry,

land proprietors sent surveyors to lay out other ranges, though these range lots were poorly surveyed - resulting in countless lawsuits - some which remain as historical deed disputes to this day.

With each passing year Londonderry grew larger in population and by mid-eighteenth century, it was the second largest town in New Hampshire - with only the capital city of Portsmouth being larger.

The 114 square miles of Londonderry did not remain intact for long as pieces of the town were broken off to become new towns. The southeast corner of the old Nutfield land grant was separated in 1741 as the town of Windham. The northwest corner became Derryfield (Manchester) in 1751 and the southwest corner became Hudson in 1778. By 1800 all that was left of the original 1719 Nutfield land grant area was just 78 square miles.

In 1825-1827 efforts were made to separate the remaining area into 2 separate towns. There was considerable unease both for and against the split. Finally,

after much political rancor and ill will, the division for the two towns was approved by the N. H. State legislature and signed into law on July 2, 1827. A new town was born which took the name of Derry - which was actually the original name of Londonderry in Northern Ireland; Derry is an Irish word that means a hill covered with oak trees.

The western portion of the land area retained the old name of Londonderry. Of the 48,470 acres involved, Derry received 22,600 acres and Londonderry 28,870. “Old timers” tell stories of the disputes over the town lines carried on through to the 20th century. It is said that huge boulders marked boundaries for many years and it was not unheard of to have these great big rocks moved in the dead of night to increase the territory on either side.

Thank you to Derry/Londonderry historian Richard Holmes and Nutfield 300th Leader, Paul Lindemann for their historical works, documents and fact notes that are represented and referenced in this article.

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More Than Bread & Milk: Be Prepared For Weather

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

When it comes to the weather in New England, as the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes."

Winters (and generally the weather year round) in New Hampshire can be unpredictable. When they're good, they're very good. However, when they're bad...

The collective snowfall so far this season has not been much to look at, however, we are only more or less halfway through the snowy months, and there is still time for the Granite State to get hit with a major snowstorm or two.

As every New Hampshire resident knows, while snow can create a beautiful landscape, large amounts of it can be dangerous. Heavy snowfall, especially when combined with high winds, hail, rain, etc can cause car accidents, power outages, tree falls, and other hazards.

Families can end up snowed in for anywhere from one day to up to a week, depending on the severity of the storm. It's a running joke that the masses scramble to buy all of the bread and milk their local supermarket has to offer when a major snowstorm is forecast, but there are additional measures that should be taken to ensure snow-

storm safety.

Ready.gov, a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, advises those who find themselves under a winter storm warning to stay off of the roads to avoid getting into an accident, stay indoors and dress warmly to avoid hypothermia or frostbite, prepare for power outages to ensure that families can still prepare food, have clean water, etc, use generators outside only and away from windows for safety, listen for emergency information and alerts, look for signs of hypothermia or frostbite if suspected, and to

check on neighbors, especially the elderly, disabled, or those who live alone.

To stay ahead of the storm, Ready.gov urges area residents to prepare ahead of time by knowing their area's risk for winter storms, with the understanding that extreme weather can leave communities without utilities or other services for considerable periods of time.

"Winterproofing" the home by keeping out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping should be done ahead of time, just before the winter season, but can be done anytime, provided the weather cooperates. It is wise to learn how to keep pipes

from freezing and to install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and have battery backups if necessary.

Staying diligent to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and storms is crucial when it comes to being prepared. Signing up for community warning systems, and minding the Emergency Alert Systems and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration alerts can be helpful in staying ahead of the curve.

It is also wise to gather supplies such as food, water, batteries, candles, warm clothes, first-aid kits, etc in the event that a family needs to stay home-bound for an extended period of time. Keep in mind each family member's specific needs, including medications, and don't forget the needs of any pets. Make sure to stay conservative with cell phone use to preserve battery in case they cannot be charged, or invest in a portable cell phone battery charger.

For those who travel and may be at risk of being caught in a storm in the car, having an emergency supply kit in the trunk could make a crucial difference in survival. Include in this kit jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable foods. Make sure to keep the gas tank relatively full.

Ready.gov stresses the importance of being aware of the signs of frostbite and hypothermia and to know how to respond to each to prevent permanent injury or

death.

Frostbite can cause the loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes, and signs include numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin. Should any of these symptoms be present, take the person to a warm room, soak body part in warm water, and use body heat to warm. Do not use massage or a heating pad to bring warmth to the area.

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature, with a reading below 95 degrees Fahrenheit being considered an emergency. Signs include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness. Actions to be taken should any of these symptoms be present include taking the person to a warm room, warming the center of the body (chest, neck, head, and groin) first, keeping the person wrapped in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

As in any emergency situation, call 911 or your local emergency response department in the event someone should require additional medical attention or treatment.

The next time a major storm is predicted, be sure to also stock up on hot chocolate, board games, supplies for any hobbies, or whatever else may be needed to ensure that you and your family can also make the most of any extended time together.

For more information and resources on winter storm preparation, visit ready.gov.

Conservation

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meeting presented challenges to NHACC members including Derry. While DES is open to feedback, NHACC and Derry Conservation oppose the short review and deliberation deadlines for adopting the proposed Rules. There is a stipulated deadline for comments by Jan 18th and Chabot worked with the commission to provide feedback by that date.

NHACC represents the interests of 189 municipal conservation commissions across N.H. and members overwhelmingly oppose the draft Wetland Rules as written. Members expressed strong concerns to DES about aspects of the changes. One proposed change loosens the criteria to allow for expedited applications without substantive conservation review. NHACC sees many proposed changes

organized by DES as an effort to favor developers over the legitimate interests of towns to ensure informed decisions about their local wetlands.

Chabot pointed out that DES reports they are short staffed to do such things as sight visits, though DES wants to enable certain permits rapidly without typical local diligence. Chabot pointed out that DES staff does not have the local knowledge which conservation commissions like Derry have.

Derry Conservation Commission members agree with NHACC to oppose the DES draft rules which enable smaller projects—the majority of permit applications—to be permitted in Concord without any notice or input from a local conservation commission at all. Given that many of these decisions are irreversible, Derry Conservation members believe it is more

important to make the right decision than a speedy one.

DES said it has reviewed the history of permit applications and found that by a vast majority, local town conservation commissions made no comments. Thus, DES is proposing to alter the criteria to make these essentially easy to process "permit by notification" applications.

NHACC challenged that premise and suggested that new standards proposed are overly generalized and could produce many permit applications that bypass review by a local town conservation commission who better know the local conditions and may do sight visits to assure proper permitting.

DES wants to introduce a new process to determine "priority resource areas" as a way to choose which wetland applications qualify for notification only, minimum impact or standard applications. NHACC points out

that the data used to evaluate the wetland areas is only for ones that DES knows, and there could be gaps in knowledge about local areas.

DES is also proposing to offer an expedited review and approval process that allows a developer to come to a conservation commission to get comments before submitting an application to DES. If they do so, then DES would do a five-day review versus the standard 30-day review. NHACC asked this process to be clarified — because as written, it is not clear how the process would work.

Chabot reports that time is short for this regulation process proposal adoption, though DES is interested to consider changes before submitting final recommendations to a state legislative rules committee for review and negotiation.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey Team Wins First Game Ever

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

No matter how this season ends, the 2018-19 Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team and its members will always remember January 10th as a special date. Last Thursday, the Lady Astros won the program's first game ever, a 8-6 victory over Lebanon on that team's home ice.

Five days after dropping a very close game at home to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, the Astros were able to hold on to their lead this time. Team star Jordyn Wasiejko led the way with a hat trick, scoring once in the first period, once in the second and once in the third. Molly Fahey opened the score, just 23 seconds into

the game. She found the net again with 1:24 minutes left to the game, securing the historic win.

Other scorers for the Astros were Brittney Decosmo, in the first period and Spencer St. Pierre and Kelsey Levesque, who both scored in the second period. Goalie Alexis Skafas was outstanding in the net, registering 32 saves: "It was a great effort and a team performance", told coach Scott Dunn to the Nutfield News after the game.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the team was on the road again, and this time suffered a heavy 11-1 loss to a strong Concord High School team, at the Everett Arena. With the win, Concord now holds a 7-0 Division I record. Wasiejko was the only scor-

er for the Astros in that defeat, while Jaelyn Kelleher led the Crimson Tide winners with five goals.

Pinkerton was scheduled to play another away game on Tuesday, Jan. 15, against

Manchester Central, after the Nutfield News went to print. They travel to Keene Ice to face the local Keene High School team on Saturday, Jan. 19, with the puck dropping at 5:10 p.m.



Jordyn Wasiejko, above, has been a major offensive contributor, while goalie Alexis Skafas has been holding off the offense in net. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Pinkerton Swimmers Split Meet with Londonderry High

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Swimming teams met their rival Lancers in Londonderry on Friday, Jan. 11, splitting the competition. The PA girls' team won 110-59 and the boys' team took a 102-68 loss. The girls also got a 124-19 win over Campbell and lost 105-64 to Bedford, while the boys beat Campbell 137-6 and lost to Bedford 98-71.

In the 200-yard medley relays, PA's girls team of Maya Hedstrom, Sarah Pinard, Ana Bjelogrljic and Camelia Hannah came in second (2:12.25). The boys team of William Poole, Christian Nelson, Gavin Divelbiss and Tyler Montgomery finished third, 1:59.97. PA's James Small, Lucas Hakme Silva, Anderson Sharp and Ryan Divelbiss got into the fourth spot - 2:08.88.

Olivia Neville's had a great evening, starting with a win in the 200-yard Freestyle (2:07.75). Kylie Winer finished third (2:18.85) and Amanda Roberge fifth (2:19.93). Jackson Neeb took second place on the boys' side (2:01.76), Gavin Divelbiss was fourth (2:03.78) and Hakme Silva fifth (2:10.96). In the 200-yard individual



Olivia Neville's won the 200-yard Freestyle

medley, Hannah was second (2:34.87), and Bjelogrljic, fourth (2:41.38). In the boys' swim, it was Poole at third (2:24.43), Sharp at fourth (2:32.34) and Nelson at fifth (2:36.81).

Hedstrom was the second fastest swimmer in the 50-yard Freestyle (27.94). Small was fifth among the boys (27.63). Knight got the fifth place in the girls 100-yard Butterfly swim (1:16.94). Gavin Divelbiss took second place on the boys' side in that distance with 1:01.47.

Hedstrom finished third in the 100 yard Freestyle (1:02.08) and McCreven eighth (1:18.17). Andrew Blaszk was seventh among the boys (1:05.65), Zajac eighth (1:12.13) and Owen Nelson ninth (1:18.85). Neville's second win came in the 500 yard Freestyle (5:43.32), with Winer finish-

ing third (6:14.92) and Campbell Lacroix fifth (6:31.59). Neeb was second in the boys' long swim (5:29.27), Hakme Silva fifth (5:51.02) and Nelson seventh (6:34.44).

In the 200-yard Freestyle relays, PA girls' took second place (Bjelogrljic, Lacroix, Roberge and Neville - 1:57.14), fourth (Knight, Sorgardt, Devine and Winer - 2:04.13). The boys Montgomery, Sharp, Poole and Neeb finished third - 1:49.47 and sixth was Blaszk, Nelson, Zajac and Muskrat - 2:01.80).

Lacroix got the sixth spot in the 100-yard Backstroke (1:20.13), Sorgardt the eighth (1:22.86) and Emily Wentworth the tenth (1:31.14), while Poole finished third among the boys (1:08.78), Small fifth (1:12.64) and Muskrat



Gavin Divelbiss took second in the 100-yard Butterfly.

eighth (1:21.19). Roberge took the second place in the 100 yard Breaststroke with 1:22.18, Pinard was fourth (1:29.24) and Repoza sixth (1:32.65). Montgomery finished fifth in the boys' swim (1:25.15).

The last race was the

400-yard Freestyle relays. Neville, Roberge, Hannag and Hedstrom finished with the second place (4:12.60), Lacroix, Knight, Pinard and Winer with the fifth (4:35.52). The boys had Gavin Divelbiss, Neeb, Nelson and Hakme Silva

taking third place (3:54.94) and Small, Ryan Divelbiss, Blaszk and Montgomery the fourth (4:23.34).

Coach Ed Faszewski said after the meet, "We had some best times. The kids always get fired up to swim against their rivals Londonderry, so that helps them to find that little something that gives them a better time". Alice Hammond added: "This is a nice pool and I like swimming in it. We always feel more hyped against Londonderry. There is that rivalry and it is fun."

The split between the LHS and PA squads give each school one point toward the annual Ball Family Trophy competition.

PA Skiers Take First and Second

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Alpine Skiers participated in their second meet of the season last Friday, Jan. 11, at Crotched Mountain in Hillsborough County. The Astro girls wound up winning the event, while the boys took the second place in the five school meet with Goffstown, Memorial, Merrimack and Central High school's.

The Astro girls scored 394 points, 19 more than

second place Goffstown High School. Senior captain Hannah Peterson was first overall, beating 25 other girls. Danielle Martineau finished right behind her, in the second place overall and Kaytlyn Bennett and Emily Gardner completed a dominant race for the Astros with the third and fourth overall spots. Miranda Eckerman was 14th overall, Elizabeth Veale 15th, Danielle St. Peter 16th, Sydney Pratt 17th, Maddie Frank 20th, Caryl Huebner 22nd and

Annabel Veale 24th.

Goffstown High finished first in the boys meet, with 389 points, six over the Astros who had senior captain Kenny McCarthy coming in second overall in a 32 boy race. Owen Sezgin finished fourth, Camden Caswell seventh and Jack Berrigan 12th, in his second career race. Other finishers were Zach Kahn (13th), Matt Veale (15th), Ethan Hatch (17th), Brandon Simpson (18th), James Smith (21st), and Jack Kuncik (28th).

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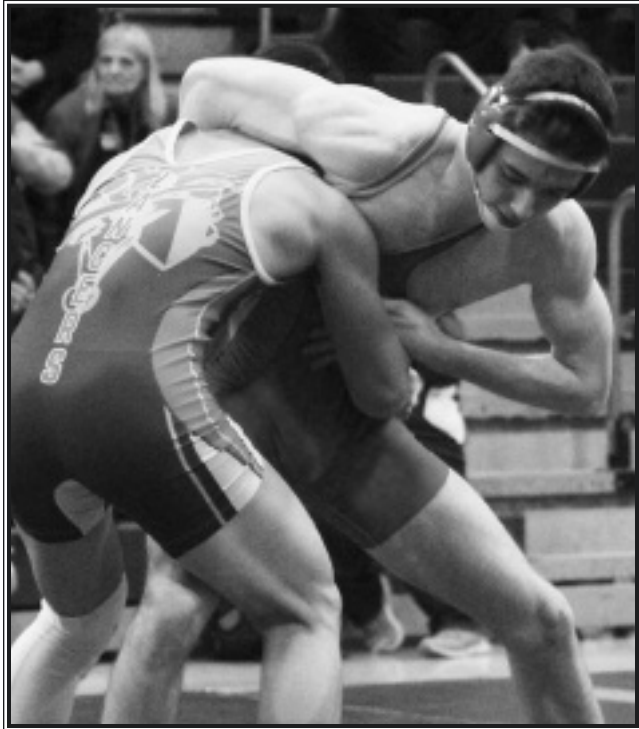
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Astro Wrestlers Beat Lancers, Take Fourth in Tourney



Jacob Dube pinned a tough LHS opponent, Vincent DelSignore at 170 lbs. *Photos by Chris Paul*

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Wrestling team had another impressive week. First, on Wednesday (Jan. 9), the Astros crossed the highway to the Londonderry Middle School gym, where they had a matchup with rivals Londonderry High School. The visitors controlled the meet, winning 57-24 and improving their season record to 4-1. Then over the weekend the team took fourth in Cumberland RI.

At the Londonderry Dual Meet, Robbie Fahey gave the Astros their first points when he pinned Nicholas Walter in the 220 lb. match.

Other winners for PA were Christian Kuechler (285 lbs), Dominic Robinson (113), Walker Stinson (126), David Hammond (132), Marcus Sconza (138), Robert Morin (152), Jack Mackiernan (160), Jacob

Dube (170) and Sterling McLaughlin (182). Will Brown (195), Casey Phelan (106) and Mark Harrington (120) lost their fights.

After the match, Astros coach David Rhoads commented, "We came out sluggish and unfocused. I was not very happy with the team after our warm up. But they pulled it together and won the matches they should have won and they did pretty well. I wouldn't say it is easier to prepare the team to a meet against their rivals. It is different, because they are so close and know each other and we always have a tough battle with them".

The Londonderry meet helped PA get one point toward holding onto the Ball Family Trophy, an annual event between the rivals.

Pinkerton went on to participate in the John Gorman Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 12, where they got the fourth place overall, out of



PA's David Hammond got a pin over Brandon Drake to help add to the team's total against LHS.

25 high schools, at the second place. Cumberland High School in RI. The Astros scored 131.5 points.

Robinson (113) went 3-2 and finished fifth. Harrington (120) also went 3-2 and Stinson (126) went 2-3. Hammond (132) had a 2-2 record, same as Sconza (138). Tyler MacKiernan's (152) three wins brought him to the final, where he lost to Justin Marshall from Bristol Eastern 4-1 and took

Dube, in the 170. Had three wins and two losses and finished fourth. McLaughlin (182) won his bracket thanks to four victories, including a 3-0 final over Gregory Grigorian from LaSalle Academy.

Robbie Fahey (220) had three wins, including his 100th career win, before he lost in the finals and finished second. Kuechler (285) won once and lost twice.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 7

Jesse Ames, Junior, Girls Basketball



Jesse Ames scored nine points in Exeter and contributed with her aggressive defense and dominance on the boards. The Lady Astros remain undefeated this season and face last year's champions, Bishop Guertin, on Friday.

Patrick Last, Sophomore, Ice Hockey



Patrick Last is one of the hardest workers on a team of hard workers and gives everything he's got on every shift. He works to be first to the puck and makes anyone who is on the ice with him better.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

PA Bowlers Take Second Place in Keene

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Bowling team traveled to Yankee Lanes in Keene on Saturday, Jan. 12, to meet Bishop Guertin, Goffstown, Keene and Stevens. The Astros' Varsity team took the fifth seed for the baker rounds with a two-games standard ten pin total of 1,596 points. Captain Jason Barton rolled games of 182

and 167, Captain Meghan Slater had 112 and 118, Bryant Nourse scored 178 and 168, Lance Lemieux finished with 149 and 146, Harry Michaud with 181 and 194. Roster member Matthieu Gagnon shot 120 and his season high of 182.

The Astros defeated Bishop Guertin's Cardinals by 213 to 110 in the single elimination preliminary round and moved on to defeat the Keene Blackbirds in two out of three games in round 1. Game 1 went to Keene, 207 to 171, but Pinkerton came back in

games two and three with 203 to 196 and 240 to 199. The Astros struggled in round 2 and lost in two games to the Stevens Cardinals: 218 to 148 and 193 to 153. Pinkerton Varsity earned six points for their second place finish for the day behind Stevens.

Astros JV totaled 1,199 points, season high, for the standard two games earning the fourth seed for baker. Connor Grimard had games of 128 and 157, Memphis Kirkland 89 and 82, Courtney Crivello 103 and 139, Jarod Wong 142 and

107, Colby Wong 123 and 129. Roster members Mike Fiandaca rolled games of 110 and 107 and Mike Barnard of 129 and 121.

JV Astros defeated the fifth seed Bishop Guertin Cardinals in the single elimination preliminary round, 120 to 111. Then, they lost close games to the Goffstown Grizzlies in two games in round 1; 115 to 99 and 119 to 111. Pinkerton's JV finished fourth for the day, with a loss in two games in round 2 to the Keene Blackbirds: 195 to 123 and 155 to 132.

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Pinkerton Hockey Team Perfect Start Ends with Close Loss

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Ice Hockey team is having a dominant winter season this year, but after a perfect 7-0 record, the Astros dropped their first game last Saturday.

The week's first game, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, was an easy one for Sam Littlefield's team, as they easily beat Manchester Central 8-0, at the Little Green's JFK Coliseum in Manchester. Pinkerton decided to rest some of its star players but even that did not stop the visitors, who jumped all over Central in the first period.

Exactly six minutes into the game, Joseph Marra opened the scoring and then, in a two minutes and twelve seconds span, the Astros scored four more goals thanks to strikes by Shawn Tewksbury, David Laporte, Jack Masterson and Gennaro Marra, who finished the first period with another goal.

In the second period, Masterson scored his second goal of the game and Patrick Last found the net as well. Matt Gilliland needed only five stops for the shut-out, Ethan Livingston had two assists.

After the game, Coach Littlefield commented, "We wanted to give a chance to a

couple of guys today and mix things up a little. It is a test of character for the team and they did well. We stayed in our system, which can be tough in a game like that." Gennaro Marra added: "We take away the fundamental things from this game. We were able to move the puck around the zone towards the end of the game".

Sadly, the teams undefeated winning streak came to an end on Saturday, with a tough 3-2 loss at Hanover High School. The now 7-1 Astros were down by one goal at the end of the first period and conceded another in the opening seconds of the second period on a power play against them.

Jon Last scored for the Pinkerton Academy side to make it a one-goal game with 15 minutes to play, but the hosts found the net again. Brandon Banks made things interesting and Littlefield pulled Goalie Dakota Robinson with 90 seconds on the clock, but the Astros could not find the equalizer despite some good chances.

Pinkerton will try to regain momentum in its home game against rivals Londonderry on Wednesday, Jan. 16, after the Nutfield News went to print. They have an away game against Exeter next, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m.



Popkin Cole and other JV's players got some ice time during the teams Manchester Central game.

Photo by Idan Vinitsky

Winless PA Boys Basketball Team Drops Another Game

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It had become clear by now that this will be a long and difficult season for the Pinkerton Academy Boys'

Varsity Basketball team, and last Tuesday, Jan. 8, the team dropped another game, bringing their season record to 0-5, as Peter Rosinski and his players' quest for a victory this season continues.

Pinkerton hosted Winnacunnet High School and the visitors improved their perfect season record to 3-0 after jumping into a quick 20-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. Things

looked slightly better for the Astros in the rest of the game, but they still lost each quarter by a short margin, with Winnacunnet leading 31-15 by halftime and 41-22 with eight minutes to go.

The leading scorer for Pinkerton was Brady Day, who had nine points, all of

them coming from made three-pointers, one in each of the first three quarters. Nick Lombard scored eight points and Jay Reynolds had seven. Other scorers for the locals were Aidan Conroy with three points and Nazair DaBreo and Andrew Bolduc, with two points

each.

The Astros were scheduled for another home game, this time against Spaulding (3-2), on Tuesday Jan. 15 after the Nutfield News went to print. They will then travel to Nashua to play Bishop Guertin (2-4) this Friday (Jan. 18) at 7 p.m.

PA Boys Indoor Track & Field Finish 8th in Dartmouth

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With the Division I State Meet only a few weeks away, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Indoor Track traveled to Dartmouth College last weekend, where they competed in the Dartmouth Relays, with the boys' team finishing tied for eighth place overall with four other schools, out of over 50 participating high schools.

Patrick Cotnoir and Ryan Dane both qualified for the 55-meter dash semi-finals, thanks to the fourth (Dane) and eighth (Cotnoir) best times overall, out of 108

sprinters. In the semis, Cotnoir finished 11th with 6.81 seconds, missing the finals by 0.07 of a second. Dane was 12th, with 6.82.

Conor Seleny got the seventh place in the 300-meter dash (36.69), just 0.05 of a second after the sixth place (that would have given the team one point). Adam Spencer scored four points, thanks to his fourth place in the 55 meter hurdles finals (7.84 seconds) and the 4x200 meter relay team, with JR Rosario, Cotnoir, Dane and Seleny finished with the second place overall and a time of 1:34.51. Bishop Hendricken from

Rhode Island beat them with 1:34.47. Joron Harrell achieved the other six points with a great performance in the Triple Jump, where he had a 13.60 meter jump, three centimeters less than the winner.

The girls team did not score points, but had some nice results as well with Amerlia Graves qualifying for the 55-meter dash semis and getting the 12th place there (7.65 seconds, 0.01 seconds from the finals) and Macy Graves finishing eighth overall in the 600 meter run (1:42.69).

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Astro Girls Basketball Squad Gets Ready for Big Showdown

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Just before their huge home game against the Division I champion for the last three years Bishop Guertin, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Basketball team had another successful week, winning two games by over a 30 point margin and bringing their season record to 7-0.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Lady Astros made the trip to the coast in Hampton, where

they beat Winnacunnet 62-28. Lani Buskey's team struggled in the first minutes and finished the opening quarter with a six point lead (15-9), before heating up in the next two quarters and turning a 35-16 lead at half-time into a 53-19 lead with eight minutes to go. Pinkerton allowed Winnacunnet to score just three points in the third quarter, showing some strong defense.

Brooke Kane was the leading scorer for the win-

ners, with 22 points. Madison Mahoney scored 14 more and each of them had two successful shots from behind the arc. Allison Ingalls contributed seven points, Jesse Ames and Megan King had six each, Avah Ingalls three and Sofia Riccio and Samantha Franks finished with two points.

The Astros were on the roads again on Friday, Jan. 11, winning 71-39 at Exeter High School. In this game, the first quarter was a good one, and the score after eight

minutes of play was 21-5 in favor of the Astro's. The visitors scored 40 points before the break, and held Exeter to 17. The third quarter ended with a 62-24 PA lead, before the girls took their foot off the pedal.

Kane had 23 in this game, Mahoney again scored 14 and Jesse Ames and Riccio finished with nine points each, with all of their points coming from made three-pointers. Avah Ingalls had five points, Alyssa DiMauro four, King scored three and Allison Ingalls and Mackenzie Dolan two each.

The team was scheduled to play at Keene High School on Tuesday, Jan. 15, before they face Bishop Guertin at home on Friday, Jan. 18 (6:30 p.m. tip-off). Both PA and BG are still undefeated this season, last year PA lost to BG in the state finals at Southern New Hampshire University.



Pinkerton Junior, Jesse Ames, has been a major contributor on both sides of the court for the undefeated Girls Basketball team. Photo by Chris Paul

Ball Family Trophy Contests Begin

With a couple of contests having been played between the Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy winter varsity sports contingents last week, some fans may ask "Whos ahead in the Ball Trophy?"

The winter Ball Family Trophy Games were added by the two local rival

schools during the early 1990's as an extension of the Mack Plaque Games.

Last week, two meets counted toward the Ball Family Trophy tally.

The dual meet between the two schools in wrestling in which PA won gave Pinkerton one point.

The LHS/PA swim

meets which took place in Londonderry on Friday, Jan. 11 counted with Pinkerton snaring the victory in girls' swimming and Londonderry taking the point in boys' swimming.

Their are a number of matches to be played in the upcoming days, most will be at Londonderry High.

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Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry, will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning on Friday March 8, and continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried had-dock fish fillet, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and a roll for \$9.50. The children's dinner includes fish sticks, or mac and cheese, with french fries for \$3.50. Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact stevellhom@aol.com.

Voter Checklist Session

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 7 - 7:30 p.m. at the Derry Municipal Center The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to: register new voters, receive name, address, & party changes from voters, approve applications for voter registration, and approve changes to the voter checklist. Please Note: The Supervisors will prepare the voter checklist for the Derry Cooperative School District deliberative session. This means residents must be registered voters by Jan. 22 to vote at the deliberative session on Feb. 9. Filing period for town and school district offices begins Jan. 23. Candidates must be registered voters. Applications to register to vote or to make changes to a registration may also be completed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours (Tuesdays from 10 - 6 p.m.; other weekdays from 8 - 4

p.m.). Registration applications will be accepted after January 22 but those residents' names will not appear on the voter checklist used at the deliberative session. Voters can check their registrations on the voter checklist in the Public Research Room on the first floor of the Municipal Center or at the Derry Public Library or online at <https://app.sos.nh.gov>

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.

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 website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613.

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 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.

Managing Difficult Conversations

In this workshop discover and apply different practices in order to move forward in an agreeable manner when these situations arise. This session will expand your ability to convert difficult situations into collaborative solutions, taking place on Jan. 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Gilbert Hood Middle School 5 Hood Rd., Derry. Pre-registration is required for this free workshop. To pre-register please contact Maryellen Taglilatela at the Derry Cooperative School District (603) 432-1210 or mtaglilatela@saul0.org. If you require special accommodations please specify when registering. Please note that the district will be recording this workshop for future viewing. Childcare will not be provided.

Stop Motion Animation Class

This Is An Ongoing Class and Meets Jan. 17, 31, and Feb. 14, and 28 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. This hands-on class teaches the step-by-step process of creating stop motion animation, from the making of flexible characters out of clay, all the way to the completion of a finished scene. Using more modern frame grabbing technology to capture images, students will be able to see their progress each day. Ages 12-18 Registration Required. Con-

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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

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