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## Town Council Supports Net Zero Efforts to Make Solar Energy RFP

MACK LEATHURBY  
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Jeff Moulton, Chairman of NetZero joined the Town Council Meeting to update council members about goals and efforts of the Net Zero Task Force. Moulton also presented the status for the One-Megawatt Town solar project that can provide the majority of electrical needs for Derry's Department of Public Works (DPW).

Currently the Town's pilot solar project - a tracking solar array system - is successfully saving money and feeding about 4% of the DPW's electricity. With the additional solar capacity, the DPW will likely get more than 70-

80% of its energy from clean solar power at a good cost savings. This system will use fixed solar panels as the landfill area for the installation cannot environmentally bear deep posts required for tracking arrays.

Moulton and Net Zero gained positive support for the request to proceed with an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the project. Task Force members including Council member, Joshua Bourdon were at the meeting to add their support to the effort.

The next step will be to create an RFP for appropriate solar energy providers who can support large projects like this one in Derry. The Task Force has already

gained initial information from several of the most experienced companies in NH though the RFP process can extend to companies outside of NH too.

There are multiple ways the Town can purchase the solar system including a straight buy out of the installation, though doing so is not necessarily advantageous yet to the Town. At this time, municipalities cannot take advantage of Federal Government grants or rebates like a private sector company might do.

The city might also choose to do a straight lease and pay slightly lower yearly costs for electricity though that could

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## School District Deliberative Session Set for Saturday, Feb. 9

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Derry residents and the school district want good teachers, and to pay them fairly while keeping taxpayer budgets in line. The School district needs their budget to cover all the district services and directives to maintain good schools

So, there is a lot happening in the District, and before Derry residents vote on the school budgets, and Warrant Articles on March 12, the District will conduct their annual Deliberative Session to get at the heart of the matter and fine tune the articles within the deliberative process.

Derry residents who are registered voters should

meet at the West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry - on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. for the deliberative. The session itself is set up for specific explanations, discussions, and debate of warrant articles numbers 2 through 6. Warrant Article 1 is actually the voting for three School Board members to be elected to three-year terms.

Voters may have been hearing about the operating budget and at the deliberative they will be able to discuss and debate it as well as the other five warrant articles.

At the session, voters can vote to amend a warrant article unless the wording is prescribed by law or a law

prohibits amendments to the article amount, such as with the collective bargaining articles.

To amend an article, a voter must make a motion and another voter must second it. After discussion, attendees vote on the amendments, so any appropriately amended article or the original article language will be set for the March vote.

Article 2 specifies the amount for the 2019-2020 school operating budget, as recommended by the Derry School Board.

The operating budget determined is currently set to be \$86,855,459. However, if this article were to be voted down in the March, the 2018-2019 budget would

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## POPPIN' UP SOON

Annabella Stevens, center, rehearses as Mary Poppins with Noah Lopshire and Kaylee Gifford playing the parts of the children in the West Running Brook performance of 'Mary Poppins Jr.' taking place on Feb. 15 and 16. See more on pages 4 and 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Derry's Human Services Efforts Presented to Town Council by CHS

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The Derry Town Council voted last summer to turn over Derry's human services processes and support to the Greater Derry Community Health Services (CHS) organization in a decision that included a bit of appre-

hension. Everyone including Town Council members and residents wanted to be sure the change would not create additional hardships and that residents in need would be properly supported.

On Tuesday Jan. 22, Town Administrator, David Caron invited CHS Executive Director, Donna Tighe

to report and update the Town Council about their human services efforts in context of the changes from last summer.

Handing these community services over to CHS was done with a budget cost to the Town of \$282,745 to continue the assistance pro-

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# Residents Warned to Avoid Forest Thinning Zones at Doolittle Area

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Several Derry residents have contacted the conservation commission about actions occurring at the Albert Doolittle Conservation Area, which resides just off of Faith Drive. This expanse is popular and attracts enthusiastic hikers and nature lovers. Many residents utilize the land or view it as they travel through the area.

The Doolittle Conservation Area contains over 94 acres of native plant and wildlife and is considered by many residents as an unspoiled and scenic forest area for them to visit. The space also supports Manter

Brook, through which 70 percent of Beaver Lake's water supply goes through.

At the conservation commission meeting on Jan. 29, Chairman James Degan and other commission members discussed that area residents, including former conservation commission members, had contacted the commission with concerns about what was going in the area — reporting some of the area has been recently been altered to reveal a less than beautiful landscape.

The Chair reported he had discussed with Charlie Marino of Moreno Forestry out of Stafford about the "improvement harvest" forest thinning and logging

activities in that area that had recently commenced with Town and Conservation commission permissions.

Degan also wanted to advise Greater Derry Area folks with a call to action about the Doolittle property. Degan and the commission are requesting people, who are using the area, to observe that logging activities are occurring, and they should be mindful to stay out of the range of the logging equipment as well as be aware of potential tree drops.

He warns people, that at this time, and for the near term to please steer as clear as possible from the specific areas of Doolittle that

are being worked. Cora and David Rivard, land stewards of the area have been advised by commission members about the actions in the area, so they can monitor the situation.

Last summer, Charles Moreno appeared before the Derry Conservation Commission to discuss cutting a new trail through the area that the Town would like to have in place — to help provide better access within the area. However, to accomplish that work, N.H. Forestry Services require an affected portion of the conservation area to be thinned through an "improvement harvest".

Moreno was approved

by the commission to lead the preparation and administrative phases of the harvest, which involves marking key trees for removal and other factors and he is the commission's contact for the project. A separate logging contractor is carrying out the removal of appropriate trees in an effort to promote health and growth within the forest. Additionally, trees are being removed, so as to minimally affect wetlands, and removed trees are being sold to the loggers that will bring some funds for commission initiatives. The whole process of the thinning is expected to take several weeks of work time to complete depending on weather conditions.

Thus, in order to assist those who wish to take in the beauty of the Doolittle area and keep the forest land in good shape, the Conservation Commission wants all residents of Greater Derry to know they are sensitive to insuring the area is properly maintained with scientifically proven conservation methodologies.

A Derry resident who attended the meeting expressed her concerns to the commission that those thinning the forest as well as loggers and heavy equipment users had turned a beautiful area into a mess and they were removing seemingly healthy trees.

The resident said she remembered the warning from the Joni Mitchell song, that has lyrics that go... "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got til it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. They took all the trees and put 'em in a tree museum and they charged the people a dollar and a half to see 'em."

The commission members listened to her concerns empathetically, and across the commission, members assured her they were particularly understanding of her concerns. They let her know that yes — this year the area will look less than optimum, though with proper conservation management that is now being undertaken for the thinning, the forest will enable new life to thrive.

They reported that as additional light comes shining through — that had been blocked by crowded forest and foliage — there may be more wild flowers and native fauna that will appear than was previously possible in recent years.

All the commissions members were in agreement that the conservation approach being undertaken was sound and that in a few years' time, there will no longer be signs of damage, and in fact residents could expect a more robust beautiful nature area that will restore itself and flourish.

## Net Zero

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preclude ownership. However, the most likely best scenario, may be to lease the deployment for 5 years with an option to continue leasing or to buy the system at a significantly devalued price. Since a solar system today can last for 20-30 years, the city could get discounted electricity for the next 5 years, then own it and really start saving money over the lifespan of the system.

Council members were active with questions and directives for the Task

Force. Town Council Chairman, James Morgan, summed up the council's discussion points requesting a comprehensive RFP that would provide the Town with all the appropriate options for the initial phase of the solar project's deployment including the ability to expand the system for other Town Departments and the School District.

One of the biggest unknowns at this time is whether the State of NH Legislature is able override Governor Sununu's veto of the Net Metering bill from last summer. The Bill was

intended to enable larger than 1-Megawatt projects at NH municipalities with Net Metering cost savings.

In addition to the Governor's veto on this initiative, there also appears to be pressure from Eversource not to extend Net Metering to larger deployments; there is also reason to believe Eversource will try to prevent certain types of group deployments that utilize the same land areas that exceed capacity caps across a land area; that may be legally challenged.

John O'Connor, Vice Chair of the Town's Planning Board and N.H. State Rep from Derry came to

the Council floor to overview status of the Net Metering Legislation as he is on a N.H. legislative committee that is concerned with developing a good bill for this initiative. O'Connor is a supportive of extending Net Metering with proper legislation and he says that the new legislature may have enough majority to override the governor's veto this year.

Moulton reports that the Derry School District is looking into saving money by going with solar though current legislation makes things a bit awkward with caps on net metering energy sizes.



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## Human Services

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gram. Derry's contract with CHS was set as \$82,500 per year, covering the entire administration of the community's needed program. Caron had noted that the community might expect to save about \$99,000 a year by outsourcing these services to CHS.

And Caron pointed out last summer that residents should feel confident that help as needed by residents will continue, as the one-year contract with CHS includes a clause providing performance oversight and reports for how services are utilized by clients.

Executive Director Tighe addressed several areas of concern that had been expressed last summer during the resources change. For example, Derry residents expressed concern about human services work being moved out of the downtown Municipal Center and over to CHS on Tsieneto Road.

Tighe reported that CHS had not found any real problems about the location change so far. She said CHS was proactively trying to find if people had problems getting to their location for applications and discussions but no real issues have surfaced. She said that CHS would help anyone trying to get to the offices if necessary

though they have not had to fund transportation to do such.

Tighe said. "Some people make appointments and then do not show up sometimes, though there is typically follow up to insure people are OK even if they don't show up at an appointment at our center."

Tighe reported CHS support had helped people who had problems with electricity shut downs for late payments by Eversource; she documented numbers and reported CHS had been proactively helping people - who ran out of heating fuel - to make sure these folks got

refueled and were OK.

She said CHS was connecting residents to other appropriate agencies and services available for assistance and gave metrics to the Town Council about their human services efforts.

The mission for Derry human services, now through CHS is to provide temporary emergency assistance to town residents who lack adequate resources. And the Town wanted to be sure the CHS continues to assist citizens who had hit a financial bump or other challenges.

Tighe reported the CHS support team is also helping residents maintain self-reliance and independence

as appropriate by helping them understand the actions needed to face challenges.

Residents in need of emergency aid, which includes, but is not limited, to rent, fuel or electric assistance may stop by the CHS office to pick up an application for assistance during normal business hours. Assistance cannot be granted without a completed application and residents looking for assistance should know that incomplete applications couldn't be granted.

CHS evaluates every application based on established general assistance guidelines. CHS is funded through grants, contracts

and donations and has worked to meet the health access needs of vulnerable residents for over two decades.

Currently CHS manages the general assistance programs for the Towns of Derry, Londonderry and Hampstead.

## OBITUARY

**Daniel Franklin Hicks Jr.**



Daniel Franklin Hicks Jr., 82, husband of Gretchen Conner Hicks of Londonderry, NH passed away peacefully on Jan. 26, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Dan was a husband, father, brother, grandfather, farmer, conservationist, Master Sergeant, volunteer fireman, and interim Fire Chief for Londonderry. He was born on July 20, 1936 in Londonderry to the late Daniel and Hazel Hicks.

Dan served in the Air National Guard for 19 years, some of which was active duty. He also served as commander of the Londonderry American Legion Post 27.

Dan owned Sunnycrest Farm in Londonderry with his brother-in-law, John Conner. He served as President for the NHFG and the NDTFA. His vision made Sunnycrest Farm one of the leading innovative orchards in New England. Dan was instrumental in the formation of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, serving as chairman and remaining a member for 33 years. It was his dedicated work and passion for nature that ensured the purchase of land known as Musquash and the Plummer Property.

Dan is predeceased by his brothers Paul, George, Robert and David, and his sisters Elaine and Shirley. He is survived by his lifelong wife and soulmate Gretchen; their three children, Deirdre Hicks Barrett, Shelby Hicks, Daniel Hicks and his wife Kelley; seven grandchildren, Rachel, Elizabeth, Hanna, Michael, Daniel IV, Madison and Corey. Many, many nieces and nephews will greatly miss their Uncle Danny.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to benefit the Londonderry Rail Trail at Londonderry Trailways, PO Box 389A, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Deliberative

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be adopted again for the coming year, minus certain adjustments as required by law.

Article 3 would determine if the School District should approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement that has been reached between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Association.

This agreement calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year: an estimated increase of \$663,765.90 for 2019-

2020 and an estimated increase of \$593,554.14 in 2020-2021. The Derry School Board recommends voters pass this article.

Article 4 says that if Article 3 is defeated, the school district could authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only. The is also what the Derry School Board recommends to voters.

Article 5 would determine if the School District should approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal

Employees, Council 93, Local 1801.

The agreement calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year: an estimated increase of \$154,130.47 for 2019-2020 and an estimated increase of \$96,739.78 in 2020-2021. The is also recommended by Derry School Board.

Article 6 is recommended to be passed by the school board and would determine that, if Article 5 is defeated, that the School District could authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only.

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## Editorial

### Playing an Active Role

Deliberative sessions are the times specifically set aside to discuss and potentially change warrant articles. Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve the warrant article at deliberative session – they vote instead to send the article to the warrant, and on Election Day, they vote the warrant article up or down.

At deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law – usually zoning amendments), so long as they do not change the subject matter. Or they can leave it as proposed.

Depending on who's in the audience, school budget articles, for example, can be amended up or down before they go to the March ballot. That's why you often hear the fear that some group will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else.

There's no force. It's up to whichever registered voters show up. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. It's all in the hands of the voters who attend.

To participate, all you need do is to register to vote, attend deliberative, pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit us where we live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes. And it's the articles that come out of deliberative session, not necessarily the ones that were on the warrant before the session begins, that we vote on in March.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend, but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a time consuming commitment to make.

In some towns, a deliberative session takes an hour or so. Others last four or five hours. In still others, getting through 20-plus warrant articles means 10 or 11 hours of your free time.

Plan to attend, and play a role in one of the participatory forms of democracy alive today. We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic all we want; if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

And if you want to play an even more active role, school district deliberative is Friday Feb. 8, at 7pm and town deliberative, is Saturday, Feb. 9, 9am.

The final day to file to run for elected school board or town office is Feb. 1 5pm.

## West Running Brook's Presents Mary Poppins, Jr. Feb 15 & 16

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Have fun going back to where all the magical merri-ness started - the Banks household of London, England in 1910. With the recent success of the movie-musical, Mary Poppins Returns, it's time to take an exciting and truly magical journey to the beginning of this fantastic world created in the stories of P. L. Travers and touched by a bit of Disney magic.

West Running Brook Middle School (WRBMS) Drama Club and Stage Bear Productions presents Mary Poppins Jr. at the Stockbridge Theatre on Feb. 15 at 7pm and Feb. 16 at 4pm.

**Mary Poppins, Jr.,**

The Musical — Lead characters/actors include: Mary Poppins - Annabella Stevens; Bert - Ryan Carrigan; George Banks - Alex Spencer; Winifred Banks - Sofia Convey; Jane Banks - Kaylee Gifford; Michael Banks - Noah Lopshire

The students began rehearsing in October and for the past five months, they have dedicated long

afternoons every week to this production. The cast is made up of 54 students who have learned to act, dance, sing, and work together as a family. No, really!

For those unfamiliar with the story, Jack-of-all trades, Bert, takes us back 100 years ago to England and the troubled Banks family, where the children, Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny caretaker packing. Then Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep, using a combination of magic and common sense, to teach family members how to value each other again.

Mary Poppins says 'Anything can happen if you let it' and she takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures. However, it is not just Jane and Michael with whom she has a profound effect upon. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from this enchanted nanny.

Director and Music Teacher, Blake Leister says, "It is so satisfying to watch middle school students laugh and work hard while being so creative. Along with the cast, are over 70

students who make up the crew — who are the backbone behind the scenes. The crew has created many of the props and scenery used in the production. We thank all the students, both cast and crew, for their commitment to this wonderful production."

Director and Math Teacher, Jennifer Ciarla reports, "We the Directors, Cast and Crew would like to give special thanks to all of the Stage Bear Parents who have been truly wonderful and an invaluable resource. The Stage Bears helped design costumes, made props, created the playbill, and built sets — and that is not to mention all the time at meetings, running errands, and the phone calls/ emails to keep everything organized."

Leister added, "At WRBMS, performing arts bring families together into the school to accomplish something greater than any individual person could achieve. That is what we love about the arts."

The Directors, cast and crew also want to thank

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Mary Poppins

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school administrators, Justin Krieger, Ginger Dreschel, and Mitch Edwards, along with fellow staff members,

custodians, office staff, and everyone who had a hand in this production. The Drama program also has a big thanks to Pinkerton Academy for giving the students the opportunity to perform

in such a beautiful theater.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/military/senior. They can be purchased at [www.stockbridgetheatre.com](http://www.stockbridgetheatre.com) or at the door.



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# Potter's Bowl Serves Delicious Soup and The Community's Needy

**MAC LEATHURBY**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

For 13 years, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry have held their annual Potter's Bowl to raise funds for the organization, so that they may continue to provide vital services and medical equipment to their towns' elderly and disabled.

Patrons of the Potter's Bowl will be able to select a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local artists, both professional and stu-

dent, and enjoy a variety of soups donated from restaurants in the Derry area, as well as various delicious breads and desserts.

The Potter's Bowl will be returning to Pinkerton Academy for the third year in a row, a venue with a capacity to hold at least 75 more people than in years past. This larger space also allows the Caregivers more room to devote to their auction, meaning there will be more items to choose from and bid on to benefit the Caregivers' cause.

The event will feature a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, and a silent auction. As mentioned in a previous article, the Potter's Bowl does not limit patron selection exclusively to pottery. Auction items are all donated from all sorts of New England artists and crafters and will include works of art made from oil, acrylic, and water color paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing, and handcrafted jewelry.

According to the Caregivers, the monetary value of all donated items at this year's event amounts to over \$5,000.

Those who arrive early to the event will be treated to "Wheel Throwing" demonstrations by Pinkerton Academy students, who will display the process of creating pottery pieces. Demonstrations will be held from 4pm to 5pm.

Aside from having the chance to view a live demonstration, arriving ahead of time has its benefits.

"Many people come early to be in line to get the pick of the litter," said Community Caregivers Executive Director, Cindy Tanuma, in reference to the vast selection of fine art and crafts available for patrons to purchase and bid on.

One of the main attractions at every Potter's Bowl

is the soup. Along with the selection donated from local establishments, the Pinkerton Academy culinary students will be making and serving soup and assisting with the setup and breakdown of the event.

The culinary students will be receiving class credit for their participation in the Potter's Bowl, said Pinkerton Academy Culinary Arts and Baking teacher, Mark Cahill, adding that it is an excellent opportunity for students to hone their community outreach skills.

"Attendees always have nice things to say about the students," said Cahill. "And very nice things to say about the soup we make."

According to Cahill, the students will be preparing a butternut squash bisque for this year's Potter's Bowl.

Cahill added that the Astro Cafe, run on campus by PA culinary students and staff, is open to the public during certain times of the year, and weekly takeout food is available on a weekly basis. Schedules and more information can be found on their Facebook page, Pinkerton Academy's Astro Cafe.

Wait staff at the Potter's Bowl will consist of the older members of the Red Star Twirlers of Derry, a tradition as long as the event has been taking place.

Despite all of the work that goes into it, planning and running the Potter's Bowl is all done on a volunteer basis, said Tanuma.

"From soup to nuts we end up utilizing 75 volunteers," said Tanuma, further explaining that volunteers

split up responsibilities including phone calls, floral pickups, bread pickup, ladling soup, assistance with the auction, and more. Tanuma mentioned that volunteers work in shifts of about one and a half hours so that everyone working the event has time to enjoy it for themselves.

As with every year past, this year's Potter's Bowl promises to dish out delectable food, breathtaking works of art, exciting prizes, and the chance to give back to the elderly and disabled of the community.

The event will be taking place on Saturday, February

2 from 5pm to 8pm in the Freshman Cafeteria at Pinkerton Academy. Tickets for adults are \$40, and children 12 and under are admitted for just \$10.

For more information or to obtain tickets to the 14th Annual Potter's Bowl, call the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry at (603) 432-0877, or visit the office located at 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10 in Londonderry during business hours.

For further information on the Community Caregivers, their services, and upcoming events, visit [www.comcaregivers.org](http://www.comcaregivers.org).

## OBITUARY

### Pamela Lavoie

Pamela Lavoie, 63, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in her home. She was born in East Derry, NH on Aug. 4, 1955, a daughter of the late John and Edith Laycock. Pamela loved flowers, gardening, and was immensely proud of the large beautiful garden at her home. She loved cats, taking care of her home and her family. Pamela enjoyed spending the summer at the family beach house in Wells Beach, ME, which they have owned for over 66 years, spanning three generations.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 40 years, Paul Lavoie of Derry; a son, Jason Lavoie of Derry; two sisters, Jean Heslin of Navarre, FL and Gail McGowan of Miami, FL; one brother, the late James Laycock and his wife Mary Joyce of Gulfport, MS, as well as several nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to NHSPCA, PO Box 196, 104 Portsmouth Avenue Stratham, NH 03885. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Harriette Bertha Webster



Harriette Bertha Webster, 88, of St. Albans, VT, formerly of Derry, NH passed away on Tuesday Jan. 22, 2019 at home in St. Albans. Harriette was born Oct. 5, 1930 in Reading, MA and was a daughter of the late Harold M. and Bertha M. (Quigley) Flater. She was raised and educated in Reading, MA and was a resident of Derry for 55 years prior to relocating to Vermont in 2007.

Mrs. Webster was employed at Treasure Masters of Derry for many years and was a 20-year employee at Nationwide Ladder and Equipment Company of Windham, NH. She was a former Girl Scout Leader and loved to do puzzles.

Members of the family include her son, Scott Webster, a daughter, Lynn White and her husband Jim, six grandchildren, Scott Webster, II., Nina, Jamison, and Jackson Webster, Jeffrey White and Mallory Shah and her husband Ravi; a sister, Genevieve Micali, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 39 years, Edgar R. Webster in 1991 and four sisters, Glenna Zwicker, Beverly Reed, Eloise Himes and Gudrun Johnston.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday Feb. 16, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A service will follow at 4pm in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Franklin County Home Health, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans, VT 05478.

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# Derry's Diane Arrato Gavrish Set to Retire From Chester Library

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Patrons at the Chester Public Library will soon be saying goodbye to their Assistant Director and Head of Youth Services, Diane Arrato Gavrish. She will be retiring from the library next month to have more time to spend with her family.

Gavrish is especially looking forward to a new grandbaby due to arrive in a couple of months. Chester Public Library Director Kandy Knowlton calls it, "a sad time" for her, as she had hoped to keep Gavrish around for much longer.

Knowlton said of the retirement, "In 2013, we presented a warrant article to the town adding an entirely new position to our team, an Assistant Director/Head of Youth Services. We got town approval and then began the search for someone to fill this vital role. We were blessed to find Diane Arrato Gavrish. Diane has had an industrious library career and brought a wealth of knowledge and skill to her new role as Head of Youth Services. Local libraries play a vital role in personal development, in children's lives especially. Diane has gone above and beyond to foster the love of reading in our children of Chester by offering lively, fun programs, activities and story times. What makes Diane stand out, is her complete, unwavering devotion to our children and patrons. Her

optimism, warmth and enthusiasm is contagious and we will all miss her more than she knows. Diane has been my sounding board, my friend, coworker and mentor. As she moves on to this new chapter in her life, I feel extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her and learn from her. She has certainly made a lasting impact on our town and we wish her all the best."

Gavrish received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at Simmons College and in 1979, but said her first job was actually at her hometown Library in Wallingford, Conn. as a Library Page in 1976

Gavrish shared the list of libraries where she has worked:

Wallingford, Conn. Public Library - Library Page (part-time)

Nashua Public Library, Nashua - member of Music, Art and Media Dept (part time)

Derry Public Library as Director of the Library when it was the MacGregor Library from 1980-1983

White Pines College as the Evening Librarian (1984-1989).

Merrimack Public Library as a member of the Reference Department (1989-1997).

Leach Library, Londonderry, as Head of the Reference Department (1997-2003).

Assistant Director, again at Merrimack Public



Diane Arrato Gavrish, pictured at a familiar spot in the Chester Public Library, has her retirement time clock ready as she gets ready to say goodbye.

Library (2003-2010).

Assistant Director, Derry Library (2010-2012).

Library Director, Plaistow Public Library (2012-2014).

Finally, Chester Public Library from 2014 to present.

Along with that impressive list of libraries, she shared that she has her undergraduate degree in Art History from Bates College. Gavrish worked in the library at Bates as her work-study job from 1973 to 1976.

"Obviously, my heart has always been in Libraries," she said with a

smile.

For her, the most challenging part of being a professional Librarian has been securing pay that is commensurate with the Library degree and experience and communicating that need with the Town "fathers" or those in charge of budgets.

"The Library is often the heart of the community and is often the most under-funded," she said. "Another challenging aspect is keeping the Library relevant in today's world. Those who use their libraries understand the value and need for this resource, but for those who

do not use their library, there is often an unwillingness to support the Library.

Needless to say, I am a people-person, therefore the Public Library has been the best place for me to spend my professional career. I love interacting with people of all ages and have especially enjoyed working with the families in Chester. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing children love their visits to the Library and to learn to love reading. When they come up to you, hug you and thank you for their library time you know you are making a difference. To be remembered by a child or family as the person who introduced them to the Public Library is the best feeling in the world."

Asked if she would recommend becoming a librarian to a young person starting off to college she responded saying, "I will always encourage people to go into the Library field although I am concerned about the high cost of the Master's program at Simmons College and other Universities. I do feel the need for Professional Librarians to staff

Libraries and look forward to a time when earning the Master's Degree is more affordable. I know that there are other programs available to prospective candidates and hope that those are in line with the necessary classes that teach the skills necessary to make a good Librarian.

My hope is that the contemporary Public Library is recognized as the Community Center that it has become. There is something for everyone at the Library!"

Gavrish added her thoughts about leaving Chester, "I will miss the families so very much." It's always a difficult decision to leave a job you love, but I have the opportunity to retire at a time when my husband and I will be becoming grandparents. Our grandchild is due in March, so leaving work in February made sense. Another reason for my retirement is so that I can spend more time with my Mom who will be 91 in May and lives in Connecticut. I am happy to say that I won't be moving; we live in Derry so I know I can still visit and see all my Chester friends."

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astro Gymnastics Stay Perfect with Home Meet Victory



Isabella Scarpetti led the Astro Gymnasts in scoring at their home meet last week, finishing first overall on Beam (9.3) and Floor (9.35) *Photos by Chris Paul*



Zoe Demers finished second on Beam with a 9.2.

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Gymnastics team remained perfect with their final home meet of the season. With just one meet left in the regular season, the Astros record stands at 22-0 after winning on "Senior Night," last Friday, Jan. 25. Pinkerton finished the evening with a score of 140.1 almost 10 points ahead of rivals Londonderry High School, who got second place in the ten-school meet. That victory over the Lancers also brought the Ball Family Trophy count to 8-1 in favor of Pinkerton,

who will take the trophy for the eighth straight year.

Isabella Scarpetti led the Astros, finishing first overall on Beam (9.3) and Floor (9.35) and second on Bars (8.7) and the All-Around competition (35.45). Senior Anya Comeau took first place on Vault (8.9) and third on All-Around (35.15). Zoe Demers finished second on Beam with 9.2 and Sophia Viger second on Floor (9.1). The team's last regular season meet will be this Thursday, Jan. 31, and then they will compete in the State Championship.

Along with the strong team performance, the girls

celebrated their departing seniors before the event began. Seniors Anya Comeau, Emily Connors, Audrey Hill and Ashlee Loeffler were recognized for their efforts by coaches, teammates and family members.

Pinkerton coach Chelsie Burland commented after the meet, "It was good. We unfortunately lost one of our seniors two weeks ago to an ACL injury and it was hard to rebound from that, but we gave new people a chance to compete before the State Championship. There, it is all about consistency and I think we are in a good spot".

## PA Girls Win, Boys Take Third at Ski Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Conditions were not easy at Crotched Mountain Friday, Jan. 25, as the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Alpine Skiing teams faced Exeter, Goffstown, Merrimack and event hosts Keene High School, but it was another successful day for the Astros, as they finished the fourth race of the season victorious among the girls'

teams and with the third place in the boys' competition.

The girls' got 392 points, 25 more than runner ups Keene. Captain Danielle Martineau won the 42-girl race and captain Hanna Peterson came right behind her with the second place overall. Emily Gardner was fourth and Katelyn Bennett fifth. Other Astros who crossed the finish line were Sidney Pratt (28th), Eliza-

beth Veale (30th), Miranda Eckerman (31st), Maddie Frank (32nd), Caryl Huebner (35th) and Danielle St. Peter (36th).

Exeter won the boys' event with 376 points, Goffstown had 375 and Pinkerton 369, nine more than Keene. Senior and captain Kenny McCarthy led the team with the fourth place overall, out of 41 skiers. Owen Sezgin finished sixth, Camden Caswell ninth and

Zach Kahn 17th. More finishers were Ethan Hatch with the 18th spot, Matt Huebner with the 20th, Jack Berrigan with the 21st, captain Brandon Simpson with the 26th and Jackson Kuncic with the 28th.

Pinkerton will host the next meet, also held at Crotched Mountain, this Friday, Feb. 1. Then, they will race in the Londonderry Meet at Sunapee on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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# PA Girls Hoops Recover From First Loss With Two Wins

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Basketball team was able to recover quickly in the past week from their first loss of the season, and with a couple of wins in two tough matches, they brought their record to 10-1, just before they host rivals Londonderry on Friday, Feb. 1.

The Lady Astros hosted Goffstown on Friday, Jan.

25, who had a matching 8-1 record heading into the game. The home squad trailed 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, but they opened the next one with a 10-2 run. Some strong defense helped the locals finish the half with a four point lead (24-20), before Brooke Kane's nine third quarter points made it 36-29, with eight minutes to go. In the middle of the last quarter it was still tight and Pinkerton led 38-33, but another good finish secured

the Astros 48-40 win.

Kane had 19 points, Madison Mahoney scored 12 and Megan King nine, including eight in the second quarter. Jesse Ames scored four and was tremendous on defense and Avah Ingalls scored four more. "We lost our point guard against BG and we had to figure out new rules, so it took us a while", told coach Lani Buskey to the Nutfield News after the game, "Once we figured this out, we were able to

play some Pinkerton basketball. We did not change our system, just need to understand how things work without a QB on the court".

On Monday evening, in an away game against Nashua North, the team kept "figuring things out" successfully, with a 64-45 win. The Astros had a strong first quarter (19-5) and a bad second (18-7 in favor of North) and were leading by just three points at the half, 26-23. They were able to go back to their regular level after the break, winning the third quarter 23-8 and building a lead that proved to be enough for the victory. Kane scored 27 this time, Avah Ingalls scored 12 and Jesse Ames 10. Mahoney had six points, Alyssa DiMauro four, King and Casey Ames two points each and Mackenzie Dolan one.



Astro senior guard Madison Mahoney scored 12 in the teams win against Goffstown. Photo by Chris Paul

## Coach O'Reilly Shares Thoughts on Keys for the Super Bowl

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's Super Bowl Sunday time, and once again, for the third straight season, and the ninth time under Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, the New England Patriots will play in the title game. In order to get ready for the biggest football game of the year, we asked Pinkerton's Athletic Director and Varsity Football coach, Brian O'Reilly, for his three keys for the Pats:

"The number one thing that I will be watching for is if the Rams can bring

pressure up the middle into Brady's face, it is not going to be a good day. As long as the middle of his passing lanes is undisturbed, he is going to be fine. He gets rid of the quick enough that no matter what they will do on the outside rushing the quarterback, he will still be able to throw. He had problems over the years when the pass rush comes right up the middle, to his face. The Rams got some talented people there, so that is a concern.

The second key, offensively, they have to be able to run the ball. Otherwise, I don't know if they can sus-

tain offense for the entire game. They have done a great job in the last two weeks running the ball. They don't necessarily run it as well, but they have to keep control of the ball. The offensive line needs to open holes.

The third thing, on defense, the Patriots have to stop the Rams from running the ball. If the Rams can only throw, the Patriots will be in a good shape, because Goff is not very dynamic".

And the score? "If everything happens the way it is supposed to, the Patriots will win 31-21".

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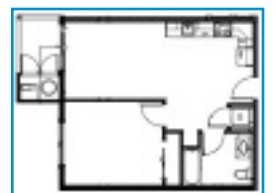
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# Astro Boys' Hockey Team Gets Huge Road Win Over Bulldogs

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It has been a busier than expected week for Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team, as the Astros had to complete a postponed game from last week and go on to play a tough away game against the undefeated Bedford High School. They won both.

On Wednesday, PA played Exeter High School, in a game that had to be rescheduled from the previous weekend because of the weather. The Astros

dominated the 5-1 win, even though their rivals scored the first goal of the game. Mason Drouin leveled the score in the last seconds of the first period, thanks to an assist by Jon Last and Jack Normand. Then, Gennaro Marra took the lead with Drouin and Last assisting. Ethan Burgass made it 3-1, with Hunter Drouin assisting. The Astros finished the job in the last period with goals by Brendon Banks (Last's third assist of the game and Mason Drouin's second) and an unassisted goal by Ethan Livingston.

Dakota Robinson made 23 saves in the game.

On Saturday, Jan. 26, right after the PA girls' team victory, the Astros faced one of their biggest challenges this season, an 8-0-1 until that point Bedford team. The Sullivan Arena in St. Anselm was packed, and both teams did not disappoint. Pinkerton enjoyed a dream start: after 84 seconds Hunter Drouin scored, with an assist from Burgass and Normand and just four minutes into the game, Banks assisted a Mason Drouin goal.

But Bedford fought its way back into the game and used a five-minute penalty on Normand and a 5-on-3 situation to score twice in less than three minutes in the beginning of the second period. The Astros then got their own

Power Play, and eight minutes into the period, regained the lead with a beautiful score by Burgass (Marra had the assist). From there until the end of the game, the hosts pressured, but Robinson was tremendous and Pinkerton escaped with the big win.

After the game, coach Sam Littlefield said, "It is always nice to beat a team like this, but our goal is get better every game and to not peak at this point of the season. We have been playing well. The third goal was huge, because we knew the momentum will shift. Our guys have a ton of character. They never give up on a game."

PA goalie, Robinson, added, "That was a big third period and all the boys showed up. It was a fun game to play. I like to play in big games, with all



Goalie Dakota Robinson made 23 saves in the Astros game against Bedford over the weekend.

the hype around them. We don't mess with showed them that you Pinkerton."

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 21



**Zoe Demers,**  
Sophomore, Gymnastics

Demers continues to lead the team with consistent performances in all four events. She took second on beam on Friday's home meet and was in the top four on her other three events. She's a calm and consistent competitor, who leads by example.



**Kenny McCarthy, Senior,**  
Boys Alpine Skiing

Ski Captain, Kenny McCarthy, continues to be the top boy in both events. He has put in a lot of hard work and has greatly improved in the last four years. At Friday's race, Kenny took fourth out of 41 racers.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

# PA Girls' Hockey Team Gets Third Win

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Practice makes perfect they say, and although the Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team is still far from being perfect, the improvement shown in the team's inaugural season is clear.

The Lady Astros played twice last week and after suffering an 8-2 loss

to St. Thomas-Winnacunnet, they quickly recovered with an impressive 7-3 victory over Bedford in St. Anselm's arena on Saturday, Jan. 26.

In their home game against St. Thomas-Winnacunnet on Jan. 23, conceded four unanswered goals in the first period. Jordyn Wasiejko scored the team's first goal of the day in the next period, but the visitors scored four more times. The only goal in the last 15 minutes belonged to Spencer St. Pierre and brought the score to 8-2 in favor of St.

Thomas-Winnacunnet.

Three days later, the Astros looked much better against Bedford High School, scoring two quick goals by Wasiejko and Kelsey Levesque in a 35 seconds span to start the game. Wasiejko made it 3-0, four minutes into the second period and Bedford immediately answered, but Wasiejko completed her hat trick (she also had two assists) and St. Pierre found the net. Pinkerton had a 5-1 lead before Bedford scored twice on two Power Plays and put some pres-

sure on the visitors, but late third period goals by Levesque and Lauren Riviere secured the victory.

"The girls played excellent", said coach Scott Dunn after the Bedford game, "We had a good week of practice and everyone was highly motivated, so we came with confidence. We know that if we win a few more games, we can make the tournament, so we told the upper classmen that it on them. It is all about effort and it is not going to be easy".

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# Pinkerton Bowlers Suffer Lowest Result of the Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Bowling teams traveled to Merrimack for their sixth meet of the season Saturday, Jan. 26, and unlike most of the previous events, this one was not one to remember for the Astros. For the first time this season, Pinkerton finished last, after rolling their lowest score of the season for the baker rounds - 1,479.

Captain Jason Barton

rolled games of 160 and 135, Captain Meghan Slater 138 and 128, Matt Gagnon had a personal season high of 184 and 146, Bryant Nourse 157 and 149, Lance Lemieux finished 137 and 145 and roster member Colby Wong with 156 and 128.

Stevens took 1st seed for the baker rounds with 1,837, Dover 2nd with 1,603, Bishop Guertin 3rd with 1,493 and Souhegan 4th with 1,491. Then, Souhegan

went on to defeat Pinkerton in the single elimination preliminary baker round by two pins: 152 to 150. Pinkerton Varsity earned 0 points for the day.

Astros JV team totaled 972 for the standard two games, earning 4th seed for baker. Connor Grimard had games of 141 and 114, Courtney Crivello 78 and 93, Jarod Wong 110 and 103, Mike Barnard 102 and 94, Memphis Kirkland 65 and 72 and roster member

Mike Fiandaca 88 and 100.

With their fourth seed, Astros JV faced the first seed Dover Senators in round one of baker, losing in two games 160 to 140 and 133 to 89. Astros went up against the third seed Souhegan Sabers in round 2, losing the first game 122 to 111. The Astros fought back in game two winning 101 to 89, but lost the third game 106 to 84. JV finished in fourth place.



Bryant Nourse scored a 157 and a 149 at Merrimack.

# PA Indoor Track and Field Teams Ready for State Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Indoor Track and Field teams get ready for the State Meet, they used last week to make their final preparations and improve their results before the season's big event.

First, the school hosted a Field Events Meet on Wednesday, Jan. 23, where junior Adrianna Buccieri excelled with the first place in

Shot-Put, thanks to a 31'4.75" throw. Ten Astros set their season best in the competition: Alyssa Rzasa (29' 2.5") and Grace Peet (19' 9") in the Shot-Put, Jillian Severance (4' 4") and Katherine Peterson (4' 0") in the High Jump, Megan O'Brien (15' 5.5"), Hailey Laskiewicz (15' 4"), Jady Smith (14' 9"), Hannah Frazier (14' 9"), Payton Nacos (13' 6.5") and Grace Richer (12' 5") in the Long Jump.

The teams' last meet of

the regular season took place on Sunday, Jan. 27, at UNH. Unlike previous meets this season, this one was a non-scoring open meet, serving as a last chance for athletes and teams to qualify for the State Meet next Sunday.

Pinkerton had a few athletes in the top spots on Sunday, with O'Brien taking fourth place in the 300-Meter Dash (45.04 seconds) and Frazier finishing seventh (46.54). Macy Graves

was the second fastest 600-Meter runner (1:42.44), while the 4x400-Meter Relay team (Jordan Vaillancourt, Madeline Burke, Madison Connors and Meaghan Robidoux) got the fifth spot with a time of 4:29.84. The 4x800 team (Meghan Croos, Royce D'Amelio, Vaillancourt and Graves) finished second with 10:10.64. In the High Jump, Emily Lesburt placed third (4' 10"), in the Long Jump, Laskiewicz was tie for seventh (14'4") and in the Shot-Put, Buccieri got the second place this time,

with a 31'11.25" throw.

In the boys' events, Ryan Dane won the 55-Meter Dash with 6.74 seconds. Conor Seleny was second in the 300-Meter Dash (37.74) and Dane third (38.14). Ethan Desmaris got the third place in the 600-Meter (1:29.64) and Terence Coyle crossed the finish line right behind him (1:31.24). Joe Gagnon was the second fastest in the 1,500-Meter run (4:15.34), while Adam Spencer controlled the 55-Meter Hurdles with 7.74 and Seleny finished third (8.04).

The boys' strong day in

the track events continued with a win in the 4X160 (Dane, Patrick Cotnoir, JR Rosario and Seleny - 1:16.24), while the 4x400 team finished fifth (Desmaris, Spencer, Nolan Preble and Jeff Mize - 3:49.74). Matt Small won the High Jump event, passing a 6'0" bar and Spencer placed fourth (5'8"). In the Long Jump, Dane was second (20'), Joron Harrell fourth (19' 7") and Rosario fifth (19' 75").

The Astros will be competing for state championships this Sunday, Feb. 3, at Dartmouth.

# PA Boys Basketball Team Comes Close to First Win

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Close, but no cigar. The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball team almost won their first game of the season last Friday, Jan. 25, but a late comeback by Goffstown High School gave the hosts a 51-43 victory, leaving the Astros with a 0-8 record.

Pinkerton was leading 10-7 at the end of the first

quarter and 23-15 by half-time, but could not hold on to that lead. The Astros entered the last eight minutes up 32-30, and then saw Goffstown make their run and escaping with the win. The fourth quarter's score was 21-11 in favor of the home team.

Jay Reynolds was the team's leading scorer with 21 points. Brady Day had 12, thanks to four three-pointers, two in the second

quarter and two in the fourth. Andy MacDonald scored four points, Nick Lombard three, Aidan Conroy two and Michael Packowski one.

Pinkerton hosted Nashua North on Tuesday (Jan. 29), after the Nutfield News went to print. They have another home game, this time against rivals Londonderry High School, on Friday (Feb. 1).



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# Pinkerton Academy Swim Teams Perform Well in Home Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

With Division I State Meet just a couple of weeks away, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Swimming teams hosted their a home meet at the Southern New Hampshire University pool on Saturday, Jan. 26. Both the boys' and the girls' teams performed well

and beat every other school at the meet except Exeter. The girls' season record improved to 15-7 thanks to the 4-1 meet and the boys' stand at 17-6-1 after a 5-1 day. Kylie Winer (girls, 2:29.18) and Jackson Neeb (boys, 2:13.82) finished third in the 200-Meter Freestyle swim. Maya Hedstrom was second in

the 200-meter Individual Medley (2:54.27), with Ana Bjelogrlc coming right after her (2:55.83) at third place and William Poole taking third place in the boys' swim (2:46.25). Camelia Hannah was second in the 50-Meter Freestyle (29.62), Meghan Knight in the 100-Meter Butterfly (1:17.37) and Olivia Neville in the 100-

Meter Freestyle (1:06.49). Winer also finished third in the 400-Meter Freestyle (5:22.97), with Neeb winning the boys' swim (4:42.83) and Anderson Sharp (5:11.06) placing third. Both Astros' teams got the third spot in the 200-Meter Freestyle Relays: Knight, Campbell Lacroix, Bjelogrlc and Winer with

a time of 2:08.98 and Tyler Montgomery, Owen Muskrat, Lucas Hakme Silva and Gavin Divilbiss with 1:59.09 and the second spot in the 400-Meter Freestyle Relays: Neville, Amanda Roberge, Hannah and Hedstrom with 4:29.12 and Divilbiss, Neeb, Hakme Silva and Christian Nelson with 4:19.12. In addition, Roberge was

third in the girls' 100-Meter Breaststroke (1:28.82) and Divilbiss in the parallel boys' swim (1:25.40). The teams participated on Wednesday (Jan. 30) in the Last Chance Meet at the University of New Hampshire and the swimmers who qualified for the State Meet will swim there again next week, on Feb. 9.

# Astro Wrestlers Take Down Winham, Get Third Win in a Row

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the winter wrestling season nears its end, the Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Wrestling team collected their third win in a row and fifth of the season Wednesday, Jan. 23, when they hosted Windham. The Astros won 54-30

after a pretty tough matchup. Christian Kuechler (220 lbs), Dominic Robinson (113), David Hammond (132), Tyler MacKiernan (152), Robert Morin (160), Jack MecKiernan (170), Sterling McLaughlin (182) and Will Brown (195) all pinned their opponents and got six points each, while Nick Fortunata (285) won

thanks to a forfeit. Casey Phelan (106), Mark Harrington (120), Walker Stinson (126), Marcus Sconza (138) and Abbie Dumont (145) were pinned and lost their matches. The Astros' season record is 5-1 with one more meeting left, at home against Exeter on Feb. 6. Then on Saturday, Jan.

26, the Astro team participated in the Capital City Classic, hosted by Concord High School and after heading into the medal round sitting in first place, they had to settle on third overall with 169 points, just 3.5 points after the winners Haverhill (172.5) and 2.5 behind second place finishers Bishop Hendricken (171.5).

Concord got fourth place with 162 points. Pinkerton had two individual winners, McLaguhlin in the 182 lbs category and Kyle Setzer at 195. Tyler MacKiernan finished second in the 152 bracket and Hammond took the fourth spot at 132, Jacob Dube with the fourth at 170, Kuechler fifth in the 220

wieght and Fortunata, fifth in the 285 bracket. The team was part of the Tri-Meet against rivals Londonderry and hosts Alvirne on Wednesday, Jan. 30, after the Nutfield News went to print. The will travel to Manchester Central High School on Saturday, Feb. 2 for the Central Quad.



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## Theatre Talks

Theatre KAPOW will host the first of a new series of talks in advance of their theatrical productions. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Derry Public Library, Dr. Mark Cronin of Saint Anselm College will present "Fiction, Drama, or FAKE NEWS!?: De Rougemont, Shipwrecked!, and the Blurred Lines Between Life, Art, and Lies" followed by a discussion. Admission to the talk and participation in the discussion is free. Theatre KAPOW's production of Shipwrecked! An Entertainment runs Feb. 22 - March 2 at the Derry Opera House. For more information, visit [www.tkapow.com](http://www.tkapow.com)

## Surf & Turf Diner

Surf & Turf Special K of C Monthly Dinner will be served on Saturday Feb. 9. The Diner consists of Shrimp & Tips, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Salad, Coffee & Tea, Lemonade, and Dessert. Dinner starts at 5 p.m., plates cost \$7 per Adult, \$3 per child, take out dinner's available at 5 p.m. At St Anne's Parish Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Call Nick at 231-0622 for more information.

## Aviation Museum

The Aviation Museum will host the following events. Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. Stories of the Tuskegee Airmen. Observe Black History Month with a program about the legendary African-American aviators who served with distinction in an era of military segregation. Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m. Bernice Blake, 90 Years Later. In 1929, a spirited young lady became N.H.'s first licensed female pilot right here at Manchester Airport. Join local author Ed Brouder for a review of her career. Saturday, April 13 Family fun! Our Easter celebration at the Aviation Museum. Thursday, May 16 'The Flying Fleet' silent film/live music at the Aviation Museum. Saturday, June 8

Welcome summer with our Nashua BBQ Fly-In at Nashua Airport. Saturday, July 13 Wheels and Wings! Our annual Car Show at the Aviation Museum. Saturday, Aug. 17 Homebuilt Fly-in at the Aviation Museum. Spectators welcome! Saturday, Sept. 21 Our Annual Fund-Raising Gala. Details coming soon! The Museum is located at 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. The museum's regular hours of operation are Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, call (603) 669-4280 or visit the museum's Web site at [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org).

## Different Roots, Common Dreams

On Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, a continuing education program will present a program entitled, "Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity." Becky Field, Author/Photographer, will show photographs and tell stories illustrating New Hampshire's cultural diversity. Since 2012, photographer Ms. Field has documented the lives of NH's immigrants and refugees at weddings, funerals, workplaces, ceremonies, and celebrations. These photographs are contained in her book, Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity. The program is part of Etz Hayim's continuing education series, Hot Topics, Cool Stuff. It is free and open to all. Donations will allow Etz Hayim to continue to offer free and interesting program and are gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com).

## Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Saturday, Feb. 9, 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. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 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, or email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com).

## Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

## 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 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried haddock 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 [stevell-hom@aol.com](mailto:stevell-hom@aol.com).

## 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).

## Managing Difficult Conversations

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## Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

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## Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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